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Live entertainment by Yom Haddash, a classic rock band from New Bedford and Gann Academy Shenigans Acapella Group. Park at Bentley College and enjoy a free, short shuttle to Gann Academy. For more information and to register, visit www.cjp.org/celebrateisrael. This year there will also be activities hosted by Jewish day schools such as: Gann Academy, Boston's Jewish Community Day School, Maimonides School, MetroWest Jewish Day School, The Rashi School, Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Boston, South Area Solomon Schechter Day School, Striar Hebrew Academy of Sharon. Co-sponsored by: Consulate General of Israel to New England, Gann Academy The New Jewish High School of Greater Boston, Jewish Community Centers of Greater Boston, Jewish Community Relations Council, NRM Catering, Inc. and Rentals Unlimited.



ZIMRIYAH SONG FESTIVAL AT SASSDS
 Tuesday, June 8 from at 6:00 p.m.
FREE

Students of the South Area Solomon Schechter Day School in Norwood take great pride in their love of music and song.

Each year SASSDS holds an all-school song festival called Zimriyah. This year's event is set for June 8 at 6:00 p.m. at the school. The Zimriyah is an elaborate celebration involving children, parents and grandparents. Also performing will be the alumni orchestra, a parent dance troupe, and SASSDS' Israeli dance troupe, Kochavim.

The Zimriyah theme and songs are chosen by the Hebrew faculty. The performance is further enhanced by a multi-media show and other high-tech effects. Learning Hebrew songs is an integral part of SASSDS' Hebrew curriculum when students learn about Israeli composers and their works, and about Israeli history and culture.

In recent years, two noted Israeli composers met with the children: Datya Ben Dor and Dudu Barak. This year, award-winning composer Nahum Hyman is the Zimriyah's special guest. SASSDS 8th graders

met Mr. Hyman during their recent trip to Israel. Music plays a big role at SASSDS. About 25% of the student body take music lessons and are in the orchestra and Jazz Band. The Jazz Band just released a CD, 'The Chai of the Tiger,' with classics first recorded even before their parents or grandparents were born. Last year students presented the all-Hebrew musical 'Peter Pan.' Many participate in the Barbara F. Guzovsky Makhe-la (choir) which performs throughout Greater Boston, including Faneuil Hall for Yom Hashoah.

The Zimriyah is open to the community and admission is free. For information: 781-769-5555, or visit www.sassds.org.

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EDITORIAL

Events for All



This edition of Shalom Magazine includes coverage of many events in our community. There are galas, award ceremonies and fundraisers; all gather the Jewish people together for a good cause. However, one thing that I hear a lot from local Jewish people is that they do not feel included if they do not have money to contribute. It's as if either you are on the donor list or among the people being helped by the organizations. I'm sure there are many who would love to participate in Jewish events, parties,

concerts or lectures, but they simply cannot afford the cost of admission. Therefore, not only do we have a hard time letting people know about what is happening, but we also may need to find out who wants to participate, but needs some assistance. And it's important to note that we are not talking about poor people. We are talking about people who once perhaps were donors or children of donors, but just happen to be in a current situation where they just do not have any extra income. And they won't ask for assistance.

I remember when I had a Jewish radio program in Brazil, I used to receive many invitations for Jewish events. Whenever I had the opportunity, I would ask the organizers to give me some extra tickets to raffle off during my show. Sometimes I would even donate my own tickets, since I could not attend all the events. It was great to find that people would call the radio show in order to get free tickets for a concert at a synagogue, for example. Those were people that would never ordinarily call the organization, or ask for a discount. There ought to be many different ways to reach out to people without embarrassing them, and make them feel that they are an integral part of the community, even if they do not possess a fortune.

That is why I love to attend the "New England Celebrates Israel" event each year. It is free for all to attend, there are many attractions, and you meet a lot of Jewish friends. The next one will take place at Gann Academy in Waltham on Sunday, June 6.

If you have any suggestions, comments or ideas THAT YOU would like to share WITH our readers, please send an email to shalomMa@msn.com. Be well, be happy, have a great summer and see you at Shalom Magazine in September!

Shirley Nigri Farber - Editor

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South Area Solomon Schechter Day School

Peter Yarrow Inspires crowd of 350 at Chaijinks 2010

By Stanley Hurwitz

Chaijinks 2010 was a success on many levels, attracting new friends to the school community, honoring distinguished community leaders, and raising critical funds for the SASSDS Scholarship Fund. Peter Yarrow proved the words of one of his songs, that, indeed, Music speaks louder than words, as all ages joined in such favorites as Puff, The Magic Dragon and Light One Candle, which he sang with the school choir in both English and Hebrew. He spoke about his pet project, Operation Respect: Don't Laugh at Me, that teaches respect and fights bullying and prejudice. "We need to teach kids to grow up to be mensches," he declared. He received the Richard B. Ross Award, named to honor the memory and work of Ross, a Boston businessman and SASSDS mentor who died aboard the ill-fated American Airlines Flight 11 on September 11, 2001. Husband and wife attorneys and community leaders Jordan D. Hershman and Diana K. Lloyd received the Lester B. Gilson Community Service Award. Robert Starr received the Effie Goldstein Memorial Volunteer Award.



Robert Starr and family



Sara Ades Goodwin and friends



Peter Yarrow



Jordan Hershman and Diana Lloyd flanking Peter Yarrow, along with their family members.



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Attendees included Governor Deval Patrick, City Council President Mike Ross, Secretary of Labor & Workforce Development Joanne Goldstein, Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz, Exec. Director of MORI Richard Chacon, and Consul General of Israel to New England Nadav Tamir.

This year's gala honored our outstanding employer partner, Hebrew SeniorLife and its CEO, Len Fishman with the 2010 Business Leadership Award; and recognized Temple Beth Shalom in Needham with the Community Innovator Award.

We also had the pleasure of hearing first-hand accounts of the significant accomplishments of two JVS All-Stars, LaTarsha Johnson, Licensed Practical Nurse at Hebrew SeniorLife; and Glenn Stern, Administrative Director of the Center for Cancer Systems Biology at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center.



Stacy Goodman, Grand Prize Raffle winner



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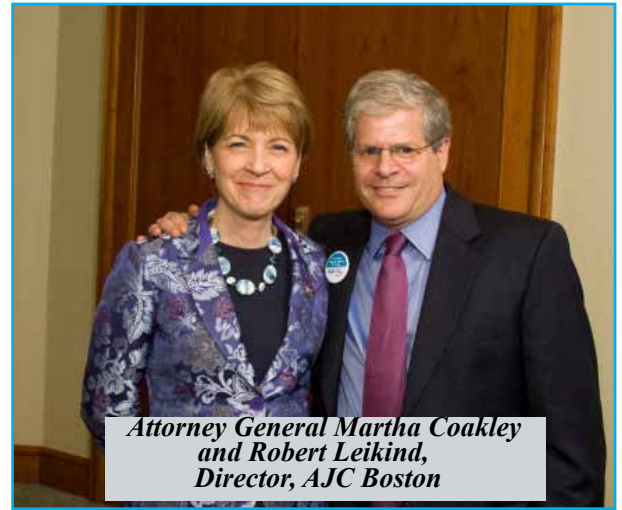
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Jeff Robbins, a litigation partner at the law firm Mintz Levin Cohn Ferris Glovsky and Popeo, P.C. and former U.S. Delegate to the United Nations Human Rights Commission under President Clinton, received the AJC Boston 2010 Human Rights Award

By Rebecca Keys

On Tuesday, May 25, 2010, Jeff Robbins, a litigation partner at the law firm Mintz Levin Cohn Ferris Glovsky and Popeo, P.C. and former U.S. Delegate to the United Nations Human Rights Commission under President Clinton, received the AJC Boston 2010 Human Rights Award before a crowd of 450 at the Seaport Hotel in Boston.

Remarks were given by Governor Deval Patrick following video tributes by Senator Carl Levin, Senator Susan Collins, and Former Dean of Yale Law School and current Legal Adviser of the Department of State Harold Koh.

Keynote speaker AJC Executive Director David Harris praised Robbins for his stalwart commitment to human rights and spoke of the global challenges threatening the rights of vulnerable peoples around the world and AJC's great efforts to advance democratic and pluralist values.



Governor Deval Patrick



Joe Sieber, President, Inscribe, Robert Leikind, Director, AJC Boston, Jeff Robbins, honoree, Michael Tichnor, President, AJC Boston, R. Robert Popeo, and Henry Sullivan



Israeli Innovation comes to Boston

photos: Nir Landau

Over 1,000 people attended Israeli Innovation weekend at Newton's Congregation Mishkan Tefilah and Boston's Museum of Science from April 30th through May 2nd.

The program, organized by Sid and Nancy Lejfer, the Consulate General of Israel to New England, and Combined Jewish Philanthropies, featured numerous experts, and a series of exhibits at the Museum of Science, on the Israeli economy and its recent innovations in clean technology, health and life sciences, agriculture and other fields.

The weekend, part of an annual program in memory of philanthropist Alan J. Tichnor, began April 30th, with remarks from the Israeli Embassy's Minister of Economic Affairs Asaf Vitman, and culminated May 2nd, with a panel of experts moderated by "Start-Up Nation" co-author Saul Singer.

"Most Israel-related events these days focus on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict," said Sid Lejfer, chair of the Israeli Innovation Weekend Organizing Committee, "but we wanted to bring the other side of Israel-its tremendous innovative spirit-to the local community."

Also included in the festivities was a Saturday evening "Night on Ben Yehuda Street" featuring Israeli vendors, food, music, and dancing at Congregation Mishkan Tefilah in Newton.

"It's hard to think of a more appropriate location for an event featuring Israeli innovation than Boston. In my four years as consul general this was undoubtedly one of the most successful events," said Consul General Nadav Tamir.

The program also garnered praise from Tel Aviv University Professor Yosi Shacham-Diamand. "This was the best event I've ever attended in the US or Europe recognizing Israeli innovation.it warmed my heart," said Shacham-Diamand.

In addition to those who attended the events, over 20,000 passed through the gates of the Museum of Science during the week-long period that the Israeli Innovation exhibit was on display, making it the most widely viewed exhibit of its kind to date.



SASSDS students at the Museum of Science



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Governor Deval Patrick with Arlene Remz, Aliza Kline & Rabbi Bradley Solmsen

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The CHAI Works! ASL Chorus conducted by Sandy Slavet

At the Synagogue Council of Massachusetts's May 17, 2010 Annual Meeting, over 200 attendees were excited by the surprise appearance of Governor Deval Patrick. In his remarks, the governor thanked the Synagogue Council for its unique work bridging the gap between people of different backgrounds and promoting Jewish religious pluralism.

Leaders of Boston's Jewish community came together at Temple Shalom of Newton to thank three innovators of creative, pluralistic Jewish educational endeavors for their unique accomplishments: Arlene Remz, Aliza Kline & Rabbi Bradley Solmsen. In addition to learning about three cutting-edge Jewish education initiatives and meeting the dynamic and talented leaders who have built them, a large and grateful audience experienced a wonderful evening of celebration, Jewish music, and unity...not to mention great desserts!

The Synagogue Council is promoting the Unity Shabbaton from Friday August 6 to Sunday August 8. It will be weekend of Study and Prayer featuring a faculty of noted scholars, including Rabbis Ariel Burger, Sally Finestone and Emily Mathis. For more information visit: www.synagoguecouncil.org.



Governor Patrick with Aliza Kline and Rachel Chafetz



Governor Deval Patrick with Alan Teperow Executive Director of the Synagogue Council



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 By Julia Deardorff and Talia Rubin

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Because of repeated religious and political persecution directed against the Jews (both young and old), when I was 15 I decided to escape to Italy. Although I faced what seemed to be insurmountable odds along the way as a homeless/minor refugee with no guardians, the Jewish Agency in Rome assisted me in my efforts to immigrate to Israel. In Israel I lived in a kibbutz and a moshav (a farm-style settlement) until my military draft age of 18, when I joined the IDF (Israel Defense Forces) for five years.



Armos during the army service

On June 5, 1967, once again another pogrom against the Jews of Libya took place in revenge for what seemed to be the imminent victory of Israel in the Six-Day war. At the urging of the Red Cross, the then King Idris authorized the safe evacuation and re-settlement of more than 5,000 Jews to a settlement camp outside the city of Tripoli. Some of the Jews were allowed to leave Libya for Italy, but had to leave their homes and all their belongings behind. In September of 1969, Colonel Muammar Gaddafi overthrew the Libyan Monarchy and nationalized all Jewish property and assets. He also ordered the expulsion of all the remaining Jews, including my family, to Italy.

In Israel, while educating myself in learning a new language and culture, I also served in the Israeli military. Despite my then-limited knowledge of the English language, I had decided to pursue my childhood dream of coming to the United States, the one and only country in the world where with education and

hard work I would make my dreams come true. Since my arrival in the United States, I further pursued my college education, and because of my multi-lingual background and my desire to learn new languages, I further pursued an education in court reporting and legal field services where I observed, translated, reported and documented thousands of stories for the court system and otherwise.



Because of my past experiences and after listening to numerous and similar life stories from various people, family members and friends, I have come to realize the importance of creating an opportunity for everyone to record and share their own life stories with their loved ones. I came to the conclusion that our life's journey should never fade and that no one should underestimate the power of their life as every one of us has a story to tell. We all have a responsibility to make life better for future generations by learning from

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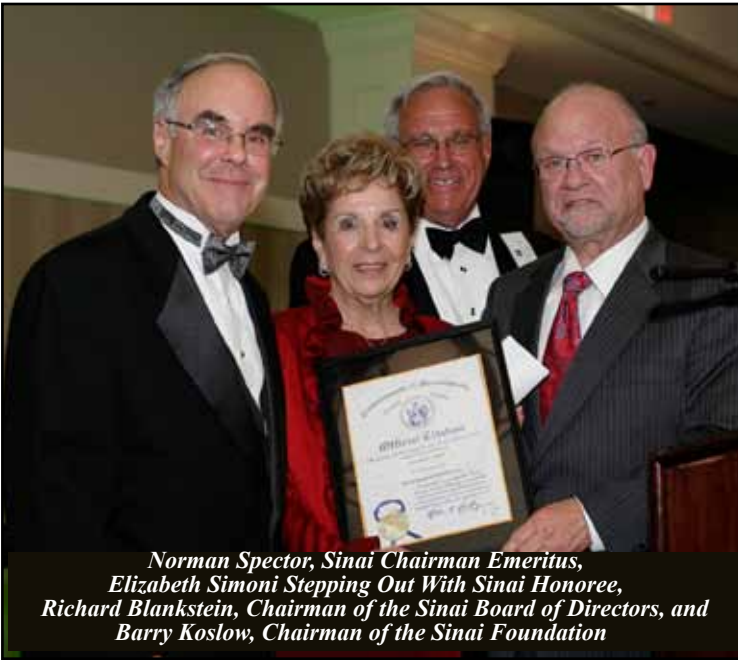
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Promoting a new paradigm between Israel and American Jewry

By Nadav Tamir
Consul General of Israel to New England

Over the past four years I've had the distinct privilege of representing the Israeli government here in New England; the heart of American Jewry. I began my post certain there is no cause more important to promoting Israel's interests than furthering the connection between Israeli and American Jews, and this assertion has not only been solidified, but enhanced. The amount of passion for Israel in the local Jewish community, and the quality and quantity of talent devoted to utilizing this passion, are equally inspiring.



But in order to effectively continue this work we must remain a people united through our desire to improve the world around us - Tikkun Olam. This includes changing the "one-way street" paradigm where Israel only asks what American Jewry can do for it, not what it can do for American Jewry, and encouraging people-to-people connections and partnerships that promote our common vision.

Our relationship must be based not merely on financial interests, for Israel has long since shed the label of "charity case," but on a mutual desire to endorse shared values of democracy, freedom of religion and press, and equal economic and social opportunities for all.

It's absolutely essential that our younger generation sees Israel in a light they can relate to. If we present Israel as an attractive, dynamic, and innovative place, at the forefront of GLBT rights and environmental progress, and as somewhere relevant to their life, they'll be more apt to get and stay connected. To that end, Birthright has been a remarkable success story. Recent studies have only reinforced the already widely held belief that their alumni are more energized about Israel and likely to remain part of the united Jewish community.

Additionally, we're lucky to have organizations like CJP and JCRC, which not only support the work being done by Birthright, but also organize legislative, civic, religious and judicial missions to Israel. Continuing to encourage their work is one of the most important steps we can take in strengthening the Israel coalition, a coalition that must be broadened, rather than narrowed, if we wish for it to remain strong.

It doesn't matter where people are coming from- left, right, or center- only that they are passionate and supportive of Israel's right to exist, for it isn't criticism we should fear, but apathy and disengagement.

As we go forth into the next decade there are countless challenges facing our community, both in America and Israel. Challenges that are very serious, but challenges best faced as a community united in our desire for a better world.

As Golda Meir once said: "Whatever was accomplished in this country was accomplished collectively."

And it remains true. Whatever our community accomplishes and overcomes in the years to come, we'll do so collectively.

Mural Restoration Project Reveals Religious Pilgrimage Sites and Local Treasure

The Vilna Shul, Boston's only Jewish historic site, has uncovered rare Eastern European style murals in the city's last immigrant era synagogue sanctuary that may tell historians just as much about Jewish life in America as it does about Jewish life in Eastern Europe. Although three layers of murals were discovered under a beige overcoat in the late 1990s through a grant from the Amelia Peabody Charitable Foundation, substantial portions of the murals have only just recently been uncovered. This part of the restoration is being funded by the American Express Partners in Preservation program, a partnership of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the American Express Foundation.

Last spring, Vilna Shul was one of 25 historic sites around Greater Boston selected to participate in the Partners in Preservation program. This program allowed people from around the world to vote for their sites to receive funding. Thousands of people from around the world voted daily in support of the Vilna Shul. As a result, the Vilna Shul, a synagogue built in 1919 that is now used as a cultural center and museum, received \$90,800 in restoration funding.

Art conservators began revealing all three layers of painted designs on the back wall of the Vilna Shul Women's Gallery in mid February. Because no photographs of the building have surfaced from before the 1980s, the details of the murals are largely a mystery. By late April conservators had finished un-

covering the more recent murals, and had come upon Hebrew lettering on the walls. The writing indicates that the walls were originally painted with images of the second and third holiest sites in Judaism.

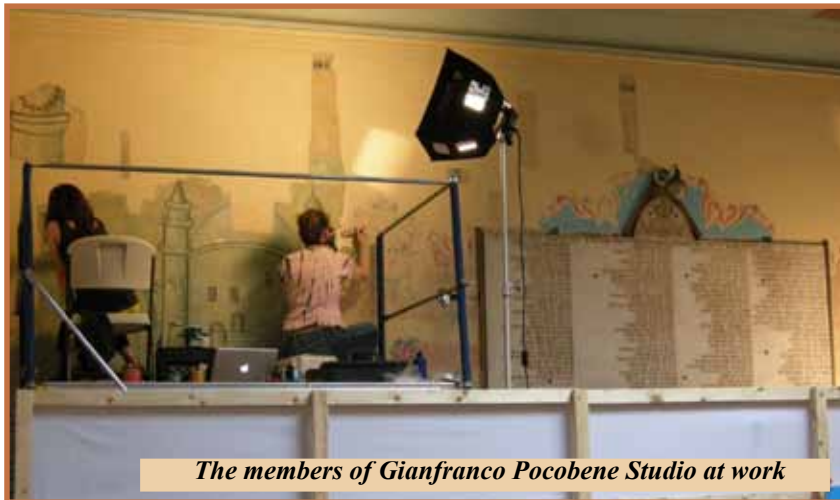
The right side of the wall reveals the Cave of the Patriarchs, a holy site for Jews, Muslims and Christians. Located in the ancient city of Hebron, it is here that Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob and Leah are said to be buried. The left side of the wall reveals the Tomb of Rachel, a site of pilgrimage along the ancient Bethlehem-Ephrath road, known as the "Route of the Patriarchs", where Jacob's second wife, Rachel died in childbirth.

Although painted scenes were common in Eastern European synagogues and in places that Jews immigrated to, most have been destroyed or are badly in need of restoration work. Far less traditional, the second and third murals give insights into the progression and stages of Americanization among these Jewish immigrants.

Visitors to the Vilna Shul this summer will get to watch as conservators continue to uncover these rare painted designs. Daily tours of the building will continue to be available, sharing not only the history and culture of Jews in Boston, but a behind the scenes look into the history, progression and

conservation process of Jewish synagogue paintings.

The Vilna Shul is located at 18 Phillips St. on Beacon Hill. It is open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11-5, and Sundays from 1-5. Tours on Mondays and Tuesdays are by appointment only. Admission is by donation.



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Local poetry publisher hones adventurous side in Eretz Yisroel



By Susie Davidson

He is a poetry and small press impresario of mythic stature. His Ibbetson Street Press has published over 50 books and 20 literary journals. A longtime mental health counselor at McLean Hospital with an M.A. in Literature from Harvard University, he will lead a July poetry series at the Newton Jewish Community Center. He curates the Newton Free Library Poetry Series, has taught writing at Bunker Hill Community College, and at

Endicott College in Beverly, is the Arts Editor for the Somerville News, and has authored several acclaimed poetry collections.

But it took an invitation by “Voices Israel Group of Poets in English” Anthology Editor-in-Chief Helen Bar-Lev to judge their International Reuben Rose Poetry Award to get Doug Holder on a jumbo jet last April. Well-traveled in Somerville, “from the tony environs of Davis Square to the hinterlands of Sullivan Square,” Holder’s desire to experience the Holy Land did not completely eclipse his apprehension. But having reached his 50s, he said, “I have arrived at the second half of the roller coaster ride, or as Camus put it, I am ‘responsible for my own face.’”

Traveling from the mountains in the north, to the south and the Mediterranean, Holder felt a strong sense of a country under siege. While soldiers, young women and men with M-16s were ubiquitous, he observed the same guard at workshops in Haifa, Tel Aviv, and Jerusalem. “It seemed everybody had been intimately affected by violence.” He stayed in homes hit by SCUD missiles during the 2006 Lebanese incursion, and encountered constant security checks.

In Metula, alongside a town hit over 100 times by Katyusha rockets, Holder stayed with Bar-Lev and her partner, poet John Michael Simon (he had published the couple’s “Cyclamens and Swords” collection, accompanied by Bar-Lev’s artwork, about the Land of Israel). “I found the workshop participants (who included a female rabbi, an art therapist and an English teacher) as passionate about poetry as politics,” said Holder.

According to Bar-Lev, Voices began in response to a 1971 letter published in the Jerusalem Post. Since the first meeting of founding members Leslie Summers, Reuben Rose, Moshe Ben-Zvi and Jacob Katwan, Voices, which meets monthly in Jerusalem, Tel-Aviv and Haifa, now includes 120 members from Israel and abroad.

“Everyone loved Doug,” said the New York native, who has held over eighty worldwide exhibitions. She met Holder in 2006 while she and Simon traveled in the U.S. and Canada. She read at the Newton Library series and in New Brunswick, Hamilton, and Vancouver.

Adrian Boas, a senior lecturer in Archeology at Haifa University, took Holder through Jerusalem, where he placed his

“Poems from Boston and Just Beyond: From the Back Bay to the Back Ward” in the Wailing Wall.

Voices President Mike Scheidemann, who co-founded the UNESCO-sponsored World Congress of Poets, took Holder to “Yizre’el,” one of the last purely socialist kibbutzim. Holder, who enjoyed the produce, eggs, and sardines from the fish farms on the kibbutz, said their factory produces internationally acclaimed pool filtration equipment. “Everyone has their own house, plant managers and dishwashers get the same pay, and they share communal cars.”

“Being the urban and hopefully urbane man that I am, I was anxious for a taste of the cities,” continued Holder, who stayed at the Haifa home of Susan and Richard Rosenberg. Jerusalem Post journalist Wendy Blumfield and her husband David showed him the old Arab Quarter, and the Hasidic-populated Jewish section. In Tel Aviv, he presented awards at the ZOA House cultural center. Award winners included Chestnut Hill, MA, resident Zvi Sesling.

Netanya, a seaside resort between Tel Aviv and Hadera, was Holder’s final stop. He jogged on the long stretch of beach along the placid blue/green waters of the Mediterranean and savored hummus at a beach café. “Many Russian immigrants play chess, cards, and down more than a few shots at the beach,” he said. Holder ran two workshops at the Residence Hotel. Attendees included fellow Long Island-bred Donna Bechar; Voices’ Rena Nevon; noted literary critic, Saul Bellow scholar, and peace activist Ada Aharoni, who taught Comparative Literature at Haifa University and founded The International Forum For Literature and Peace; and actor/poet Amiel Schotz.

“The English-language poetry scene is very active,” said attendee Dara Barnat, a doctoral student who teaches poetry and creative writing at the Department of English and American Studies at Tel Aviv University and Beit Berl Academic College. “Well-known poets writing in English include Karen Alkalay-Gut, Linda Zisquit, and Shirley Kaufman,” she said. While the ringside-evoking slam poetry trend has yet to find a place, writers’ groups and poetry

readings at universities, cafes, and private homes are popular. Barnat’s department holds an annual student reading in English. “A large percentage of Israelis is at least bilingual, which influences the character of English-language poetry, whether written or performed,” she said.

“I had my fears traveling across the world to the Middle East, especially in these troubling times, but I faced them,” said Holder in retrospect. “I was challenged on many fronts: the jam-packed schedule, finding relevant things to say about scores of work-shopped poems, and dealing with an unfamiliar culture and environment. But I arrived back at my usual seat at the Sherman Café (and occasionally Bloc 11) in Somerville in one piece, and I am a much better man for the experience.”



Doug Holder (Right) and Israeli poet John Michael Simon (left)



Group of poets in Netanya

Cyclamens and Swords

by Helen Bar Lev

Life should be sunflowers and poetry
symphonies and four o'clock tea
instead it's entangled
like necklaces in a drawer
when you reach in for cyclamens
you pull out swords

This is a country
which devours its inhabitants,
spits them out hollow like the shells of seeds,
defies them to survive
despite the peacelessness,
promises them cyclamens
but rewards them with swords

It is here we live with
symphonies and sunflowers,
poetry and four o'clock tea,
enmeshed in an absurd passion for this land
entangled as we are in its history,
like butterflies in a net
or sheep in a barbed wire fence

Where it is forbidden
to pick cyclamens
but necessary
to brandish swords

*Helen Bar Lev invited
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Where Shepherds No Longer Play

By Zvi A Sesling

She rode the bus to Tel Aviv
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but n those days dangerous
because ambushers hid behind rocks
where shepherds once rested their flocks
and David composed his psalms
in the heat of the summer as relentless
as the killers who stalk their human prey
back then, among the rocks
where shepherds no longer play.

The gunshots sounded and echoed
among those rocks where shepherds
once played their harps,
the music of God.

However, on that day,
bullets were the only song
and she died to their tune.

*Zvi A Sesling was the winner of the Voices Israel Rueben
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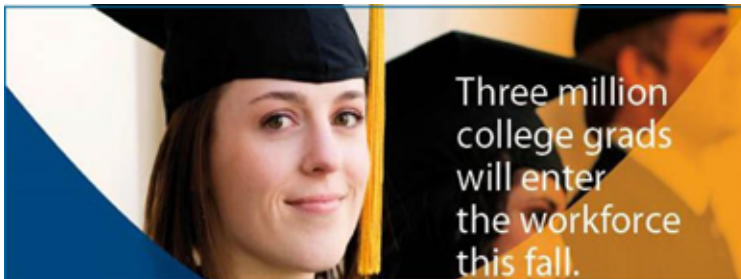
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Matt Robinson

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In this capacity, he oversees scores of people who, like him, play hard and sing loud!

For over 21 years, Stiller has been a fixture at the piano at Jacob Wirth's in Boston's Theater District (www.jacobwirth.com). Every Friday night from 8-12, this self-taught pianist leads the carousing crowd in a songbook that is larger than the Boston phonebook!

"There are 500 in the songbook," Stiller says, "and I probably know a few hundred that are not in the book."

From "Hava Nagila" to "Sweet Caroline" (one of the most popular requests) to "Unchained Melody" (one of the maestro's personal favorites), Stiller plays every song by ear and by heart, regardless of the talent of his accompaniment.

"I have been playing since I can remember," says the devoted music fan who taught himself to play by listening to and mimicking his favorite songs on the radio.

As an autodidact, Stiller was a bit reticent to perform outside of his home.

"Because I was self-taught I didn't have the confidence to play," he explains.

However, when his children's college tuitions came around and Stiller went looking for a part-time job, his friends suggested he take his piano proclivities public. After a few years of schlepping to a pub in Fitchburg, Stiller found a connection to the staff at Worth's and began performing there.

"Originally, it was a happy-hour kind of thing," he recalls, "but we found out that people who came in after work didn't want to sing and that by the time they were ready I was heading home, so we pushed it to 8 p.m. to midnight."

Though the piano has been moved to the back of the dining hall in order to make room for all his fans, the music and the fun remain the same.

"When the crowd is good," Stiller says, "it's really a lot of fun!"

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Bogus 'pro peace' organizations undermine Israel

By *Isi Liebler - Israel Resource Review*
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Jerusalem — Of late, the western media has provided inordinate prominence to Jewish fringe organizations like J Street and its European clone, JCall, which define themselves as “liberal” and “pro-peace”, but concentrate on castigating the Israeli government and undermining mainstream Diaspora pro-Israel Jewish organizations.

These bodies are primarily controlled by anti-Israeli activists, but also include many well-meaning but confused liberal fellow travelers. They also attract uninformed Jews and members of the anti-Zionist chic influenced by constant negative media depictions of Israel.

Their core message is that the Jewish establishment is alienating the bulk of the Jewish street, by blindly supporting the policies of an extremist right wing Israeli government and indulging in “McCarthyite” tactics to excommunicate anyone who dares to criticize Israeli policies.

These unrepresentative bodies receive widespread favorable exposure by a media which relishes quoting Jews beating up on Israel. Whenever Jewish writers or academics condemn Israel or castigate their own community, they are portrayed as heroic voices of conscience resisting a harsh and bigoted Jewish leadership. One only has to compare the enormous media coverage provided to the European J Call petition criticizing Israel with a counter petition by Italian MP Fiamma Nirenstein which contained many more signatories and was effectively ignored.

This was also exemplified in the US by the extraordinary media coverage extended to former New Republic editor Peter Beinart who wrote a lengthy essay titled “The Failure of the American Jewish Establishment” in the New York Review of Books, a periodical renowned for its longstanding hostility to successive Israeli governments. Beinart selectively chose extremist remarks from Israeli hawks, falsely alleged that Prime Minister Netanyahu repudiated the Oslo Accords, quoted the “renowned” Hebrew University professor Ze’ev Sternhell - a bitter post-Zionist - alleging that Israel has “fascist characteristics” and accusing the Israeli government and Jewish leadership of alienating the younger generation of liberal Jews.

There is an uncanny parallel between these “pro-peace” groups and the bogus peace councils sponsored by the Soviet Union during the Cold War, which also claimed to be the true custodians of peace and succeeded in duping many “fellow travelers” into becoming accessories in promoting the global objectives of the Evil Empire.

Today these pseudo “pro-peace” bodies seek to undermine the only liberal democratic state in the region and divert attention from the reprehensible behavior and denial of human rights practiced by Israel’s enemies.

In the battle of the war of ideas in which electronic media images of the suffering of the underdog blur moral considerations of right and wrong and disregard the source of conflicts, these groups distort the case for Israel and undermine the Zionist narrative.

They call on the global community to pressure the government of Israel to make further unilateral concessions. They insist that the core of the problem rests with the settlements, an issue which does divide Israelis. However, the suggestion that peace and goodwill would be achieved if Israel unilaterally withdrew from territories across the green line is absolute nonsense and detracts from the real obstacle to peace which is the absence of a genuine Palestinian peace partner and the ongoing Arab obsession with bringing an end to Jewish sovereignty.

The “pro peace” groups ignore the fact that Netanyahu has steered the government to a genuine centrist position and achieved a broad consensus that aside from the major settlement blocs, Israelis would compromise on territories in return for genuine peace and security. That sentiment prevails despite the awareness that until now territorial concessions have only yielded further terror and aggression.

The repeated wails by the “pro peace” groups that they encounter

McCarthyism and are denied the opportunity to express themselves are specious and particularly hypocritical coming from those who unhesitatingly slander and seek to intimidate their critics. There has always been vigorous dissent amongst Jews on all political issues. But it was during the formative years of the state when the social-democratic Mapai ruled the roost, that a consensus prevailed that Diaspora Jews, who do not face the life and death consequences arising from decisions relating to Israel’s defense, were morally obliged to allow the people of Israel through their democratically elected government to determine such issues.

Today, that concept is regarded with contempt by the “pro peace” elements, who claim to have a better appreciation of what is in the best interests of Israel than Israelis themselves. Indeed, these self appointed formulators of Israel policy articulate views that are sometimes more extreme than those of Meretz, the most far Left political party in the Knesset, holding only 3 out of 120 Knesset seats.

Of late, it is increasingly alleged that the new generation of younger Jews is turning against Israel. This is highly misleading. Obviously the passion for Israel amongst Jews of this generation is less intense than those who witnessed the Shoa and the struggle to create a Jewish State. However, it was always only 25 to 30% who comprised the activist element within Jewish communities and were at the forefront of Zionist and pro-Israel activity. Assimilated or less involved Jews were understandably less involved and somewhat apathetic, only becoming galvanized during periods of acute crisis such as the Six-Day War.

With some modifications, this remains true today. Jewish youngsters actively involved in Jewish life remain overwhelmingly supportive of Israel. Those ignorant or indifferent to Judaism are more susceptible to the impact of hostile influences surrounding them, especially on the university campuses, and many recoil from involvement with Israel.

However, the dramatic response by the activist American Jewish community to the negative attitude displayed against Israel by the Obama administration was astonishing. Despite the fact that 78% of them supported him, at a grassroots level many committed Democratic Jewish supporters have displayed anger and frustration against the administration for having reneged on Obama’s electoral undertakings concerning Israel.

However, one should not underestimate the potential for damage that small numbers of determined Jewish anti-Israel activists can inflict. The message that they seek to impart is that Israel is controlled by extremist right-wing bigots and that it is incompatible for liberals to support such a regime. They compound this by directly or implicitly giving credence to canards accusing supporters of Israel of dual loyalties as well as allegations that Israel is endangering American lives. In fact, there are already disturbing signals that today the traditional bipartisan support towards Israel is eroding and that Democrats are far less committed to Israel than the Republicans.

Needless to say, this requires urgent attention. Both the government and the Jewish Agency should map out a strategy which takes account of the enormous damage these groups can inflict if they are not marginalized. One of the most effective means would be for the government to sponsor a global solidarity meeting with Jewish leaders, intellectuals and key activists to demonstrate that the vast majority of committed Jews remain fully dedicated to supporting the Jewish State. Israel must be able to rely on the ongoing support of world Jewry.

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Putting the "Ch-" in "Chocolate"

David Goldstein is Boston's newest "Candy Man"

By Matt Robinson

Boston is known for many things: Education. Medicine. A strong Jewish community.

But chocolate?

While he may be no Montezuma, local entertainment guru David Goldstein is doing what he can to bring the goods to Boston.

For over a year now, Goldstein has been schlepping fellow chocolate lovers around town on a series of tours that take them through the history of chocolate and to some of Greater Boston's greatest purveyors. From Ben & Jerry's to Teusher's of Switzerland, Chocolee to Paradise Bakery, Goldstein has his sticky finger on the pulse of chocolate in Boston.

"November 7th, 2009 was the first tour," Goldstein recalls, noting how, despite the adage about too much of a good thing, the first tour ran "too long" and was cut a bit from the original plan. Since then however, Goldstein has been able to streamline the tour (if not the tourists) and keep it sweet.

"What a great way to spend a Saturday in Boston," says satisfied customer Jim Sambold, "learning, creating and of course eating chocolate!"

"[It] was the most fun I've had in a while," adds Stacey Lancaster. "And everyone loved the chocolates I brought home!"

The Boston Chocolate Tours (www.tasteof-chocolate.com) started in Back Bay and the South End, but have since expanded to cover Beacon Hill and Harvard Square.

"Private tours are also in the works for Faneuil Hall, Brookline and Salem, MA," Goldstein adds.

For those who like the chocolate without the tour, Goldstein also offers chocolate-making seminars at the Elephant & Castle

Pub in the Financial District.

"Weekly truffle making workshops as classes and gifts have been around for a few years," Goldstein explains, noting that the idea for "a "hands-on, fingers-in-the-bowl, smiles-smudged-with-chocolate" class came from a successful British model, "but we are the first to do this on a regular basis here."

In addition to these popular pedestrian and permanent programs, Goldstein also offers a Chocolate Company Challenge and a new chocolate team-building program called "Team Chocolatier."

"We offer these on our team-building sites as well," Goldstein explains, mentioning some of his other ventures, the corporate service programs TeamBonding and Recipe for Success (which, as the name implies, also has to do with food!). As he continues to expand his menu of offerings, Goldstein is always keeping his roots in mind.

"We have been talking to a kosher chocolatier in Sharon," he says, suggesting a possible partnership in the future. "We also recently did a Harvard Square Chocolate Tour for the Sharon BBYO chapter that was very successful!"

"What an outstanding event," says Seth Hunter Geoffrion. "We had such a great time making our own chocolate truffles, and have had an even better time eating them!...I now have a new appreciation for chocolate."

So whether you are a conservative Hershey fan or a more orthodox dark chocolate aficionado, Goldstein's many chocolate-based offerings are sure to satisfy!



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First LimmudBoston in October



Steffi Aronson Karp
Conference Chair

A girl can dream, can't she? I have always wanted to design a special day where my friends, my neighbors and I can find text and Talmud, music, art and spirituality and maybe a bit of Yiddish and ktzat ivrit (Hebrew)--under one roof. And food! Don't forget the food and shopping! It looks like my dream is on its way to coming a reality. It is called LimmudBoston.

Two years ago, while visiting a friend in Atlanta, I experienced my first Limmud conference, known for its hands-on, experiential approach to Judaism. In one day,

I had the chance to fit eight different sessions into my schedule--out of nearly 100 offered. I chose sessions such as God as Life Coach and Kabbalah: What Madonna Doesn't Know, with a food chaser-- Challah Baking for Everyone.

I came home from Atlanta's Limmud energized, hoping to find a way to bring the Limmud (Hebrew for study) conference to Boston. I was invited to Limmud in England, a conference that has been taking place for over 30 years. There are now Limmud conferences in 45 cities around the globe. I met Limmud planners from South Africa, France, Chicago, Toronto and even Israel, where they have one in Hebrew in the Galilee and one in Russian

in Ashkelon. It is definitely high time for Boston to stage our own annual Limmud conference!

The first thing anyone should know about Limmud is that it is for the whole community. So I started speaking to the community. Within a few months I had my first organizational sponsors, ShalomBoston.com, Gann Academy and Hebrew College. The Synagogue Council of Massachusetts is a strong, early supporter. Because Limmud is a worldwide phenomenon, I started getting calls from others who wanted to see LimmudBoston happen. Word spread and I started hearing from local New Englanders who have attended Limmudim, or always wanted to attend one.

In my not-very-free time I have met over tea with lots of interesting people. Barry Shrage, the President of CJP, who is known for his love of Jewish education, called to ask how Combined Jewish Philanthropies could get involved. Temple Israel of Boston generously offered their building for our first conference. I held some informational meetings at Hebrew College, where I have met Jews from all the various movements as well as unaffiliated Jews. In true Limmud style, I'm trying to put everyone to work on a LimmudBoston committee. (Program, PR, Website, Financial, Food, and more!)

I've enlisted my husband, my sons, my friends and, as I meet them, my new acquaintances in planning LimmudBoston. The cool thing about Limmud is that since everyone's a volunteer, everyone offers suggestions, and helps with whatever they can. We are just starting our official fundraising. But most of all, we're excited because the volunteer energy is contagious.

Just this past week, LimmudBoston sponsored seven Taste-of-LimmudBoston Shavuot study sessions. We received a grant from CJP to sponsor two, at Harvard Hillel and The Boston Synagogue. Before I knew it, five other groups, comprised of over 20 different organizations, asked to be part of the Taste-of-LimmudBoston Shavuot experience. Over 500 participants attended Taste-of-LimmudBoston events on Shavuot. And they are encouraging their synagogues and other organizations to participate.

If you like the fun of studying all night on Shavuot, imagine the privilege of studying all day! Our first annual LimmudBoston conference will take place on October 30-31, 2010 at Temple Israel of Boston. LimmudBoston will start with Havdalah on Saturday night, with an abundance of choices of concerts, storytelling, film, dance and more.

On Sunday, we already have over 100 sessions planned, from meditation and spiritual direction to food demonstrations (mmm good!) to text study and cool chevruta Talmud. Everyone is a learner, and everyone can offer to be a presenter at LimmudBoston. Sign up for the mailing list, volunteering and session presenting is all through the LimmudBoston website. (www.LimmudBoston.org) And, of course, register to attend the conference.

Since Shavuot, I have known that there will be a real LimmudBoston. It's not just my dream anymore! We have lots of volunteers to help create the first LimmudBoston conference in October. More volunteers are always welcome. Because I am happy to share my dream, LimmudBoston (www.LimmudBoston.org) is the nexus for everything Jewish!

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Israeli Minister in Boston

Israel's Minister of the Diaspora and Public Affairs, Yuli Edelstein was in Boston on April 12.

In an interview he said that his Ministry is planning a new approach to promote Israel in the Diaspora. One of the ideas is to stay in touch with alumni of the various educational programs that take place in Israel, like birthright for example, and have them promote Israel at universities around the world. He also said that they started a campaign aiming the young Israelis that travel outside their country to promote a good image of the Holy Land. Edelstein also said that the government is making use of the social networks to reach their goal.



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The emails I recently received from new brides striving to recreate their husbands favorite dishes and trying out new recipes started me thinking of myself as a new bride many years ago. My husband's answer to many of the new dishes was "Honey they're OK, but why don't you try something else?"

Well, I did. His favorite recipe which his mother made was a stew made with meatballs. No matter how I tried over many years and even today, he claims his mother's meatballs were better than mine. I guess history repeats itself.

My father told my mother that certain recipes she made did not compare to his mother's. It seems that some foods that a fellow's mother made could not be duplicated even if the recipe and ingredients were exact.

No matter how much we try over the years, very few are 100% successful. Therefore, from experience, I would say to the newly married, with a little practice you will eventually develop the tastes you and your husband like and make your own favorite dishes for which you will get praise and compliments. Don't try to compete!

Wishing all of the newlyweds many years of health, success and happiness. Also to the new graduates, may you have good success in your undertaking.

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Ingredients:

- 1 lb Haddock or cod or any white kosher fish
- 1/4 cup bread crumbs
- 1/4 tsp. paprika
- 1/2 tsp. dill
- 1 tbs. vegetable oil
- 1/2 tsp. grated lemon rind
- 1 tbs. mayonnaise (light or low fat can be used)
- Vegetable Spray
- salt and pepper to taste (optional)

Combine bread crumbs, dill, paprika, and lemon rind on a plate. Add in salt and pepper to mixture if using.

Add oil and blend mixture with fork until thoroughly combined.

Spread a light coating of mayonnaise on both sides of fish.

Press fish into crumb mixture to coat both sides.

Place on baking sheet that has been pre-sprayed with a non-stick spray.

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Swing music's history goes back to the merging of klezmer and jazz in the 1930's and the legendary Cab Calloway helped carry the sound forward with recordings that often had Yiddish-jazz sounds, mimicking a cantor, sometimes even using Yiddish. Hankus Netsky, chairman of contemporary improvisation at the New England Conservatory and director and founder of the KCB, met Calloway (who traces his roots to medieval Jewish scholar Nachmanides) when CB was a student at the NE Conservatory. Their reunion a few years ago led them to launch the Klezmer Meets Swing project, which highlights that musical intersection.

After a traditional klezmer introduction, Netsky played a few notes from Chosson Kallah Mazel Tov and then a few from St. James Infirmary Blues and the audience immediately heard the similarities (they are almost identical). Vocalist Susan Watts and clarinetist Ilene Stahl drew mid-song applause for their performances, and primed the audience for CB. His musical flair and expansive persona filled the stage with a foot-tapping, hand-clapping musical celebration that evoked his grandfather and highlighted his own significant talent. By the time they performed 'Minnie the Moocher', the audience was ready to join in with 'hi-de-hi-de-ho'.



Klezmer Conservatory Band

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The New Antibullying Law's Impact

By Derrek L. Shulman
Regional Director, ADL New England

The new antibullying legislation that Governor Patrick signed into law on May 3rd will help to keep all children safer in schools throughout the Commonwealth.

Recognizing that stereotypes and biased attitudes and behaviors often take root in schools, ADL New England spent more than two years building and leading a coalition of 50 organizations in support of the antibullying bill that became one of the strongest and most comprehensive laws of its kind in the nation.

The law defines bullying and requires school districts to adopt antibullying policies. It requires antibullying training for students K-12 as part of their school curriculum on an annual basis and requires training for members of the school staff. It compels members of the school staff to report incidents of bullying to the school principal, who in turn must immediately investigate each incident and notify the parents of the bully and of the target. When the principal determines that the incident could sink to the level of criminal activity, the principal now must report the case to law enforcement.

ADL is pleased that the law includes provisions to protect against cyberbullying. Cyberbullying has emerged as the "weapon of choice" for many bullies today. We know that cyberbullying can be especially destructive because it does not stop at the school. Cyberbullying also creates a permanent record that can be instantly forwarded to unlimited other parties, creating an unsafe environment from which there is no escape for the young bullied person. It is this type of bullying that is widely believed to have contributed to two highly publicized suicides in Massachusetts, Carl Walker in Springfield and then Phoebe Prince in South Hadley.

Though comprehensive enough to spark long-term culture change in schools over time, the antibullying law is no substitute for action steps that parents can take to help keep their children safe from the destructive impact of bullying and cyberbullying. ADL therefore encourages people to adopt the following internet guidelines for families:

1. Place computers in shared family rooms. Establish a consistent, helpful presence when monitoring children's and teen's computer use that discourages the perception that adults are violating their privacy.
2. Be aware of children's/teen's online activities. Initiate discussions about their online experiences.
3. Discuss with children/teens the dangers of sharing personal information with others online and continually reinforce the importance of this guideline. Clarify the kinds of things (information and photos) that should never be shared, including names, addresses, phone numbers, names of schools, age and grade levels.
4. Provide children/teens with opportunities for

skill development and the necessary tools and resources to assess the accuracy of Web site content. Spend time visiting Internet sites with children/teens and provide supervised opportunities for children/teens to practice these skills online.

5. Instruct children/teens to immediately



notify the appropriate authorities (parent or other adult family member, teacher or other school personnel, librarian, etc.) when they encounter cyberbullying or other hate behaviors online.

6. Discuss and provide opportunities for children/teens to practice strategies for responding to cyberbullying and online intolerance and hate. Distinguish between immediate strategies (logging out of chat room) and long-term strategies (notifying the

Anti-Defamation League New England or local police about information on a Web site).

7. Restrict time children/teens spend online, and provide guidance for structuring online time.

Limit unstructured random surfing and consistently supervise children's/teen's online activities.

8. Model safe use of the Internet, avoiding potentially dangerous situations, including online romance and gambling. Children/teens are keen observers of adult behavior and will do likewise, despite warnings to the contrary.

9. Stress personal responsibility in children/teens. Knowledge and education are key weapons against cyberbullying and other forms of hate and intolerance.



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Prominent Israeli Arab Leader Faces Unprecedented Charges Of Treason

By David Bedein, Middle East Correspondent
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Jerusalem - In a move that is bound to send shivers through the Jewish community in the United States and in the European Union, Israel Arab community leader Ameer Makhoul was formally indicted this week by Israel's State's Attorney's office on charges of treason.

Mr. Makhoul, in custody for the past three weeks, has admitted that he provided the Hezbollah terrorist organization with vital security data about Israeli Army bases and with information about facilities belonging to Israel's General Security Services and Israeli defense industries throughout Israel.

Mr. Makhoul is also being charged with giving Hezbollah information about locations of rockets that fell in Haifa in the course of the Second Lebanon War during the summer of 2006.

All this is stated in an indictment handed down on Thursday in the district court in the city of Haifa, located in northern Israel. According to this unprecedented indictment, Mr. Makhoul acknowledged that he met in Denmark with a Hezbollah agent and expressed his consent to serve as a secret source of information for the organization.

The reason why American Jewish organizations are concerned is that Mr. Makhoul was the Israeli Arab leader who oversaw allocations of American Jewish philanthropic funds to tens of Israeli Arab organizations, including the Washington-based organization known as the New Israel Fund. In addition, Mr. Makoul's Israeli Arab community organization also received grants from the European Union.

Israel's first Prime Minister and Defense Minister, David Ben Gurion, who served in these positions between 1948 and 1963, held the Israeli Arab community under military rule, in order to prevent situations like this from occurring.

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The Boston Jewish Film Festival's ENCORES AND MORE series runs through June 27 at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (MFA). This is a great opportunity to see 5 hits from last year's Festival, plus one new film (BRIDE FLIGHT, prior to its September release in movie theatres). Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$8 for students, seniors, and members of The Boston Jewish Film Festival or MFA. For complete film descriptions and to purchase tickets, visit: <http://www.mfa.org/calendar/sub.asp?key=12&subkey=8332>

The Martha's Vineyard Hebrew Center presents The Boston Jewish Film Festival on Sunday nights (except for July 4) throughout the summer, beginning June 20 and continuing through August 15. For more information, visit: http://www.mvhc.us/summer_institute.htm
Visit the film festival site: www.bjff.org.



ROOM AND A HALF (Poltory komnaty ili sentimentalnoje put'shestvije na rodinu), directed by Andrey Khrzhanovsky.

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PALS (Preschoolers and Little Siblings) Book Club, Thursday, June 10, 1:30-2:30 pm, Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Boston, 60 Stein Circle, Newton. Parents and preschoolers are invited to "King Solomon and the Bee" and "The Beeman," followed by a creative, hands-on project. Contact: Stephanie Maroun, 617-630-4625 or stephanie.maroun@ssdsboston.org.

Jewbille: A Festival of Jewish Learning

Sunday, June 13

The event promoted by CJP will take place at Back Back Events Center at 180 Berkeley Street, Boston. It will be an all day event exploring the Jewish learning, arts and culture with hundreds of Jewish young adults. For more information visit www.cjp.org or call 617-457-8500.

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Young Jewish Leadership Diplomatic Seminar August 19 - 22

The Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs is planning on a regional alumni seminar in Chicago in the weekend of 19-22 August. They are also trying to find some of this program alumni. If you are one of them please contact the director of the Jewish communities department in the ministry: Emanuel Mehl at emanuel.mehl@mfa.gov.il.



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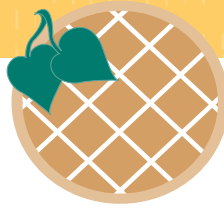
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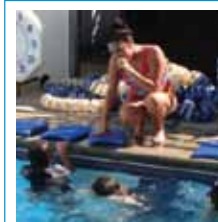
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