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A MEMBER OF THE INDIAN CONTINGENT OF UNIFIL, the UN peacekeeping force, drinks an early morning cup of tea as his comrades keep watch at a lookout near Kibbutz Manara near the Lebanese border, Aug. 26.

Olmert fights to keep power

By Leslie Sussner

JERUSALEM (JTA) — As protests continue against the government's conduct of the war against Hezbollah, Prime Minister Ehud Olmert is fighting a rear-guard action to stay in power.

In an impassioned speech Monday night in Haifa, Olmert announced the establishment of three lesser panels rather than the full-fledged state commission of inquiry into the war that his critics are demanding. He said a government-appointed

panel under a former Mossad

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chief, Nahum Admoni, would look into the government's decision-making, the army

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A glimpse into Lebanon

Israelis speak on war; annual campaign begins

By Jonathan Rubin
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PROVIDENCE — Jonathan Marcus's summer break ended abruptly on July 12; he was sitting on a beach on the coast of Israel when a fellow soldier told him that Hezbollah had just killed and kidnapped soldiers on the Lebanese border. Soon he and his troops were being shipped north. Marcus, 21, entered the Israeli Defense Forces shortly after making aliyah in 2002. He was trained for operations in hilly Lebanon, but never thought he'd need it.

Marcus, originally from Denver, gave a briefing of what it was like to fight in the Lebanon War II at events Monday to raise funds for Israel. The first event was held for those who had been to Israel on Jewish Federation missions, and the second, for physicians and medical professionals.

The war began during the



Photo by Jonathan Rubin

JONATHAN MARCUS, staff sergeant of the Israel Defense Forces, spoke at an Israel fundraising event in Providence on Monday.

summer, when campaigners at the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island were preparing for the September launch of their \$4.1 million annual campaign. See ISRAELI ANNUAL CAMPAIGNS, page 17.

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Lower East Side Festival

APPLE-ICIOUS — Isabelle Wisen, 8, Providence, enjoys a candied apple at the "The Lower East Side" cultural arts festival Aug. 27. Hundreds braved the rain for this second annual event, sponsored by the Jewish Community Center and the City of Providence, which had music from the Klezphonics, food from local businesses and games for children.



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AVI NOAM, 10, of Attleboro, spins a plate after a quick lesson from the Providence Circus School.

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9 a.m. Breakfast lecture on Sukkot, Congregation Mishkon Tfiloh, 203 Summit Ave., Providence. For more information, visit www.providencekollel.org.

Fishel Bresler at Boston Jewish festival

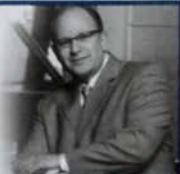
11 a.m. — 5 p.m. Greater Boston Family Day & Jewish Music Festival at the Prowse Farm in Canton, Mass. Fishel Bresler's Klezmer Hassidic Trio will be among those at the festival, which will include world music, crafts and entertainment for children, vendors, Jewish foods and cultural displays. Admission is free. For more information, call 1-866-2-SHALOH.

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CORRECTION

In our Aug 4 issue, we mistakenly listed Selma Stanzler as the president of the Rhode Island Holocaust Museum. She is a past president; the current president is Carol Sugarman.

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JCC opens preschool at Temple Sinai

By Frank Belsky

CRANSTON — For recently transplanted Californians, Jonathan and Alison Marcelino of Cranston, enrolling three-year old daughter, Lyla Faith, at the new preschool at Temple Sinai was a no-brainer.

"Type 'Jewish' and 'New England' into an Internet search engine," said Jonathan at an open house held Tuesday, Aug. 15, "and the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island Preschool will pop up."

Likewise, Beth Nelson of Warwick, a principal at Temple B'Nai B'rith in Somerville, Mass., registered daughter, Emily, and echoed that sentiment. "The Rhode Island JCC is known for educational quality."

Meanwhile, Nicole and Michael Rappaport's daughter made the decision to start class on Sept. 13th on her own. "Taylor couldn't wait to come back since we visited a few weeks ago," said Rappaport.

As of this writing, six families and another learning, have registered their three- to five-year-olds, an auspicious start, according to JCC Early Childhood Education Director, Sue Connor, a 30-year veteran teacher, trainer, supervisor and administrator who's served the JCC since 1999. Among many awards, Connor is the recipient of the "Options for Working Parents Prize," granted by the Providence Chamber of Commerce. The JCC preschool, over which she presides, retains the coveted National Association for the Education of Young Children accreditation.

The association, according to prominent Harvard Medical School



Photos by Frank Belsky

TAYLOR RAPPAPORT having fun at an open house held at the JCC preschool at Temple Sinai in Cranston.

pediatrician T. Berry Brazelton, "is one of the greatest advances that has raised the quality of early childhood education."

Temple Sinai's new school, along with Temple Hahonim's in Barrington, established in 2002, are satellites of the JCC Preschool in Providence, founded over 50 years ago. Technically, neither of the new sites is eligible for accreditation until after a lengthy application process, but Connor assures that, "accreditation is a matter of time since all three sites share the same program and commitment to quality. Each is licensed by the state," she adds.

Curriculum

The curriculum is patterned after a combined secular and

Judaic model that "emphasizes social, emotional, physical, intellectual and spiritual development."

Secular learning is "hands on" as children learn through "creative" play. "Every academic discipline is addressed including the arts, sciences, reading and history. We even sneak in arithmetic by asking kids to count books, crayons and the other children in the room," Connor said.

The room for the preschool has been renovated from floor to ceiling, furnished with new desks, chairs, bookcases and a sink, she adds.

Class begins at 9 a.m. and runs until 12 p.m., beginning with free play, which encourages social interaction. Kids gather, twice, in learning circles, that initiate individual development periods. Later, there's quiet story reading and a snack. From 10:20 until 10:45 a.m. they exercise during what Connor calls, "a large motor activity session."

Parents may opt for two, three or five days each week but four-year-olds must attend every day, Monday through Friday.

Ethical start

Spiritual education is categorized as "Ethical Start," pioneered after the Hebrew text known as "Pirkei Avoth," the portion of the Mishna dealing with ethical Jewish behavior, literally translated as Ethics of Our Fathers. Academic themes are also extracted from Torah and encompass empathy, justice, sharing and values that most parents wish to pass along to children.

Exposure to values has a broad appeal, Connor says. "In fact, 25 to 33 percent of our children come from non-Jewish backgrounds."

Alison Marcelino conjectures that parents are appreciative. "Most non-Jewish families enjoy

exposure that comes from another culture's experience," she believes.

Connor says that the expected that finding a teacher with experience that combined secular and religious teaching skills would take time. "Three months after the position was posted, Sarit Ferreira, an Attleboro, Mass., resident, born in Israel, applied. Ferreira taught in her native country and in the U.S., most recently at the JCC Striar School in Stoughton, Mass., for six years. Her diligence, love for children, empathy and philosophy is congruent with ours," said Connor.

Ferreira believes that "behavior, sharing, physical activity and inattention are issues that arise in the preschool age bracket but claims that after nine months, most are on their way to complete adjustment."

Like Connor, she considers that teacher and family interaction are paramount. Parenthetically, she advises parents of younger, two-and-half to three-year-old children to introduce their children to, at least, minimal interaction with peers.

The 2006 to 2007 school year represents another first for Ferreira, as her own son, Ethan, will be attending with her. There's room for 11 more. Tuition for 9.5 months, from Sept. 13, 2006 to June 14, 2007 is \$2,308 for two day attendance per week. For 3 days, cost is \$3,352 and for 5 days, it's \$4,591.

The pre-school was funded by a Jewish Federation of R.I. (JFRI) initial grant of \$25,000, later followed by Temple Sinai and JFRI grants which totaled \$6,000.

For more information, call Sue Connor at 861-8800, extension 142.

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Israel at strategic, national crossroads

What next? This is not a good time to make predictions about Israel. Not since the dangerous year of 1948 when the nascent state was trying desperately to survive against enemies on all sides and within, has Israel's future been as uncertain as it is today in the aftermath of round two of the Lebanon war.

These thoughts occur a few days before they will appear in your mailbox and there is no assurance that, during the hours that elapse between writing them and reading them, the tenuous truce that ended the fighting will hold. The most likely safeguard against this is not the United States or the European Union or the Syrians or the Iranians or the Lebanese or even Hezbollah, but the strong desire of the Israeli public not to repeat a situation in which one million people hid for a month in sweltering, ill-prepared shelters or fled south



Yehuda Lev

as refugees.

When the kidnappings and the response developed so unexpectedly last month, no mass evacuation plans were in place, many of the shelters had no food, water or electricity; they had become storage spaces, much as we use our garages. No special consideration was given to the needs of hundreds of thousands of immigrants who had arrived since the first round of the Lebanon War in 1982, and who had no experience with such conditions nor, in many cases, relatives elsewhere to whom to flee. The government never provided for the medical contingencies that falling rockets and missiles can reasonably be expected to create; nor were there stockpiles of food and water set aside for the possibility that shops would

close and the essentials of life be made unavailable.

Shades of FEMA and Katrina

Now the reserve units have returned from Lebanon with stories of equipment that didn't work, of orders that were not thought out, of a lack of training for the kind of war they were called upon to fight and even of shortages of food and water. For 25 years the Israeli Defense Forces has been essentially an army of occu-

multinational force intended to keep the peace in southern Lebanon will be, if it ever reaches that size, without a clear mandate as to its responsibilities. The Lebanese Army, riddled with Hezbollah members, is not about to disarm Hezbollah, which in any case has said it will not permit such actions. The two Israeli soldiers, whose kidnapping was the *casus belli* for the conflict, have not been returned. Hassan Nasrallah, sitting in Damascus,

And Iran, while re-equipping Hezbollah, is also funding a massive rebuilding operation for which Hezbollah, which distributes the money, is getting full credit.

ption, manning checkpoints, carrying out brief raids to capture wanted individuals, protecting Jewish settlements and patrolling Palestinian streets. That was the experience that every soldier and officer under 45 took with him into battle and it was inadequate for the needs of the moment.

The army leadership is furious at the government for delaying the command to seize ground in southern Lebanon until the final two days of the war, assuming that victory could be achieved by air power alone. When this proved wrong, Ehud Olmert hesitated to send in the troops until it was too late. Without the proper training, the necessary equipment and a clearly defined mission, the army fumbled and suffered unnecessary losses. Even Sayeret Matkal, Israel's crack commando unit, fell into a trap and failed to achieve its objectives on a supposedly surprise raid in the Be'ka'a Valley.

Shades of the debacle in Iraq

The results were predictable. Not a single identifiable objective of the war was attained. The 15,000-man

is now King of the Hill, the hero of every enemy of Israel in the Middle East. And Iran, while re-equipping Hezbollah, is also funding a massive rebuilding operation for which Hezbollah, which distributes the money, is getting full credit.

In Jerusalem, Israel's political leaders squabble among themselves, maneuvering for position when the inevitable post-war investigations take place. As with the United States, there are no charismatic leaders waiting in the wings to replace those who have failed so badly. Two developments might be expected. One is that an aroused Israeli voting public will insist on changes at the top. And two, that the anticipation of round three will steer Israeli policy away from territorial compromise.

Still, as noted above, this is not a good time to make predictions about Israel's future.

Yehuda Lev is a retired journalist who has worked in Israel, Europe and the United States. He writes a regular opinion column for the Jewish Voice & Herald.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A grim lesson in Syria

It was six years ago, after the first war with Iraq, that I found myself on a small tourist bus traveling through the Syrian countryside. It was during that short interval of time which could be classified as a "honeymoon" period in our relations with Syria. Walid, our guide, entertained our group with readings from the Arabian Nights as we traveled from place to place. With a graduate degree in English literature from Oxford, Walid was not just bright but somewhat cynical, with a great sense of humor and very much in touch with Western thought and philosophy.

I have family living in northern Israel, including towns hit by Iranian-made Hezbollah rockets. Some of my relatives are little children, terrified of being sent to bomb shelters or distant towns to escape the violence. Hezbollah must be stopped from trying to kill my family, but it is incomprehensible how Israel expects to achieve this by smashing all of Lebanon — a country full of people who share Israel's own criticism of Syria! — to pieces. I am appalled by the Israeli destruction of civilian infrastructure in Gaza and Lebanon, and

Huge water wheels moving ever so slightly dominated the skyline as we entered the city of Hama. Unique and charming, Hama has traditionally been the major tourist draw for the Syrian masses. All was calm and lovely but it hadn't always been so. Many of us remember that something appalling happened here more than 10 years back. Pretending ignorance, I asked Walid what exactly had happened here, since I had heard all sorts of stories. Matter of factly, he told of a fundamentalist movement originating here in Hama which had attempted to confront the

government and force change. The government responded to this challenge by surrounding the residential quarter with tanks and artillery, then proceeded to turn the quarter into rubble — killing 25,000 men, women and children. Walid explained with a look of satisfaction, that the Syrian people had learned an important lesson, which was that "the government cannot be changed from the outside, but only by working from within." With a smile, he further stated that since then there have been no further problems.

When I questioned Walid as to

whether this mass killing had caused anger and resentment, he retorted, "fear always conquers anger." With a shiver I realized, as the mask of civility slipped, that the gap between us as people was an unbridgeable abyss. It is just this difference that they, and not just the Syrians, are exploiting so successfully.

Richard Shein
Providence

Richard Shein is a past chairman and current member of The Jewish Voice & Herald editorial board.

Helping victims of war on both sides

that even if the Israeli Defense Forces never intended to kill civilians in either place, the plain fact is they have, including many children.

On Yom Kippur Jews are instructed to neither be bullied by others nor to become a bully; Israelis must not sit by as pacifists while rockets rain down on Haifa, nor may they knowingly drop bombs on targets that will kill children. Whether or not the current ceasefire holds, the lives lost on both sides are irrevocably gone.

I propose that American Jews band

together to raise money to help reconstruct southern Lebanon, and that we encourage American Muslims likewise to raise funds to compensate the Israelis (both Arab and Jewish) who have lost relatives or property to the Hezbollah rockets. Mourning the loss of the lives of little Lebanese and Palestinian children, and working now to rebuild hospitals and shelter for the survivors, does not mean betrayal of Israel or her children.

Mijal "Misha" Serruya, M.D., Ph.D.
Providence

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THE OLD OLIVETTI

Cahan would cringe at Klinghoffer's column in *Forward*

Every once in a while I hear the ground rumble. Usually it's my mother turning over in her grave as I commit one faux pas or another. It's nice to know that she's keeping an eye on me. But when it happened a couple of weeks ago, I checked and no, it wasn't her this time, it was old Abraham Cahan.

Cahan (1860-1951) established the Jewish *Forward* in 1897. His paper espoused socialist principles. The rights of the workingman, the release from the superstitions of the religious, were his rallying cries. The newspaper was also a way to Americanize his readers. Yes, it was written in Yiddish, but the goal was to turn the children and grandchildren of immigrants into the American doctors, lawyers, dentists, teachers, union activists that they became. "It is as important to teach the reader to carry a handkerchief in his pocket as it is to teach him to carry a union card," he famously wrote.

So what made him turn over in his grave? Probably the piece by David Klinghoffer who began his Aug. 18th

column in the *Forward* with, "Some members of America's political and cultural elite." This is code wording for liberals, we elitists not in touch with the common man; it's a word "compassionate conservatives" (as opposed to the usual kind, I suppose) use to slur liberals who, as far as I can tell, are the people who speak for the underclasses in America, the poor, the worker, the black, the immigrant.

OK, so what are we elitists doing today, according to Klinghoffer? We are confusing the political philosophy of Iran's president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad with America's religious conservatives. Who knew? And we are wrong to think of Bush, Jr. etc. as attempting to impose an Iranian-style theocracy on America. As a former colleague of his at the *National Review* argues, disingenuously, even the most ambitious members of the so-called Christian right wish to do nothing more radical than return the United States to the status quo of the 1950s and that was certainly not a theocracy.

Ah, the 1950s, I remember them well. Bible-thumping ministers denouncing integration, voting for the likes of Orville Fausb, Ross Barnett, and George "segregation now, segregation tomorrow and segregation forever" Wallace. It was a quieter, gentler time when Mrs. Hollman, my fourth grade teacher, would start our day at PS 193

by reading from the Psalms, but other teachers across the country began their classes with the Lord's Prayer. The words "Under God" were added to the Pledge of Allegiance, though the pledge's author, Francis Bellamy, a Baptist minister, had deliberately omitted them. But even in the 1950s I don't remember anyone teaching creationism in school or even its deceptively re-coined version as "intelligent design." That throwback to the 1920s had to wait until our own enlightened time, foisted upon us by the Christian right, if they can get away with it. I don't remember in the 1950s, arguments that religious symbols such as the Ten Commandments, should be emblazoned on public property, but I do remember that come Christmas we Jewish students of PS 193 learned to sing "Silent Night, Holy Night" as well as "Jingle Bells." I loved being excluded from the rest of America, didn't you?

Klinghoffer argues that we elitists miss the point that some of biblical law is essentially natural law—thou shall not murder, thou shall not steal, etc. Fine, so we don't need religion to teach it. The Ten Commandments begins, "I am the Lord Your God..." how in conformity with the first amendment's separation of church and state is that, festooned behind the judge? And what kind of God does it mean? The unitary God of Jews and Muslims? The Trinity of Christianity? The Divine Spirit of Reason

preached by natural law philosophers such as Cicero? These are the kind of questions people kill each other over, each certain that he has the correct answer and that the others are infidels (or, to cite Klinghoffer in another context, "pagans." A blurb for a forthcoming book reads: "Addressing such timely topics as the controversy over public displays of the Commandments and the battles over Intelligent Design, Klinghoffer demonstrates that Christians and Jews are united in their opposition to the pagan aspects of our culture.") Oh, Zeus, why do you not strike such people with your thunderbolt? That's the trouble with Zeus. He's never around when we need him.

No wonder poor Abe Cahan is rolling over in his grave.

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VIEWPOINT

Two-state solution must be brokered

By Phil Rosen and Judy Kaye

After five long weeks, hundreds dead, countryside laid waste, and communities damaged — some in ruins, Israel and Hezbollah are finally engaged in a delicate ceasefire. But on all sides, sabers continue to be rattled.

According to a recent poll in HaAretz, Israel's paper of record, most Israelis feel the country emerged from battle neither victorious nor defeated. In spite of Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's speech to the contrary, Israelis understand they paid a dear price for a war that led to a very questionable outcome. If this ceasefire isn't followed by a bold diplomatic initiative, Israel will have gained, at best, nothing more than a few months or years of respite after five weeks of carnage. Indeed, rigorous diplomacy has rarely been more urgent. It is in the international community's best interest to seek a comprehensive resolution of all outstanding conflicts between Israel and its neighbors. This war was a stark reminder that Hezbollah is more than Israel's problem alone — but the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, long a destabilizing factor in Israeli-Arab relations and lightning rod for militant extremism, must also be resolved, in order to bring a lasting peace to the region.

Reit Tzedek v/Shalom, the Jewish Alliance for Justice and Peace, was one of the first American Jewish organizations to call for an immediate ceasefire, doing

so within days after the violence erupted on Israel's northern border. Our 35,000 members, dedicated to the principle that only genuine negotiation will bring a true

Unilateral decisions...create power vacuums, easily filled and exploited by extremists.

end to hostilities, welcome the ceasefire as established by UN Security Council Resolution 1701. The cessation of bloodshed is an important first step in the right direction.

Yet the question remains, as it always has, what direction will be taken: toward the eventual resumption of violence, or a real, substantive peace, one which will truly serve Israel. Only negotiation and coordinated action is capable of ensuring Israel's long-term security. Unilateral decisions — such as Israel's disengagement from Gaza a year ago this month, or its 2000 retreat from southern Lebanon — create power vacuums, easily filled and exploited by extremists. Furthermore, unilateralism provides Israel with no guarantees, no recourse, and no mechanisms with which to protect itself from those extremists — short of open warfare. We should remember that Israel does, in fact, have full-fledged peace treaties with two of its neighbors, former enemies both: Egypt and Jordan. The quiet enjoyed on both of

these long international borders is the result of a commitment by all three countries to diplomatic channels, a commitment which produced separate, negotiated, bi-lateral

Unilateral decisions...create power vacuums, easily filled and exploited by extremists.

treaties. Since these treaties were signed, neither the Egyptian nor Jordanian border has been used by either government to conduct attacks against Israel.

The achievement of the UN resolution demonstrates the influence the United States still wields when it chooses to commit to diplomacy. It is to be hoped that the Bush Administration will use the opportunity to continue to regain its position of leadership in the Mideast, rather than fall back into the inaction which characterized its approach in mid-July. As the world's one remaining superpower, the U.S. is in a position to broker an historic, durable peace in the region, one from which the entire international community will benefit.

What emerges from Israel's Second Lebanon War is the centrality of the need to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

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Letter to the Editor
OK in Israel

"Next year in Jerusalem," why not now? Arriving in Israel for my second time in two years, after the turmoil I experienced last year while "we" were pulling out of Gaza, was just as easy and enjoyable as arriving home after a day of school. This year when we arrived, just like last year: there was no "war" going on but soon after we settled into our "homeland," sure enough it started again. First a soldier was kidnapped, then one was killed, and the Lebanon war broke out.

As I walk on top of the ancient fortress of Masada into the air-conditioned gift shop and a little farther on toward the multi-million dollar cable car operating system, descending to the modern welcome center and food stand, I think to myself, would turn over in his grave if he saw how much this land has changed; or just how much has progressed and been built up since I left last year. If anyone out there is afraid to go to Israel or send their kids, don't be. People in America hear more news than anyone does in Israel. So travel to Israel, go on a tour, make a donation or maybe even volunteer on an Army base, or it is really only "Next year in Jerusalem!"

Jake Dwares
Cranston High School West

Opinion

ALISON ON ALIYAH

War trauma — 'Ask and you shall receive'

Two weeks ago I was living in a war zone; now I feel like I am living in the Twilight Zone. For about a month, Israel was at war, and now, just as suddenly as



Alison Golub

it began, it is over. The word "war" tends to conjure up in my mind images of fighting that lasts for years, and of thousands of casualties and total destruction. Nonetheless, Israel has just survived Lebanon War II, which now seems like merely an inconvenience, a bump in the road. In reality, this is one of the most protracted wars this country has ever fought, and Israel has every right to be traumatized and even slightly beaten. Yet we are back to "business as usual" and trying to make up for lost time. Even as the north is still licking its wounds, hotels and tourist sites there have been boasting record bookings starting hours after the ceasefire. Everywhere I look there are glowing testaments to the country's resilience.

In truth, I came to Israel because of its

trauma, and even more because of its resilience. Perhaps the most important among my reasons to make aliyah was to continue my studies of the psychology of trauma here, in what I have always perceived to be the world center of trauma, and to form hypotheses about Israeli resilience. I am currently hard at work on my MA/PhD thesis on bus drivers in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv who experienced terrorist attacks on their buses and continued to drive in spite of their trauma. I came here to witness trauma firsthand, and this is exactly what I have done. "Ask and you shall receive."

So I can now count among my life experiences surviving a war. I have experienced the fear of hearing a siren go off in Kiryat Bialik and not knowing where to run. I have felt the pain of hearing that close friends and acquaintances have been wounded or killed in action. I have been gripped with the unbearable sense of powerlessness that comes with realizing that those around me are hurting and scared and powerless themselves. My entire vocabulary, both verbal and emotional, has been irreparably altered. I now know the

Hebrew words for "barrage," "anti-tank missile," and "critically wounded," and Lebanese cities like Maroun-al-Ras and Bint Jbail have become infamous names in the Israeli verbal repertoire. Similarly, my perceptions of pain and fear have taken on whole new meanings, and my capacity for these emotions will never be the same.

Last week, for the first time in over a month, most of the soldiers with whom I am good friends were released from the army for the weekend, and our adoptive father, Tziki, once again had us around his Friday night table. The boys had spent no more than five weeks in Lebanon, but had aged at least ten years in that time. Their physical injuries were obvious, a couple with shrapnel still embedded in their arms and legs and another with semi-serious damage to his hearing. Their emotional injuries were no less visible, as their eyes betrayed a deep sadness and exhaustion. Most of the night was spent trading war stories, but it was clear that telling the stories even with great bravado did nothing to ease their traumas.

So as I sat at Tziki's dinner table,

watching these boys who had become men overnight, I could only think that these young soldiers who have just fought for their lives, and for Israel's life, have just received their injuries and will be telling their war stories for decades to come. I have only heard the first version, but many more versions and many more stories will follow. And in 50 years they will be crusty old men, and I will be able to remember the day on which they became war veterans (perhaps only for the first time).

In the height of all the fighting, when all of them were in different parts of Lebanon, I remember one particular phone call that I received from Tziki around 2:00 in the morning. He told me that one of our youngest soldiers had called him and said only, "Tziki, it's beginning. Pray for us. Well, it has ended, for now. Pray for us."

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VIEWPOINT

Just war not possible today

By Howard Lisnoff

Yehuda Lev makes many cogent observations about the current war in Israel and Lebanon, but only touches the surface of a most significant issue when he states, "Even in Israel the racist National Union Party and the settler successors to the neo-fascist Meir Kahane, are ecstatic over what they see as vindication of their sectarian, expansionist ideology" ("The blood-dimmed tide is loosed," July 21). Perhaps Mr. Lev is onto something very significant.

Much of what has passed for support of and pride among Jews since the founding of Israel in 1948 has devolved into plain and simple racism. One of the first victims of the endless wars in the Middle East was not only truth, but also denigrating the "enemy" into something less than human and therefore not deserving the protections of international law guaranteed by the Geneva Conventions, the charter of the United Nations, and what has come to be known as the "just war" thesis developed over the past thousand years.

Besides being deadened to the endless cycle of an eye-for-an-eye that passes for foreign policy in the Middle East, even a casual observer must realize how the dehumanization of Palestinians into less than equal beings follows upon the historical heels of racial slurs used against the Vietnamese during the Vietnam War and the Japanese during World War II. Didn't the Nazis begin their deadly march toward the Holocaust by first claiming that Jews were less than human using the false "science" of eugenics? How long after that slander and libel did European Jews become the objects of the hate and terror of the Third Reich?

In countless conversations I've been part of, Palestinians have been immediately cast in similar hateful terms that any Jew would recoil at when leveled against us. Next comes the casting of Hamas as master terrorists bent on the destruction of Israel. It seems to me that Hamas was not only elected in a free vote in the Palestinian Territories, but that their radicalism is a reflection of the failed policies of both past Israeli and Palestinian political entities. In regard to Hezbollah and the current war in Lebanon, much of the same analysis of failed policies can be cited for the present unconscionable hostilities and their impact on both Israeli and Lebanese civilians!

Mr. Lev asks, "Who is profiting from this war?" He responds that Hamas and Hezbollah are the "big winners." I think that the United States has also "profited" from this war, and in particular the belligerent Bush administration. Diplomacy is unknown to the players in this administration.

Attacking the humanity of Israel's critics has long been a cliché. Denying reality has become a significant part of that history. Rather than attacking Jewish critics of some of Israel's policies as "self-hating Jews," an emphasis needs to be brought to bear regarding the complexities of the Middle East that reinforces the high morality of Jewish culture and the consideration of all people of that region as worthy of decent and humane treatment.

Howard Lisnoff is a counselor and freelance writer. A former Rhode Islander, he resides in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. and Great Barrington, Mass.

RESPONSE TO VIEWPOINT

Writer is wrong about Israel

By Yehuda Lev

Howard Lisnoff is a very angry man who exhibits a distaste for Israel that can best be described as obsessive. It is, to his thinking, a racist state, prone to dehumanizing its Arab enemies, responsible for the hatred directed against it because of an excessive reliance on force.

I read Mr. Lisnoff's letter just after reading the weekend edition of *Ha'aretz*, Israel's most reliable and prestigious newspaper. Its pages include many of the same criticisms of Israel that Mr. Lisnoff lists and, with its greater resources, does so in more detail. Its writers, including Jews and Arabs, doves and hawks, religious and secular, veterans and newcomers, castigate or support its government policies, criticize or praise its leaders and, in general, reflect the variety of opinions that exist among the population of Israel.

There is, of course, a fundamental difference between the opinions expressed by Mr. Lisnoff and those that appear in *Ha'aretz*. The latter are based on the knowledge that comes with living in the country and knowing that the price of error can be catastrophic to their lives or, for its critics who live elsewhere, a serious commitment to the survival of Israel that includes more than simply wishing it well. And it does give Israelis the right to ask: "What are you doing to help set things right?" if they are expected to take seriously the criticisms of others.

The cooperation between Bush's neoconservatives and Israel. In 1948 Israel accepted arms from Stalin. I fought with a rifle made by the German army by Skoda in Czechoslovakia. Given that the alternative was to find a dead Egyptian rifle, should I have refused it? In the 1950s Israel accepted reparations from West Germany that helped sustain its fledgling economy. Should we have turned those down? Today Israel accepts help from the United States. I wish this was not necessary but it will end only when Hezbollah and Hamas also agree not to receive aid from Iran and Syria. Just when do you think that will happen?

Hamas and Hezbollah were elected in democratic elections and their radicalism is due to the failed policies of Israel and the Palestinians, says Mr. Lisnoff. That's it? What happened to the Syrian and Iranian governments that are feeding both movements and are as much to blame as anyone for what is happening today? And what should Israel make of the fact that both movements are led by men who proclaimed, as soon as they came to power, that their objective was to destroy the State of Israel? Doesn't that deserve some consideration in evaluating Israel's reaction?

I would like to ask Mr. Lisnoff a question. Has he ever had a positive word to say about Israel? Until he can develop a balanced view that will enable him to criticize from knowledge rather than from obsession, Mr. Lisnoff will remain a part of the problem, not of the solution.

Yehuda Lev, a retired journalist in Providence, has worked in Israel, Europe, and the United States. He writes a regular opinion column for the *Jewish Voice & Herald*.

FROM THE JFRI PRESIDENT

How Federation deals with crises

On July 12, 2006 Israel went to war. While Federation does not take a stand on the management of the war, we can take pride in the timely and effective way we here in Rhode Island have responded to these threatening events.

By July 14, the JFRI battle plan of support was in process on several levels — security, proactive public relations and the raising of the monies that

Israel was sure to need. Little did we realize how long this war would last, the extent of the loss of lives or how badly Israel would be hit financially.

We are a devoted, connected Jewish community, and this fact has never been clearer to me than it is now. Your lay leadership and professional staff moved collaboratively and quickly.

About a week later we held an event demonstrating our support for Israel, and it was attended by over 250 people.

Shortly thereafter, a Federation worker was killed in Seattle, and we experienced three incidents of anti-Semitism in our community. Security was an imperative. To that end, the staff met immediately on that Monday morning to be sure our own building was secure. Then,

under the leadership of our Community Relations Chair Sharon Gaines and Community Relations Director Kevin Olson, we turned our attention to other local Jewish agencies to make sure that their concerns were addressed.

Using the foundation of what was already in place as a springboard, a meeting was held with all Jewish organizations and synagogues in greater Rhode Island. We coordinated all security activities with the local and national law enforcement agencies, and we upgraded our community-wide safety plans. I am personally comforted with our efforts to improve security in the entire Jewish community, as this effort is ongoing.

Federation also moved quickly to respond to the financial needs. Judy and Robbie Mann accepted the chairs of the Israel Emergency Campaign and held a parlor meeting, attended by over 40 people that raised several hundred thousand dollars. To date over \$750,000 has been raised.

At the same time, we were reaching out to the general community to become a source of information to them. Again, the Manns hosted a parlor meeting inviting Rhode Island leaders, who are not Jewish and who have traveled to Israel over the years as guests of Federation. These are men and women, who, with their experience,

understand Israel's story, have a continuing interest and appreciate the opportunity to receive updated information. The living room was filled.

In addition, a third parlor meeting was held at the home of Susan and John Froehlich for members of the medical community. Again the house was overflowing.

And we can't forget the everyday needs of our Israeli brothers and sisters as well as

the financial requirements of our local agencies. So in addition to the events and meetings, Campaign Chair Doris Feinberg, Campaign Director Elisa Heath, Assistant Director Amy Seigle and their committee have also been preparing for the most important annual campaign.

Our community has been challenged and I believe that you should take great pride in how well we have reacted. We are blessed with talented lay

and professional leadership.

As we approach the high holidays, I find myself reflecting upon where we have been as a Jewish community these past six weeks, and I am profoundly optimistic that we will always be so responsive and responsible.

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Nation

Pregnant worker hero in Seattle

By Talia S. Coutin

NEW YORK (JTA)—It was only a phone call, but it changed everything. Dayna Klein's act of defiance halted the shooting spree at the Jewish Federation in Seattle on July 28 and made her a heroine. Now Klein, five months pregnant, is sharing her story, urging all employers to take workplace security seriously, speaking up for gun control and speaking out in the media against the kind of prejudice that may have led to the catastrophe.

Throughout the interview, she retains her composure, but her eyes glisten when she talks about Pam Waechter, her colleague who was killed in the attack.

Klein, a native of Long Island, N.Y., grew up in a secular Jewish household. When faced with the choice of attending Hebrew school or playing soccer, she chose the latter, and became bat mitzvah one month ago, as a 37-year-old.

Klein delved into the communal and religious aspects of Judaism when she moved to Seattle with her husband, whose family lives in Haifa, two and a half years ago.

At the federation, where she worked as the director of major gifts, Klein initiated projects to send impoverished youths in Israel to summer camp, and for Russian children to travel to Israel to explore their religious heritage.

On the day of the shooting, Klein was in her office sending thank you notes to donors and making calls, wishing people a peaceful Shabbat.

She heard noises that sounded like bubble wrap popping, and screams, she said. Then she was shot in the arm.

The gunman warned that anyone caught seeking help from the outside would be killed immediately.

But Klein, 17 weeks pregnant and wounded, crawled to her desk, picked up the phone and dialed 911.

"Somewhere in my mind, I had the information I needed and because I was able to stay calm, everything rushed to the surface and I was able to do what I needed to do," she recalled.

The gunman caught her, infuriated. He cursed at her, pointed a gun at her head, took her hostage and launched into

anti-Semitic diatribe.

He demanded to speak with CNN. She thrust the phone at him with the 911 operators still on the line.

He took it and talked with the operators. He relented. He put the gun down, and walked out.

"One very unhappy person sadly took his aggression out and manifested his racism by hurting me and my friends and my community," she said. "Israel is such a scapegoat to so many people who are just racists."

The alleged shooter, Naveed Haq, is in custody and awaiting arraignment.

Klein, who has a master's degree in social work, credits her confidence and aplomb to her training in crisis intervention and the skills she learned as a director of the American Red Cross.

"It's what saved my life, it saved my baby's life, and I hope I saved a lot of other people's lives in the process—and it's just because I had a little bit more knowledge than the next guy and I was able to use it when I needed to," she said.

As the SWAT team escorted



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DAYNA KLEIN with husband Erez, on Aug. 9 in New York.

her out the building, she saw her close friend and the federation's campaign director, Waechter, sprawled on the stairs. Waechter died in the shooting, which injured four other women, in addition to Klein,

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Jewish, Israeli leaders confer on security

JERUSALEM (JTA) — From Caracas to Stockholm, Jewish communities around the world fear they increasingly are becoming targets of anti-Israel and anti-Semitic hostility in the wake of Israel's war this summer with Hezbollah.

"Jewish communities are now feeling more insecure," said Rabbi Israel Singer, chairman of the World Jewish Congress Policy Council. "The situation in the Middle East is not just Israel's problem."

The congress brought its leadership to Jerusalem this week to confer with top Israeli officials about protecting vulnerable Jewish communities abroad. The smaller and more isolated communities feel most vulnerable, including those in Latin America and parts of Europe.

Much of the world media portrayed Israel as the aggressor in the recent war, although Hezbollah launched the violence with a deadly and unprovoked crossborder raid. Anger over the destruction produced by Israeli airstrikes in some cases is being channeled into anti-Semitic rhetoric and violence, Jewish leaders said.

"It's hardly a new problem that Jewish communities have

found themselves being criticized, attacked or even under threat as a result of wars in the Middle East involving Israel, but it's much worse today than in the past," said Robert Wistrich, director of the Vidal Sassoon International Center for the Study of Anti-Semitism at Hebrew University.

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"Today there is a much more widespread antipathy and even revulsion in many mainstream public opinion circles, in Western countries as well, toward Israel that is more intense than it was 25 years ago," said Wistrich, a professor of European history.

The WJC delegation met with senior Israeli officials, including Prime Minister Ehud Olmert; Defense Minister Amir Peretz; Maj.-Gen. Benny Gantz, the head of Israel's ground forces; and members of the Mossad and Israel's intelligence community.

Together they tried to strategize on how best to protect

Diaspora communities and how Israel might improve its image abroad. The July 28 shooting attack at the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle by a Muslim American gunman, in which one person was killed and five others wounded, is cited as the most violent attack abroad that may have been connected to the war.

"People feel they have a legitimate platform, that it's okay to act out," said Abe Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, who was also in Jerusalem this week.

He said some of the anti-war demonstrations around the world had "heavy elements of anti-Semitism," where it was deemed "legitimate to carry placards that were crudely anti-Semitic."

Foxman said ADL offices had received an upsurge of requests from Jewish communities seeking guidance on how to boost security.

Compounding fears in Latin America were recent comments by Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez calling Israel's attacks in Lebanon "genocide" and comparing Israeli actions to those of Hitler. Chavez's comments came after he assured Singer at a meeting last month that he would help protect Venezuela's Jewish community.

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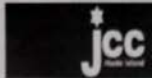
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Middle East

Arab countries mixed on Iran

AMMAN, Jordan (JTA) — Iran's refusal to suspend uranium enrichment activities that could be used to produce atomic weapons is prompting both admiration and concern in the Arab world. Many Muslim Arabs admire the government in Tehran for defying Western demands to curb its nuclear program, but there also is significant concern among Arabs and their governments about Iran's nuclear ambitions and the country's sometimes-violent quest for greater power in the region.

"Many Arabs believe that since Israel has nuclear weapons, why not balance this with Iranian nuclear weapons?" said

Hani Hourani, director general of Al-Urdun Al-Jadid Research Center in Jordan. "At the same time, there are many Arabs in the Gulf countries and serious forces in the region, like Egypt and Saudi Arabia, worried about Iranian nuclear weapons."

It's not just these states' alliances with the United States that make Iran's nuclear ambitions cause for concern. Countries like Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf states have their own disputes with the regime in Tehran.

Iran and the United Arab Emirates have a territorial dispute over three islands in the Persian Gulf that Iran seized in 1971. Saudi Arabia and Iran routinely clash over oil policy, the restive Shi'ite minority in Saudi Arabia and Tehran's suspected support for Al-Qaida, which opposes the Saudi government.

The two countries back opposing sides in the conflict in Iraq, with Tehran behind Iraq's Shi'ite militias and the Saudis more supportive of Sunni co-religionists.

Similarly, Sunni-dominated countries with significant Shi'ite populations, like Jordan, Bahrain and Egypt, also worry about the growing power of Iran, which is dominated by Shi'ite clerics. They point to the country's nuclear program and a possible "Shi'ite crescent" stretching from Iran to Lebanon — through a Shi'ite-dominated Iraq, a Tehran-friendly Syria and a Lebanon

dominated by the Shi'ite militia Hezbollah — as a threat to the entire region's stability.

Perhaps just as significant as the religious divide between these Sunni regimes and the Shi'ites is Tehran is the ethnic dimension to this split, pitting Persians — the ethnic majority in Iran — against Arabs.

Foad al-Khalafat, a former Muslim Brotherhood official in Jordan, told JTA he was approached not long ago by Iran's ambassador in Amman as part of an Iranian attempt to cement ties with Islamists in Jordan and extend its influence in the region. Khalafat said he heard Iran was making similar overtures in other Arab countries, including Egypt, Syria, Yemen and Algeria.

Iran's embassy in Jordan did not respond to e-mail inquiries for comment.

Khalafat said he rejected the ambassador's overture and that he would never cast his lot with the Iranians, who he said do not represent Arab interests. But he said he wouldn't rule out some form of relationship with Iran in the future.

Even as Iran rattles its war sabers, staging massive military exercises this week and last, some Arabs are pointing the finger at the Middle East's favorite scapegoat for creating the Iranian problem: Israel. These Arabs say Israel's presumed nuclear arsenal is the primary impetus behind Iran's push to go nuclear, too.



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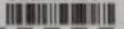


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Hillel gears up for Israel debate

ATLANTA (JTA) — Ezra Billinkoff has an easy way about him, with his cropped red hair, funky glasses, wide grin and a T-shirt that boasts, "Everyone loves a Jewish Quaker." But the 21-year-old president of Hillel: The Foundation for Campus Jewish Life at the University of Pennsylvania becomes serious when asked about his impending return to campus.

"We have a huge challenge," Billinkoff told JTA at Hillel's Charles Schusterman International Student Leaders Assembly, a five-day retreat for activists that ended Sunday at Camp Ramah Darom in Georgia.

Billinkoff is speaking about the heated and conflicted emotions some Jewish students have regarding Israel's war this summer with Hezbollah. Like the four children in the Passover story, students returning to campus will bring a range of perspectives, Billinkoff said — including that of the proverbial child who doesn't even know how to ask the relevant questions.

As Jewish activists return to college, they anticipate widespread debate over this summer's



Hillel student Ezra Billinkoff

monthlong war. But the debate also is taking place within Jewish groups, as the students determine the best course of action to support Israel.

Billinkoff urged one student activist to scale down plans for a pro-Israel event at Penn, arguing that a major, one-sided affair "could really alienate people, Jews included, who do not necessarily feel 100 percent Israel is right."

American universities have seen vigorous debate over the years surrounding Israel's conflicts with its neighbors. In 2000, the outbreak of the Palestinian

intifada led to a swell of anti-Israel activism. In response, Jewish groups formed the Israel on Campus Coalition, which today comprises some 30 organizations with a campus presence, to coordinate Israel advocacy.

In recent years Jewish groups could claim they had "taken back the campus": Petitions on several

campuses to divest from Israel were trumped by counterpetitions, and Jewish groups had trained armies of pro-Israel student activists.

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee even has begun training non-Jewish pro-Israel activists at historically black colleges and Christian universities.

The Israel on Campus Coalition has provided students with a 130-page resource guide offering programming ideas from member organizations, which run the political gamut. The coalition also has various national programs in the works, including a national petition supporting Israel and a briefing for the coalition by senior White House staff. But it's up to each student to determine his or her own response.

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OLMERT

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would examine itself and the state comptroller would focus on shortcomings during the war on the home front.

None of the three panels has anything like the power of a state commission, which can subpoena witnesses, impound evidence and recommend firings or resignations of top officials.

In what sounded like a second line of defense, Olmert insisted that the results of the war are likely to prove far more

favorable to Israel than initially thought.

Still, polls show a dramatic drop in public support for Olmert and his government: According to a poll last Friday by the respected Dahaf Institute, 63 percent of Israelis would like to see Olmert resign. Demands for a full-fledged state commission of inquiry are unlikely to abate.

The differences between the two types of investigative panels are huge. The prime minister chooses the members of a government commission, defines their mandate and decides which parts if any of their final report to publish. A state commission is set up by the chief justice of the Supreme Court, who chooses its members and defines the brief, and the commission itself decides

what to publish.

Impact of earlier wars

After the 1973 Yom Kippur War and the first Lebanon War in 1982, state commissions of inquiry were set up. In both cases, their impact on the governments of the day was enormous.

Prime Minister Golda Meir retired from politics in the wake of the Agranat Commission after the Yom Kippur War, and the findings of the Kahan Commission in 1983 led to Ariel Sharon's ouster as defense minister after the Lebanon War.

Olmert argued that a government-appointed panel will be less time-consuming and better suited to actually rectifying problems in the political-military decision-making process. He

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SHELLED BUILDINGS are seen in Lebanon as an Israeli soldier walks next to idle tanks on the Israeli-Lebanese border Aug. 27.

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claimed that a full-fledged state commission would paralyze top political and military leaders just when they should be preparing for new threats — especially from "Iran's Israel-hating president."

Olmert's critics counter that the investigation he has in mind lacks an overarching integrative framework, will have no public credibility and will be open to charges of whitewash. Protestors, who have been camped outside the Prime Minister's Office for more than a week, called the government committee a "joke" and a "fig leaf."

The protesters, who show no sign of backing off, are divided into two camps: One group of IDF reservists has linked up with right-wing settler groups to demand the immediate resignations of Olmert, Defense Minister Amir Peretz and army Chief of Staff Dan Halutz. The other continues to work with the

Movement for Quality Government for the establishment of a state commission of inquiry.

Neither has attracted large masses of Israelis. Left-wingers complain about the predominance of right-wing settlers — who, they say, are trying to get even with Olmert for last summer's evacuation of Gaza settlements and seek to change the government by populist outcry rather than elections.

But the protests reflect widespread anger and disappointment over the execution of the war. The Dahaf poll shows that most Israelis want to see Olmert, Peretz and Halutz ousted. In other words, if elections were held today, the center-left nucleus of Olmert's coalition would plummet from a combined 48 seats to 28, and right-wing opposition parties such as Likud and Yisrael Beiteinu would soar from 23 seats to 37.

To survive, Kadima will have to come up with a new and convincing agenda, soon. Olmert is talking about a national effort to rebuild northern Israel and the western Negev, the areas that have suffered the most from rocket attacks. He also hopes that stabilization of the situation in the North and a possible breakthrough in relations with the Lebanese government will turn the tables in his favor.

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News Briefs

Israel rebuffs blockade request

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, fresh from a visit to Beirut, made the request to Ehud Olmert in their meeting in Jerusalem on Wednesday.

The Israeli prime minister said the blockade, which was imposed shortly after Hezbollah killed eight Israeli soldiers and abducted two on July 12, sparking a 34-day war, would remain in place until a U.N. cease-fire resolution is put into action.

"Everything will be implemented, including the lifting of the blockade, as part of the entire implementation of the different articles," Olmert said at a news conference with Annan.

He said Israel's withdrawal of troops from southern Lebanon was also conditional on a full deployment of U.N. peacekeepers as required by Security Council Resolution 1701.

The expanded UNIFIL force is meant to consist of 15,000 troops, but contributing nations have offered only a third of that number.

Olmert said Israel wants the peacekeepers also to deploy along Lebanon's border with Syria to prevent arms smuggling to Hezbollah, but under the resolution this is dependent on an independent request by the Beirut government. JTA

Lebanese leaders cool on peace

Lebanon's prime minister said his coun-

try would not sign an independent peace deal with Israel.

"Let it be clear, we are not seeking any agreement until there is just and comprehensive peace based on the Arab initiative," Fouad Siniora said Wednesday.

He was referring to a proposal endorsed by the Arab League in 2002 under which Israel's neighbors would make peace if Israel withdraws from all territory captured in the 1967 Six-Day War and accepts a solution to the "right of return" demanded for millions of Palestinian refugees and their descendants. Israel rejected the initiative, saying peace should come without preconditions.

Siniora announced this week that his government would pay compensation to Lebanese whose property was damaged in the conflict, an apparent bid to offset similar payouts being made by Hezbollah. JTA

N.Y. lifeguards claim bias

Some Jewish lifeguards at a U.S. beach are claiming discrimination.

At least six lifeguards at Jones Beach on Long Island, N.Y., say they have been harassed, unfairly disciplined and made the subject of a police investigation because of bias, The New York Times reported.

Beach administrators deny the charges and say any investigations are legitimate. JTA

Hezbollah: Soldier swap

BEIRUT: Hezbollah will not free the two

Israeli soldiers whose kidnapping touched off the Israel-Lebanese war until Israel agrees to a prisoner exchange. That's what a Hezbollah official told UN Secretary General Kofi Annan this week during Annan's brief visit to Beirut on his mid-east tour. In Israel, Annan met with the families of the two men and told them he believes that their sons are still alive. HAARETZ

Sharon improves

TEL AVIV: Israel's former Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's condition has improved, according to doctors at the Chaim Sheba Medical Center. Sharon, who has been in a coma since January 4 after suffering a major stroke, contracted pneumonia two weeks ago and had been in intensive care. Doctors reported a "noticeable improvement in his kidney function and the pneumonia in his lungs" but said he is not expected to recover. JTA

Academics joust on Israel

WASHINGTON: The two professors who recently published a controversial paper on the influence of American Jews on Washington's Middle East policies, Steven Walt of Harvard University and John Mearsheimer of the University of Chicago, are at it again. This time they met with the Council on American-Islamic Relations and claimed that Israel and the United States planned for the war on Lebanon for months before the kidnapping of two Israeli soldiers provided the excuse to begin hostilities. Walt also repeated earlier assertions that the pro-Israel lobby was key to the Bush Administration's decision to go to war with Iraq. JTA

Mason sues Jews for Jesus

NEW YORK: Jackie Mason, rabbi turned comedian, is suing Jews for Jesus for using his name and likeness in a pamphlet which the missionary group is distributing around New York. It features his picture juxtaposed with the words "Jackie Mason... A Jew for Jesus?" "While I have the utmost respect for people who practice the Christian faith, the fact is, as everyone knows, I am as Jewish as a matzo ball or kosher salami" wrote Mason in documents filed with the state Supreme Court. JTA

Shawn a Met

NEW YORK: Shawn Green, probably the outstanding Jewish baseball player still active, approved a trade from the Arizona Diamondbacks to the New York Mets because "New York is head and shoulders the largest Jewish population in the country if not the world and it will be an interesting and fun experience for me." Green moves to a team with a lock on a place on the playoffs. He made headlines in 2004 when he refused to play in a World Series game scheduled for Yom Kippur but did play in a second game. JTA

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ELAM KOTT, left, of the Israel Education Fund, talks to Kevin Olson, director of the Community Relations Council, at an Aug. 28 Israel fundraising event in Providence.

ISRAELI/ANNUAL CAMPAIGNS

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million annual community campaign. The Israel-Lebanon war mobilized American Jewish communities, and an additional \$1.5 million Israel Emergency Campaign was quickly launched locally to rebuild Israel's battered north. More than \$750,000 has been raised so far, as part of a \$150 million national effort.

Into Lebanon

At the home of Judy and Robbie Mann, the Israel campaign co-chairs, Marcus, a baby-faced paratrooper in uniform, addressed Providence Mayor David Cicilline and 45 others about how he was the third Israeli soldier to cross the border into Lebanon since 2000. He and his forces moved in 10 miles on foot. He said he saw Hezbollah places preventing civilians from leaving the cities, blockading roads and aiming machineguns at anyone who approached them.

His men entered an abandoned house and began setting up for an attack. Marcus pulled aside a curtain and saw a puff of smoke in the distance. Suddenly, the wall disintegrated and he collapsed. When he came to, he found he had been wounded but "I checked and found I had both legs and both arms, so I was all right." His gun then exploded — the ammo had overheated. Another rocket claimed the life of his commanding officer right before his eyes. Marcus was taken to Rambam Medical Center in Haifa, but found no relief there; air raid sirens rang and apartment buildings near him blew up under katyusha rockets.

His body stiffened as he thought, "It's OK for me to be injured. I'm protecting my country. It's not OK for civilians to be hurt."

Changes in strategy

The evening's other speaker, Elam Kott from the Israel Education Fund, said the duration of the conflict was far more than people were prepared for. "It was the first time we were in shelters, the first time so many civilians were hurt."

He said the political goal of the U.S. should be to "bring Syria out of poverty and into negotiations, and isolate Iran."

In Rhode Island, the Israel campaign is half over, and renewed energy will be focused on the community campaign — four solid months of hard work by a team of more than 100 campaign volunteers. Their goal: to raise enough funds from Rhode Island's 18,500 Jews to support Jewish education, elderly assistance, camping, advocacy and social programs in Rhode Island and in communities around the world.

The campaign staff will be buoyed by a new hire — Shannah Yarnovsky, who will be working in both the general and women's campaigns, in addition to programming for the Women's Alliance and planning and allocations work.

Another change this year will be that the end-of-year community-wide campaign event will be phased out in place of smaller, more targeted events to educate and engage people in more meaningful ways.

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CALENDAR

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TUES., SEPT. 5

Jewish Community Day School opening celebration

4:45 p.m. Continuation of the annual meeting in the JFRI board room. New logo to be presented and board members will be installed.

5:30 p.m. community kosher picnic and concert on the field behind the building. "Schlock Rock" will perform. For more information, contact Andrea Katzman at 273-3815 or akatzman@jcdsri.org See Community.



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Cranston Senior Guild

1 p.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave. The first meeting of the fall season will have guest entertainers, Theresa and Lew Eldredge, performing, as well as refreshments and a raffle. For more information, call Eleanor Ross at 723-8580.

URI Hillel barbecue

6 p.m. Open barbecue/kuaf at Hillel House, 12 Fraternity Circle.

THURS., SEPT. 7

Emanu-El Leisure Club

10 — 10:50 a.m. In the temple chapel, entrance on Taft Ave., elevator accessible. Legislation affecting seniors with Sen. Rhoda Perry.

11:10 a.m. — noon "Dancer size and Aerobics" with Teresa Pearson.

Membership is open to all adults, regardless of age or temple affiliation. \$18 per year.

Home Sweet Home Women's Alliance event

9 a.m. and noon, breakfast and lunch sessions. Annual campaign event with guest speaker Riki Mulla, an Ethiopian-born immigrant to Israel, who will tell her family's dramatic story of making aliyah. Home of Sue Kahn on the East Side. For more information, or to register for a session, contact Kerri Pariseault at 421-4111, ext. 165 or kpariseault@jfri.org.

Habonim religious school registration

7 — 9 p.m. 165 New Meadow Rd., Barrington. Registration for all classes; new religious school principal, Linda Silverman Levine and education committee will answer questions. For more information, call the temple at 245-6536.

FRI., SEPT. 8

Yiddish Shmooz meeting

10—11:30 a.m., Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence. The Yiddish Shmooz group's first meeting of the year. Storytelling with Mara Sokolsky, Yiddish humor. Refreshments, open to all.

Friday School open house

4 — 5 p.m. At JCC. Open house at the Friday School, a cooperative Jewish school which meets every Friday afternoon. For more information, contact Marci Fischbach at 784-4788, fischri@gmail.com or visit www.thefridayschool.org

SUN., SEPT. 10

JCC/Miriam 5K races

9 a.m. Kids' races, 10 a.m. adult races at the JCC, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, followed by food, music and activities inside and outside the JCC building. Open to the community. For information or to register for a race call 861-8800. See Community.

South County Hebrew School

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Hall. "Meet and greet" gathering. Coffee and bagels. For more information about the Hebrew school, call Rick Karnes, at 952-5807.

Spiritual Rosh Hashanah retreat

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Brown Hill, 80 Brown St., Providence. Rabbi Andrea Cohen-Kiener, director of the Interreligious Eco-Justice Network, a faith-based initiative in environmental theology and practice, will lead a day-long Rosh Hashanah retreat sponsored by the RI Center for Jewish Healing. The registration fee is \$45. Seating is limited. Registration and other information can be obtained at 401-267-0029, or by email at ricenter@jamestownr.com or by visiting <http://www.jamestownr.com/healing>. Payment may be sent to RI Center for Jewish Healing, 230 Lantern Lane E, North Kingstown, RI 02852.

Emanu-El Leisure Club

2 p.m. 30th anniversary gala program with the Klezphonics. In the vestry of the temple, 99 Taft Ave., Providence.

Habonim religious school picnic

4 — 6 p.m. Temple Habonim picnic to welcome new education director, Linda Silverman Levine. At Haines Park picnic area, next to Cove Haven Marina in West Barrington. (In case of rain, will be held at the temple.) Temple will supply hot dogs, chips and drinks. Grills available for cooking. Bring anything else you wish to eat, as well as blankets or chairs as tables are limited.

MON., SEPT. 11

Kollel lecture on Rosh Hashanah

8 p.m. Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence. Kollel Lecture: Laws of Rosh Hashanah. Become acquainted with many of the laws and customs associated with this special time of year. For more information, visit www.providencetemplekollel.org.

TUES., SEPT. 12

Storytime at Emanu-El

10:30 — 11:30 a.m. New season of Storytime: Mensch and Munch, How can kids celebrate Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur? For kids up to age 4 and parents. In the Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood lounge. For more information, call Lisa Shorr at 305-5032.

THURS., SEPT. 14

Emanu-El Leisure Club

10 — 10:50 a.m. "Life-writing: Discovering Your History" with Janice Dexter-Ganek, R.I. Jewish Healing Center.

11:30 a.m. — noon "Additional Poetry with Bob Hill, former exec. director, Temple Emanu-El. See Sept. 7 for more information.

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ISRAEL

Israel is at war with Hezbollah and Hamas. What would your strategy be to defuse the current conflict and restore stability in the region? How would you deal with Iran and Syria?

Edmund Leather: Israel does very well on its own but the U.S. should continue to support the only real democracy in the Middle East. Hezbollah must be disarmed, whether by Israel, Lebanon or an international force. Hamas is to be opposed until it recognizes the right of existence for Israel. Only then can real talks begin.

Jonathan Scott: I do not see the Middle East regaining stability unless Palestine returns to its place as an economic center, Iraq is settled into its role as a fledgling democracy and Iran is run by leaders who reflect the desires of the majority of their citizens who wish to rejoin the world economy as a progressive Arab state. In order to achieve this end, the United Nations must earn the great deal that they get on a choice piece of property in NYC and take a lead in negotiating an end to the conflict. This is exactly the kind of situation that the organization was chartered to deal with.

If Syria can be brought into line, with promises of a leadership role as the Middle East and regains a role in the "dictator free" western world and Palestine can regain some economic and trade strength again, Iran will be forced to fall into line. The biggest asset for any Arab state is the world's dependence on fossil fuels and it would not be in Syria's best interest to watch the U.S., spurred on by our population's disgust at rising energy costs, lessen our dependence on Middle Eastern oil. Being part of our economy is important to them.

IRAQ

Did you support going into Iraq? Do you think the number of American troops should be increased, as President Bush wants, or decreased — and if so, what would be your specific timetable for withdrawal?

Edmund Leather: Yes, and at that time I worked for the Department of State and supported Sec. Powell in his actions. This is a military decision independent of the political aims, but withdrawal without assurances of stability would create a worse problem than exists currently. There should not be a specific timetable as this would empower terrorists and other anti-American forces.

Jonathan Scott: We are in Iraq, whether anyone thinks that we should be or not and the simple fact of the matter is that "cut and run" or immediate withdrawal is not the way to approach the matter. It would be a mistake and put our troops in danger not only now but in the future. We need to commit every single available resource to protecting our troops and we need to withdraw when we are able to hand control over to a strong Iraqi security force that holds a favorable chance of keeping a lid on what is becoming civil war. No one in our government predicted the scenario that has arisen but we must provide our troops with the proper equipment and support to win not only in Iraq but in the greater global war on terror.

DIVESTMENT

What is your view on divestment from Israel by universities or organizations as a means of addressing the conflict between Israel and Palestinians?

Edmund Leather: That is their right but any university or organization that encourages this action is showing a pro-Palestinian and an anti-Israel bias.

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Sen. Lincoln Chafee



Cranston Mayor Stephen Laffey

ISRAEL

Israel is at war with Hezbollah and Hamas. What would your strategy be to defuse the current conflict and restore stability in the region? How would you deal with Iran and Syria?

Sen. Chafee: The relationship between Israel and the United States goes much deeper than a strategic partnership. While we do have many of the same strategic goals in the region – fighting terrorism highest among them – the relationship transcends specific interests. It is based on shared values and culture. I remain steadfast on the point that the security of the State of Israel is not negotiable. Short-term, there are four steps that should be taken. First, the cease fire agreement negotiated by the UN must be adhered to and strictly enforced. Next, the captured Israeli soldiers need to be returned. Third, it is necessary for a credible, capable international force to be deployed in south Lebanon. Coupled with that effort, the international community should come together to help strengthen the democratic government-led Lebanese security forces. It will take deft diplomacy to make sure this is implemented. Fourth, the nations of the world must continue their humanitarian aid and commit to working and supporting the Lebanese people with the rebuilding of their historic and vital country. We cannot create a vacuum of a destroyed state, or a state that is rebuilt with terrorism dollars.

Long-term, a three-pronged plan should be implemented quickly. First, restart the stalled Israeli-Palestinian peace process. Second, the two most problematic states in the region – Iran and Syria – need to be addressed. We are all aware of these states' financial, material and other support for terrorism. We are also aware of their many destabilizing efforts in the region, including encouraging terror attacks to disrupt progress on peace negotiations. For while the path to peace, with the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and throughout the region, is extraordinarily difficult, it is made impossible when terrorist groups escalate the violence. We should work with our allies in the region and throughout the world to pressure Iran and Syria to stop these activities. It is more vital now than ever that we use all the tools at our disposal to separate Syria from Iran and convince her to stop her support for terrorism. Finally, if there is to be any hope of peace, we must strengthen the voices of non-violence amongst the Palestinians, the Lebanese, the Syrians, and the Iranians. Focusing on promoting human rights, democracy, education, and economic development is the best way for us to use our soft power in the region. I believe the key question is if we do not find a way to empower moderate, peaceful people in the region, do we then face the specter of eternal conflict?

Mayor Laffey: I feel very strongly that the U.S. must continue to stand strong with Israel and support Israel's right to defend itself against its terrorist enemies. We can do this by demanding that any peace plan be contingent on the terrorists' renunciation of violence and their recognition of Israel's right to exist, by imposing strict sanctions on Syria and Iran, and by using our anti-terrorism finance laws to bankrupt the terrorist infrastructure in the Middle East. Finally, we must implement a national plan to get the United States off of foreign oil.

Carl Sheeler: I'd argue Israel is fighting Iran's pawns with considerable collateral damage to civilians as the war wages with missile strikes. This will make a peace process asking more moderate nations in the region from Jordan to Turkey to Egypt to participate in a Euro-Arab buffer between Israel and Lebanon more difficult.

The greatest strength the U.S. has is its ability to curtail its military force, as it had

during the Cold War. Proportional force garners more global respect and credibility, which has clearly eroded since our Iraq invasion.

If the goal is long-term regional stability – made more difficult with our actions in Iraq, there has to be the ability to (1) Express the State of Israel has the right to exist and Iran's claims to the contrary will be rejected; (2) That Syria, Palestine and Lebanon have sovereign rights that need to be dignified and formalized with joint agreement; and (3) Sanctions and necessary force reprisals against countries allowing militants to disrupt the peace process, such as Hamas and Hezbollah.

Sheldon Whitehouse: The U.S. and Israel share a special relationship founded on shared commitments to freedom and democracy, and I believe the U.S. should support Israel's right to defend itself. This spiral of violence was set in motion by the deplorable kidnapping of Israeli soldiers and rocket attacks against Israeli civilians. I hope that these soldiers will be returned to their families and the violence will end as soon as possible, but for there to be any lasting peace Hezbollah and Hamas must be disarmed and end terrorist activities. In order to stabilize the Middle East and combat terrorism, the United States also needs to engage Hezbollah's main backers, Syria and Iran, and make it clear their enabling of terrorism is unacceptable. Unfortunately, President Bush's failure to engage in the Middle East and calamitous go-it-alone policy in Iraq have undermined our credibility and our ability to rally other nations to our cause.

IRAQ

Did you support going into Iraq? Do you think the number of American troops should be increased, as President Bush wants, or decreased – and if so, what would be your specific timetable for withdrawal?

Sen. Chafee: No, I did not support the war in Iraq. While I believed Saddam Hussein was a brutal dictator, I thought a policy of containment, which worked so well in winning the Cold War – avoiding outright war with the former Soviet Union, was a better course to follow. That said, now that the US has removed the Hussein regime, I believe we have a responsibility to fulfill our obligations to the Iraqi people, and to try to create a stable, peaceful, democratic country there for the region. I have been to Iraq, and traveled through the Middle East, including Israel, several times.

These trips have greatly informed my views on this war. A component of our strategy must be to make clear that the U.S. does not plan for a permanent presence in Iraq – I believe our commitment cannot be open-ended. We need to get the Iraqi security forces trained and equipped and under government control, and then I believe we need to get out. For the longer we are there, the more virulent Anti-Americanism will

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Carl L. Sheeler



Former R.I. attorney general
Sheldon Whitehouse

their act together and assume complete responsibility for the security and governance of their country; and it will create a critical window of opportunity for the nations of the world – particularly Arab nations – to step forward and take on some of the obligations of diplomacy and security in Iraq.

Thanks to the Bush administration's disastrous and misguided choices in Iraq, there is now no path for America without risk. But I believe a "stay the course" policy that fails to acknowledge the situation on the ground is ultimately the most dangerous of all.

DIVESTMENT

What is your view on divestment from Israel by universities or organizations as a means of addressing the conflict between Israel and Palestinians?

Sen. Chafee: I am not in favor of divesting from Israel, and do not believe it is an appropriate or effective strategy for addressing the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Mayor Laffey: In one word: Despicable. Nowhere in the world will you find a country persecuted like Israel that adheres to the same standard of human rights as Israel does. The universities and organizations that push for divestment are guilty of a double standard that reeks of anti-Semitism. I strongly condemn their efforts.

Carl Sheeler: Every organization has a social responsibility to project its position in the most constructive and meaningful way possible. Many of them have called on the governments to seek a peaceful resolution, as it is their people who are most impacted by the leadership's policies.

Sheldon Whitehouse: I believe that divestment campaigns against Israel unfairly single out and economically threaten Israel without advancing the cause of peace. Arguments that actions taken by Israel in Israeli-Palestinian relations are analogous to the apartheid state of South Africa are woefully inaccurate. I believe that we must play a proactive and significant role in helping to achieve a peaceful settlement between Israel and the Palestinian Authority. As part of that settlement, the Palestinian people should renounce terror and accept Israel as a future neighbor. Divestment campaigns achieve none of these goals.

ANTI-SEMITISM

Do you see anti-Semitism as a serious problem in America today? If so, how should the state and federal governments deal with it?

Sen. Chafee: The Anti-Defamation League reported that in 2005 there was a slight drop-off in anti-Semitic incidents in the United States, and in 1998, it found that there is a declining acceptance of nearly all anti-Jewish stereotypes. While these are positive statistics, the fact that anti-Semitism exists at all is a tragedy. Worse, there seems to be a growing virulence in the anti-Semitic attacks, both in the United States and abroad. Whether it is Mel Gibson's unfortunate and unwise comments, or the shooting at the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle at the end of July, such words and actions are just unacceptable. Therefore, yes, I do see anti-Semitism as a serious problem. First and foremost, I believe we need to do a better job educating children in the ideals of tolerance and diversity. Secondly, in the past three Congresses (2001-2006), I have co-sponsored and supported hate crimes legislation; also known as the Local

become and the more our troops lives will be in danger, without furthering the cause of success.

Mayor Laffey: I did support the original attack on Iraq. However, I think that the discussion over who was right and who was wrong is irrelevant at this point and a distraction from what we should be talking about. I believe we should stay in Iraq until we get the job done, not a day earlier and not a day later than necessary. I strongly oppose a timetable for withdrawal because it would be a violation of our promise and it would only embolden the terrorist insurgents in Iraq. The question of how many troops we need should be left up to the experts—the military commanders on the ground—to decide.

Carl Sheeler: No. Between the time where Iraq was alleged to be associated with 9/11 and the shifting reasons for invading made declaring war highly suspect. Also, there were inadequate ground troops to invade, poor preparation/protection and no clear exit strategy. The window of opportunity for more ground troops and the legitimate ability to field them for extended periods with other global commitments would be unrealistic unless we institute a draft. The cost has been tens of thousands of lives lost or destroyed. The withdrawal should have begun after their Constitution had been voted upon last December with a Euro-Arab coalition force transitioning to an all Iraq force within two years. The U.S. military is not a nation builder and an exit strategy with an announced time line would have no more created vulnerability whether it was 6 days, weeks or years from now. What is certain is more lives would have been lost and tax dollars squandered for a war that ought to have been funded by the oil industry or Saudi Arabia, not the U.S. taxpayer to the detriment of our domestic programs and being no more secure than we were since before 9/11.

It has also created greater influence by Iran which was kept in check by Iraq.

Sheldon Whitehouse: I felt the President's decision to go to war in Iraq was premature, and had I been in the Senate I would have opposed it. In its rush to war, the Bush Administration failed our troops by sending them into harm's way without adequate body armor or equipment, and with no plan to win the peace. The increasing violence and instability in Iraq are harsh reminders that, after three long years, the loss of more than 2,500 brave men and women in uniform, and \$320 billion spent, President Bush and Donald Rumsfeld have no real plan to correct our failed policy in Iraq.

I support a rapid and responsible withdrawal of our troops from Iraq. I believe we must send a clear signal that we are in withdrawal mode, with the exact timetable set by the military to ensure that our soldiers are safe. Telling the world that we are leaving, and leaving within months, will do three important things: it will counter the insurgents using our presence as a recruiting tool; it will drive the Iraqi factions to get

Food

Dried fruits, honey sweeten holiday foods

By Marylyn Graff

These recipes for traditional holiday brisket and chicken are slanted towards the Sephardic cuisine with dried fruits cooked in with the meat or chicken.

Harvest brisket

This is best made the day before and chilled overnight as it will slice much better and the flavors will mingle. Remove any fat that has come to the surface and solidified. Slice and reheat in pan

juices before serving. Arrange meat, potatoes and fruit on a platter and pass gravy separately.

"Single" (flat cut) brisket 3 to 4 lbs., well-trimmed

2 or 3 large onions, sliced
2 cups beef broth, or water or part dry red wine.

1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
1 bay leaf, broken in half
3 or 4 medium carrots, sliced 1 inch thick

2 tps. dried thyme

1—2 cups pitted prunes

1—2 cups dried apricots

1/4 cup salad oil

2-3 lbs. potatoes, yukon golds, peeled and halved

Salt and pepper to taste.

Heat half of oil in a heavy pot large and deep enough to hold brisket, fruit and potatoes.

Saute onions in oil until soft and remove from pot.



BRISKET with carrots and prunes.

Brown brisket slowly on both sides in rest of oil (add a little more if needed.)

Put potatoes and carrots around meat and onions on top, tuck in bay leaf, broken in half, sprinkle on thyme and salt and pepper if desired. Cover pot and put into a 300-degree oven for two hours. Add dried fruits and more liquid if needed — you will want a good amount of gravy when done. Put back in oven for two more hours or until meat is tender but not falling apart. Cool and chill.

Variation: Instead of potatoes, serve with couscous or bulgur.

Harvest chicken

You can do almost the same with chicken and have similar results.

Chicken parts, whole legs and breasts, cook's choice, 8 pieces (equivalent of two chickens)

2 large onions, sliced

1 to 2 cups chicken broth

1 tsp. dried thyme

1 tsp. dried basil

1 tsp. dried rosemary.

1 1/2 cups pitted prunes

1 1/2 cups dried apricots

1/4 cup balsamic vinegar

1/4 cup salad oil

Salt and pepper to taste

Heat 2 Tbsps. oil in a large deep frying pan or skillet. Saute onions until soft and remove from pan. Brown chicken parts well on

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Dried fruits

both sides, adding a little more oil as needed. Put onions over chicken and sprinkle on seasonings. Add 1 cup of chicken broth, tuck prunes and apricots in among chicken parts. Cover pan and bake in 325-degree oven for about an hour, depending on size of chicken parts. Check a couple of times to see if more broth is needed.

Arrange chicken on a platter with fruit and pass juices separately. Couscous is a nice accompaniment.

Carrots and baby onions

(A quick and easy change from tzimimis)

A 2 lb. bag of fresh baby carrots

A 1 lb. bag of frozen baby onions

Place carrots and onions in a baking dish or casserole. Sprinkle with about 1/4 cup packed brown sugar and 1/2 cup orange juice. Cover and bake in 350-degree oven for about 1 hour or until tender. Add more juice while cooking if needed.

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filled with assorted goodies for youngsters.

Roberta has gift baskets for holidays to solve the problem of what to bring the hostess, and will make them up to order.

She is very fussy about kosher, washing the candy containers in separate sinks for dairy and parve.

"My Sweet Tooth" is located on Reservoir Ave.

—Marylyn Graff

HOLIDAY FOODS

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Honey-orange upside-down
cake a la Israel

- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1 large unpeeled orange, sliced
- 1/8 inch thick
- 3/4 cup parve margarine, room temp.
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 Tbsp. grated peel from another orange
- 1-1/2 cups flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 1/3 cup whole milk substitute.

Put honey and orange juice into a 9- or 10-inch nonstick ovenproof frying pan with sloping sides. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat and cook, stirring constantly, until foamy and slightly thick, 2 to 4 minutes. Chill until thickened, about 15 minutes. Arrange orange slices in pan over syrup.

In large bowl of electric mixer, beat margarine and sugar until well-blended, beat in eggs, one at a time, and beat in orange peel. Mix dry ingredients together and stir half into mixture just until incorporated. Stir in milk substitute and then rest of dry ingredients. Scrape carefully over oranges in pan and level. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes until top feels firm. Cool 5 min. and invert over serving plate.

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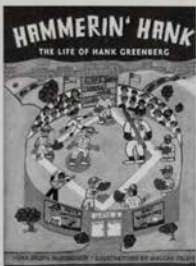
Score big with Hank

By Judith S. Greenblatt

Calling all baseball fans — here's a book intended for those in primary grades that adults we be able to enjoy.

Hammerin' Hank: the life of Hank Greenberg, by Yona Zeldis McDonough. Illustrations by Malcah Zeldis. NY, Walker, 2006. Grades 2-4.

Within the picture book framework, *Hammerin' Hank* is a biography of Hank Greenberg, covering his childhood, his observant family, his passion for



baseball, his struggle to play well, his parent's disapproval, and his career. The book includes noteworthy events in Greenberg's life,

including his decision to play on Rosh Hashanah, but not on Yom Kippur, during the 1934 American League pennant race, and his support for Jackie Robinson.

Two pages at the end include vital statistics and chronology of Greenberg's life. For those who are baseball challenged, there is a glossary that explains baseball terms, as well as the terms related to Judaism that appear in the text. It also includes a brief biography. The text is written in an easy and accessible style, and is accompanied by the brilliant illustrations of folk artist Malcah Zeldis.

Judith Greenblatt is director of library services for the Bureau of Jewish Education.

CO-OP NEWSPAPER: WASHINGTON JEWISH WEEK

Biography fails to reveal the real Ariel Sharon

By Aaron Leibel/Washington Jewish Week

Sharon: A life in times of turmoil by Freddy Eytan, translated from French by Robert Davies. Paris: Studio 9 Books, 2006. 360 pp. \$29.99.

Ariel Sharon is one of the most fascinating and enigmatic figures in Israeli political history. A member of the left-wing Labor Party as a young man, he became the politician whom leftist Israelis loved to hate and right-wingers adored for his pro-settlement activities in the 1980s and 1990s.

But Sharon made a sudden about-face after becoming prime minister in 2001 and especially after his re-election three years later. His advocacy of "disengagement" from the Gaza Strip and construction of the wall/fence separating Israelis and Palestin-

ians earned him the contempt of his former supporters and the backing of his former detractors.

What kind of a person could and would make such a switch? What in his background would produce a person of such strong character? Would Sharon's character and experience have led him to take more decisive action against Hezbollah after the terrorists' attack and kidnapping in July? Or might he have returned fire and then agreed to a cease-fire and a prisoner exchange?

Those are fascinating questions. Unfortunately, readers don't learn much about the man from this book.

The chapters on his early life are very thin, producing an almost sticklike Sharon, revealing next to nothing about the real person.

In the occasional glimpse

the author gives us of the boy or young man — he forgets his lines in a graduation ceremony from elementary school or watches a cat chasing mice in the attic of his home in Kfar Malal cooperative farming community in the center of then British Mandatory Palestine — are too few to understand very much about the boy or the man.

At the end of the book, the author tries to sum up his subject. If you need a quick recap of the Jewish state's political story, this book could be useful; to understand the real Ariel Sharon, you'll have to look elsewhere.

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ELECTIONS 2006

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Jonathan Scott: Any investor of any kind, whether institutional or individual, has a right to choose their investments in accordance with their beliefs. The difference is that, when that investor is an institution, the community around them has a right to pass judgment on that act with their ongoing support of that institution or withdrawal from same. Short term actions will, and should, affect them in the long run.

ANTI-SEMITISM

Do you see anti-Semitism as a serious problem in America today? If so, how should the state and federal governments deal with it?

Edmund Leather: No, it is not a serious problem. Jews serve in the highest positions in both business and government.

Jonathan Scott: As a person with a Christian background, I never have had to personally face anti-Semitism head on. I also have to say that I never saw much of that particular bigotry when I was growing up either. We are blessed, in our district, with a large and active Jewish population and, though I believe that there is some prejudice against them in R.I., I would think that it is minimal.

CHOICE

What is your stand on the abortion issue and a woman's

right to choose? Are there any exceptions to your stated position and do you think Roe v. Wade should be overturned by the current Supreme Court?

Edmund Leather: Although I personally oppose abortion I believe it is an individual moral choice and in general should not be subject to government intervention. I would leave Roe v. Wade alone.

Jonathan Scott: Abortion is, in R.I., a "flashpoint topic" and one that polarizes our citizens. I am torn internally when I consider the issue. In the name of political consistency, and understanding that the choice is one not easily made, I support a woman's right to choose although my personal view is quite different.

I would not support an overturning of Roe v. Wade nor would I support the expansion of abortion rights to include late term or partial birth abortion either. I also do not support extending those rights to children who have not reached the age of majority and who do not have the consent of a parent. My goal is to secure choice under our current law and, as President Clinton once said, make the practice "legal, safe, and rare."

ENERGY

What should the U.S. and its citizens be doing to reduce our dependence on foreign oil and the use of fossil fuels?

Edmund Leather: Conserve! Use less fossil fuel. Support research for a affordable alternate sources of clean energy, particularly from coal, of which we have great abundance.

Jonathan Scott: If we repeatedly elect Congressmen who have stock in big oil we will continue to watch the cost of heating our homes and running our vehicles rise higher and higher. We need to reduce our overall dependence on fossil fuels by developing new alternative sources of energy. Wind energy, for example, is alive and well in our district, at the Portsmouth Abbey School, where a single windmill generates the facility's power and allows them to sell excess back to National Grid. In addition, a number of the parts for the windmills are made by TPI, a Warren R.I. based company, making wind power a win-win proposition for our citizens.

Almost \$1.75 of every gallon of gas bought in R.I. is tax. That, however, does not account for the excessive profits being amassed by Exxon-Mobil and their competitors. I am not against businesses earning profit but the multi-national oil companies earn their profit at the expense of small- and medium-sized businesses here in R.I. and that is unacceptable. When you combine the tax at the pump with the fact that these oil companies get tax breaks, the average consumer

is paying a massive overpayment each time they fill up.

SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

What is your position on same-sex marriage and/or civil unions? Do you support a U.S. constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriages?

Edmund Leather: I am totally opposed to same sex "marriage" and would have to look at the details of any proposal for civil unions. There is now a Federal law banning same-sex marriage and thus there is no necessity to amend the Constitution in this area.

Jonathan Scott: Designation of "rights of survivorship" should be one of the most basic rights available to adults in this country and is a right that occupies the core of the same-sex marriage debate. In my opinion, an American adult should be able to choose who will inherit assets, control life and death medical decisions during times of incapacity, and make final arrangements.

I do not believe that any church should be forced to recognize a union that their philosophies do not consider marriages nor do I believe that public officials should be forced to preside over ceremonies that they do not agree with but I do not believe in preventing clergy or Justices of the Peace from presiding over same-sex ceremonies either. My personal inclination is that "marriage" is between a man and woman but, should same sex couples wish to enter into "civil unions," the formal bond should be recognized as binding and real.

I stand in strong opposition to any process that shows disrespect for the sanctity of a Constitution that endures more than 200 years after its creation. Amending it to reflect partisan views on same-sex marriage falls into that same.

STEM-CELL RESEARCH

What is your position on embryonic and/or adult stem cell research using federal dollars?

Edmund Leather: I am in favor of federally funded research in both areas.

Jonathan Scott: Although we have studied embryonic stem cells for some 25 years and spent over half a billion dollars of tax money on these studies, we have yet to cure any disease through use of the technology. Most diseases mentioned in the research have had ongoing successes with the use of adult stem cells. I support a focus on the use of existing embryonic lines as well as expansion of adult lines. With that said, I also support further

research into an expanded line of embryonic cells, as well.

There has been a huge advance in the last 12 months in methods of utilizing pluripotent adult germ cells which can be used anywhere in the body and reduce the rejection issues associated with embryonic stem cells. In the end result, that rejection has been the number one problem with embryonic stem cell use.

Finally, I understand that genetic engineering and creation of embryos for specific purposes other than procreation of the human race is a slippery slope that must be navigated with caution. We must always temper our need for technological advance with a healthy dose of concern for the "brave new world" that could develop.

CHURCH-STATE

Do you think religious symbols have a place in public schools or on display on local, state or federally-owned property? What about a "moment of silence" in public schools — is this prayer?

Edmund Leather: This nation was founded on Judeo-Christian beliefs and principals and as long as such action does not promote nor denigrate a particular faith I have no problem with it. Any action must be judged on a case by case basis. A moment of silence is not prayer.

Jonathan Scott: I believe in the right of any individual to follow any religious practice that they deem central to their belief system. That tenet was part and parcel of this nation's birth and a focal point when Roger Williams first settled Rhode Island. Religious symbols, particularly during holiday seasons, have a place in any public building and the presence of any religious item should serve to expand understanding, not fuel heated debate.

Our forefathers intended a separation of church and state not the absence of religion in government. I am amazed at the virtual throw away when a "Christmas tree" is erected on a city property when the symbol has really taken on a non-religious meaning in our day and age. I am astounded when a very vocal minority becomes enraged by the presence of a menorah in a school. Tolerance comes with understanding and understanding the worth of every individual can help us live in peace.

Moments of silence are an opportunity to reflect on any subject that a student wishes too, whether in a religious vein or non-religious vein, are not inherently prayer. Growing up in a Quaker school environment I was part of many moments of silence. I have to admit that very few of them could be classified as prayer.

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AS WE GROW OLDER

Satisfactions of living a long life



Tema Gouse

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We can "wear two hats" pursuing interests while maintaining the more traditional responsibilities. Women can combine marriage, motherhood, and be paid to perform work out of the home that will satisfy us.

This is not exclusively the option of women. Men can now earn a living and still have the time to develop other interests and enjoy an important role in child-care. A sad story about the employment picture today is how many working people, men and women alike, dislike their jobs. Bad as that is, it was worse a generation ago. Their paid employment is essential to individual or family needs and many workers will "stick with it" out of sense of responsibility, but with resentment about their burden. What a sad story!

When I returned to my profession after nine years of "being at home with the kids" I was filled with excitement—and tons of guilt. Fifty years ago Jewish mothers who had no major financial need stayed home with their children, no matter how unfulfilled or bored they were. I kept reassuring my boys (and my anx-

ious mother-in-law) that I could manage both roles, would always be available to them and that NOTHING would be different at home. And with much effort (and a benevolent boss), I pulled it off. It was not easy. Two jobs (properly done) are harder than one.

Why did it work? I was lucky and did not have rotten kids. And maybe even more importantly, I loved my job. From October 1, 1959 to October 15, 1985, I never woke up one morning and wished I did not have to go to work. I was a satisfied lady and that provided the stamina for the demands of two roles.

If a working person feels trapped in unhappy labor, the dissatisfaction hampers their relationships with those who are dependent on them. Developing new skills with the potential for emotional reward and happier daily employment seems out of reach to many.

We hear this best described by retirees who bitterly (and frequently) recall intense dislike of the routine and the employer on jobs held for decades. Memories of the Depression years of the 30s deterred them from risking job change. Long-time employment on a job was equated with security.

Many ambitious women of the 40s and the 50s who might have pursued personal interests were not encouraged to explore their dreams. Finding a suitable husband was the choice that was encouraged. Their other abilities were not always valued.

Today's young women want the stimulus (and the income) that is not available in the kitchen. Young men are somewhat freer to consider options and are more willing to pursue opportunities (and risks) that could ensure their not resenting getting up each morning.

Satisfaction with what fills our days is what equates with

happiness. Too many seniors were too timid to seek fulfillment. Our grandchildren (raised to never experience frustration) are wiser and will only pursue endeavors they will enjoy.

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Tema Gouse writes a regular seniors' column for the Jewish Voice & Herald.

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Community

Schoenberg to teach at Artist Exchange

CRANSTON — Bob Schoenberg, an educator and training specialist, will teach two courses this fall at the Artist Exchange in Cranston. The first course entitled, *Lose Weight without Dieting* is a "practical, effective and enjoyable program that focuses upon changing your eating habits," according to Schoenberg.

The second course, *Read Music in 3 Hours*, is one Schoenberg has taught several times at CCRI and at various locations in the Boston area. Both of these courses were created by Schoenberg. For further information call 490-9475 or go to WWW.no-diet.zoomshare.com.

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TEMPLE SINAI KIDS each lit his/her own Havdalah candle. Pictured left to right are: Daniel and Naom Shimberg of East Greenwich, Caleb and Becca Gupta of East Greenwich, and Ari Stein of Warwick.



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RABBI PETER STEIN led Temple Sinai members and friends in an outdoor service at the temple's second annual Heavenly Havdalah. More than 50 members and friends attended an afternoon of activities. The day culminated in the making of s'mores and an outdoor Havdalah service to mark the end of the Sabbath and the beginning of a new week.

Community

CRANSTON

Touro Fraternal presents awards

CRANSTON — A young man entering his freshman year in college and a young woman going into her senior year have been named the 2006 recipients of \$3,000 scholarship grants from Touro Fraternal Association.

Jared Sugerman of Cranston and Meredith Rappoport of Johnston were selected from among a large pool of applicants for the annual scholarships made available to its members and their children by the association. The applications were screened by Touro's Student Financial Aid Committee chaired by Alan Lury.

Interest-free loans

In addition to the grants, 11 other children of Touro members shared in \$25,000 in interest-free student loans. It marks the 26th consecutive year that Touro has provided interest-free loans to its qualified members through the Leo Greenberg Memorial Student Loan program.

Sugerman, whose father Michael is a member of the association, is a graduate of Cranston High School West and will be in his first year at Northeastern University.

Rappoport, daughter of Touro member Howard Rappoport, is a senior at Eastern Connecticut State University. She has a double major: elementary edu-



TOURO SCHOLARSHIPS — The winners of the 2006 Touro Fraternal Association Scholarships received their grants at the association's headquarters. Shown, from left, are Alan Lury, chairman of the Touro Student Financial Aid Committee; Jared Sugerman and Meredith Rappoport, grant recipients, and Robert Miller, chairman of Touro's board of directors.

cation and mathematics, leading to a position as an elementary school math teacher. Despite the heavy workload, Rappoport has made time to participate in community activities and has developed a reputation as a leader among her fellow students.

Regular Touro members, their spouses and children, and children of deceased Touro members enrolled full time for

the 2006-2007 academic year in an accredited institution of higher learning are eligible for the grants.

Regular members, their children and children of deceased members similarly enrolled may apply for the interest-free loans, repayment of which does not begin until the student graduates from or leaves school.

Temple Torat Yisrael awards four college scholarships

CRANSTON — Temple Torat Yisrael awarded four college scholarships as part of the annual Fred and Larry Cohen Scholarship Fund.

The Cohens established the scholarships, valued at \$5,000 each, for youngsters whose parents are members of the temple and active within the temple's Men's Club and Sisterhood. Scholarships are based primarily on academic achievement and involvement in Jewish activities.

Winners this year were: Celine B. Arsac, daughter of Lucien and Roberta Fain Arsac of Cranston. Celine is attending HEC (Hautes Etudes Commerciales), a business school in Paris this fall. She is pursuing a master's degree in business administration. Celine served as president of Temple Torat Yisrael/Temple Am David USY in high school and is a graduate of the Harry Elkin Midrascha. She spent the summer of 1997 in Israel with the Volunteers for Israel Young Leadership Program. Her awards

include the JOLT (Jewish Overseas Leadership Training), Future Faces 5758 Award, the Mayor's Scholar Athlete Award, the Lt. Governor Leadership Award, National Merit Letter of Commendation and the Dartmouth Book Award.

Evan Alexander Davis of East Greenwich, son of Jeffrey and Cynthia Davis. Evan, a graduate of the Harry Elkin Midrascha, is attending Roger Williams University, pursuing a degree in criminal justice, with a minor in political science.

Jordan Sack, son of Drs. Steven and Lisa Sack of East Greenwich. He graduated summa cum laude and was valedictorian at his graduation from Rocky Hill School. He also graduated from the Harry Elkin Midrascha with an award in Rabbinics. Jordan has been active in the Jewish community, serving on the board of the Cranston-Warwick USY Chapter. He is attending Brown University's Eight Medical Program.

Sari Guttin of Cranston, daughter of Ronni and William Guttin. Sari is entering her senior year at Simmons College in Boston, a dean's list student studying international relations and Spanish. She is a member of the Simmons tennis team and works as an English as a second language tutor. Sari is a graduate of the Harry Elkin Midrascha, teaches Hebrew School at South County Religious School, and has worked for several years as a staff member at Camp JORI. Scholarships are awarded annually from a special endowment fund, established by the Cohens. Applications are solicited in the spring and scholarships awarded in the summer. A committee that includes the rabbi, presidents of the Men's Club and Sisterhood, the education director and other temple leaders review and award the scholarships.

For further information call Rabbi Amy Levin, Temple Torat Yisrael, 785-1800.

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B'nai Israel registering for religious school

WOONSOCKET — Congregation B'nai Israel is currently registering for the 2006-2007 religious school year. The Sunday School Torah Tots program is available for children ages 5-7. This is an introductory program that uses art, music, and other creative venues to teach children about the biblical characters, holidays, customs, and beginning Hebrew.

The Hebrew School program, for ages 8-12, meets Sundays and Thursdays. The curriculum includes Hebrew language skills, bible stories, history, customs, and the holidays. Bar and Bat Mitzvah preparation is also available. Interfaith families and members of other synagogues are welcome.

For more information, call the synagogue office at 762-3651 or log on to www.shalom-chi.org. Congregation B'nai Israel is located at 224 Prospect St., Woonsocket.

SO. COUNTY

Beth David plans campaign

NARRAGANSETT — The South County Jewish Collaborative is moving forward with its capital campaign for a building to meet "the spiritual, educational, social and cultural needs of the Jewish residents of South County."

The Collaborative still needs to complete the regulatory approval process but is confident that it is far enough along to ensure that the work will go forward; and that the time has come to plan the fundraising campaign. Board members are working with outside firms and local volunteers to undertake the campaign process. They feel that once they launch and complete "this community effort" they will be in a position to begin the building process.

In the interim, Beth David is inviting the South County Jewish community to join the congregation. The spiritual leader is Ethan Adler.

For more information call 783-0429, 946-2604 or contact www.bethdavidi.org.

ATTLEBORO

Agudas Achim book group

ATTLEBORO — A book group is starting on Sat., Sept. 9, from 9 to 9:50 a.m. at Congregation Agudas Achim. The first book will be "The Bread Givers," of which two copies will be available at the synagogue gift shop. Rosanna Williams and Janice Dexter-Ganek will lead.

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Community

Kollel goes deep sea fishing

PROVIDENCE — The Kollel has just finished their second annual SEED (Summer Environmental Enrichment and Development) program. It included the Torah thought which was delivered by Jeff Ingber, who spent many hours at the Kollel preparing to talk on fishing and hunting from a Judaic perspective.

This combined a great fun trip and a chance to see how richly relevant Judaism is to every part of our lives. New this year was a *tzitzit* workshop which allowed fathers and sons to get involved hands on in making the four cornered garment and its fringes. There were communal BBQs held at the beginning and end of the program, each attended by well over 100 people who just came out to have a great time.



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KOLLEL GONE FISHIN' — Deep sea fishermen are (left to right back row) Rabbi Aaron Lapin, Natan Fink, Ron Stuart, Larry Norin, Hy Tabachnick, Rabbi David Schwartz, Rabbi David Bielory, William Hirschon, Rabbi Raphie Schochet. (Middle row) Nadav Minkin, Guy Baume, Aryeh Goldstien, Jeff Ingber, Jamison Evans, Brian Evans, Joshua Rosenbaum, Yaakov Schochet. (Front row) Mordi Mandel and Shmueli Gerstien.

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September, 2006	October, 2006	November, 2006
1 8:59 1 Yom Kippur 6:28 3 4:18	8 6:47 8 Sukkot 5:59 10 4:10	15 6:35 13 Sukkot - After 7:04 17 4:04
22 Rosh Hashanah 6:23 14 Simchat Torah After 5:48 24 3:58	23 R. et. - - - - - 20 Sukkot 5:37 24 3:58	29 6:11 27 Sukkot 5:27

Daylight savings time ends Oct. 29

December, 2006	January, 2007	February, 2007
1 3:56 5 4:10 2 4:42	8 3:56 12 4:17 9 4:51	15 3:56 19 4:25 16 5:00
22 3:58 26 4:30 23 5:09	29 4:04	

Daylight savings time resumes March 11

March, 2007	April, 2007	May, 2007
2 5:17 2 Passover 6:52 4 7:27	8 5:25 1 Passover After 6:58 11 7:34	15 6:33 8 Passover 6:58 18 7:40
22 6:41 8 Passover 6:58 22 Shavuot 7:44	29 6:49 13 Passover After 7:04 25 7:47	
	13 7:08 21 7:12	27 7:18

June, 2007	July, 2007	August, 2007
1 7:53 8 8:00 3 7:43	8 7:58 13 8:01 10 7:33	15 8:01 26 7:56 17 7:23
22 8:04 27 7:50 24 7:12	29 8:04	

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Community

Museum honors donors

PROVIDENCE — The officers and board of directors of the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum honored the museum's donors at its annual event on Tuesday, Aug. 8. The event was held at the home of Arthur and Barbara Sheer. More than 40 people attended.

Carol Sugarman, president of the museum, welcomed and thanked the guests for their contributions to its continued success. Sugarman reported that over 4,000 students in R.I. and southeastern Mass. had the opportunity last year to listen and talk with Holocaust survivors, and that more than 1,000 middle and high school students had the opportunity to see the play, "No Way Out," the story of one family's escape from Nazi Germany.

For more information about the R.I. Holocaust Museum, contact May-Ronny Zeidman at 453-7860.

PROVIDENCE



CAROL SUGARMAN, president of the R.I. Holocaust Museum.

Princeton Review to be held at Midrasa

PROVIDENCE — The Harry Elkin Midrasa Community High School is partnering with the Princeton Review to allow students to take an SAT preparatory class during Midrasa hours — a choice for juniors planning to take the SATs in the spring. The Princeton Review class begins Dec. 10th and meets on Sundays from 9 to 11:05 a.m. and runs through April 29th. Students enrolling in the Princeton Review class, must enroll in a third hour class at Midrasa and can enroll in Minimester I & II classes that meet during the first and second periods.

Midrasa registration information can be found on-line at www.bjei.org. The cost for the Princeton Review SAT/HEM combo program is \$950 for participating synagogue members and \$1065 for others. All payments are to be paid to the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island. For more information on the Princeton Review SAT Preparatory Program visit www.princetonreview.com.

BJE offers students project on public policy

Classes will be held in Warwick, Providence

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Students can enroll in the Wednesday evening Midrasa JCI class, which will meet at Temple Am David in Warwick from 7:30-8:10 p.m. and which begins on Sept. 13th. Students can also enroll in the Sunday morning Midrasa JCI class, which will meet at Temple Emans-El in Providence from 10:20-11:05 a.m. and which begins on Sept. 10th.

For more information, contact Shira Garber, director of teen programs and Israel Desk at 331-0956 or sgarber@bjei.org. Students can also register for Midrasa classes at www.bjei.org.

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Blessings for Holidays

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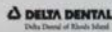
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Child laborers: the Torah will not let us rest until they do

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By Rabbi Justin David

There are some forms of moral outrage for which we do not need the Torah to sensitize us.

Imagine meeting Anwar, who at age seven began weaving carpets in Pakistan until he earned enough to pay off a family debt. Once, after a particularly painful beating, he tried to run away, only to be apprehended by the police and returned to the carpet looms.

Or Demaris, who at 13 starting working in the broccoli and lettuce fields of Arizona. Exposed to pesticide drift during her 85-90 hour weeks in the fields, she suffered daily nosebleeds for months and several times fainting from plummeting blood pressure.

Or, perhaps, one of the nearly 50,000 Afghan children recruited from schools by the former Tal-

iban government to serve their war effort. Child labor occurs daily, around the world, with estimated numbers of 250 million children between the ages of 5 to 14. It occurs in all industries, in all countries, whether developing or industrialized.

Children are exploited on farms and in factories, on the streets as beggars and prostitutes, trafficked for profit and relegated into bonded servitude. The ubiquitous quality of abusive child labor coupled with its devastating effects, render it not only a labor offense, but also a potential plague.

In Romania, 30% of children under 15 have left school to attempt to eke out a meager living in order to help support their families. In the face of such moral blight, the admonitions of the Torah seem superfluous. As human beings with even a modicum of inherent moral consciousness, we experience automatic outrage. The Torah, it would appear, provides a theological

Our society is judged on the basis of how we treat our most vulnerable members.

gloss, a refining, although not deepening, perspective on what we can only view as dreadfully wrong.

But the Torah does more than that. The Torah is ultimately a tool for the constant cultivation of a moral consciousness, the "common sense" which might not be at all so common. Its teachings are designed to penetrate our souls, transforming our "hearts of stone" into "hearts of flesh." And while the offense of child labor will no doubt present itself to us as heinous, the Torah further illumines for us its evil dimensions.

Throughout the Torah, we

find concern with the inherent dignity of the worker. As a poignant illustration of this principle, we encounter in this week's portion, Ki Tetzeh, the imperative of just and timely compensation to the poorest of laborers: "You shall not oppress a poor or needy worker, whether he be of your kin or a stranger...On the day of his labor shall you give him his compensation, nor shall the sun go down on it; for he is poor, and sets his heart upon it, lest he cry out to God, and you will have sinned" (Deuteronomy 24:14).

These teachings point the way to the simple realization that a society is to be judged on the basis of its treatment of the most vulnerable and desperate. Through its treatment of the needy, a society becomes collectively elevated or morally bankrupt.

There is action to be taken. Learn more about anti-child labor campaigns from Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, and the Global March

against Child Labor. Contact your Representative and encourage him or her to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) to impose limits on the number of hours children can work in agriculture when school is in session. Support living wage campaigns — if adults earn more, their kids don't have to. Support legislation to protect immigrant farm workers, who contribute more than 90% of the agricultural labor in this country.

Let us use our Torah portion's injunction to cultivate a new sense of urgency. Child labor persists, and the outlets for information and action are plenty. May our tradition provide us with the sense of imperative and inspiration to pursue our tasks.

Rabbi Justin David is Assistant Rabbi at Adas Israel Congregation in Washington, DC. He was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and is a graduate of Oberlin College. He lives in Washington with his wife, Judith Wolf, and his sons Lior and

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Obituaries

Shirley Battleman, 65

PHILADELPHIA — Shirley Battleman, 65, died Aug. 10. She was the wife of Don Battleman. Born in Providence, she was the daughter of the late Jack and Ruth (Mayberg) Berman.

She and her husband of 34 years first lived in Glen Cove, (L.I.) N.Y. for 18 years and later moved to Philadelphia where she resided for the rest of her life.

She was the "Sunshine Lady" of Fountain Pointe, the condo development in which she lived.

Besides her husband, she leaves a sister, Frances Pomarantz of Pompano Beach, Fla., and several cousins.

Burial was in Montefiore Cemetery in Philadelphia.

Alexander Berezin, 23

NORTH PROVIDENCE — Alexander Berezin, 23, died Aug. 20. Born in Russia, the son of Felix and Tatyana (Zhuravleva) Berezin, he had been a resident of Rhode Island since 1994, moving to North Providence in 2000.

Mr. Berezin was a graduate of the Alperin Schechter Day School and Classical High School. He was a student at the University of Vermont. He studied international economics and aspired to find work in China and Washington, D.C.



He is survived by his parents.

Approximately 250 people attended a standing room only funeral service at Sugarman-Sinai Memorial chapel on Tuesday, Aug. 22.

Burial was at Swan Point Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to a favorite charity.

Rose Y. Bernier, 81

CRANSTON — Rose Y. Bernier, 81, died Aug. 26. She was the wife of the late Frank E. Bernier. Born in Brockton, Mass., she was a daughter of the late Samuel and Elizabeth (Stone) Booklander.

She had lived in Cranston for over 50 years.

Mrs. Bernier was a salesperson for the Outlet Co. for 20 years, retiring in the 1960s.

She was a member of Temple Sinai and was an avid walker.

She leaves a brother, Alan Lander and his wife Hilda of Brockton, Mass., and several nieces and nephews.

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

Rosalie Bomba, 77

ESCONDIDO, Calif. — Rosalie (Jacobs) Bomba, 77, died June 24. She was the wife of the late Boruch Bomba. Born in 1928, in Providence, she was the daughter of the

late Samuel and Sylvia (Reuter) Jacobs. She was a graduate of Hope High School.

She and her family moved to California in 1971 where she and her husband opened the Bomba Insurance Agency.

Mrs. Bomba was a life member of Hadassah and belonged to her temple's Sisterhood.

Her extensive travels included numerous trips to Israel, within the United States and through Europe, Australia, New Zealand, the Netherlands and the Far East.

She leaves three sons, Irwin and his wife, Cleta of Henderson, Nev.; Kenneth and his wife, Carolanne of Vista, Calif., and Steven Bomba of Oceanside, Calif.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Benjamin H. Chorney, 27

NORRISTOWN, PA — Benjamin Holder Chorney, 27, died in a car accident on July 26. Born in Providence, he was the husband of Emily Chorney.

He attended the University of Rochester and was a software developer.

He leaves a daughter, Gwendolyn Posie; his parents, Harris and Sally (Merewether) Chorney of West Hartford, Conn.; a brother, Daniel; and a grandfather, Sanford Chorney, of Boynton Beach, Fla.

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Alliance, PO Box 42708, Philadelphia PA, 19101-2708, or to Beth El Temple, 2626 Albany Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06117.

Dora A. Dimond, 96

PROVIDENCE — Dora A. Dimond, 96, died on Aug. 23. She was the daughter of the late Max and Ernestine Barry and the wife of the late Harry L. Dimond.

She emigrated to the United States from Czeronowitz in 1914 just before the outbreak of World War I.

At a time when few women attended college, she graduated in the class of 1933 from Rhode Island College of Education, now Rhode Island College, and taught fifth and sixth grades at Windmill Street School for seven years.

Mrs. Dimond loved opera, Viennese waltzes, books and flowers. She was a congregant of Temple Emanu-El in Providence, where she had served as president of the Sisterhood and program chair of Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club.

She leaves two daughters, Marcia Dimond Stein and her husband, Myron of New York City and Rabbi Avis Dimond Miller and her husband Ralph of Chevy Chase, Md.; eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to the Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club or to Jewish Family Service of Rhode Island.

Monte Konicov, 83

WARWICK — Monte Konicov, 83, died Aug. 26. He was the husband of Shirley (Cohen) Konicov.

Born in Liverpool, England, he was a son of the late Hyman and Marie (Bredsky) Konicov. He lived in Warwick for over 50 years.

He received a double bachelor's degree from Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich. and his Ph.D. from the University of Maryland.

He served in the 455th General Hospital Army Reserves with the rank of captain.

Mr. Konicov, a pharmacist for 50 years, was a professor at the University of Rhode Island School of Pharmacy, and was the owner of Glendale Pharmacy in Pawtucket, retiring in 1990.

He was a member of Temple Am David and a former member of Touro Fraternal Association.

He was appointed to the R.I. Pharmaceutical Formulary Commission and was a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

He leaves three sons, Marc Konicov of Wakefield, Mass.; David Konicov of Lincoln,

Howard Konicov of South Orange, N.J.; a daughter, Ellen Kaufman of Exeter; five grandchildren and two granddaughters. He was also the brother of the late Aaron, George and Joseph Konicov and Millicent Pinsky.

Contributions may be made to your favorite charity.

Dorothy Krasnoff, 95

CRANSTON — Dorothy Krasnoff, 95, died Aug. 22. She was the wife of the late Isador Krasnoff. Born in New York City, she was a daughter of the late Samuel and Jessica (Marks) Bernstein.

She had lived in Cranston for 25 years.

Mrs. Krasnoff was a former member of Temple Torat Yisrael and its Sisterhood.

She leaves a son, Charles Krasnoff and his wife, Harriet of Florida; a daughter, Gloria Lefkowitz and her husband Carl of Cranston; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She was also the sister of the late John Byrnes.

Contributions may be made to Beacon Hospice or Temple Torat Yisrael.

Joseph Lipet, 79

SMITHFIELD — Joseph Lipet, 79, died Aug. 15. He was the husband of Lee (Richman) Lipet. Born in Pawtucket, the son of the late Louis and Bessie (Cokin) Lipet, he lived in Pawtucket before moving to Smithfield four years ago.

Mr. Lipet was the founder and owner of National Drug Supply Corp. of Pawtucket until his retirement in 1977.

His hobbies were fishing, painting, handwriting analysis and traveling.

Besides his wife of 57 years, he leaves two daughters, Judith Boren of Riverside and Roberta Datz of Cranston; two grandchildren, Daniel and Melissa; and a sister, Sophie Diamond of Pawtucket.

Burial was in Swan Point Cemetery, Providence.

Contributions may be made to a favorite charity.

Esther Smalley, 98

WARWICK — Esther (Golden) Smalley, 98, died Aug. 14. She was the wife of the late Melvin Smalley. Born in Woonsocket, she was a daughter of the late Samuel and Sarah Golden.

She worked as a bookkeeper for the former Finkelstein and Sons of Woonsocket and then served as treasurer of the former Falls Mill Stores, retiring in 1965.

Mrs. Smalley was a former member of Temple B'nai Israel of Woonsocket and a member of Temple Beth-El, the Brandeis

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A sukkah is a temporary hut consisting of two and a half, three or four walls at least three feet high. The roof is made of natural materials and is thatched or partly open so that the sky is visible. Many Jews decorate their sukkot by hanging fruits, nuts, streamers and other materials on the walls.

Sukkot begins on the 15th day of Tishrei (this year Oct. 6) and lasts seven days, during which time many Jews live in their sukkot.

Contest categories are:

Most original, most artistic,



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most biblical.

Send in color photos or digital images of your sukkot to voiceherald@jri.org or *The Jewish Voice & Herald*, 130 Sessions St., Providence, RI 02906 by Oct. 13 and we will publish the winners in a subsequent edition and online.



DURING SUKKOT, family and friends gather for a harvest celebration.

OBITUARIES

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Women's Association, Hadassah and the Shut-In Society.

She leaves a son, Lee Smolovitch and his wife Robin Gibbs of Somerville, Mass.; a brother, Harold Golden of Cumberland, and two sisters, Dorothy Katz of San Francisco and Charlotte Sugarman of Miami, Fla. She was the sister of the late Gertrude Caslowitz and Edward and James Golden.

Burial was in Bnai Israel Cemetery, Woonsocket.

Contributions may be made to a favorite charity.

Tobi Ann Vitale, 70

PROVIDENCE—Tobi

Ann Vitale, 70, of Hoffman Ave., died Aug. 19. She was the wife of Daniel Vitale.

Born in Brookline, Mass., she was a daughter of the late Moses and Lillian (Greenberg) Menedelson. She had lived in Cranston for 35 years.

She was a speech therapist in the Cranston School Department for over 30 years before retiring 14 years ago.

She was a graduate of Emerson College.

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Elections 2006

Candidates on the issues

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Law Enforcement Act. This bill is aimed at trying to target and prevent crime that is motivated by prejudice based on the race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability. I believe it is important that we as a society state clearly that crimes motivated by prejudice, such as anti-Semitism, need and deserve special attention, and thus I am proud to cosponsor this legislation.

Mayor Laffey: There are traces of anti-Semitism today in America, but I think the bigger problem is that the anti-Semitism of old has morphed into a new form of anti-Semitism that disguises itself in anti-Israel attacks. The best way for America to deal with this problem is to continue being a steadfast defender of Israel on the global stage and in the United Nations, and to do our best to educate the world about what the situation in Israel is truly like.

Carl Sheeler: Yes, as a practicing Catholic/Christian born to a Jewish mother, I find these acts reprehensible and vile. They permit me more sensitivity to other forms of prejudice, bias and preconceived notions. As I respond to this question, six Jews were killed in cold-blood. This is the extremism that single-minded conservatism begets. There exists federal hate crime laws that provide for more severe punishment, which states are expected to adhere to or strengthen as they see fit.

Sheldon Whitehouse: While the majority of Rhode Islanders, and Americans at large, do not harbor anti-Semitic attitudes I am concerned that stereotypical, prejudiced views are still too prevalent in our society. Where anti-Semitism exists in America, it obviously is a serious concern. In the face of such attitudes, I believe that federal and state governments must be vigilant in taking steps to ensure equal opportunity and protection under the law for all people. I support the enhancement and vigorous enforcement of anti-hate crime laws.

CHOICE

What is your stand on the abortion issue and a woman's right to choose? Are there any exceptions to your stated position and do you think Roe v. Wade should be overturned by the current Supreme Court?

Sen. Chafee: I strongly support a woman's right to choose and will continue to oppose any attempts to overturn Roe v. Wade.

Mayor Laffey: After seeing the five sonograms of my own children, I find it difficult to be anything other than a defender of human life, much like Congressman Langevin and Governor Carcieri; however, I support exceptions in the case of rape, incest, and a threat to the mother's life. I do not believe in having litmus tests for federal judges and would support a qualified, educated judge regardless of his or her position on the question of abortion.

Carl Sheeler: Pro-choice with the following understanding: Our government should remain out of our bedrooms as the line dangerously approaches the issues of birth control use; while acknowledging some faith-based institutions have beliefs incongruent with these laws and may practice these beliefs. Men's rights ought to be considered as well (Ex. The double standard of the woman elects not to terminate and holds father financially responsible; however, also has the right to terminate with no involvement by the father); however, the goal ought to always be the reduction of the number of unwanted pregnancies by offering viable alternatives as most Western European countries have been able to do. I believe these countries have exceptions for third trimester pregnancies.

Sheldon Whitehouse: I am pro-choice and feel that family planning decisions are personal choices that each woman must be free to make for herself and with her family, in consultation with her health care providers. I strongly believe that the Supreme Court's ruling in Roe v. Wade protects a woman's right to choose and that as a result the matter of choice is settled law. Failing to enact their anti-choice agenda through the electoral or legislative process, right-wing conservative elements have adopted a concerted strategy of packing the federal courts. I would have voted against nominations such as Priscilla Owen, Janice Rogers Brown, John Roberts, and Samuel Alito, and would reserve my right to filibuster or use other procedural steps to block them if necessary.

ENERGY

What should the U.S. and its citizens be doing to reduce our dependence on foreign oil and the use of fossil fuels?

Sen. Chafee: Our country's addiction to foreign oil is one of the most challenging issues that we face. It is a threat to our environment and to our national security. I have worked to raise emissions standards in automobiles and to encourage American industry to invest in the development of alternative sources of energy. By reducing our consumption and promoting alternative fuel vehicles, we can set America free from its dangerous overdependence on foreign oil.

In the Senate, I have been one of the leaders in the effort to wean our country off of its addiction to foreign oil. Recently, I joined a bipartisan group of senators in introducing legislation to raise Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards for all vehicles, including SUVs. Known as the "Ten in Ten" bill, this legislation would save the United States 2.5 million barrels of oil per day, the same amount of oil imported from the Persian Gulf.

At the same time, I've supported efforts to encourage businesses and automobile manufacturers to invest in hybrid technology and alternative energy sources such as solar and wind power. I have also championed legislation which would mandate that all schools and federal buildings begin to use energy efficient technology, to become so-called "green buildings."

Mayor Laffey: My plan for energy independence is a four-step process:

1. We need to raise the fuel efficiency standards of our vehicles. Today cars get 27.5 mpg. They should be getting at least 40 mpg.
2. We need major tax credits for electric hybrid vehicles.
3. We need 20-year tax credits for producers of renewable power. This will help increase supply.
4. We need major tax credits for purchases of renewable energy systems. Today tax credits are at 30%. My plan calls for tax credits at 90%. This will help increase demand.

Carl Sheeler: Separate our foreign and energy policies and do what we should have begun in the 1970's by developing alternatives. It would also likely provide more regional stability and reduce influence of energy lobbyists and energy rich countries. Instead of giving \$12.5 billion in tax subsidies to energy companies, apply the funds towards financing development of existing patents and new research with a three year timeline, not thirty. Funding could also be applied to replacing all local, state and federal vehicles with hybrid, hydrogen or bio-diesel in the next five years. The net result is significantly new clean industry jobs and drop in fuel prices due to lower consumption and cleaner environment.

Sheldon Whitehouse: Ending America's dependence on foreign oil will enhance our national security, safeguard our environment, ensure America's economic competitiveness in the 21st century, and ease the burden of energy costs on family budgets. I believe that just as America met President Kennedy's challenge to put a man on the moon, through an intense program of scientific research, a dedicated strategy to increase efficiency and creation of a growing role for renewable fuels America can end dependence on foreign oil by 2020. By doing so, we can claim the forefront of technology and global leadership in reducing fossil fuel use and greenhouse gas emissions.

In order to succeed in meeting this challenge, we must dramatically increase the miles per gallon of our existing cars, invest in new automotive technology like hybrid and flex-fuel vehicles, and raise the efficiency of our homes and appliances. We can also lower demand for foreign oil by expanding our use of renewable energy sources such as wind, solar, wave, and geothermal power, and research and development producing cleaner, more efficient fuel technologies.

CHURCH-STATE

Do you think religious symbols have a place in public schools or on display on local, state or federally-owned property? What about a "moment of silence" in public schools — is this prayer?

Sen. Chafee: Rhode Island was founded on the principle of religious freedom. I have long been a firm believer in maintaining the separation of church and state, and I believe that the introduction of religious symbols into public schools could undermine that separation and create an environment where one religion could be promoted over others.

Mayor Laffey: The Supreme Court has ruled that certain cultural religious symbols, like the menorah, are allowed on federal property, and I support that as long as the opportunity is available to all.

Carl Sheeler: Church and state is not the same thing as religion and law. Either there needs to be an all or nothing policy recognizing religious freedom in our public schools and government (the people's) property. Personal freedoms need to be protected for the good of the many; hence, I believe such displays while being well meaning create a condition that can be construed as prejudice or bias or forced acceptance. Therefore, they should be limited to places where honoring these choices is at the discretion of the owner or organization or faith-based institution. I agree with the moment of silence.

Sheldon Whitehouse: I do not believe that it is appropriate, under the separation of church and state contained in the First Amendment, to allow the display of religious symbols in schools or government buildings for religious purposes. I believe that any policy decisions regarding the expression of religion in schools should involve all members of the community in a discussion rooted in mutual respect and understanding, and focused on education not proselytization. Such policies must strive to find a delicate balance that allows for individual expression without institutionalizing any one system of beliefs.

For responses from the candidates on the issue of same-sex marriage and stem-cell research, visit the Jewish Voice & Herald's website at www.jvhri.org.

Simchas

Births



Elena Rose Torman

Roberta Torman of Mandeville, La., announces the arrival of her adopted daughter, Elena Rose on Jan. 25. Elena was born Aug. 1, 2005 in Guatemala.

Her grandparents are **Sam and Lois Torman** of Cranston.



Jared Henry Haynes

Lawrence and Ronna Presel Haynes of Trumbull, Conn., formerly of Cranston, announce the birth of their son, Jared Henry on June 14. The baby weighed 9 lbs., 12.6 oz. He is named after his paternal great-grandfather and maternal great-grandfather.

The grandparents are **Donald and Arlene Presel** of Delray Beach, Fla., formerly of Cranston; and **Gerry and Joyce Pontbriand** of West Windsor, N.J.



Jonah Butler Hasegawa and big brother, Nate

LOS ANGELES, Cal. — **Stephen S. and Andrea B. (Miller) Hasegawa** announce the birth of a son, **Jonah Butler Hasegawa**, on Dec. 2, 2005. Jonah was welcomed home by his big brother, **Nate**. Jonah's Hebrew name is **Yonah Chaim**.

The maternal grandparents are **Louis and Ann Messier** of Warwick. Maternal great-grandparents are **Edward and Evelyn Wasser** of Warwick.

The paternal grandparents are **Tsuyoshi Hasegawa and Deborah Strainhoff** of Santa Barbara, Cal., and **Nancy Butler Tularo** of Seattle, Wash. Paternal great-grandfather is **Dallas Butler** of Seattle, Wash.

People

Torat Yisrael elects Smoller

CRANSTON — Susan Smoller of Warwick, a long-time leader in Rhode Island Jewish educational circles, was recently elected president of Temple Torat Yisrael, a conservative Jewish congregation in Cranston.

Manager of external audits and quality assurance at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Rhode Island, she brings to the position a strong background and commitment to Jewish affairs, strong financial credentials, and a passion for Temple Torat Yisrael and its future growth.

"As a congregation we are poised to reach a new level, with strong professional and lay leadership and a clear mission to re-establish Torat Yisrael as a vibrant congregation in the West Bay area," she said.

She is a graduate of the University of Rhode Island, where she earned her CPA designation, received a graduate diploma in French Civilization from the Sorbonne in Paris, and a bachelor of science in mathematics and computer science from the University of Cape Town, South Africa.

She has taught in Temple Torat Yisrael's Cohen Religious School, and served as chair of the Harry Elkin Midrasha Community High School. She also serves on the board of directors of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island.

In other community activities, Susan has served as president of the Kent County Hadassah, vice present for membership of the Rhode Island chapter of Hadassah, and has been a member of the Big Sisters Fund

board of directors. At Temple Torat Yisrael, she has previously served as vice president of programming, on the temple's board of directors, and as president of its sisterhood.



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