Boycott tempest at temple
Dr. Alice Rothchild, local leader of American Jews for a Just Peace, gets stormy reception at Temple Sinai in Brookline.

March madness for music lovers
Second annual Jewish festival features hip-hop to Ladino—with artists ranging from local cantors to Israeli stars.

Should CJP move to ‘burbs
Its leaders say no, but the question arises as Hebrew College puts its building on the market.

Jewish pride in Moscow
Brandeis Professor Jonathan Sarna returns to Russia after 25 years and is amazed by the transformation.

My dad, the bookie
A retired MIT professor writes a book about growing up with a gambler.

The community sings for Debbie
More than 1,000 at Friedman tribute

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Is best stance on Egypt to back off?
US, Israel risk playing into extremists’ hands

Analysis in defiance of Hosni Mubarak’s authoritarian rule long before anyone else dared. He was imprisoned, his Ibn Khaldun Center for Development Studies was trashed; he was beaten and abused before he finally exiled himself to the United States three years ago. He’s taught at Columbia, Indiana and DePauw universities, been a visiting fellow at Harvard and is currently a professor at Drew University.

A founder of Egypt’s civil society and one of the country’s most-prominent advocates of democracy, Ibrahim also is firmly on record against religious as well as military hegemony over the public sphere. He took tremendous heat in Egypt for reversing his initial back off?

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son in her lap. An older woman dabbed her cheek with a tissue. Throughout the concert, the performers shared stories of their relationships with Fried- man, and the songs she taught them. Many, like Jeff Klepper, had shared a stage with Fried- man. "Debbie had a wicked sense of humor," said Klepper, recalling that she did a great horse impression. Klepper, cantor of Temple Sinai in Sharon, said he sang "613 Commandments" to pay tribute to Friedman’s sillier side — and her wish that no stu- dent be bored in Hebrew school (a sample lyric: “Be- cause the Torah was much too long to describe to all the Jews, our G-D decided to write Ten Commandments that said the don’ts and do’s”). Josh Nelson, who sang at Friedman’s funeral, said he got to know her at a song leader re- treat she founded in Wisconsin. Sunday, he sang “Sholom Ale- ichem,” a song she taught him last summer. “You are not here because everyone else has brought with it much political and social important of Shabbat. "V'Shamru," she said, because the song helped her learn the importance of Shabbat. Peter Allard recalled the way Friedman drew strength from her audience. “When she was in front of us, the love that was sent to her was palpable,” he said. Children’s musician Ellen Al- lard — who sang Sunday with her husband, Peter — said she first bought some Friedman cassettes at the suggestion of her cantor. She chose to sing “V’Shamru,” she said, because the song meant to the United States and Israel. “That means to the United States is the potential loss of its greatest military threat. If that is known, it would be imprudent to develop dictators. There is a need to worry, long term, about all these possible de- velopments. But that is different from what we need to worry about now. Change was coming anyway. Not even presidents-for-life are going to be a body blow now. That does not mean to the claims of the more extreme Arab rebels that we are trying to manipulate the situa- tion or are lending any treatment for cancer. To help ease the case, the pain, the rabbi helped arranged for Friedman to visit her home so they could sing together. “The thing about Debbie was that it was never about personal gain or fame,” Paskin said. “It was about healing; it was about music; it was about prayer. I don’t think it mattered much that it was Debbie in that room. It mattered because there was a loving, caring, healing soul.” A video of the tribute con- cert can be viewed online at www.rememberingdebbie.com.

Egyptian dissident: Give the people a chance

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opposition to the peace treaty with Israel. He has variously praised and criticized the United States, with Israel. He has variously praised and criticized the United States, with Israel, it meant something to hear him on NPR the other day saying that he was getting treatment for cancer. To help ease the case, the pain, the rabbi helped arranged for Friedman to visit her home so they could sing together. “The thing about Debbie was that it was never about personal gain or fame,” Paskin said. “It was about healing; it was about music; it was about prayer. I don’t think it mattered much that it was Debbie in that room. It mattered because there was a loving, caring, healing soul.” A video of the tribute con- cert can be viewed online at www.rememberingdebbie.com.