

found in the textbooks or invited discussions in peer-reviewed publications.

Dr. Upton's research has been almost entirely clinical and he rarely describes a new procedure without medium or long-term outcomes. At the Boston Children's Hospital and Shriners Burns Hospital he has accumulated the largest experience with congenital problems in the world. His collection of hand models of congenital malformations is unique. He has had an exhibit in the Boston Museum of Science for 30 years. He was an active participant in the Joseph Vacanti Tissue Engineering lab for 13 years and worked on cartilage and skeletal constructs and prior to this worked in the Folkman Laboratory at The Children's Hospital.

PROFESSOR NEIL S. HECHT

Neil Hecht is professor of law and Founding Director of the Institute of Jewish Law at Boston University School of Law, where he has taught for almost 50 years. He received Rabbinical Ordination from Yeshiva University, a Juris Doctor from Yale Law School and a research doctorate from Columbia University School of Law.

In 1980 Professor Hecht fulfilled his lifelong dream of introducing Jewish law into the curriculum of a major American law school. Through his efforts, Jewish law is now taught in over thirty law schools, and he was instrumental in creating a permanent Jewish Law Section in the Association of American Law Schools. Moreover, its successful reception at BU Law School led to his founding of The Institute of Jewish Law in 1983, which was established for the purpose of publishing treatises, monographs, and teaching materials. Under its auspices, he has written or edited 36 volumes to date. Among these works are Jewish Jurisprudence (a two-volume commentary on Choshen Mishpat, Jewish Civil Law, which contains the only preface ever written by Rabbi Joseph Solovetchik, zt'l), The Jewish Law Annual, and Controversy and Dialogue in Halachik Sources (a four-volume work in Hebrew and English exploring the nature of controversy and authority, machloket, in Jewish law).

From 1985 to 1986, Professor Hecht served as the Visiting Gruss Professor of Talmudic Civil Law at New York University School of Law. In the 1990s, he also served as co-director of the Joint Project in Jewish Legal Bioethics, a collaborative initiative of the Institute of Jewish Law and Boston University's Schools of Medicine and Public Health. His many professional and public service activities include serving as a founding director on the Board of Directors of the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists, chairing the Jewish Law Section of the Association of American Law Schools, and becoming an elected member of the American Law Institute.

Among other honors, he was recognized by the Ashmolean Museum of Oxford University, by Boston University School of Law where he received the Silver Shingle Award for distinguished service and the Melton Award for Teaching Excellence, and by Yeshiva University which awarded him the Bernard Revel Memorial Award for his contributions in the field of Jewish legal scholarship.

The relationship between the Hechts and the Rebbe's family dates back to the early part of the 20th Century. Professor Hecht's great-grandfather was a close friend and strong supporter of the Rebbe's grandfather, Grand Rabbi Pinchus Dovid Horowitz, zt'l, when the latter lived in Brooklyn.

SIDNEY AND TOBY (THURM) BLECHNER A'H
EPITOMIZED WHAT GIVING OF SELF TO COMMUNITY MEANS

"V'kol mi she'oskim b'tzarchei tzibur
be'emunah"

Toby, daughter of Menachem Mendel Thurm, founder of World Cheese Company, the first kosher cheese company in the USA, came to America from Germany. Sidney, fortunately and with the hashgacha pratis of God, survived six years in concentration camps and arrived in New York in 1947 where he met his beloved partner to be of 59 years. They married on Lag B'omer 1948, and soon settled in the Roxbury section of Boston.

Though having gone through the fires of Europe, this "ood mootzal may'aish" together with his eishet chayil decided to look only forward and rebuild what their families and communities lost in Europe. They started to build a family and Sidney became successful in the lighting industry. His honesty and integrity were admired by all he came into contact with, Jew and non-Jew alike. Toby, meanwhile, worked tirelessly with the fledgling Roxbury community to build up religious Jewish institutions. Both became active in the Young Israel of Greater Boston, Congregation Beth Pinchas of Roxbury, Maimonides School, and New England Lubavitch Yeshiva. When the Jewish community migrated to Brookline, Sidney made himself and his resources available to help with lighting up the makom Tefilah or makom Limud Torah of many institutions that moved to Brookline.

At the same time, the Blechner family became very close to the Bostoner Rebbe Z'L and Rebbetzin A'H while sharing their philanthropic efforts among CJP, Young Israel of Brookline, Daughters of Israel, Religious Zionists of America, Yeshiva University, Talner Congregation, B'nai Brith, Israel Bonds, and many "matan b'seser" recipients. But it was the special charisma and charm of the Bostoner Rebbe Z'L and his Rebbetzin A'H that attracted Sidney and Toby to daven at the Rebbe's shul. Toby had a special seat next to the Rebbetzin and Sidney especially enjoyed the Rebbe's nusach and warmth on the Yamim Noara'im. They became active supporters of ROFEH as well as the New England Chassidic Center where Sidney was honored as "Man of the Year". Instead of plaques on his office wall, Sidney preferred simple thank you letters as appreciation for the tzedakah and chessed that he and Toby were able to provide to others.

It takes a lot of hakarat hatov for people in today's generation to think back to those who built up a minuscule Torah community of Boston in the 50's to what is has become today for all newcomers to benefit from.

Sidney and Toby Blechner were the patriarch and matriarch of a beautiful family of 4 children, 18 grandchildren who are Roshei yeshiva dedicated to teaching Torah in their communities, professionals in finance, law, education, computers, graphic design and who serve in the Israeli army.

It is therefore most fitting to bestow the "Congregation Bais Pinchas Jubilee Award" in their memory.

THIS YEAR WE CELEBRATE THE 50TH JUBILEE OF CONGREGATION BAIS PINCHAS IN BROOKLINE, MASSACHUSETTS

Receiving the Jubilee Award on behalf of their parents, the Blechner family

It is important for people in today's generation to recognizing and appreciate the good done by those who built up a community of Boston in the 50's to what is has become today for all newcomers to benefit from. Mr. and Mrs. Blechner were dedicated their time and efforts in seeing to it that the Boston community should be successful and

thrive. Sidney and Toby Blechner were the patriarch and matriarch who helped to build and beautify the Boston community, of a beautiful family of 4 children, 18 grandchildren who are to teaching in their communities, professionals in finance, law, education, computers, graphic design and who serve in the Israeli army.

It is therefore most fitting to bestow the "Congregation Bais Pinchas Jubilee Award" in their memory.

Sincerely,
GRAND RABBI NAFTALI Y. HOROWITZ,
Bostoner Rebbe.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, on October 11, 2011 I voted "no" on House resolution 425, I intended to vote "yes."

VALENTINE RANCH TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Valentine Ranch of Aguilar, Colorado. The ranch was founded in 1908 by Italian immigrant Giovanni Leopoldo Valentini. Valentini was born in Austria in 1869 and immigrated to the United States in 1887, acquiring work at the Engleville Mine in Colorado. Soon thereafter, he changed his name to John Lee Valentine. He married Rachale Conter and the couple had six children.

Over the years, John worked many unique jobs, including being a baker and a saloon keeper. In 1907, he purchased a ranch in Los Animas County. John and his wife lived happily the rest of their lives at the ranch. After John's passing in 1947 and Rachale's in 1950, Gus and June Valentine inherited the ranch and also raised children of their own.

Gus passed away in 1987, but June still resides at the ranch with her son Dan and his wife Sandi. The family continues to enjoy sustained success with their crops and cattle. The Centennial Farms Program has chosen the Valentine Ranch as one of this year's honorees.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the Valentine Ranch today on the floor of the House. The ranch is a symbol of the entrepreneurial spirit our Nation has so long enjoyed and exemplified.

RECOGNIZING THE McDONALD FAMILY AS THE 2011 WALTON COUNTY OUTSTANDING FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is a great pleasure for me to rise today to recognize the McDonald family for being selected

as the 2011 Walton County, Florida Outstanding Farm Family of the Year.

For over 45 years, this multigenerational farm family has epitomized the true meaning of a strong work ethic and is blessed with good soil and a devoted family. Kyle McDonald along with his father, Ingram McDonald, owns 190 acres of land. He and his wife, Kim, their children, Garrett and Karley, and their canine companion, Patch, work together night and day to tend to their cattle and horses as well as their hay field.

Kyle and Kim have raised Garrett and Karley to be active members of their community and to be good stewards of the land. The McDonalds are members of the Florida Panhandle Cattlemen's Association and the Walton County Farm Bureau. Aside from their help on the farm, Garrett and Karley are both accomplished riders. Karley ropes and barrel races, and her brother ropes, calf ropes and team ropes. Garrett has won 16 saddles and numerous cash prizes over the years including placing fifth in the Nation for his age group in the all-around event this past July.

Mr. Speaker, our great Nation was built by farmers and their families. The Walton County Outstanding Farm Family of the Year award is a reflection of the McDonald family's tireless work and dedication to family, faith and trade. On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to offer my congratulations to the McDonald family for this great accomplishment. My wife Vicki and I wish them the best for continued success.

THE PASSING OF MR. ROLLIN POST

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of a dear friend, consummate professional, and proud San Franciscan: Rollin Post.

Rollin Post was a portrait of persistence, honesty, passion, and strength in his life, in his work as a reporter and commentator, in his love of politics and family.

For more than four decades, working behind the scenes for L.A.-area news radio and reporting on-air in San Francisco, Rollie set the standard for excellence in political journalism; in asking tough questions and always seeking the truth, he did our city, state, and nation a great service.

It was a true privilege to get to know Rollie on a personal level over the years; indeed, I was honored to call him a friend. He was a fixture from my earliest days in public life in San Francisco and in California. Later, we worked together to put on the annual 'The Party's NOT Over' event, a bipartisan gathering of Democrats, Republicans, and the press to raise money for minority journalism scholarships. He was held in high esteem and respect by our entire family.

Rollie brought the news to the public; he translated current events into terms all viewers and listeners could understand and appreciate; in the spirit of the best in journalism, he never failed to keep the Bay Area informed about politics and government. He was original and widely beloved, and his voice will be sorely missed.

I hope it is a comfort to his wife, Diane, his children and grandchildren, his family and friends that so many share in their grief at this time.

WALKER FAMILY RANCH TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Walker Family Ranch of Westcliffe, Colorado. George Walker purchased a 240-acre piece of property in Custer Country and along with his wife and daughter, began a ranching company.

George's daughter Hazel soon married Willard Walker and in 1939, George passed the farm property onto his daughter and son-in-law. The couple continued the Walker ranching practice and expanded the property to 882 acres. The ranch functioned year-round as a cattle ranch.

After Willard Walker's passing in 1968, Hazel and her family maintained the ranch and in 1971, formed the W.A.W. Cattle Ranch, Inc. Today, the W.A.W. is an active cattle ranch in the Wet Mountain Valley area.

The Walker Family Ranch has been chosen by the Centennial Farms Program as one of its eighteen 2011 honorees. The program honors farms that have long contributed to the agricultural success and foundation of the State of Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the Walker Family Ranch. The ranch is a valuable cultural and historic asset to Colorado and our state is truly blessed to have such a vibrant presence of American entrepreneurial spirit.

A TRIBUTE TO JERRY O'MALLEY

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of a former employee of my district office and friend of mine, Jerry O'Malley, who recently passed at the age of 82.

Born to Jerome and Florence O'Malley on July 1, 1929, Mr. O'Malley was raised in Southeast Michigan. He attended and graduated from Detroit Catholic Central. He went on to earn his Bachelors in Business Administration from the University of Detroit. Upon graduation, he began his professional life in Florida where he worked his way up through Ford Motor Company. Starting on the assembly line, Mr. O'Malley retired from Ford's business development division.

After retiring from Ford, Mr. O'Malley returned to Michigan to pursue his passion for public service. Working for County Executive Ed McNamara as the Director of the county's Equipment Division, Mr. O'Malley embarked on decades of political activism and community service. Residing in Dearborn, Mr. O'Malley was active in the campaigns of virtually every Democratic candidate on the ticket in recent history.

He leaves behind three daughters, Catherine, Theresa Ann, and Diana. He was

grandfather of Thomas, Kyle, Michael, Nathan, Joshua, Aaron, Tom, and Tabatha. He was the great grandfather of Nathan and Nolan. Mr. O'Malley was predeceased by his wife Catherine, his brother Harry and granddaughter Isabel.

We will miss Jerry. Detroit and the surrounding area have lost a true jewel of our community.

HONORING TWYLA LYCETTE

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Twyla Lycette, the 2011 recipient of the prestigious Town Clerk of the Year Award, given by the Maine Town and City Clerks Association.

Every year, the Maine Town and City Clerks Association chooses from among their best and brightest to award their Town Clerk of the Year Award. Without a doubt, they chose well this year. For a quarter century, the town of Lisbon has been extremely fortunate to have Twyla as their town clerk. Throughout that time, she has shown a deep commitment to her profession and to the citizens of Lisbon.

Twyla is recognized by all as an energetic lifelong learner who has been instrumental in the preservation of town records dating back into the 1800s. In addition to her position as a Certified Maine Clerk, she is an International Certified Clerk, Lifetime Certified Clerk and one of two International Master Municipal Clerks in all of Maine.

Twyla is beloved by her colleagues and the people of Lisbon. Not only does her hard work and dedication keep the town running, it also inspires all of us to strive to be the very best at what we do. She exemplifies the very best of the values Maine represents.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Twyla Lycette on being named the 2011 Clerk of the Year.

ELLIOTT FARMS TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Elliott Farms, LLC of Monte Vista, Colorado. In 1907, the Sanderson family of Hamilton, Missouri moved west and settled in Monte Vista. In 1908, the family acquired a 160-acre farm.

The property was passed down through the generations that followed and grew in size. The farm saw many years of fruitful potato crops that brought the family and the valley a great deal of prosperity. Today, the farm is operated in four sections and still makes use of the 1916 house and 1930s garage and barn.

Elliott Farms, LLC was recognized by the Colorado Historical Society at the 139th Colorado State Fair. Elliott Farms, LLC is one of eighteen farms honored by the Centennial Farms Program for its rich history, tradition, and contributions to the State of Colorado over the past century.