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# **Economics May Hold Key** to Middle East Peace



Courtesy of Rabbi David J. Meyer

Rabbi David Meyer, second from right, and other colleagues on his trip met with Palestinian entrepreneur Huda El Jack (third from left) in her Ramallah coffee shop.

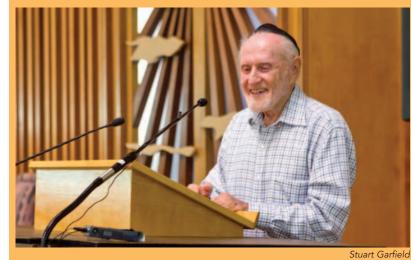
#### **SUSAN JACOBS** Jewish Journal Staff

MARBLEHEAD — While politicians vigorously debate how to achieve a lasting peace in the Middle East, Rabbi David Meyer believes the answer lies not only

through mutual recognition and security, but also in creating viable economic opportunities within the future Palestinian state.

The spiritual leader of Marblehead's Temple Emanu-El came to that understanding on continued on page 9

## **Lappin Gets Personal at Y2I Welcome Home Event**



Robert I. Lappin made a rare public appearance September 5, and spoke candidly about his life.

#### **SUSAN JACOBS** Jewish Journal Staff

MARBLEHEAD — Those in the community who have never met Robert Israel Lappin in person tend to view the visionary philanthropist as a mythic, larger than life figure. Although thousands of North Shore teens and adults have participated in his programs over the last four decades, the founder and trustee of the foundation that bears his name is notoriously private and rarely makes public appearances.

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### **Topsfield Fair: Selling Knishes, Kosher Hot Dogs and Community**

**SUSAN JACOBS** Jewish Journal Staff

TOPSFIELD — People flock to the annual Topsfield Fair to pet the animals, marvel at the giant pumpkins, and get their thrills on the Midway rides. Marc Freedman is hoping Jews will visit the country's oldest agricultural fair in order to find kindred spirits at the B'nai Brith food booth.

"We are the only Jewish presence at the fair," said Freedman of North Andover, who has taken over the operation of the booth. "My hope is that this booth will become a place for Jews from various backgrounds to connect."

Freedman, who is CEO of



Marc Freedman has worked at the Topsfield Fair for three decades.

September 30 to October 10, and he must recruit enough people to staff the booth from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. He has divided the days into four-hour shifts; 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 2-6 p.m., and 6-10 p.m. He needs eight or nine volunteers per shift. "People can volunteer alone, or form a team with family or friends. Teens 16 and up can earn community service credits for school or Y2I," said Freedman, adding that teens must be supervised by an adult.



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**INTERFAITH Come Together** Jews, Christians and Muslims will share space in Omaha, Neb.

**ARTS &** CULTURE



A Star in Marblehead Paul Michael Glaser will help celebrate the JCCNS's centennial 5 birthday

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In Concert Local teens enjoy Matisyahu and iLa 10 Mawana





How 'Bout Them **Apples?** Author Mollie Katzen provides Rosh Hashanah 13 recipes





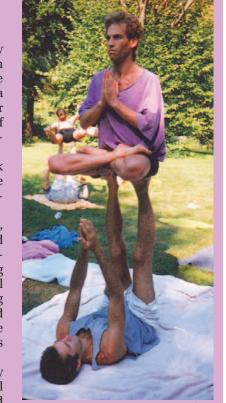
## Searching for Spirituality, **Finding It in Judaism**

**AMY SESSLER POWELL** Jewish Journal Staff

How does someone journey from being a young boy at Cohen Hillel Academy to a mortgage broker in New England, to a head of a holistic health center in Puerto Rico, to a live food chef for a guru in India, to a rabbinical student in Tzfat?

Well, in the case of Mark Naseck, who has worn all these hats and many more, it all started with a bloody nose.

More than 20 years ago, Naseck, who lived in Lynn and Swampscott, had a very different lifestyle than now, working as a mortgage broker and real estate agent. He kept getting bloody noses, some that lasted more than four hours. When he sought medical attention, he was stunned by the response. "They wanted to cauterize my nose, stick a hot piece of metal up my nose to burn the blood vessel, but why I was getting continued on page 2



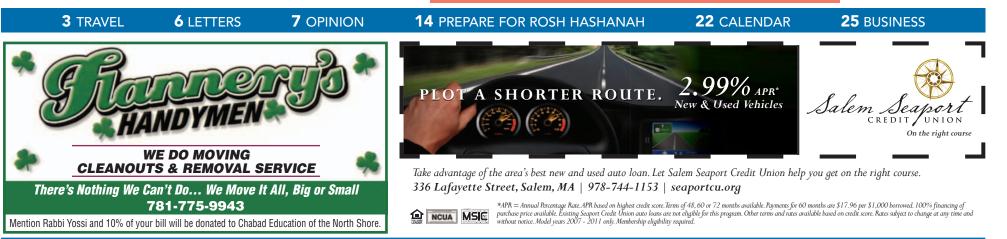
Courtesy photo Mark Naseck, on top, demonstrates a complex yoga pose.

Freedman Financial Associates in Peabody, is currently seeking volunteers willing to cook and sell the Jewish-style foods that have been a traditional fixture at the booth for the past 43 years - knishes, pastrami sandwiches, potato latkes and Hebrew National hot dogs.

The fair lasts 10 days, from

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