Sunday *Best*

Where to be this week

Israeli pianist makes friendly overtures

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Call him Israel. Pianist **Rami Bar-Niv** has certainly represented it on many occasions. He has been awarded the Israeli government's Best Performer Award and is sent abroad frequently to perform in concerts as a goodwill ambassador for his country.

Bar-Niv will perform two concerts in the state this week, today at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and Monday at the University of Arkansas at Monticello. The performances will feature some of his own compositions including "Prayer and Dance" — dedicated to the memory of late Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin — and "Toccata" — composed in recognition of the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt. The program will also include Mozart's *Sonata* in F Major, K.332, Chopin's *Nocturne* in c sharp minor, Op. posth. and *Polonaise* in A Flat Major, Op.53, and a medley of Gershwin tunes including *Three Preludes* and *Rhapsody in Blue*.

Bar-Niv has performed all over the world in chamber ensembles, solo recitals and as a guest soloist with orchestras.

Bar-Niv's Little Rock appearance is sponsored by the Jewish Federation and the Music Teachers Association of Central Arkansas. His Monticello appearance is part of the UAM Rockefeller Distinguished Lecture Series. Bar-Niv will lecture on "Cultural Life in Israel — A Pianist's Perspective" at 9 a.m. Monday in the UAM Fine Arts Center auditorium.

Rami Bar-Niv, 3 p.m. today, Stella Boyle Smith Concert Hall, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 2801 S. University Ave. Free. (501) 569-3294. And 7:30 p.m. Monday, Fine Arts Center Auditorium, University of Arkansas at Monticello. Free. (870) 460-1360.

CONCERT FOR CANCER

With six bridges of its own, Little Rock should be familiar with the metaphor. In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Millennium Management is sponsoring **Bridges of Hope**, a benefit concert, Monday at Juanita's.

A number of groups and artists will perform, including Afrodesia, Authentik Soul, Tami-Jai and Interlude, Trumpet in Zion and Joe Phillips. Representatives from the Arkansas Witness Project and the Susan G. Komen Foundation will be on hand.

Breast cancer survivors and family members of survivors are invited.

Bridges of Hope Benefit Concert, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Juanita's, 1300 S. Main St. Admission: $5 donation. (501) 374-3271.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Charley Kempthorne, director of the LifeStory Institute and author of *For All Time: A Complete Guide to Writing Your Family History*, will conduct a **family history seminar** Saturday at the Central Arkansas Library System Main Library.

The seminar will cover the basics of writing and publishing family histories, memoirs and autobiographies for family and friends.

Kempthorne has degrees in history and narrative writing from the University of Kansas at Lawrence. He began teaching family history workshops in 1977 and now conducts them across the nation. A former student, Jesse Foveaux, earned a $1 million advance from Warner Books for her memoirs.

The program is in conjunction with National Family History Month. Beverages will be provided but lunch will not. Seating is limited, so reservations are recommended.

Family history seminar, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Central Arkansas Library System Main Library, Darragh Center, 100 Rock St. Free. (501) 918-3033.

Got an event that's a good bet for Sunday Best? Send the typed information including date, time, street address and phone number and, if possible, a photo to Tim Stanley, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, *P.O. Box 2221, Little Rock, Ark. 72203. The material needs to arrive at least a week and a half before the event. E-mail (sorry, no enclosures):*

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