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38 new friends



Rachel Heller, Seth Westerman and Dani Heller connected in Jerusalem when their Birthright trips overlapped.

By Dani Heller

Israel used to be a place I learned about in Sunday school, a place I heard about on the news, and a place that I always felt a connection to; yet it always seemed so far away. It wasn't until this summer when I went on a Taglit-Birthright Israel trip that I realized and began to understand what that connection was and how special a place Israel really is. I had never been put into a situation like it before and I had no idea what to expect. There were 40 different people coming from 40 different places. My sister Rachel and I went on the trip together, not knowing anyone else, and we came home with 38 new friends from all over America. We got to see a lot of the country and learn about its history, all while making friendships that will last a lifetime.

Three days into our trip seven Israeli soldiers joined us and took part in all of our activities; this was my favorite aspect of the trip. Before going on the trip when I heard that we'd be accompanied by Israeli soldiers, I assumed they would be with us for our protection. Little did I know they would be our peers and eventually our friends, and they were just as excited to be on a Birthright trip as we were. They were our ages and a year or so into serving in the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF). Each day we were together they taught us and we taught them. One of the Israeli guys named Sagi, who just made lieutenant in his department of the IDF, told me that even though he had hiked Masada and gone to Yad Vashem many times before in his life, it was so much more meaningful to experience

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CAMPAIGN NEWS

Gifts to the JFB campaign bring joy to the community

In this issue of Shalom, you will see photos and stories about Camp Shalom and about the Israeli Scouts who visited this summer. Both of these programs are possible because of the generosity of our donors. Many people believe that the costs of Camp Shalom and Camp Geshet are covered by camp tuition. This is far from the truth. In addition to providing scholarships (camperships) for a number of our families, the campaign subsidizes camp's operating costs including salaries, site rental, insurance, supplies, etc. Because our numbers were lower this year, the subsidy was even greater. As a result, we were able to hire a wonderful staff and the ratio of camper per counselor is quite a bit better than most other camps.

Camp Shalom and the entire Jewish community benefited from the visit of the Tzofim, the Israeli Scouts. Ten Israeli teenagers and their leaders visited us for two days, entertaining at a concert at Temple Adath Israel and spending time with our campers the next day. They taught Israeli songs, dances and games and gave the campers and staff a wonderful taste of Israeli life. Their visit was an absolute delight and like Camp Shalom, was subsidized by the campaign. Thank you to all who made these programs possible. Thank you also to the families who housed and fed the scouts and even did their laundry! Thank you Gayle and Pete Bourne, Jane and Bill Grise, Mimi and Micah Kaufman, Lisa and Jonathan Satin, Elissa and Alan Weinstein and all their children. ☆

What a wonderful two weeks - Camp Memories 2011

By Kathy Feinberg

Camp Shalom and Camp Geshet 2011 has closed for this summer but what special memories we all take away from it. Our campers had a wonderful time and inspired our staff every day. It was a joy and privilege to hear all of the happy voices and see such enthusiastic participation in camp activities by our campers. Our two weeks of camp went by all too quickly.

This summer camp was held for the first time at Camp Shawano that is owned by the Girl Scout Wilderness

Road Council. Camp Shawano is a beautiful 147 acre camp site located in Jessamine County and features a large lodge, nature center, playing fields, a challenging rock wall, nature trails, and several other cabins for camper use. Our staff and campers easily settled into our new camp site and made excellent use of all the camp site had to offer.

The first week of camp we held a "Purim in July" carnival and campers came in costume, played games and presented Purim skits. Each morning

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You are invited to

The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah

Opening Meeting with Installation of Officers
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Bluegrass on Monday,
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Kathy Stein.

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Deadline for articles for the October *Shalom* is September 10.
Email articles to shalom@jewishlexington.org

Talia Smolkin Appointed as Director of Jewish Family Services

The Board of the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass announces the appointment of Talia Smolkin as Director of JFS. She will also coordinate our informal Jewish education programs. Talia joined the staff in late August after completing her Masters in Social Work degree (MSW) from the Wurzweiler School of Social Work at Yeshiva University.

Talia came to Lexington from Los Angeles a bit more than two years ago with her husband, Rabbi Moshe Smolkin. After growing up in Jewish camps and day schools, she attended the University of California Santa Cruz (UCSC) where she received her BA in Psychology. After graduation she worked in development for Santa Cruz Hillel and subsequently at the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles.

At the Federation, Talia had several different responsibilities including coordinating a literacy program and coordinating an educational partnership between schools in Los Angeles and Tel Aviv.

While in graduate school at the Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Talia completed two years of internship. Her first year assignment was at JFS where she worked very closely with Paula Clancy who was the previous director. This past year, she interned for Hospice of the Bluegrass, where she worked with individuals and families in end-of-life care. Talia has said she is grateful to serve this warm and unique Jewish community through her work at the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass. ✱

Editorial

Many people make resolutions for a new year. Around January 1st we pledge to lose weight, to read more books, to spend more time with family, to give up smoking, etc. Frequently, by February 1st our resolutions have been put off until the following year.

On Rosh Hashanah, we make a different kind of resolution. We make teshuvah – a promise to return to the “path of righteousness.” The Ten Days of Repentance culminate with the Yom Kippur confessional, during which we ask for forgiveness and pledge to do better in the coming year.

What does doing better mean? It means being fair in our treatment of others, whether neighbors, co-workers, friends or strangers. It means engaging in honest dialogue without vitriol and without name-calling. It means not invoking God’s name in unrighteous or purely political ways. It means all of these things and more.

Unfortunately, it is just as easy to put these resolutions aside as it is the more mundane ones of January 1st. Especially with the political campaigns on the ascendancy, we often fall into the trap of negative, vitriolic rhetoric and lose sight of the real issues of debate. We sanction name-calling, accusations

of treason, ridicule, half-truths, misinformation and downright lies. We do this by not holding our candidates, Republican or Democrat, to the high standards to which we pledge ourselves on the High Holy Days.

Yes, they are not Jewish, by and large. Yet, the principles of fairness, respect and dignity are universal in concept, if not in practice. Yes, I know that compared to the Hamilton – Jefferson rhetoric of the 18th century or the anti-Lincoln campaign of 1860, today’s politics seem like child’s play. So what? Do slightly varying degrees of viciousness abrogate our responsibility to insist on clean campaigns?

Polls show that people respond to negative campaigns. Otherwise politicians would not do it. I propose a new resolution for the year 5772. Let us resolve to send the message to our candidates, irrespective of party affiliation, that we will no longer accept the status quo. We expect them to disagree without being disagreeable.

This will bring us closer to the ideals we espouse on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. My the new year bring health, happiness and sweetness to each of you. Shanah Tovah.



President’s Message

Bob Grossman, JFB President

As we approach the High Holidays, we think about both the year past

and the year to come. This past year has brought many challenges for our Federation. We have had to reduce the size of our office staff, and our talented JFS director, Paula Clancy, retired to pursue other interests. We had hoped that the site that we rented for Camp Shalom in 2010, the Woodmen of the World, would be Camp Shalom’s home for many more years, but we were notified in January that it was closing. Finally, our Jewish community is not immune from the economic challenges that our larger state and national communities face, and this unfortunate reality is reflected in our fund-raising campaign.

Still, life marches on, and we deal with the challenges that we face. Although we were sad to see Paula leave, we are very pleased to welcome our new Jewish Family Services director, Talia Smolkin, to the office this month. JFS is one of our Federation’s most important functions, and we are sure that Talia will meet the high standard set by Paula. If you are facing any kind of problem and you feel that you need some help, advice, or even just a sympathetic ear, please don’t hesitate to call her.

Camps Shalom and Geshar have found a new home at Camp Shawano, a Girl Scouts of the USA property off Tates Creek Road. By all accounts, the property is well suited to our purposes, and we hope to stay there for many years to come. Camp attendance was down significantly this year to about 43 campers per session, although we hear that the same was true for many other camps. Several factors may have affected attendance this year: the schools’ summer vacation was shortened by all the winter weather make-up days, and the economy is continuing to strain families’ wallets. Nevertheless, under the able leadership of Camp Committee chair Elissa Weinstein and Camp Director Kathy Feinberg, our campers once again had a fun, Yiddishkeit-filled experience. The Israeli Scouts (Tzofim) Friend-

ship Caravan visited camp to sing and dance with our campers, giving them a direct connection to the state of Israel.

Our fund-raising campaign appears to have finally hit the bottom of the trough (pooh, pooh, pooh*) and is just starting to climb out of it. Thanks very much to those of you who attended this summer’s thank-you dinner for Steve and Susan Caller or who sponsored messages in their tribute book. Not only did our own community members contribute generously, but we also received a number of one-time gifts from out-of-town friends of the Callers, for which we are very grateful. Another bright spot in our campaign is that we have had a large number of pledges from first-time donors this year. If you are one of these donors, we hope that you will see the value that your gift provides to this community, and we hope that you will increase your support of our Federation in the future, as your finances permit. Tamara Ohayon, our marketing director, is planning to introduce some initiatives this year we hope will attract a wider range of donors, especially younger ones. As you consider what you can afford to give, please remember that in tough economic times, our community needs our Federation more than ever.

Our Federation continues its support of the Ben Yakir music therapy and horse riding therapy programs in Israel, which work with at-risk boys whose public schools have not succeeded at helping them. We have also contributed to a new initiative, the Israel Action Network, which seeks to counter the disinformation about Israel and the unethical boycott of Israeli academic institutions that is being promoted in some arenas. (Nothing puts the lie to the claim that Israel is an apartheid state more than a peaceful 250,000-person protest about high housing prices.) Still, as a small Federation, we cannot make much of a dent on these issues, and most of our attention continues to be focused right here in Lexington.

I wish you and your loved ones a very happy and healthy New Year.

**The sound of me spitting over my left shoulder.*

PJ Library News

The national PJ Library program was inaugurated here in central Kentucky this past April. As was discussed in previous articles in Shalom, PJ Library offers free high-quality Jewish books and music each month to families raising Jewish children ages six months through eight years. The program, which is a creation of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, is funded through a partnership of the foundation, local donors and the Jewish Federation. Simone Salomon chairs our PJ Library program.

Our target number of children participating in the first year is 80. This number represents half the number of

eligible children estimated to be in the area. At this point, 61 have enrolled. To be eligible, the children need to have at least one Jewish parent. While we are well on our way to reaching

the target, we aren't there yet. Those children and their parents who have

received the books thus far are thrilled with these gifts. If you have children or local grandchildren, nieces, nephews or friends not yet registered, please call the Jewish Federation office at 268-0672 or send an email to pjlibrary@jewishlexington.org. Be on the lookout for special programs for PJ Library kids and their families coming this fall.



JEWISH BEDTIME STORIES & SONGS FOR FAMILIES

JFS: At Your Service

By Talia Smolkin, MSW
Jewish Family Services



Two years ago, I had the opportunity to be part of the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass (JFB) team and work closely with Paula Clancy, our previous Jewish Family Services (JFS) Director. During that time, it became evident that this community has tremendous strength, and JFS has proven to be a great resource for this community to utilize. I am fortunate to now be returning to JFB as JFS Director as well as Coordinator of Informal Jewish Education.

JFS strives to serve the individual and communal needs of this Lexington Jewish community. Individuals and families are welcome to call JFS for a variety of needs. JFS can work with clients of any age to problem-solve and identify helpful resources. Thanks to the donations of this wonderful community, services are free.

JFS is also the sponsoring program of our Leisure Club, a group of seniors who come together to socialize, learn together, and celebrate holidays. This is an active and participatory group. New members and ideas for programs are always welcome.

JFS is just as much about the community as a whole as it is about individuals. Through Family Life Education, lectures, discussions and workshops serve to educate and promote communal problem-solving about issues

we often face as individuals, Jews, parents, children, and Lexingtonians. Here we come together to learn and connect with each other.

Serving Jewish families is not complete without creating opportunities for informal Jewish education. JFS processes applications for need-based scholarships for Jewish camps (camperships) and merit-based scholarships for Israel programs. An anonymous committee reviews these confidential applications and decides how to best distribute these funds, in order to support Jewish experiences that are deeply meaningful for our Jewish children and teens.

The Jewish community in Lexington possesses great strength. We care for one another and strengthen each other. The services of JFS help to demonstrate this strength and caring. It is an honor to work with this community, staff, lay leaders, and clients. It is an honor to be, as this column is called, at your service.

To contact Talia Smolkin, JFS Director, for information, referrals or other needs, e-mail jfs@jewishlexington.org or call (859) 269-8244. ☆

CRC Request

The Community Relations Committee would like your input on a project we are considering: bi-monthly conversations on topics of interest to the Jewish community. These could take the form of either discussions or talks.

Please let us know any topics that you would find of interest and speakers whom you would enjoy hearing. Thank you! Please email Larry Kant at dblk2@qx.net.



First and third Sundays of the month

Yiddish Drop-in! 10:00 a.m. at the Jewish Federation office. An hour of Yiddish with Refoyl Finkl (Rafi Finkel). Beginners welcome, fluent speakers welcome, and

those who remember "a por verter fun der heym" also welcome. We'll adjust what we do to the levels of those who come. No long-term commitment necessary. No charge. Worth every cent, at least!



a gathering of local Jewish adults, ages 21 to "40ish" (about 45), who get together at least monthly for social events.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 25
Hike

Sunday, October 16
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Sunday, November 20
Movie Night

Letters to the Editor

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Our Loss

By Bonnie Sobel

A small diamond was set in a simple setting and was on the finger of the daughter of one of our dearest friends. Laura knew that the ring was meant to be worn, but she was almost afraid to wear it because the diamond, while breathtakingly beautiful, was also irreplaceable. This diamond was one of three that came to America in the heel of the shoe of a Holocaust survivor. Actually, there had originally been four diamonds. Her father-in-law, a dentist who implanted the near perfect diamonds in his shoe, used one to buy his freedom from a former patient and guard at the concentration camp. He was able to give the other diamonds to his sons and daughter.

This story came to my mind when I heard that twenty-two of our Navy SEALs had just lost their lives when their helicopter was shot down over Afghanistan. My husband, Pete, used to tell me stories about the amazing Navy SEALs that were his shipmates during the Vietnam War. These men were physically and mentally our best trained, brightest and bravest. They could be counted on to be the first ones on the beaches and they "paved the way" for the rest of our troops to land safely.

Like the diamond in Laura's ring, each one of the SEALs represents the finest example of what American bravery is all about. Each is an irreplaceable treasure.

One thing about the Navy SEALs and especially SEAL Team 6 is that they usually don't like being in the headlines. They are the unsung heroes who quietly get the job done and don't

require public accolades. But today, as we are so saturated with information about the lives of drug infested entertainers and disgusting murderers, it is my hope that the military will share with us more details about the lives of these special heroes. I hope we will be able to make their names revered household words. Isn't it time we once again start celebrating the lives of outstanding people who contribute toward making America the exceptional country that it is? And aren't these men the perfect place to start?

2011 Hanukkah Stamp

By Ronald Scheiman

The Quest for Annual Hanukkah Stamps

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The 2011 Hanukkah stamp will be issued on October 14, 2011. It should be available at all post offices on, and after, October 17th. Since this Hanukkah stamp will be a "FOREVER" one. If you buy them at 44c and the postal rate goes up they can still be used without any additional postage necessary. If your post office does not have the Hanukkah stamp available after October 17th and throughout the holiday season please let me know immediately. Email me the town and Zip code at hanukkah@att.net.

Also, if your post office puts up a holiday display that does not include Hanukkah decorations, please let me know. Hanukkah decorations are allowed and should be included. If your postmaster does not believe it, tell him to look it up in the Post Office operations Manual sections 124.55,e and 124.57,c.



The Israeli-Palestinian conflict and misinformation (slightly revised 8/12/2011)

By Marty Solomon

As soon as President Obama's last word was uttered in his May 19 speech on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, reports of what he said began spewing out. Robert Satoff of the Washington Institute writes that the President, "unveiled a new—and controversial—set of principles guiding U.S. efforts to promote Israeli-Palestinian peace." Michele Bachmann said on TV, President Obama demands that, "Israel must give up its defensible borders." Mona Charen wrote that President Obama demands, "Negotiations...begin with the assumption that Israel will relinquish all of the disputed territories acquired in a defensive war 44 years ago." Chris Wallace of Fox News claimed that Obama has unveiled a new, dangerous plan for Israel. None of these reports are accurate, but many people who did not actually hear the speech were upset with President Obama based upon being misled. The fact is that there was nothing new or controversial in the President's speech. When President Obama said that the Palestinians and Israelis should negotiate on borders, "based on the 1967 lines with mutually agreed swaps," all he said was please sit down and come up with whatever borders are agreeable. Since the borders must be mutually agreed upon, the "1967" part of the sentence was irrelevant. Nevertheless, the 1967 borders have been central to the discussions ever since the Six-Day War. In the summer of 2000, Israel offered the Palestinians the creation of an independent Palestinian state with Israel's withdrawal from 100% of Gaza, approximately 95 percent of the West Bank and Israeli annexation of the

remaining 5 percent of the West Bank, in exchange for an equivalent amount of territory in pre-1967 Israel. That is, Israel virtually agreed to return to the 1967 borders. And in 2008, outgoing Prime Minister of Israel, Ehud Olmert, said, "almost all" of the territory seized during the Six-Day War in 1967 will have to be given back in return for peace with the Palestinians." Now, even Benjamin Netanyahu is saying that negotiations must begin with the 1967 borders.

Unfortunately, the misinformation may be fueling a new wave of anti-Semitism by encouraging enemies of Israel. Some anti-Zionists will take comfort in saying that Israel is unwilling to give back the land it occupied that never belonged to them and that even President Obama wants that done.

Whatever the case, the clock is ticking and time is seemingly not on Israel's side. Without peace, the Arab Spring may not be good news. In addition, Palestinians will likely receive a positive vote of statehood from the United Nations. Additionally, Israel's ability to survive has been based upon its military superiority. But that cannot last forever. Over time, Israel's enemies will gain military parity. Without a separate Palestinian State—which requires jettisoning major portions of the West Bank—Jews will become the minority and therefore, the country will no longer be a Jewish nation. But with a separate Palestinian state, Israel can remain both Jewish and democratic and Palestinians can return to a homeland of their own. Meir Dagan, the former chief of Israel's Mossad spy agency recently complained that Israel has failed to put forward a peace initiative with the Palestinians, that it had foolishly ignored the Saudi peace ini-

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Dear Friends,

This September, the United Nations General Assembly may hold a vote on whether or not to endorse a unilaterally declared Palestinian state and it is important that we be prepared to oppose this initiative. While we believe that the ultimate goal of the peace process, as underscored by Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu in his recent address to the US Congress, is "two states for two peoples: a Palestinian state alongside the Jewish state." Only through bilateral negotiations between the parties to the conflict can a true peace with secure and recognized borders be achieved. In an effort to raise our collective voice against a unilaterally declared Palestinian state, the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass has co-sponsored an online petition with the Israel Action Network to reject UDI and promote bilateral negotiations. We invite you to do the following:

1. Click <https://jrcny.wufoo.com/forms/petition-against-a-unilaterally-declared-palestine/> to sign the petition.
2. Circulate the petition to your social and organizational networks via E-mail, Facebook, and Twitter. When posting to Twitter, please use the hash tag #Sign4Peace.

Should you have any questions, please contact Judy Wortman. Thank you for partnering with us in this important effort.

Sincerely,

Robert Grossman **Judy B. Wortman**
President Executive Director

Gail Cohen one of 3 honored

*From a speech read by Ellen Hershtkin,
National Secretary, Hadassah
National Board Meeting
July 12, 2011*

We often talk about Family — our personal and our extended ones, including our Hadassah family.

When we look at a family tree or genealogy, we see the circles and squares or the names and dates, with the horizontal and vertical lines that connect us from the beginning to wherever we are in that continuum: DNA, personalities, idiosyncrasies and achievements that are the histories of any collection of human beings connected by blood, common interest, vision or goal.

It typically starts with one or two people at the top of the tree. So it is with Hadassah: "and in the beginning there was Henrietta Szold." In a metaphorical and spiritual sense Henrietta Szold was and is the mother of us all.

For nearly 100 years, Hadassah members have learned and grown as they have labored to fulfill the imperatives, the vision and goals of this remarkable woman. More than 300,000 members, donors, supporters and Associates have built upon the vision she espoused and the structure she guided, and in doing so have achieved a little bit of her remarkableness.

Today we honor three women whose thirty-year individual "herstories" reflect Henrietta Szold's vision, work ethic and leadership. The accomplish-

ments of each of them, mirrors some aspect of her efforts.

Henrietta once said, "When everything is needed everything needs to be done." All three of our honorees embody this imperative in the work they have done in Hadassah, the Jewish community and in the larger community both in the United States and abroad.

GAIL COHEN

In the beginning there was Henrietta Szold — and in 1968 Gail Cohen became a member when she moved to Lexington, Kentucky. After serving in many capacities in the local chapter, she became a Region president in 1981.

Like Ms. Szold Gail was a teacher. Like Ms. Szold, Gail worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for special populations. Like Ms. Szold, Gail was and is dedicated to the continuation of Jewish life and Jewish culture.

Gail's career as a leader in her Jewish community has followed a familiar course. In addition to her Hadassah work she has lent her talents as a President to Federation and the Lexington Havurah; as a Chair to the Federation's Women's Division and the Overall Campaign, and she has extended her outreach to the larger community as a board member of ARC of the Bluegrass and the National Conference for Community and Justice.

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Gail Cohen, Jane Chaput, Teri Junker - Central States Region President, and Judy Saker

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Gail Cohen (from page 6)

Gail's Hadassah focus on Jewish continuity and education embodies much of Henrietta Szold's vision and mandates. Ms. Szold had several regrets, both personal and professional. She once wrote, "I would exchange everything for a child of my own." She made the children of Youth Aliyah, of the Alice Seligsberg-Brandeis School, of Ramat Hadassah Szold her children. Gail's dedication and work in Young Judea and on the Bat Mitzvah Project has made those youngsters her children as well. In her work with the Social Work Special Interest Group and as Coordinator of the Midwest Area Cooperative, she strove to make our members more educated, more aware of our Jewish heritage so they could be better role models for their children.

One can trace one single line of Hadassah DNA from Henrietta Szold through Gail Cohen. As all of us donate to a Young Judea scholarship fund or encourage women in all professions to lend their talents to Hadassah, we add another line to the Hadassah family tree and honor the legacy of Gail Cohen.

And on a personal note and speaking of families - little did I know that when I became involved with my extended family in the Suffolk Region of Hadassah, I would also be getting

involved with Gail's personal family! Thank you, Gail, for sharing!

"The healing of the daughter of my people" - Jeremiah 8:22: is the Hadassah motto

"To the rest of us the supreme vindication of a scholar's view lies in their invincible allegiance to the Jewish heritage - a steadfastness that has been matched only by that of their rescuers." - Henrietta Szold

"In the life of the spirit there is no ending that is not a beginning." - Henrietta Szold

These three quotations suggest the wholeness of Hadassah: body, mind, spirit. Our genogram is studded with leaders whose work in Hadassah furthered and nurtured any and all of these.

Today, those of us sitting in this room represent the future. Let us commit ourselves to follow in the footsteps of our three honorees: Gail Cohen, Barbara Spack and Bonnie Lipton - to add more Zionist DNA - more lines - more branches to our family tree so that we too continue to help make Israel whole through Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America - our Hadassah!



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Summer in Israel, the Israeli Way

By Tamara Ohayon

We live in a pretty amazing world now. Technology advances faster than any of us can keep up. We can connect with family, friends, and business colleagues around the world at any given moment and devices are becoming cheaper, smaller, and more portable all the time. But most of us know that technology isn't enough, that this fast paced world aided by amazing new technologies only manages to fill our schedules more, hooking us in at every available second.

I'd be lying if I said that I didn't carry my smart phone around with me on vacation, but I can honestly say that I only connected when I was in WiFi range! Those of you who are my Facebook friends saw my occasional posts of yummy foods or the handful of places I was able to "Check In" to.

Being in Israel this past June was amazing and humbling, as was every trip I've had, but the more I go the more I notice the differences in each trip. My language barrier lifted a bit more this time, too, and I felt more comfortable and successful trying to speak with people.

Two of my 3 great weeks in Israel were mostly spent in the Tel Aviv area. There were many nights out visiting cafes, pubs, and the local 24-hour pool hall. I also went on day trips to the coast and the north. There were many great meals both at home and out, and a lot of time meeting new people and doing things that 20- and 30- somethings do. Some of the highlights were walking through Yafo, visiting my friends at the Joseph Bau Museum (hopefully a story for another issue), spending a day at Gordon salt water pool near the beach where the Tel Aviv GLBT Parade happened to pass by. And

I also spent a lot of time walking along the Mediterranean coast in the warm sun. The Gypsy King concert at the Ra'anana amphitheater was amazing, too!

I also went back to the moshav. My father's cousin married into the family that started it. The oldest 3 of her five children are close in age to me. There are several small farms on the moshav property. My family's business includes dairy cows and many dunam of beautiful plants and produce. At practically every meal there is a plate of sliced cucumbers and bell peppers with olive oil made from the moshav's grove drizzled over it. And every dairy meal there is a plate of tsafatit cheese made fresh by my father's cousin twice a week, from the pasteurized milk stored in the barn behind the house. They work very hard to make money off of the



Women related to the bride and groom, at this Muslim pre-wedding party, carry candies and henna kits to their guests.



The GLBT Pride Parade culminated in a huge beach party in Tel Aviv.

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Save the Date: December 8, 2011 From Darkness to Light: Natan Sharansky

25 years ago the Jewish world and the world at large watched as Natan Sharansky crossed the Glienicke Bridge from nine years in prison to freedom and Aliyah. This was a very special moment for millions of Jews around the world who were privileged to see the fruits of their collective relentless campaign to free Soviet Jewry.

On December 8, 2011 Jewish leaders from across the Southern United States will come together in Memphis, Tennessee for a private reception with Natan Sharansky to celebrate Mr. Sharansky's unwavering dedication to freedom and human rights and his enduring commitment to our global Jewish community. The evening will be dedicated to support for critical programs of the Jewish Agency for Israel that are ensuring our Jewish future here at home, in Israel, the former Soviet Union, and around the world.

The Jewish Agency invites you to show your support and to share your memories and messages with Mr. Sharansky through a special tribute journal which will be presented to Mr. Sharansky at the Darkness to Light reception.

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FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

Tower of Babel?

By Hanna B. Smith

Early in July my husband and I attended a Shabbat Chatan ceremony at a synagogue on New York's West Side. Shabbat Chatan is a Sephardi custom akin to the Ashkenazi Aufruf. The difference is that the Aufruf occurs on the Shabbat before the couple's wedding while the Shabbat Chatan is held on the first Shabbat after the wedding.

Whether Shabbat Chatan or Aufruf, the purpose of the calling up to the Torah is the community's acknowledgement of the couple's new status as husband and wife and as a household in Israel.

Following the service the bride's family invited their guests to a festive luncheon. Tables under marquees had been set up in the synagogue's courtyard on this mild and sunny afternoon. A buffet offered Moroccan, Tunisian, and French delicacies. Wine, vodka, and whiskey were there to toast the couple's health and good fortune.

The assembled company, ranging in age from grandparent to baby in a stroller, was an international crowd. French, Russian, Moroccan, Hebrew were the dominant languages spoken, with English following behind. Individual communication was at times a challenge that we took in good-humored stride. What united us were our hopes and wishes for the newlyweds and our delight in the establishment of a new Jewish household.

Cosmopolitan weddings have become frequent among us Jews as political events and airplane travel has brought together immigrants from around the globe. At my oldest niece's wedding 35 years ago I counted five languages spoken. At the wedding of my brother's granddaughter last year the spoken languages had crystallized to

Hebrew and English. However the two families' and their guests' backgrounds were as diverse as ever.

In times past a "mixed marriage" was between Ashkenazim and Sephardim, an acquaintance once told us. Today this division seems quaint as Jews discover each other's customs and try out each other's recipes.

The rich meal, the toasts, seeing an old friend and making new ones, helped me relax as I enjoyed the afternoon. The people, the warm weather, and this courtyard could have been in Israel instead of New York. I looked at the newlyweds, the groom a refugee from the Soviet Union, the bride an immigrant from Morocco, and gave thanks for the United States of America where this successful day was possible and, one hopes, will continue to be so.

A couple of days earlier a French-born friend of the bride told us about her fear of spreading anti-Semitism in France. Another guest mentioned family lost in the Shoah. The great-uncle of the bride escaped Stalin's persecution. The exile experience of insecurity and persecution is common to all of us no matter where we come from.

Our common heritage and experiences are helping us overcome cultural differences. Why can't the same heritage bridge the philosophical differences that are tearing us apart and that are threatening our existence from within? I am not minimizing these difference and the effort it will require to reach an understanding. Rav Avraham Kook, Chief Rabbi of Palestine from 1919 to 1935, once remarked that our world was destroyed because of baseless hatred but that we can rebuild ourselves and our world by practicing unconditional love. Let us heed Rav Kook's words!

Recovery and Deficit Reduction Must Include Strong Human Needs Programs

The Jewish Council for Public Affairs welcomed congressional passage of today's compromise legislation to raise the debt ceiling without provoking a serious economic crisis. However, this was only one component in a long-term discussion to lower the deficit and preserve critical human needs programs. "The President and Congressional leaders have come together to reach a compromise that avoided significant damage to our economy," said JCPA Chair Dr. Conrad Giles. "As Congress now begins to consider a bipartisan plan for deficit reduction, the JCPA will continue to work with lawmakers to protect programs such as Medicaid, SNAP, LIHEAP, and Pell Grants that not only save lives, but enable millions to climb out of poverty. Shielding these programs from automatic cuts is recognition of their value. We expect that whatever plan is produced by the new bipartisan commission will preserve these programs, especially as we continue our economic recovery." "The best way to reduce the deficit is to get our economy growing again," said JCPA President Rabbi Steve Gutow. "Instead of focus-

ing on how much we can cut funding for proven programs, we should find ways to enhance economic growth and expand opportunity. We urge our lawmakers to put in place policies that catalyze job creation and spur recovery. Despite today's compromise, millions of families and individuals still face economic turmoil. Strengthening human needs programs like unemployment insurance can help families stay in their homes and on their feet while looking for jobs. Support for school loans will yield a more qualified and educated workforce that will contribute to our economy. Targeted investments in job training will help workers better adapt to employment in emerging sectors. We urge Congress to make growth, not contraction, a priority in these coming months. This is the surest way to economic recovery and deficit reduction."

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land, but are rewarded with a beautiful and comfortable life there.

That week with family was filled with quiet moments, laughter, dry dessert air cut by cool breezes, eating delicious home cooked meals, a reflective Shabbat, learning and practicing new Hebrew words, and girl time with my cousins.

I also took short day trips near the moshav including cultural museums, malls, a farmers market, and a goat farm and petting zoo where they teach school children how to make their own goat cheese. If you would like to know

more about the Muslim pre-wedding street party I went to in a predominantly Sudanese neighborhood, I'll gladly share the story.

There's so much more detail I could give, but perhaps this time, rather than writing it all in 3 articles, I'll ask that you and I get together and have a good, old fashioned and technology free, face-to-face conversation over a cup of mint tea and I'll tell you all about it. It was those cherished moments, with people I love and respect that made my vacation in Israel truly special.



Dani and Rachel at the top of Masada.

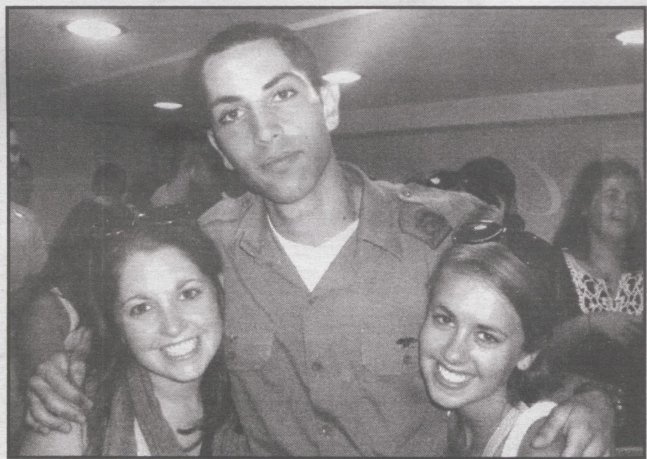
New Friends (from page 1)

these things this time around with us. I enjoyed getting to know each of them and over the course of just five days I gained a completely new view of the IDF. These soldiers are not only protecting the citizens of Israel, but are protecting Jewish people around the world by defending and putting their lives on the line for our Jewish state. We are lucky that in today's modern world we can keep in touch with our Israeli peers after our trip through email and Facebook. I already get a new Hebrew phrase sent to me each week from my Israeli friend, Shira!

Before I went on my trip, someone told me, "When you come home you'll never be the same." I have to agree with them. It is difficult to put into words because it is a feeling I've never had before in my entire life. I didn't expect

to be so welcomed, feel so safe and at home. My connection with Israel will be with me every day of my life and I know that as soon as I have the opportunity to visit Israel again, I will.

I am so grateful that I could be a part of a Taglit-Birthright Israel trip and would like to thank everyone who continues to make these trips possible. I would say that this trip is the best gift I've ever been given. My trip gave me confirmation and reassurance that Judaism is who I am and where I belong. I now know that Israel is a place I can always go, and it doesn't seem so distant after all. Even though Israel is technically thousands of miles away, it will always hold a special place in my heart and I will cherish the memories I made this summer forever.



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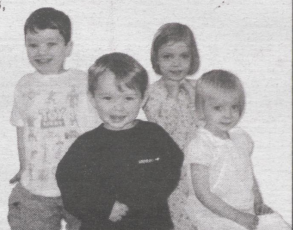


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Jewish Federations applaud new Congressional bill to support Holocaust survivors aging in place

The Jewish Federations of North America commend Reps. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL) and Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) for introducing bill to address the unique situation of Holocaust survivors

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Jewish Federations of North America lauded the introduction of a Congressional bill to provide support for agencies serving Holocaust survivors as they age in place in communities across the country. This bill is a result of meetings and discussions that Reps. Wasserman Schultz and Ros-Lehtinen conducted with Holocaust survivors and social workers. These discussions were organized by The Jewish Federations of North America, the Jewish Federation of Broward County, the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, Jewish Family Service of Broward County, and Jewish Community Services of South Florida.

The bipartisan bill, introduced by Reps. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-

FL) and Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), strengthens agencies that support Holocaust survivors who wish to age in place rather than move into institutionalized care, which can often lead to retraumatization for these victims of terror and torture. While assisted-living is an excellent option for many seniors, moving into nursing homes can re-introduce painful and traumatic memories for Holocaust survivors. This bill adds Holocaust survivors to the list of groups that receive preference for services under the Older Americans Act and designates a person within the Administration on Aging to have responsibility for implementing services to Holocaust survivors. Additionally, the bill creates a grant program to increase and improve transportation services, which is one of the greatest needs among older adults.

"We thank Reps. Wasserman Schultz and Ros-Lehtinen for introducing this bill, which takes the necessary step of

recognizing and addressing the unique situation of Holocaust survivors who have contributed greatly to this country since the Second World War," said Cheryl Fishbein, chair of The Jewish Federations of North America Domestic Affairs Cabinet. "When passed, this bill will provide the support local agencies need to ensure that survivors are able to live their lives with comfort, security and dignity."

Of the approximately 127,000 Holocaust survivors living in the United States today, three-quarters are over the age of 75 and about two-thirds live alone. Many of these survivors struggle to afford basic needs, such as adequate food, transportation and healthcare. This special population, which has contributed greatly to our country, often relies on the assistance of local agencies that enable them to age in place and live with dignity and security.

"As a nation that upholds the values of freedom, liberty, and justice, we have a moral obligation to acknowledge the plight and uphold the dignity of Holocaust survivors to ensure their well-being," said Congresswoman Wasserman Schultz. "Our children's generation will be the last to know Holocaust survivors and hear their stories first hand. We must do all we can to honor their struggles and their lives by improving their access to transportation to get them where they need to go, and improve their home-care options so that they can have peace of mind. This bill does just that, and it's time to make it happen."

"The sad reality is that every day, we have fewer Holocaust survivors among us to tell their tragic tales that remind us of the reality of evil," said Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen. "Many of these survivors have pressing medical

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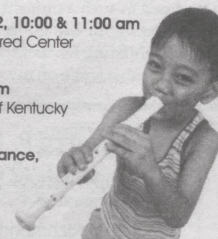
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Zhmerinka Documentary – Part 3: A Yiddishe mom and gramophone

Kushnir is Oleg Berezovsky mother's maiden name. Oleg's family on his father's side also has been through the hell of the Zhmerinka ghetto.

Elijah Berezovsky, Oleg's father, went to the front, but his relatives remained. It is impossible to describe all the sufferings of these martyrs within the limited newspaper space. Therefore, I will only provide the bitter history of only one amazingly courageous woman and her three children. This is Oleg's aunt, the sister of his father. Her name is Perl.

When the war began Perl was 26 years old. She was a mother of two little boys and a cute tiny baby girl who was just one month old. Perl's husband, from the early days of the war was drafted in the army and never returned - was missing.

She stayed in the little house in the ghetto with her children and a gramophone. It was her pre-war pride. Oh, how she loved to listen to the records with cheerful naive songs.

But now, in the hell of ghetto, it was clearly not up to the romantic songs. The soul of a young mother sobbed. Soul moaned. When I watched her videotaped testimony I could feel the pain that she went through. That's the tragic essence of her monologue:

"Every day I did not know whether or not we would stay alive by the next morning. Oh, my God, my God. For what guilt I and my dear little girl are destined to such a punishment? How and to whom was guilty this tiny Rivka thirsting for breast milk and filled with a smile on my chest,

having no idea what a nightmare was going on around us? And how to feed my golden little boys? Where can I get food?"

Perl herself was not a stranger to hunger. She survived the horror of the hunger of the thirties in Ukraine. Her father, a shoemaker whose production equipment was confiscated by Soviets, had to travel from Zhmerinka to Kiev to exchange the remains of their products for food for his children. But when he returned on the train back to his native place, he was attacked by a mob that took his backpack filled with food and pushed him off the moving train. He died shortly after that. His four children became orphans. And now what is going to happen to Perl's children?

One day Perl's former Ukrainian neighbor came to her house and demanded a gramophone that she owned. She had no choice but to part with the gramophone. She only managed to scrounge some grains from the intruder in exchange. The next day, leaving her little boys to look after their baby sister, she went to a former neighbor to get the promised grains from. On her way back she came across a Ukrainian policeman who saw a Star of David of her chest and took her to the German commandant. She was sitting on a bench there waiting for her fate. She suddenly heard a terrible cry of the dying inmate from the basement. "Now, they are going to throw me too into the basement and shoot me" - she thought. "Oh, my poor babies..."

But a miracle happened. The telephone rang. The German that was on duty there had to urgently leave. He was

replaced by a Romanian soldier who let Perl go back to Ghetto unharmed.

Soon there was another incredible miracle. One morning, two German soldiers burst into her house. They were loudly shouting: "We know that you have a gramophone. If you do not give it to us immediately we will shoot your and your children". The fascist pulled out a gun. From their screaming kids started to cry. With tears in her eyes, Perl told them that the gramophone is gone. "We do not care", - Germans replied. "Go and bring it. We will be back in a few days to take it or to kill you".

Perl did not know what to do in this almost hopeless situation. But it so happened that the next day the fascist military unit moved away from Zhmerinka.

And so all the time - minute by minute, hour after hour, day after day, week after week, month after month - for nearly three years of occupation, this brave woman had to fight for life. For her life and the lives of her dear children. In order to feed them she had to work very hard. Since Perl lost her parents when she was young - her mother died and her father was killed



Zhmerinka, 1970. Berezovsky's family. Former ghetto prisoner Sheindl, her husband Elijah who fought in WWII against Japan, and their children, Oleg and Leadh.



New York, 2008. Oleg Berezovsky visiting his aunt Perl Berezovsky, a former ghetto prisoner.

by bandits - she had to go to work at a garment factory. This experience proved useful in the ghetto. She sewed jerseys and other clothes that she sold or exchanged for food.

Perl was truly a heroic woman. Just think: in the brutal life in the ghetto, being on the verge of death every minute, with a baby in her arms, she still managed to hide in her modest house Jews who escaped from the neighboring towns, and POWs. What a sincere generosity and courage! This was a genuine feat of the Jewish woman! She was not decorated by any of the state's regalia though. But she did not really need them.

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What happened to Perl and her children after the war? She devoted herself entirely to her children. She has done everything possible to put them on their feet, give all of them education. It was the most important for her. She was not thinking about her personal life. She remained a widow. But not to be left alone. She emigrated to US with her children. She is already over 90 years old. She and her children live in New York. Oleg Berezovsky comes to visit his dear aunt Perl.

I understand that the reader would probably have a question: how was Rivka - the one who was just one-month-old baby who miraculously survived the war in the Zhmerinka ghetto? She now is around seventy. Her daughter Angela someday met in New York a guy who came from Sweden. A passionate love broke out. Now the former prisoner of the Zhmerinka ghetto Rivka has two grand children who live near Stockholm. And recently Rivka and her husband flew to Stockholm to celebrate the bar - bat mitzvah of their grandson and granddaughter.

Unusual, yet in many ways a typical story about Jewish ghetto survivors. The branches of Berezovsky-Kushnir family from Zhmerinka can be found today in America and Israel, Germany and Sweden, Russia and Ukraine ... This is the fate not only of one family. This is the fate of the Jewish people.

Bloody snow

Some believe that the Zhmerinka ghetto was an island of life. Brutal. Merciless. Still, many prisoners managed to survive. Zhmerinka ghetto was transferred by the Germans under the control of their Romanian vassals. And the fact remains: Romanians were not so brutal to Jewish prisoners comparing to the German fascists.

In July 17th, 1941 Zhmerinka residents woke up by the roar of motorcycles raided by the Nazis. A week later a ghetto was established in the town. Jews were driven to the ghetto out of their familiar places, from homes and apartments, where they survived the pogroms, the pre-revolutionary and post-revolutionary anti-Semitism. Drunken Nazis raided Jewish homes before the evictions, plundered them, raped, and beat innocent people.

But even more brutal, hopeless, was a fatal destiny of Jews who lived in the neighboring towns of Poodle region occupied by German fascists.

Close to Zhmerinka, literally eight kilometers away, there is a beautiful place called Brailov. Here, in the former Pale of Settlement, many generations of Jews have lived for centuries. The Nazis set up a concentration camp there. It contained the doomed to death men, women and children. Many of them were used to perform hard labor. Being on the verge of despair, some of the Brailov's prisoners decided to quietly sneak into the Zhmerinka ghetto in hope to survive. But the weak candle of the last hope faded. Germans found out about this move, and all of the escapees were returned to the camp. All of them, over 270 Jews were shot in 1943 near Brailov ditches.

Similar tragic fate happened to the Jewish town of Litin in the same Vinnitsa region. I had a chance to get acquainted with the sad memories of a former prisoner of the ghetto, Boris Mazelisa: "Before the war, I was a third grade student. But I well remember the horrors of the local Holocaust. In August 1941 a group of Jews "were invited" to the cinema theater. The theater was immediately surrounded by the German soldiers and Ukrainian policemen. They drove the 57 "invited" into trucks, took them out of town and shot. In late December, on New Year's Eve, the order was posted: all Jews should go to the assembly point. On a frosty winter day, the Germans and their servants - policemen were driving completely naked adults and children to the dug wells, beat them with whips and rifle butts, incited the dogs on them. The cries of the doomed were silenced by the sound of the machine guns shooting. The night before the white snow has fallen on the ground. It turned red - red with human blood. On this day, December 19th, the Germans and the police shot dead four thousand Jews. Among them were eleven members of my family".

How did the boy Boris survive? He and some members of his family and other families were secretly taken out of the Litin by an Ukrainian woman Yevgeny Bondarchuk. She knew all the safe paths, bypassing the villages. They walked at night. During the day they were hiding in the woods. They survived in Zhmerinka ghetto. Eugene

repeatedly performed the righteous, but extremely dangerous mission. And she was not alone. Museum Yad Vashem conferred the title of Righteous among Nations to the Eugene and Michael Bondarchuk, Fyodor and Yuhim Mukomel and their son, Basil.

"I bow my head low for these people who risked their own lives to save Jews", said Boris Mazelisa.

The same tragedy, as in Brailov and Litin, occurred in the most of the towns where Jews lived. Still, there are some anti-Semites, who continue to affirm: the Holocaust is a myth, it's a bluff, it did not happen, the number 6 million murdered Jews was not true. And such the statements are made not only by the Iranian president and other Muslim leaders, but also by some enlightened representatives of the "European civilization". Some of them are trying to persuade people that the ghettos were really just labor camps and holiday camps.

It is unlikely to convince these "commentators" otherwise. I just wanted to provide three numbers that caught my attention in the report of Faina Vinokurova, Vice-Director of the State Archive of the Vinnitsa region. Before the Second World War, about 142 thousand Jews lived in Vinnytsa region. Of these, 120,000 were massacred in the Nazi ghettos and the shtetl's concentration camps. Also 50,000 of Jews brought in the region from Bessarabia, Bukovina and other neighboring regions were killed.

Holy transition of memory

There is nothing worse than forgetfulness. There is nothing more nefarious than silence or denial of the Holocaust. Oleg not only remembers everything he had learned from the lips of his mother and other close relatives of prisoners Zhmerinka ghetto. He also tries to convey their memories to his daughters.

This is a sacred transmission of the memory. Daughters of Oleg and Yelena Berezovsky live in Chicago. The eldest of them, Anna, is already married. She presented her parents with wonderful gifts - grandsons Alex and Nicholas. This is the highest joy and delight to the grandfather and grandmother Oleg and Lena.

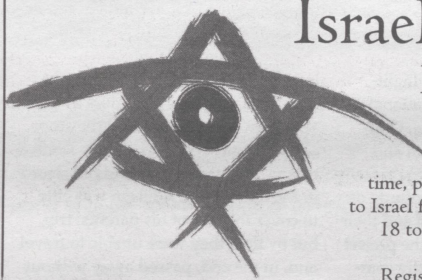
Anna with her husband Frank, sons and her younger sister Inna often come to visit their parents in Lexington. They recently came to celebrate together the Day of Thanksgiving. They are thankful for the good fortune to live and work in the blessed country of America.

The Berezovsky's keep memory of the past, but, quite naturally, they also look into the future. They want to believe that it will be bright. Let there be light!

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Adelsons announce \$5 million challenge gift to Taglit-Birthright Israel

Philanthropists Dr. Miriam and Sheldon G. Adelson announced a new \$5 million 2011 challenge gift to the Birthright Israel Foundation, as part of their ongoing commitment to fund the free, 10-day educational trips of Taglit-Birthright Israel for Jewish young adults. In all, the Adelson Family Foundation has contributed over \$100 million to Birthright Israel since 2007.

"We continue to be amazed by the profound impact the trip has on thousands and thousands of young people," Dr. Miriam Adelson said. "It is changing an entire generation."

"I have always said that I don't think there has been a better Jewish program in my lifetime than Birthright Israel," Sheldon Adelson added. "I haven't talked to a young adult who returned from a Birthright Israel trip who didn't say 'it changed my life.'"

The Adelsons share the desire of the founders of Birthright Israel Foundation to help the organization transition from one funded solely by philanthropists to one that has broad grassroots support of the North American Jewish community. To that end, the announced gift will serve as a matching grant, which essentially will double gifts from new donors, increased gifts from current donors or new designated gifts through Federations.

"The Adelsons are a pillar of Taglit-Birthright Israel," said International CEO of Taglit-Birthright Israel, Gidi Mark. "In recent years, Miriam and Sheldon have been unstinting supporters of our initiative. The magnitude of their giving is unprecedented and their engagement and support of the project is moving. They are profoundly committed to this program and to the idea that every Jewish young adult should be able to visit Israel, that there should be no wait lists for young Jews who wish to connect to their Jewish roots

in Israel. They changed the lives of a whole generation."

"The Jewish people owe the Adelsons a debt of gratitude," said Robert P. Aronson, President of the Birthright Israel Foundation. "Their ongoing generosity has enabled tens of thousands of young adults, whom we otherwise could not have sent, to experience the life-changing journey of a Taglit-Birthright Israel trip."

The Adelson challenge will help promote Birthright Israel's goal of increasing participant numbers – from 30,000 a year today to 51,000 annually by 2013, almost doubling the number of young adults able to go on the Taglit-Birthright Israel trip. Reaching this new record number of participants would mean that one of every two young Jewish adults would be able to participate. At the beginning of the year, the Government of Israel announced \$100 million in funding over three years, contingent on matching funds raised in North America and other Jewish Communities around the world. The Birthright Israel Foundation hopes to raise \$58.6 million this year, up from \$49 million raised last year. Beyond the Adelson Family Foundation pledge, there has been a 20% increase in the campaign so far this year compared to funds raised in the same period in 2010.

In May, at a reception for Birthright Israel's most generous donors in New York City, Mr. Adelson told the story of his parents who had always wanted to travel to Israel, but could not afford it. Eventually, Mr. Adelson was able to cover the cost of his parents' trip, but by then they were unable to travel and, in the end, passed away without visiting Israel. "I made a promise that I would do everything I could to help any young person who wanted to visit Israel to be able to do so," Adelson said.

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Congressional Bill (from page 11)

and housing needs and this bill seeks to address those gaping holes in social services."

The bill comes on the heels of a resolution passed in December that recognizes the needs of aging Holocaust survivors and the work of agencies that support them. Taking the next step to provide the support these agencies need, this new bill represents progress toward ensuring these heroes are able to age with the proper assistance.

"Passage of this important legislation will strengthen agencies that support Holocaust survivors, allowing them to 'age in place' rather than move into institutionalized care, which can reintroduce sights, sounds, smells, emotions, and routines which can induce panic, anxiety, and retraumatization for this very special population of heroes," said William Daroff, Vice President for Public Policy and Director of the Washington Office of The Jewish Federations of North America.

Letters (from page 5)

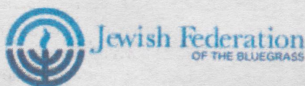
-tative and worried that Israel would soon be pushed into a corner. In spite of the fact that Hamas' Constitution calls for the annihilation of Israel, Hamas leader Khaled Meshaal recently said that decisions on "negotiations with Israel, domestic governance, foreign affairs, domestic security and resistance and other field activities" against Israel, would all be reached in consensus between Palestinian factions. If Meshaal keeps his word, it would mean that Hamas would no longer attack Israel without the agreement of Fatah that has

been opposed to violence and has been a partner with Israel in improving conditions in the West Bank. It is instructive to note that even the Fatah Constitution calls for the destruction of Israel, yet Fatah President Abbas has clearly ignored an old position. Maybe Hamas will also. Therefore, this may be the most opportune time in history for truly fruitful peace talks to take place. The two sides might be able to now move along a serious road to peace and security. If not, then I fear that Israel's future may be less than bright.



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Book Review

By Jeremy Popkin

David Biale. *Not in the Heavens: The Tradition of Jewish Secular Thought* (Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 2011). Pp. 229.

Let me state at the outset that I cannot pretend to be a neutral reviewer of David Biale's *Not in the Heavens*, a survey of the main themes in what Biale calls "Jewish Secular Thought" over the past three-and-a-half centuries. David Biale, professor of Jewish studies at the University of California, Davis, is an old friend from my university days. By drawing me into his Jewish student group at Berkeley, he renewed my commitment to Jewish life, which had more or less lapsed after my bar mitzvah. We have gone very different ways in our scholarly lives, but from time to time I have the pleasure of sitting down with him in a Bay Area coffeehouse and pretending for a few hours that we are once again eager young graduate students.

To read Biale's new book is, for me, to be drawn back to discussions we had nearly forty years ago. Then, as now, Biale was fascinated by thinkers who were in some unmistakable sense Jewish, but who rejected the authority of traditional Judaism. From an Orthodox religious point of view, a Jewish secularist is, after all, simply a secularist: someone who has adopted the values of the surrounding society, or at least severed any connection to the essence of what makes a person Jewish.

In this rapidly moving survey, which sweeps from Spinoza in the 1600s to twentieth-century figures like the poet Hayim Nahman Bialik, the philosopher Hannah Arendt and the historian

Gershom Scholem, Biale argues that there is such a thing as a tradition of Jewish secular thought. This tradition is defined, Biale contends, not so much by the use of distinctively Jewish language—Hebrew or Yiddish—but by its roots in the Jewish religious tradition itself.

The Bible contains secular elements, such as the "Song of Songs," and great religious figures, notably Maimonides, argued that we can have only negative knowledge of what G-d is not, rather than positive knowledge of his nature; in that sense, Maimonides could be read as claiming that the secular world is all we can really know.

Spinoza, the central figure in most accounts of the development of modern philosophy, was, in Biale's reading, not the abstract rationalist he is often portrayed as, but rather "the last medieval heretic," a thinker who pushed the ideas of Maimonides and other earlier Jewish thinkers to their most extreme limits. "For all his radical break with the past and heretical rejection of the Jewish tradition, then, Spinoza cannot be understood without reference to that tradition," Biale concludes. (28)

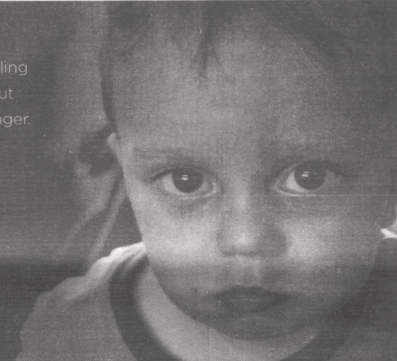
Spinoza's children—the many secular Jews of the past three centuries—have sought to redefine the essence of Judaism in terms of nationhood, ethnicity, and language. Moving outside of the Jewish tradition, they have incorporated ideas from the Gentile world, but, like Spinoza, they have also remained in dialogue with the Jewish past. This dialogue has often taken surprising forms, as Biale shows, but it has always kept secular Jews from simply merging into the surrounding Gentile world.

Biale writes with admirable clarity, and this academic monograph is certainly accessible to general readers. If Biale and I were sitting in a Berkeley cafe again, I would ask him, however, whether the book is not a bit dated. The figures he discusses are, almost without exception, authors we could have talked about back in the early 1970s.

I would have liked to see him discuss some of the secular Jewish thinkers of the past few decades: the French deconstructionist philosopher Jacques Derrida, perhaps, the brilliant American Jewish novelists of the past generation, such as Saul Bellow and Philip Roth, or writers like Primo Levi and the historian Raul Hilberg, who have tried to make some sense out of the experience of the Shoah without fall-

ing back on the religious tradition. Biale knows contemporary Israel, that distinctively Jewish but largely secular society, very well, but the most recent Israeli writers he discusses at any length are David Ben-Gurion and the historian Scholem. The absence of references to Jewish feminist thought is equally striking.

Nevertheless, anyone interested in Jewish thought will find more than enough to chew on in the book David Biale has written. Readers will gain new perspectives on familiar figures, such as Moses Mendelssohn and Heinrich Heine, and will meet many new thinkers and many provocative ideas about what constitutes the nature of Jewish identity.



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Israel 21c: The 'elegant wines' of Flam



A family-run boutique winery in Israel wins top marks and furthers the fame of world-class wines from the fertile soil of this ancient land.

By Brian Blum

Jerusalem's chunky soil and moderate climate makes for elegant wines.

In 1882, Baron Edmond de Rothschild founded the Carmel Winery, Israel's first commercial winery. Just over 100 years later, Israel saw its second wine revolution with the opening of the Golan Winery, which transformed Israel's image as a purveyor of sweet wines primarily for ritual use to a source of wines for weekday enjoyment. The third revolution was in 1998 with the rise of the small boutique wineries. And at the forefront of the latest crop of international award winners from Israel is the family-owned Flam Winery in the Judean Hills, just outside Beit Shemesh.

If Carmel is still the big brother of Israeli wineries - producing some 15 million bottles a year - Flam, with its 100,000 bottles, is just a tipsy fly on a bubbly windshield. But that fly is racking up some impressive scores from influential wine writers.

The winery's CS Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon received a 90 (out of 100) score from Robert Parker, publisher of the Wine Advocate. Dean of the Israeli wine press, Daniel Rogov, gave the wine an even

higher ranking, at 94, describing the Cabernet Sauvignon as having a "deep, almost impenetrable garnet in color, with spicy oak on the nose showing only gently in the glass. On the nose and palate wild berries, blackcurrants and spiced plums, all on a background that hints at one moment of garrigue and another of roasted herbs."

A family affair

Piqued your oenological curiosity? The Flams would be glad to show you around.

Founded by two brothers - Gilad and Golan Flam - along with their mother, Kami, who handles business operations, the winery is in the classic Italian tradition, Gilad tells ISRAEL21c. "We're not looking for blockbuster. We want more elegant wines."

The Flam family run their winery as a family business.

Golan is the winemaker in the family. He studied agriculture at Hebrew University and continued his studies for

a master's degree in viticulture and oenology in the Piacenza University near Milan, Italy. He interned at the Carpineto Winery in Tuscany, then moved to South Australia, which has similar weather conditions to Israel.

Gilad describes the difference. "The soil here is more chunky, while in the Golan it's mostly volcanic. The temperatures in the Judean Hills are also more moderate, which makes for a more premium wine."

Nevertheless, the Flam Winery maintains a couple of vineyards up north. "Neither is bad or good. It's just a different taste," he adds.

Israeli palates have matured

The explosion in small boutique wineries in the last 10 years corresponds with the increase in Israelis traveling abroad, where they've been discovering fine European wines as well as more exotic types of food. The changes

in the wine industry have gone hand in hand with Israel's restaurant revolution, which has transformed a country once known for its hummus and kebab to an innovative culinary powerhouse.

Flam's cabernet sauvignon is one of the vineyard's top wines.

The Flam family's roots in wine go way back. Their father, Israel Flam, was the chief winemaker at Carmel for 35 years.

"He was the first Israeli to study at the University of California at Davis," Gilad says. It was a professor from that school who arrived in Israel in the late 1970s and declared that the Golan Heights could produce wine and not just apple juice.

Ironically, the wine master was not initially supportive of his sons' business venture. "In 1998, there were only four to five boutique wineries in the whole country. He was afraid we were going to lose all our money," Gilad says. The brothers hedged their bets by

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Elegant Wines (from page 20)

simultaneously opening HaGefen, a wine import and distribution business. It's the latter that turns a profit. Gilad heads HaGefen, where he is also responsible for getting the winery into international shows ("we do about three a year in the US and one show each in Paris and London"), while Golan manages the winery.

Of the winery's 100,000 bottles, 80 percent are purchased within Israel. The Flams' goal is to sell 40% of their wine abroad.

The Flam Winery started out non-kosher, and only started its first kosher run in 2010. "After 12 years, we thought, 'We're making good wines now; we can look at making it kosher,'" says Gilad.

This was more of a business decision than a religious one, since non-kosher wine doesn't sell for Jewish holidays and precludes a large market. "Being kosher will help us work without any borders."

Flam is one of nearly 250 boutique wineries now operating in Israel. Tulip is another notable family-run establishment, and Carmel's Yatir boutique winery gets rave reviews from Parker. While many are located in Israel's northern Galilee and Golan Heights regions, most of Flam's vineyards are close to Jerusalem. The competition doesn't faze Gilad. With an MBA, he could have gone into any kind of business and made a lot more money. But, he says, "I didn't want to sit in an office in Herzliya."

And despite living in Tel Aviv ("so my wife can be close to her work"), it's the countryside he relishes. "As Israelis, we have a real attachment to the land."

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Samson: The First Terrorist

By Ned Rosenbaum

Got your attention? Good. For those who don't know the Bible, Judges 13-16 tells the story of one Samson, the last of twelve local leaders (calling them Judges is a misnomer as none had or were expected to have any legal expertise). During the long period between Joshua and Saul, as the Bible reckons it, various Judges led combinations of our Israelite ancestors - never all of them - against their enemies. In Samson's time it was the Philistines, people who had migrated from Europe and, after a failed attempt to invade Egypt, ended in Canaan, who were Israelite Enemy Number One.

Over the objections of his parents, Samson married one or two Philistine women and was eventually betrayed by his wife, Delilah, captured by his enemies and blinded. He ultimately killed himself by pulling down their temple killing 3,000 of them, more in death than he had in life.

Samson is a hero in our tradition; his name has become a symbol for physical strength. But I can't help think of what the next day's Philistine newspapers would have made of this exploit. So many innocent women and children must have been among the dead. The number is eerily close to the number we lost on September 11, and our opinion of the 19 dead terrorist/perpetrators cannot adequately be expressed in a family newspaper.

The one redeeming feature of the Samson story is that... it's fiction. His less destructive exploits, for example, finding 300 foxes, tying them together in pairs by their tails, setting them on fire and running them through Philistine grain fields are, well, preposterous as is his reportedly killing 600 with the jawbone of an ass. (I feel like making a reference to our Congress here, but I'll restrain myself.)

Some early "Higher Critics" of Hebrew Scripture thought Samson was the

historicization of a Sun-myth; biblical *shimshon* comes from the root /sh-m-sh that gives us *shemesh*, "sun." Others point out that Samson was a Danite, that the tribe of Dan probably originated in the Greek islands and Samson is a "Hebrew Hercules." The best explanation that I've read comes from Hertha von Deschend and Giorgio de Santillana in a book titled *Hamlet's Mill* (Boston: David Godine, 1977). The authors give compelling evidence that Samson is a celestial myth, but based on the constellation Orion, the blind hunter of the skies.

My opinion won't sit well with our Orthodox brethren, or with liberal Jews who'll point out that the Samson stories condone, even extol his sort of brutality against one's enemies, but at least it's less harmful than real terrorism. I know of only one terrorist attack by an armed Jew against unarmed Muslims in all of Israel's sixty-three year history.

One attack is still one too many and it's sad to point out that the only discernible difference between the 9/11 hijackers and the Norwegian mass murderer is their religion, Islam and Christianity respectively. And you can throw in the assassin of Dr. George Tiller, the abortion provider, in Kansas. The bottom line is that religious fundamentalism contains the seeds of, well, anarchy.

In my opinion, religion-fueled terrorism - is there any other kind? - is the worst form of human behavior imaginable because, at bottom, it's an attack on the created order, an invitation for the return of that Chaos that God first organized into the Cosmos. The Bible has a phrase for those who do this, *po'alei aven*, that other cognate languages lack and that English cannot adequately translate; "evildoers" (NJPS) doesn't come close; "agents of chaos" is nearer the mark.

Written on 7/22/11 for the victims of the Norway terrorist attack

Help Stop Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is a crime that harms millions of victims worldwide. The JCPA believes that the demand for and the apparatus that facilitates the movement of modern-day slaves around the world must be eliminated. In addition, there is a continuing need for public education as well as national and international advocacy to combat trafficking.

The 2011 Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act was recently introduced into the Senate. This bipartisan bill is the core of American anti-trafficking legislation. We need you to contact your Senators and Congressmen today to ask them to cosponsor this legislation and support its reauthorization.

To fight the scourge of human trafficking, the JCPA has partnered with the RAC [Religious Action Center of the Reform Movement], NCJW, Rabbis for Human Rights-North America, ATEST, and JCRCs from across the country. Our goal is to educate the community about the horrors of labor and slave trafficking, and to create an education-

al toolkit to raise awareness and put an end to human trafficking.

Millions of people live today as slaves, trapped in endless cycles of debt bondage, violence, and exploitation. Slavery exists in our own communities, in the supply chains of the products we buy every day, and around the world.

Every year, Jews sit around the Seder table and give thanks that we are no longer slaves. Our memory of slavery and liberation also compels us to work to ensure that no one else in the world experiences the degradation of slavery.

Faced with a problem this vast, we may feel helpless, but we're not. Today, you can take action to ensure that the American government continues to use its resources to protect victims of slavery, prosecute traffickers, and prevent the root causes of slavery.

Additionally, if you would like to be involved in this effort, and join our coalition, please email Marc Schlesinger at MSchlesinger@thejcpc.org.



May this New Year be one of joy, happiness, and good health. May we celebrate community and family and strive to strengthen the bonds between us. May we continue to hold Israel dear to our hearts and wish for peace—for her, and for all the world.



L'Shanah Tovah from the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass



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Lexingtonians on Vacation in Israel



Tamara Ohayon, visiting the home and studio of the late artist and animator, Joseph Bau, with his daughters, Hadassah and Chila.



Demonstration of coffee grinding and Bedouin hospitality at the Joe Alon Center.



Linda Ravvin and a student with Arbel, a horse purchased for Ben Yakir by JFB's Equine Division.



Leon and Linda Ravvin visiting with horse therapy instructor, Gabi Azulay and family, and Ben Yakir students.



Baumann / Aizenstein family vacation (L to R): Steve B., Howard A., Barbara B., Simon A., Evelyn A., Max A., Lauren B., Judy and Bob B. in front of the Old City of Jerusalem.



Judy and Bob's grandson, Simon, practices surfing in Tel Aviv.



Judy and Bob at King David's citadel in Jerusalem with their grandchildren Simon, Max and Evelyn.

Ask A Rabbi

Rabbi David A. Wortman

Q: In this modern age of refrigeration and government inspection, is there still a reason to keep kosher?

A: Some would answer this question with a resounding, "No!" They would cite the alleged origins of kashrut as being found in the need for dietary cleanliness. They would aver that we no longer have that concern – ergo, we need not observe antiquated food restrictions.

Yet, there are many who would offer an equally resounding, "Yes." Their arguments are many, not the least of which involves the concept of the "genetic fallacy." A genetic fallacy is to dismiss a ritual because its original meaning is no longer applicable – ignoring the development of the basis of the action over the many years of its existence. For instance, some scholars suggest that the origin of the mezuzah was to ward off evil spirits. To continue to believe that this is a reason not to put up a mezuzah denies the several thousand-year history of it be-

ing a fulfillment of a commandment in Deuteronomy, a public affirmation of the Jewishness of a household, and the acknowledgment of God's presence in one's home.

Of course, the genetic fallacy requires the knowledge of the origin of a practice. It cannot be assumed that the origin of kashrut is to be found in a desire for gastronomic cleanliness. It is also the observance of a number of mitzvot in the Torah. Some Ugaritic scholars find the separation of milk and meat in an ancient Near Eastern text. (Though, I would argue that the text has been misinterpreted.) Further, kashrut has become an external measure that helps define a community. Those who keep kosher are aware, every time they eat, of their connection to a Jewish past, present, and future.

Following the kosher laws can be very complicated. Their explication in the rabbinic literature is complex and often contradictory. How do you kasher a meat utensil that has been exposed to

dairy? Are legumes kosher for Passover? Is a chicken meat or pareve (neither meat nor dairy)? These are only three of the perplexing question that an everyday practitioner of kashrut may ask. There are many more. The conclusion of most legal decisors is for an individual to consult with his or her own rabbi.

The lack of ease of deciding kosher issues, however, is not a reason to throw up one's hands and eat a BLT. One can define many levels of kashrut. From merely refraining from pork products

to following the strictest and most exacting rules of the Satmar Chassidim, each follower decides for himself or herself what level of the kosher laws he or she will observe.

In the final analysis, keeping some sort of kosher is an important part of one's Jewish identity – especially in an era when it is all too easy to melt into the surrounding society and lose Jewish uniqueness. Possible origins aside, kashrut has attained increasing importance as the centuries have passed.

Have a question? Ask a rabbi

The rabbis write columns in response to questions submitted by the readers. We encourage you—whether you are a member of the Jewish community or not—to submit your queries on theology, morality, ethics, religious observances, etc. for response by one of our rabbis.

If you have an issue you would like to see addressed, please email it to shalom@jewishlexington.com and put "Ask a Rabbi" in the subject line of your email. (It may take quite a while until your question is answered or it may never be answered, if no rabbi selects it.) You will not be identified as the writer of the question to either rabbis or readers, nor will you be asked to specify which rabbi should answer.

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B'tayavon (Hearty Appetite)

By Ruth Poley



We're approaching fall, but there's still plenty of good grilling time left. The recipe for this month is very easy, but so delicious we make it quite a lot. I try never to repeat a recipe when we have guests, but I'm pretty sure some of our dinner companions have been served this more than once. There may be some people who think it's the only dish we know how to cook! The recipe actually calls for this to be made in the oven, so you can make it all year round; I do think of it mostly as a summer dish, however. The advantages to grilling are that there is no odor in the house and the cleanup is much easier (and my husband does the cooking, as I don't do grill).

Sesame Salmon with Shredded Bok Choy Salad

1 lb. of thick salmon fillets, skinned (they come from Sam's Club already skinned)
1 tablespoon gomasio salt (available at Good Foods Market, in Japanese markets, and sometimes other places)
juice of ½ lime
1 tablespoon raw sesame seeds, white, black, or a combination
2-3 heads of baby bok choy, sliced thin
½ pound fresh mung bean sprouts (optional)
Asian soy sesame dressing (I recommend High on Rose sauce, available at Liquor Barn)

Sprinkle the fillets with gomasio salt, lime juice, and sesame seeds. (Do this no more than half an hour ahead of time, as the lime juice will start to cook the fish.) Cook in a preheated 425° oven for 15-20 minutes, or until the salmon is just cooked and the sesame seeds are toasted.

Mix the bok choy, and sprouts if using, with the dressing and make a bed of the vegetables on a platter. Serve the salmon on top.

To barbecue, use medium heat and grill indirectly (over a part of the grill that has no fire under it, top closed), for about 12-15 minutes. If you grill it, make sure the grill is very clean, and don't try to move the salmon until it has finished cooking.

NOTE: If you have an appropriate food story you'd like to share, or a recipe you think others in the Jewish community might enjoy, please email me at rgp@insightbb.co.n

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Mah-Jongg tournament

The American Mah-Jongg Association (AMJA) will host the first invitation-only Mah-Jongg championship tournament November 28 - 30, 2011 at the Trump Taj Mahal Hotel Casino in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Professional scorekeepers will officiate at this premiere event that will offer a variety of substantial cash prizes, including a grand prize of \$2,500.

Mah-Jongg is played with four participants using tiles stamped with Chinese symbols. The winner is the first player to match his or her tiles to a specific hand from a scorecard by picking and discarding, much like card game Gin Rummy. A variant of the ancient Chinese game of mahjong, the American version utilizes racks, jokers, "Hands and Rules" and scorecards.

"Mah-Jongg is a very social game, and is easy for new players to learn. In fact, a recent local tournament winner had only been playing the game for three months," said Lois Madow, founder of

the AMJA. "We're thrilled to be hosting this North American Invitational Tournament, and encourage players at all experience levels to participate. With its world-class cuisine and entertainment, we believe the Trump Taj Mahal is the perfect location for this event."

The Champion is the player with the most points after playing 12 rounds with all of the entrants. The 12 players with the highest scores will have a play off to determine the winner. The other 11 finalists will also collect substantial prizes. The entry fee is \$200 plus the hotel/meal package deal.

To request an invitation to the tournament, contact the American Mah-Jongg Association, at 800.663.4581.

The American Mah-Jongg Association (AMJA) was founded in 1998 to educate players and support the growth of Mah-Jongg, and successfully hosts 6 major tournaments each year. For more information, visit AMJA.net.

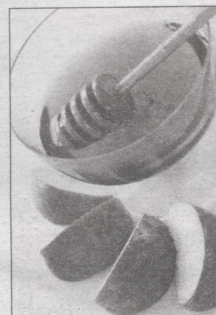
TAI on Rye to open for this year on September 25

TAI on Rye, your New York deli in the Bluegrass, will be open for the new season from noon to 2:00 on Sunday, September 25, at Temple Adath Israel. Our always-wonderful pastrami, corned beef, chopped liver, and other goodies will be available, and our special for this month will be brisket pot roast with potatoes. The brisket was a huge hit last time we served it and we'll try not to run out this time (no guarantees, however). We'll have

a special dessert as always; we're still deciding what that will be.

We are also introducing a third vegetarian dish, roasted seasonal vegetables, which will be a regular item on our menu this year.

If you've already been to TAI on Rye, you know how delicious our food is. If you haven't been there yet, it's never too late. See you on September 25.



May the inscriptions we author in the Book of Life be only for the good... for ourselves, for our communities, and for the world! May this season of holiness bring us to be and to do our best to face challenging times that cause us to struggle and moments of celebration that lift our hearts.

*Shanah tovah!
Temple Adath Israel*

The Lexington Havurah

Jeremy D. Popkin, President

The Lexington Havurah, founded in 1978, is a network of diverse people dedicated to Jewish learning and renewal, community building, and tikkun olam (repairing the world). A havurah is defined as a gathering or community of friends. The Lexington Havurah is affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the National Havurah Committee. Members plan, conduct, and share responsibility for all services. For additional information about services or membership in the Havurah, please contact me at popkin@email.uky.edu, or the co-chairs of the Membership Committee, Evelyn Geller (859) 278-3609, evelynkadimah@aol.com, or David Feinberg, (859) 223-1304, kdffm@insightbb.com.

The Havurah changes prayer books

After many years of discussion, the Lexington Havurah has decided to adopt new prayer books. Starting with this year's High Holy Day services, we will use the new edition of the Conservative movement's *Siddur Sim Shalom* for our Shabbat and holiday services and their mahzor *Lev Shalem* for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Many of the havurah congregations that developed around the US in the 1960s and 1970s did not even use a regular prayer book, preferring to compile their own sets of prayers and readings. Perhaps because the founders of our group were somewhat older than the young students who created so many of the early havurahs, the Lexington Havurah never went the do-it-yourself route.

Since most of the original members came out of the Conservative movement, we initially adopted what was then the current version of that movement's siddur, and until this year, we have used an older Conservative High Holidays mahzor. In the 1990s, however, we switched to the Reconstructionist movement's siddur, *Kol Haneshemah*, for Shabbat services.

We adopted *Kol Haneshemah* for several reasons. Its language was more modern and, in particular, more gender-neutral than the Conservative prayer book. It included interesting commentaries on the prayers, contemporary poetry, and even—Heaven forbid!—illustrations. Some members always objected to it, however. They missed the eloquence of the familiar English translations of the Psalms and other passages, and found the new language clunky and sometimes tendentious.

Even those who generally liked the book stumbled over the alterations to the Hebrew in the Aleinu and the Kaddish, and we usually ended up reciting the traditional versions in the footnotes.

Nevertheless, the decision to change books again has been a hard one. When we held a congregational discussion of the alternatives, members brought up all kinds of issues. *Kol Haneshemah's* typeface was larger and more readable than that in *Sim Shalom*, an important consideration for many of our older members. *Lev Shalem* is heavier than the old mahzor, and will be harder on those of us with arthritic joints. In a group where members take turns leading the services, all of us had dependable "cheat sheets" for our older books; we will now have to start from scratch.

We have now made our collective decision, and we will, I expect, learn to get along with our new books as we did with the older ones. Nevertheless, the long road we traveled to reach our decision taught all of us a lesson: even if we like to think of ourselves as free spirits, making our own choices about how to worship, the prayer book matters. By keeping us all on the same page—literally—it helps create a sense of community in our group. By linking us to Jewish tradition, it helps sustain our sense of being a part of something larger than our group. So, as president of the Havurah, I extend a hearty welcome to *Siddur Sim Shalom* and *Lev Shalem*. May they help sustain the bonds that keep our group together.



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Shanah Tova!

Please join us at OZS for our High Holiday Services (see ozs.org for additional details).

First Evening Service - Wednesday, September 28 at 8:00pm

First Day Service - Thursday, September 29 at 9:15am
(Includes Family Services at 10:00am)

Second Evening Service - Thursday, September 29 at 8:00pm

Second Day Service - Friday, September 30 at 9:15am

Kids' Shabbat and PJ Library

A monthly Friday evening Shabbat Service for children ages 4-9, with pizza and play, song and stories. We read amazing PJ Library books (available for free through the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass). Please join us and feel free to bring friends. The next Kid's Shabbat is scheduled for September 16th at 5:15pm.

Young OZS-ers' Shabbat

Folks in their 20's and 30's get together monthly for Fabulous Friday Nights with Food, Fun and Festivities. Please join us and feel free to bring friends. The next Young OZS-ers' Shabbat is scheduled for September 9th.

Stories of Our Sages

As part of our Thursday prayer service at 5:45pm, we will explore the stories of our sages. These are some of the most famous and fun stories from the Talmud and Midrash. Exploring them together, we will open our hearts and minds to the wisdom of Judaism.

Friday Morning Talmud Study

The Talmud Study group meets each Friday morning for prayer, food, and study. The morning begins with the brief Shaharit service at 7:30am followed by a light breakfast and study. Newcomers are always welcome!

Weekday Minyan

A Minyan is held each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon at 5:45pm in the Sanctuary. Please come and help make a minyan!

D'Vine Minyan on Tuesdays

Tuesday is D'Vine Minyan Day at OZS! Join your friends for a relaxing glass of wine and socializing each Tuesday afternoon beginning at 5:00pm in the OZS Library (or outside when the weather is nice!). The brief afternoon/evening minyan follows in the sanctuary. A great way to end your day!

September Shabbat Schedule

Celebrate Shabbat! The Friday night schedule for September is:

September 2nd - Family & Friends Shabbat at Home. No service at OZS.
September 9th - Young OZS-ers' Shabbat at 6:00 PM

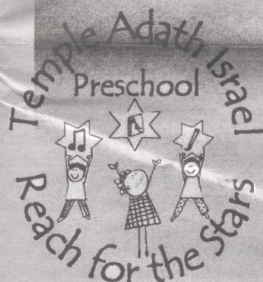
September 16th - Kids' Shabbat at 5:15PM.

September 23rd - Family & Friends Shabbat at Home. No service at OZS
September 30th - Family & Friends Shabbat at Home. No service at OZS

We hope you will join us for our spirited Shabbat Morning Service each Saturday morning at 9:30am with Kiddush Lunch following in the Social Hall.

Membership Committee

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HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

September 28

Erev Rosh HaShanah
7 PM—Child Care*
8:45 PM—No Child Care

September 29

Rosh HaShanah
8:30 AM—No Child Care
10:45—Child Care*
Tashlich, Youth Service & Picnic 5-7 PM
Jacobson Park Shelter #1

September 30

2nd Day Rosh HaShanah
Torah Study 10:30 AM
Shabbat Shuvah Service 6:30 PM

October 2

Cemetery Memorial Service 1 PM
Lexington Cemetery

October 7

Kol Nidre
7 PM—Child Care*
9 PM No Child Care*

October 8

Yom Kippur
8:30 AM—Early Service—No Child Care
10:45 AM—Late Service—Child Care*
1:30 PM—Children's Service—No Child Care*
1:30 PM Afternoon Study—No Child Care*
3 PM—Afternoon Service—Child Care*
4:30 PM—Yizkor Service—Child Care*
5:15 PM—Concluding Service—Child Care*
Break-the-fast following services

*Child care will be offered only if reservations are made for the service you will be attending. Forms available in the Temple office or on the Temple website at <http://www.lextai.org/>

SPECIAL SHABBAT SHUVAH BLESSINGS TO THOSE MARRIED 50 YEARS AND LONGER

Continuing a custom started several years ago, those TAI couples celebrating marriages of 50 years and longer are invited to receive a special blessing on Shabbat Shuvah. This year Shabbat Shuvah is Friday, September 30.

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Everyone is encouraged to attend this special service and celebrate with these couples. Those married 50 years and longer are:

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9/8/43
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7/14/46
Warren & Betty Rosenthal
8/31/46
Stan & Phyllis Scher
6/12/49
Max & Mindy Kavinow
6/15/49
Norman & Adele Potter
6/11/50
Charles & Leona Stern
6/17/51
Irving & Irma Rosenstein
8/2/51
Abe & Marian Rabiner
11/25/51
Joe & Judy Engelberg
4/11/54
Arthur & Marilyn Lieber
6/27/54
David & Jan Doctrow
10/28/56
Alvin & Ellie Goldman
11/23/56
Henry & Lynn Meyer
6/15/58
Martin & Barbara Barr
6/4/60
Vladimir & Valentine Goloborodko
12/20/60
Lou & Bobbi Shain
8/5/61
Neil & Ruth Poley
8/29/61
Stephen & Karen Edelstein
9/3/61

TAI ON RYE OPEN ON SEPTEMBER 25

We know it's been a dry summer, with none of that good deli you've come to know and love. Well, wait no more. TAI on Rye will be back in full swing on Sunday, September 25. We'll have our usual deli sandwiches and salads and we're adding a roasted seasonal veggie plate to our regular menu. Our special dish this time will be brisket and potatoes. The brisket was a huge hit last time we served it and we try not to run out this time.

however). We'll have a special dessert as always; we're still deciding what that will be.

Come see us at noon on the 25th—you won't be disappointed!

We can always use more volunteers. If you want to work hard and have a wonderful time doing it and get to know a terrific group of people, please contact Pat Shraberg or Ruth Poley.

CHAVURAT CHOCHMA PROGRAM

Due to the holidays, we will meet again on October 28 at 11:30 AM in the social hall for an interesting program following lunch. Cost is \$6 per person. While this program was designed for those sixty and over, anyone may attend.

KOLLEL STUDY GROUP

Joe Engelberg leads this study of fundamental ideas of Jewish life and thought. Drop in the library on alternate Saturdays at 9 AM and join in the provocative and friendly discussion. September 10 & 24

COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT

We are looking forward to planting and caring for a fall garden with the students from the religious school and Ashland Elementary. Jane Grise is working to incorporate the garden into parts of the religious school curriculum that Jostone and the teachers will implement.

The summer garden has been a learning experience! Our work is paying off in the harvesting of some crops, others we have shared with the squirrels and squash borers. We are researching to find better strategies for next year. Any suggestions or knowledge to share from the community are welcome.

We can always use new volunteers. We certainly need those who can do labor in the garden, but also those who can help in planning for the future. Anyone interested should contact Mickey Hernandez (859) 321-0121, jherma7056@aol.com or Jo Stone (859)

226-0990, schoolgarden@windstream.net.

SIM SHALOM NEWS Volume 6 #2

By Jesse Weil, from Budapest, Hungary
The pace is speeding up on finishing the work on our new siddur for Shacharit (Saturday Morning) services. Until a year and a half ago, we struggled along with a cut and paste Shacharit Siddur that was put together in the early 1990's when Sim Shalom first became a religious community and started having it's own services. The Hebrew prayers were photocopied from various sources, mostly from English and U.S. Reform prayer books. Transliterations using Hungarian phonetics were added, since most of the members didn't yet know Hebrew. And they were translated into Hungarian.

But it was an ugly edition, about 15 pages, copied and stapled together. No art work or anything else to relieve the black and white tedium, and the lack of proper formatting.
Then five years ago, Rabbi Kelemen and Peter Radvanski, now a rabbinical student at Leo Baeck College in London, put together our first Kabbalat Shabbat Siddur, for which we had not even a crude version.. Kati chose the prayers and wrote the comments and notes, and Peter put it all together using a word processor that could handle Hebrew, Hungarian and English, so that everything could be nicely formatted on the pages. A congregant who is a professional artist designed a beautiful blue and gold cover and we had our first proper Siddur for use on Friday nights. There are even half a dozen prayer and alternative selections in English that we use when we have English speaking guests so they can also participate.

Now the same level of care is going into the Shacharit Siddur. And after the prayers for other occasional events like B'rith Milah and sitting Shiva are added it will all be put together into the first Hungarian Reform Jewish Siddur, and published for our use and for sale in the book shops.

The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah

Jane Chaput, President

In July, along with fellow chapter members Gail Cohen and Judy Saxe, I was fortunate to have attended Hadassah's National Board Meeting in Las Vegas where Hadassah's 25th president Marcie Natan was installed. It was a very exciting program accurately entitled, "Passing of the Torch, The Next 100 Years."

The message of the meeting was definitely, "What happens in Vegas should not stay in Vegas." In other words, we need to get the word out. Hadassah is going strong and is about to celebrate its Centennial year with a bang. The celebration will culminate in the dedication of the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower during the next convention in October 2012, in Jerusalem.

The Tower will receive its first occupants in March of 2012 and gradually phase moving in throughout the year.

We heard exciting news at the meeting. The start of macular degeneration clinical trials is one year away from testing. The first clinical trials of adult stem cell treatments for MS and ALS are underway. Hadassah's dental school ranks within the top 5-10% of American dental schools.

We were introduced to Professor Ehud S. Kokia, the new Director General of the Hadassah Medical Organization. Professor Kokia, 61, has an outstanding 37-year career as a physician and health care executive. Since 2007, he has served as CEO of Maccabi Healthcare Services. He will assume the



Marcie Natan

leadership of Hadassah Medical Organization, which includes both Hadassah University Hospital Ein Kerem and Hadassah University Hospital Mount Scopus, replacing Professor Shlomo Mor-Yosef, who has served as Director General for 11 years.

We learned that the Hadassah Centennial membership incentive, which has been in place since January, has succeeded in attracting more than 30,000 new members. Locally, we are fortunate to have more than 50 people take advantage of this exciting membership opportunity.

L'Shanah Tovah to you and yours – and a sweet and healthy year to come.

Hadassah Book Club news

The next meeting of the Book Club will be on Sunday, September 25 from 2-4 PM

We will be discussing The Finkler Question by Howard Jacobson. "Rare is a work of fiction that takes on the most controversial issues facing Jews so directly-and with enough humor, intelligence, and insight that it changes a reader's mind or two. Be

warned: The Finkler Question will probably distress you on its way to disarming you? Can we pay a novel any greater compliment?" (From Barnes & Noble Review)

For information: call Vivian Bitensky 245-421-1818 or e-mail bitenskyvivian@yahoo.com

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Camp Memories (from page 1)

we began our day in singing Jewish and Israeli songs and movement with Anat Rubinstein. All campers went to *teva* in the nature cabin and had several opportunities for nature hikes. Sports were offered and as our camp site does not have a pool we set up our own "water park" with nine blow-up pools. *Chugim* choices were art, cooking, film making and sports. Archery was offered for campers ages 9-13 during both weeks of camp. Our Camp Geshher campers left camp on July 29, for a weekend at Camp Livingston in Bennington, Indiana. They returned on July 31. The campers and staff had a special Shabbat experience and participated in a musical experience called Livingstock, swam in the lake and enjoyed the overnight camping experience.

The second week of camp brought us very special guests - The Israeli Tzofim Friendship Caravan. Ten scouts and two scout leaders were in camp for a day and spent special time with all of the campers. We sang, danced, played games, listened to stories about Israel and learned about the scout's lives in Israel. It was a very special and unique experience for both campers and staff. The scouts also gave a community performance at Temple Adath Israel on July 31.

Thursday of week two we had our all camp Maccabiah. The blue, red, green and purple teams competed all day in track and field events, water games, archery, and culminated in a tug of war. Also during week two, ten of our *Chalutzim* and Camp Geshher campers went rock wall climbing and challenged themselves with new skills. Camp Geshher had guest speakers from the US Forestry Services and the Kentucky Archeological Society. All campers got to meet with Blake Newton, an entomologist from UK. Blake brought interesting animals for campers to meet. On our last day of camp we welcomed Shabbat with Rabbi Smolkin who told a very special Shabbat story.

Our staff was fantastic and our camp-

ers were very well taken care of by our creative and caring staff members. We had new and returning staff and they quickly acclimated to the new camp site. I want to thank the following for a job very well done:

SPECIALISTS: Anat Rubinstein - music, Tyler Nelson- *teva*, Alex Shapiro-sports, Josh Kline-archery.

GROUP LEADERS: Marjorie Amon-Ofarim, Rachel Swanson- Tsofim, Steven Moore-Chalutzim, Becky Katz-Camp Geshher

COUNSELORS: Jessica Geddes, Hannah Gould, Jonathan Feinberg, Eleana Thompson, Ryan LaZur, Katrina Knight, Tomer Eres, EmmaMarie Reynolds, Eli Gould

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COUNSELORS-IN-TRAINING: Maya Levine Danzig, Isaac Satin, Haley Stein

Thank you to Tamara Ohayon, JFB Communications Director, who did so much to support camp behind the scenes and during camp. Thank you to Judy Wortman, JFB Executive Director, for all of your support and help. Thank you to Gayle Bourne, JFB bookkeeper, for making our paperwork manageable.

Special thanks to staff of The Girl Scouts of Kentucky's Wilderness Road Council who made it possible for us to rent such a beautiful campsite: Susan Hansell, Executive Director, Sherri Powers, Camp Director and Jeff Saylor, Site Manager.

Jewish camping is a wonderfully unique experience in the life of Jewish children and teens and I am proud that Camp Shalom and Camp Geshher has now been a part of the lives of three generations of campers and staff right here in the Bluegrass.

Tzofim Friendship Caravan Show - 7.31.11



Around the Community

Please note: Information for Around the Community comes to us from a variety of individuals and Jewish institutions. It's a pretty haphazard arrangement; except for b'nai mitzvah, we do not have the resources or staff to collect information or research each item. If you would like to see an event or life passage in your family acknowledged here, please be sure we get the full and correct information as you would like to see it printed. Send notices to shalom@jewishlexington.org. Remember, we welcome photos, too!

Mazal Tov to:

Rabbi Sharon Cohen and Jeffrey Siegel on their marriage.

Harriet and Leon Cooper on their 60th wedding anniversary.

Laura and Steven Hopkins on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Adam Louis Koller**.

Jennifer Garlin and Marcello Guzman on their marriage.

Leona and Charles Stern on their 60th wedding anniversary.

Yuri Kruman and Jennifer Zysman on their marriage.

Irma and Irving Rosenstein on their 60th wedding anniversary.

Karen and Stephen Edelstein on their 50th wedding anniversary.

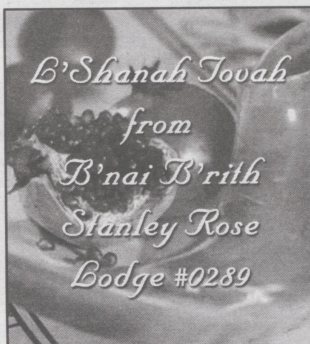
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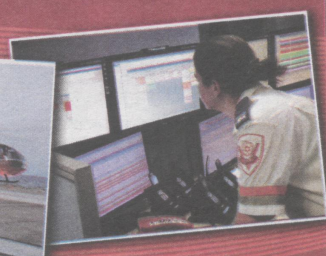
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1050 Chinoe Road • Suite 302 • 268-0672 • Robert Grossman, President

OZS - Ohavay Zion Synagogue - www.ozs.org
2048 Edgewater Court • 266-8050 • Jonathan Glixon, President
Minyan Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:45 p.m. Tuesdays are D'vine Minyan: wine at 5:00 p.m., service follows. Friday evening rotating Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 p.m., Kids' Shabbat 5:15 p.m., Shabbat dinners 6:00 p.m., Young OZS-ers' Shabbat dinners 6:00 p.m. Check OZS Google calendar for monthly schedules. Shabbat Services Saturdays 9:30 a.m.

TAI - Temple Adath Israel - www.lextai.org
124 N. Ashland Avenue 269-2979 • Ken Slepyan, President
Shabbat Services first & second Friday at 6:30 p.m., remaining Fridays 7:30 p.m.; Worship Service Saturday 10:30 a.m.

HAD - The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah - www.centralstates.hadassah.org
Jane Chaput, President • chaput1@windstream.net

HAV - The Lexington Havurah - www.lexhavurah.uscjhst.net
338-5725 • Jeremy Popkin, President • popkin@uky.edu • Shabbat Services monthly, call for schedule

BB - B'nai B'rith Mid-America Region, Stanley Rose Lodge #0289
1050 Chinoe Road, Suite 302 • Bruce Broudy, President • bbrou@lexclin.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Hadassah Book Club		Lunch and Learn with our local rabbis				
28	29	30	31	September 1	2	3
JFB Yiddish Class	Labor Day - Federation office closed				Young OSZers Shabbat	
					Hillel Shabbat	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Chabad-Rabbi Litvin visits			TAI Bar Mitzvah	TAI Bar Mitzvah Adam Koller
					OZS Kid's PJ Library Shabbat	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
JFB Yiddish Class			JFB Board Mtgs	God's Pantry Night		
Hadassah Installation Luncheon						
JNF Regional Conference						
Hillel Program	18	19	20	21	22	23
JFB Young Bluegrass Jews		Lunch and Learn with our local Rabbis at JFB	Erev Rosh Hashanah	Rosh Hashanah	Rosh Hashanah	
TAI on Rye			Federation office closes early	Federation office closed	Federation office closed	
Hadassah Book Club	25	26	27	28	29	30
JFB Yiddish Class					Erev Yom Kippur	YOM KIPPUR
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