

Lexington, Kentucky Joins Global Day of Jewish Learning, Bringing World Jewry Together on November 16

Since 2011, our Jewish community in Lexington has come together for Global Day of Jewish Learning. Once again this year, we will celebrate with individuals in more than 500 communities, in over 40 countries, across 6 continents. We will learn alongside communities throughout the United States, and across the globe, from Canada to Israel, South America to Europe, Africa to Australia.

On November 16, from 10 am – 12 pm, at Ohavay Zion Synagogue, we will come together to celebrate both local and worldwide Jewish unity and Jewish learning.

Global Day of Jewish Learning is based on Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz's mission to provide access to our foundational texts. Rabbi Steinsaltz is a world-renowned distinguished scholar, teacher, mystic, and social critic. His works have been translated into English, Russian, French, Portuguese, Spanish, Swedish, Italian, Chinese and Japanese; he has been on a life-long mission to make the Talmud accessible to all.

This year we will explore the theme **"Heroes and Villains, Saints and Fools: The People in the Book."** Questions to be explored include:

- How do we use – and misuse – our talents?
- How do we create "oneness" in our relationships?
- What makes a leader?
- How do we build a just society?

In his writings in Biblical Images, Rabbi Steinsaltz says:

"... the men and women of the Scriptures are more than mere life portraits: they continue to live and function *CONTINUED ON PAGE 2*

Lynn Furness Installed as Hadassah Region President

On November 2, Lynn Furness was installed as the newest President of the Central States Region of Hadassah. The ceremony took place during the region's biannual forum in Columbus, Ohio. Thirty



or so members from the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah were present to wish Lynn well, along with her son and daughter and other close family members.

A life member of Hadassah, Lynn has been active in the Lexington Chapter for the past ten years. During *CONTINUED ON PAGE 3*

CAMPAIGN NEWS

Susan Caller Wins Kipnis-Wilson Award at Lion of Judah Conference

Susan Caller, volunteer and philanthropist extraordinaire, was a winner of the Kipnis-Wilson Award at the Jewish Federation of North



America's international Lion of Judah Conference held in New York this past September. To be a Lion of Judah, *CONTINUED ON PAGE 5*

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long after their deaths in this world. The ancient Jewish custom of speaking of biblical characters in the present tense is an expression of a genuine experience. These are not ordinary historical figures but archetypes; as such, their lives are carried on and continue not only in literature and philosophy but in the lives of their descendants throughout the generations. In a sense, they continue to live and also to evolve throughout Jewish history, in its psychic experiences, and as a part of the collective personality of the Jewish nation."

To explore this theme on November 16, here in Lexington, we will have the opportunity to choose from several workshops, led by members of our community. Using our own unique resources as well as resources from the Global Day curriculum, we will delve into ancient texts, new poetry, and timeless understandings of the relevancy of biblical characters in the Bible. We will also have a special workshop sponsored by Jewish Family Services.

Our children will also have opportunities for great learning. The religious schools from Temple Adath Israel and Ohavay Zion Synagogue will come together to explore the theme. Additionally, we will have a PJ Library program on Ometz Lev (courage) while reading the book "Noah's Bed," by Lis and Jim Coplestone.

Our celebration of Global Day of Jewish Learning is a wonderful way to culminate a month of adult education opportunities, which begin with Lexington's own JELLI (Jewish Education Lexington Learning Institute). JELLI is co-sponsored by Temple Adath Israel and Ohavay Zion Synagogue. All community members are invited to learning sessions on Wednesdays, November 5 and November 12, 7 pm – 9 pm at Temple Adath Israel. Rabbi Smolkin will discuss "Jewish Mysticism," and Rabbi Roberts will discuss "What Jews Believe About Life After Death." See Rabbi Smolkin's "Ask the Rabbi" in this issue of Shalom for more info on JELLI.

Visit <http://www.theglobalday.org/about/partners/> to see all the partners of Global Day of Jewish Learning, such as Jewish Federations of North America, PJ Library, NEXT: A Division of Birthright Israel Foundation, Rabbinical Assembly: The

Worldwide Association of Conservative/Masorti Rabbis, Reconstructionist Rabbinical Assembly, and Union for Reform Judaism. Contact talia@jewishlexington.org with questions about our local Global Day of Jewish Learning. Global Day of Jewish Learning and JELLI are the bread and butter (or bread and jelly) of Jewish learning. This November, we will come together with our local Jewish community and our worldwide Jewish community for these engaging and nourishing education opportunities.



EDITORIAL

By Barbara L. Goldman

"Don't waste a trip!" These words echoed up the staircase of my childhood home. The stairs always seemed to be a collecting point for books, shoes, paperwork, anything that needed to find its way to the bedrooms or study. It would drive my parents

crazy when my brother David and I would run up and down the stairs two, even three or more times, without pausing once to see what we could take to the top of the 15 step staircase. It wasn't that David and I minded taking things to the top of the steps. Or even that the staircase was that tall and mighty. I guess in the back of our mind we always thought somebody else would take a load or somehow the pile would disappear. In fact it ended up doing quite the opposite, it got bigger!

Every November I am reminded that Thanksgiving is one of the few secular holidays celebrated by most of us in the Bluegrass. Thanksgiving has always been one of my favorite times of year because a collective consciousness of gratitude and thanks are felt through the air, not just with our families and friends, but our neighbors and community.

"Don't waste a trip!" This was hollered up the steps more times than I care to admit. It amazes me how many times I went up and down those stairs in my own world, before I started to understand what my parents were trying to explain to me.

My parents never missed a beat when it came to working together as a family to get things done.

Growing up there were certain tasks and chores my brother and I were responsible for, but we also were expected to help with the family business. If one of us was involved in something, well then we all were.

“You’re a member of this family aren’t you?” This was somehow posed as a question, but with the tone of a statement, the one or two times David and I actually protested our family assignment. “You eat at this table don’t you?” There was no arguing with that. Somehow though, my parents were able to get us not only to help, but to want to help, to want to do our part because at the end of the day we understood we were all in this together.

Now I'm not saying we always did things strictly as a family. If we were assigned a task like raking the yard or cleaning out the garage, Dad had no problem suggesting we invite some friends over to help us. My poor brother had friends on more than one occasion turn down his invitation to come over to the house afraid they would have a rake or broom placed in their hands.

Tikkun olam means “healing the world” or “repairing the world” which suggests humanity’s shared responsibility to heal, repair and transform the world. Every Thanksgiving I am reminded of the opportunity we are given both as a Jewish community and Bluegrass community to do our part and step up. Healing the world is something we each have the amazing opportunity to be a part of on a daily basis. It is so easy to forget what an effect each of us can have with simple actions. When we neglect the world, neglect our neighbor, things pile up bigger and bigger.

"Barrrrrrbbbbbbaaarrrraaaa!" Isn't it amazing how when your parents wanted you for something they could yell your name holding onto syllables in a one of a kind way? I knew without them even saying what it was, that I had left things at the bottom of the steps. But it was never too late. The pile was still there. And there would be many more piles after I took up that one. But that was why I couldn't afford to waste a trip.

Everyone has go power, but most of us use very little of what we have because we feel unmotivated or bottle our thoughts with negativity. We can't look to someone else for motivation. Motivation is an inside job. We each have to look inside our-

selves and figure out how to unlock the action within. While it's true that feelings can motivate us to take action, we can also take action and create motivation. It's a two way street. It's always our decision to make.

"To be, or not to be, that is the question," as Shakespeare put it. To be motivated, or not to be motivated. We each are blessed with a choice. Decide to be motivated and take action, and you will succeed not only for yourself, but for others. Do it. We are all in this together.

If we can remember that every moment is a chance to affect positive change in ourselves and in the world around us, if we can remain humbled by the world and grateful for our shared time in it, then we can know true happiness and prosperity. We can think big, and know that today, this day, this Thanksgiving is a gift given from God to each of us.

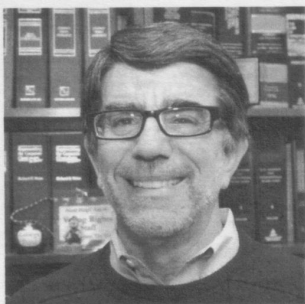
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this time, she held several executive board positions, as well as being Chapter President from 2009-2011. Subsequently, she served as the Executive Vice President for the Central States Region, and as a member of its advisory board.

As President of CSR, Lynn will serve a 3 year term, leading chapters in Ohio, Michigan, West Virginia and Kentucky with a combined membership of approximately 8,000. Lynn completed training at Hadassah's national offices in October and will travel to Israel this winter with other national board members to visit and learn more about Hadassah's projects and mission there.

Lynn was born and raised in Cincinnati, where her mother was very active in Hadassah, and served as the Cincinnati Chapter President in the 1960's. After spending many years in California, Lynn and her husband, Jim, a Hadassah Associate, settled in Versailles, Kentucky and own a business there.

Lynn succeeds a long line of Lexington women who have served as Region President, including Judy Saxe, Gail Cohen and the late Marilyn Moosnick.



President's Message: Michael Grossman

What do you call four lawyers standing on ladders on a cold, windy Sunday morning building a sukkah? Reflective (okay, some might answer differently).

During Sukkot, the values of hospitality and caring for others in Judaism are accompanied by the concept of *ushpizin*—guests. We are reminded to make sure our sukkah is open to all guests in need. Our traditions teach us that helping fellow human beings in need is not simply a matter of charity but of responsibility, righteousness and justice. We are told in Proverbs 31:9 to “speak up, judge righteously, champion the poor and the needy.”

I’ve been reflecting on the meaning of *ushpizin* in a broader context this Sukkot. My daughter Elizabeth is an attorney for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, an executive agency that processes applications for visas and naturalization. Recently, Elizabeth has been on a detail assignment to the Houston Asylum Office. In this capacity, she has been interviewing applicants for asylum and deciding their cases. Most of these individuals are people from Central America who are fleeing extreme violence in their communities. All of them crossed into the United States illegally.

The asylum process is meant to protect people who have a “well-founded fear of persecution” from being sent back to the country to which they fear returning. The law is based on the Refugee Convention, an international treaty adopted in the aftermath of the Holocaust. The statute and convention both define a refugee as someone who has a well-founded fear of persecution on account of *race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group*. A refugee is someone who is targeted because of something fundamental or immutable about them. A person targeted by gang extortionists because, for example, she owns a business, is not considered a refugee because the reason for her harm does not fit within those five protected grounds.

Many of the people Elizabeth interviews have suf-

fered a great deal. But many get sent home, in a process known as “expedited removal,” despite a credible fear of future harm. Victims of indiscriminate violence are not provided refuge in the United States. We send them back. Perhaps individuals targeted because of their membership in a particular group are those who need help the most. The reason the asylum laws are not more inclusive is because we don’t have room for everyone and we need to be selective and help the neediest. That may be true. But laws protecting refugees are not just about declaring which people need protection; it is also about the duty we have to protect people on our soil. In asylum law this is known as the principle of *non-refoulement*. It is morally abhorrent to send someone back to where we know they may be harmed.

People in need are arriving in our country in record numbers. They undertook a dangerous journey to get here. We have laws that protect some of them, but others we send back, even if we know they are likely to be harmed. As Jews we see a moral obligation to advocate for children, the elderly, the poor, the disenfranchised, the sick, the disabled and the “stranger among us.” May our sukkahs remain open to all guests in need.



JFS: At your service

Mimi Kaufman

There has been a quite a bit of media attention regarding domestic violence. The tragedy that has unfolded lately with public figure Ray Rice, NFL football player, who was

caught on videotape abusing his partner, has caused many to have questions. I admit that watching football on Sunday afternoons is one of my favorite things to do.

The timing of the NFL’s problems is kind of ironic since October was Domestic Violence Awareness month. There appears to be a general attitude that domestic violence does not happen in Jewish communities. Perhaps it is because there is a general stereotype that Jewish men make good husbands. While there may be some truth to this, domestic violence knows no boundaries.

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women must donate a minimum of \$5000 every year to their Federation. Some, like Susan, have donated significantly more. The Kipnis Wilson Award honors one Lion of Judah member from participating communities who has shown vision, leadership, and commitment to the Jewish values and mission of her Federation.

Susan has been a professional volunteer in both the Jewish and general communities. She has provided leadership to the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass for many years serving as President of the Women's Division and Chair of the Campaign, and she continues to serve on the Campaign Committee. At Ohavay Zion Synagogue, Susan has been Sisterhood President and has chaired the Gift Shop and Tikkun Olam Committee. In addition, Susan has served as President of the Society of Fellows of the Council of the Arts and has served on the Boards of Baby Health, the Lexington Philharmonic, and the St. Joseph Hospital Foundation.

Susan is married to Steve Caller and is the proud mother of Bret and Jill and grandmother of Talya, Danielle, Ilan, Jenna, Aleeza, Bentzi, and Meir. For more information about the Lion of Judah program, please call Judy Wortman at 268-0672.

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One of the things that people will often ask when abuse is discovered is, "Why do people stay in the relationship?" Here is one way to think about it. NO relationship starts out as physically abusive. No one in their right mind would return on a second date if they were physically assaulted on the first one. In reality an abusive relationship is a culmination of events that the abuser has done to gain control and power over the victim. There are warning signs, but unfortunately people do not always recognize them while they are happening. Another very common problem is that the victim thinks somehow that they are at fault or are to blame when the relationship has taken a bad turn. They see themselves as responsible to keep a sense of calm in the relationship.

Abusive relationships can and often do exist without physical violence. Men can be victims of abuse

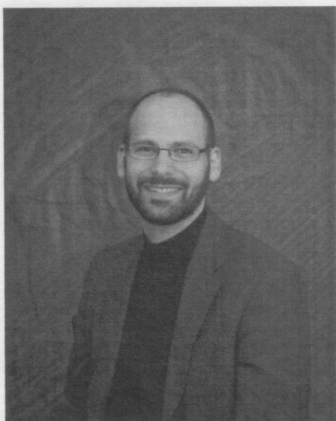
as well as women. It is not always easy for victims to free themselves of a situation. There are practical reasons like finances and emotional reasons like fear.

What can a community do to help? The best thing for all is to educate people, especially young people, about healthy versus unhealthy relationships. Reaching out to victims is also important. There are resources to help victims and their families.

Did you know?

- On average, nearly 20 people per minute are victims of physical violence by an intimate partner in the U.S. During one year, this equates to more than 10 million women and men.
- 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have experienced (some form of) physical violence in their lifetime.
- 1 in 5 women and 1 in 7 men have experienced physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime.
- 1 in 7 women and 1 in 18 men have experienced stalking victimization during their lifetime in which they felt very fearful or believed that they or someone close to them would be harmed or killed.
- On a typical day, there are more than 20,000 phone calls placed to domestic hotlines nationwide.
- In domestic violent homicides, women are six times more likely to be killed when there is a gun in the house.
- Intimate partner violence accounts for 15 % of all violent crime.
- Intimate partner violence is most common among women between ages of 18 to 24.

If you have any questions or concerns please call JFS at 269-8244.



ASK A RABBI

Rabbi Moshe Smolkin

Q: What is JELLI?

A: Our people have had the honor of carrying the holy Torah with us for thousands of years. This teaching has been passed down L'Dor VaDor, from

generation to generation, and even more than we have carried the Torah, the Torah has carried us.

Now, as I mentioned, the Torah is a very holy book, but did you also know that the Torah has very many holes?

For example, when we meet Abraham in the Torah, he is 75 years old (he was called Abram at that time). The Torah says nothing of what he was like as a child. There is a big hole in that story, and our people filled in that hole with wonderful stories of how Abraham discovered God, how he broke the idols in his father's shop, and how he even risked his life for his monotheistic faith.

And there are other interesting holes in the Torah as well. For example, we find Jacob speaking about going down to Sheol when he dies, but the Torah never defines Sheol. Again, our people filled in that hole with fascinating descriptions about what may happen to us when we die.

There are so many examples of how the Torah is a holy text, and a holey text, and how our people came together to fill in the holes with meaning and holiness. But when does this happen?

It happens when we join to learn Torah together. It is through our joining together that we received the Torah, and it is through our learning Torah we join together as a people. Torah is the glue of Judaism, connecting us with the Holy Blessed One and with one another.

So, what is JELLI?

When Rabbi Daniel Roberts came to Lexington, he heard about the fabulous learning going on in

the Lexington Jewish community, including Global Day of Jewish Learning, when we all come together for one spectacular day of Jewish learning. And Rabbi Roberts had an idea to enrich our learning even more. So he gathered folks together to brainstorm possibilities, and out of a small but outstanding group of folks from the Lexington Jewish community, JELLI was born.

JELLI stands for Jewish Education Lexington Learning Institute. In short, it's a fun way that we can all get together to learn Torah, and it's a fun way that Torah can help us to come together. Everyone is warmly invited to join in.

Rabbi Roberts and I will begin the learning on Wednesday, November 5th and Wednesday, November 12th at Temple Adath Israel. Rabbi Roberts will begin at 7:00pm with a session on "What Jews Believe about Life after Death." Then we will break for refreshments, heeding the sage words of Pirkei Avot - Im Ein Kemach, Ein Torah - If there's no food, then there's no Torah. Finally, beginning at 8:10pm, I will lead a session on "Jewish Mysticism," and we will conclude at 9:00pm.

Hopefully, this will whet our appetite for Global Day of Jewish Learning on Sunday, November 16th at Ohavay Zion Synagogue from 10:00am to noon. On this day, we will gather as a community, just like other Jews across the world gather together, to learn Torah. Wonderful community volunteers will help us explore the theme "Heroes & Villains, Saints & Fools: The People in the Book." Our religious schools and PJ Library children will also join together to learn about this theme. For more information about this wonderful opportunity, please take a look at the article on Global Day of Jewish Learning in this edition of *Shalom*.

Then, coming this January, the tasty JELLI offerings will continue, as we meet on the Wednesday evenings of the 14th and 21st at Ohavay Zion Synagogue, where we will have wonderful sessions led by lay leaders in our community.

Hopefully, this year will be just the beginning of even more learning opportunities in our Lexington Jewish community. And, as we join together

to learn Torah, may the Torah continue to be a tree of life for our people, helping our Lexington Jewish community to grow from strength to strength.



Candied Sweet Potatoes

By: Vivian Bitensky

The sweet potatoes can be prepared earlier and baked after the turkey is out of the oven.

INGREDIENTS:

- 6 yellow-fleshed sweet potatoes
- 1/2 cup margarine
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 teaspoon salt

DIRECTIONS:

1. Place whole sweet potatoes in a steamer over a couple of inches of boiling water and cover. Cook until tender about 30 minutes. Drain and cool.
2. Peel and slice sweet potatoes lengthwise into 1/2 inch slices. Place in a 9 x 13 inch baking dish.
3. In a small saucepan over medium heat, melt margarine, brown sugar, water, and salt. When the sauce is bubbly and sugar is dissolved, pour over sweet potatoes.
4. Bake in a pre-heated oven for 30 minutes to 1 hour, occasionally basting the sweet potatoes with the brown sugar sauce.

Serves 8

Enjoy!

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UK Jewish Studies: Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence Scholars Announced

By Emily Cottingham

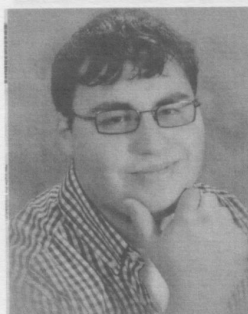
The University of Kentucky Interdisciplinary Program in Jewish Studies is pleased to announce the recipients of the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence Scholarship.

These scholarships are made possible by a generous grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, which enables the UK Jewish Studies Program to support five undergraduate students wishing to minor in Jewish Studies. Students selected to become JHFE scholars commit to completing a Jewish Studies minor within four years and participate regularly in Jewish Studies programs and events across campus. The scholarship provides \$4000 in scholarship support for up to three years of study and \$5000 in scholarship support the year the student completes the minor.

"We are excited to have this opportunity to broaden our reach among undergraduates, and look forward to this innovative new partnership," said Janice Fernheimer, director of the Jewish Studies Program. "Students selected for scholarships will have the chance to work closely with a mentor in Jewish Studies, gain access to primary materials through a unique undergraduate research experience, and strengthen our knowledge of Kentucky's Jewish heritage, which is as broad and deep as the Bluegrass itself. We are absolutely thrilled to continue to expand the program's reach and to embark on this partnership with JHFE."

Please join the UK Jewish Studies Program in congratulating the following recipients of the JHFE

scholarships. Two additional scholars will be selected to join the cohort in academic year 2015-2016.



Alex Rosenzweig

Alex Rosenzweig is a freshman at the University of Kentucky. He is majoring in Mechanical Engineering, with a minor in Jewish Studies. He is from Long Island, New York and has been an active member of his temple for many years. Alex was a founding member and president of his temple's youth group, J-Team. J-Team is a group of students engaged and motivated in Jewish culture.

On his trip to Prague with the J-Team, their motto was "Tour, Explore, and Restore." Alex's goal is to promote *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world) by studying abroad and offering various services and help to underprivileged Jewish communities around the world. He is excited to make UK his new home and to help promote Judaism on and off campus.

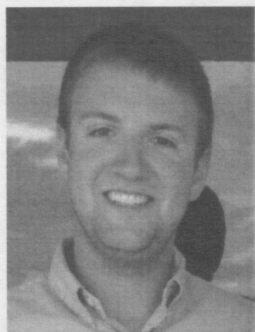


Jeremiah Brown

Jeremiah Brown is currently a junior at the University of Kentucky, pursuing a double major in History and Classics, as well as a minor in Jewish Studies. Jeremiah discovered the Jewish Studies minor by taking a course in Yiddish in Fall 2013. Jeremiah was born and raised in Menifee County, Kentucky. Throughout high school, he was heavily involved in the community. He performed in local stage productions with the Menifee County Theatre Group and organized community events as the president of Family Career and Community Leaders of America.

Jeremiah has always had a passion for history, which is expressed in his participation in the National History Bowl and Bee. He became a state finalist in both and competed with students across the nation in Washington D.C. Jeremiah is an avid collector of antiques and jazz records and spends much of his free time reading history books and

classic fiction. Jeremiah feels that a minor in Jewish Studies will greatly aid in his study of history and classics.



Jacob Ward

Jacob Ward is a junior pursuing a double major in Accounting and Finance at the University of Kentucky. He is a member of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity and works for the UK Campus Recreation Department as a supervisor for intramural sports. He was

raised in Louisville, Kentucky, and his family attends Temple Shalom. They have always been very involved in their local Jewish community.

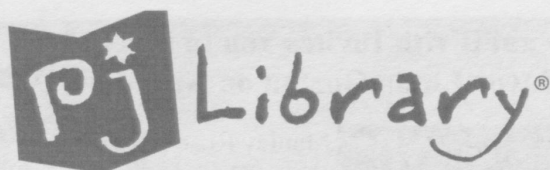
This summer, Jacob worked as an intern at the Jewish Community Center in Louisville. At the JCC, he realized his passion for serving the Jewish people. He hopes that by pursuing a minor in Jewish Studies, he will better be able to serve the community and further learn about Jewish culture. He is especially interested in studying current issues that Jewish people face, particularly the military conflict plaguing Israel today.

It's Almost Here!

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December 2014!



JEWISH BEDTIME STORIES and SONGS

PJ Playgroup – Kids, Books, and Etrogs

PJ Playgroup officially began in October, starting a monthly playgroup for our families with kids under four. More than a dozen kids and their families played together at Temple Adath Israel this month. We sang, read Sadie's Sukkah Breakfast, by Jamie Korngold, decorated drawings of gourds for the Sukkah (or played with glue and crayons), and went to see the sukkah and a lulav and etrog.

The next playgroup will be Sunday, November 9, 10:15 – 11:30 am, at Ohavay Zion Synagogue. Contact pjlibrary@jewishlexington.org for more info and come play!

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B'nai B'rith Invites You to Meet Vice Mayor Linda Gorton on November 23rd



Stanley Rose Lodge #289 of B'nai B'rith invites the community to meet Vice Mayor Linda Gorton at our next brunch meeting on Sunday, November 23rd, at Ohavay Zion Synagogue.

Come at 10:00 a.m. to enjoy our world famous brunch featuring lox, eggs, bagels, etc.

The cost is \$15 per person, payable at the door. If you wish to forgo the brunch, come at 10:45 a.m. You can still hear Ms. Gorton's presentation and there will be no cost.

Linda Gorton, in her 16th year on the Urban County Council, is serving as Vice Mayor of Lexington. She served as Council At-Large and also served four terms representing the Fourth District. She holds a Bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Kentucky. Vice Mayor Gorton serves on various Council committees as well as numerous community and UK boards. She was named one of the UK College of Nursing's 50 Outstanding Alumni and received the Woman's Community Leadership Award from Central Baptist Hospital in addition to numerous other awards. She and her husband Charles have a daughter, a son-in-law and a grandson.

For those coming at 10:00 am for the brunch, please RSVP by email to ahcantor@twc.com or call Abe Rabiner at (859) 263-0039. Our chef wants to make sure he prepares enough food for everyone. The brunch and presentation are open to all.

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Dialogue for Peace

جنباً إلى جنب *Hand in Hand* יד ביד

By Gary Yarus, Betsy Taylor and Manar Saleh Shalash

Originating in Lexington, by members of the Jewish, Christian and Muslim communities, but with members across the United States and in Europe, an online Facebook discussion and study group has begun operation. The group is called "Hand In Hand" and is for "peace activists" who want to respectfully discuss the news and geopolitical issues surrounding the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. We hope, by working together, we can find common ground, through education, discussion, and activism to support sustainable pathways to peace for both Israel and Palestine.

Membership is open to any like-minded person but you must ask to join. Members are encouraged to strive to identify good questions and good scholarship, provide well-informed answers to questions, view all sides of any issue, and to stimulate discussion by cross-posting content from other reliable sources. Reasoned disagreement is welcomed.

The group is open to people of all religions or the non-religious, but debate about the validity of religious teachings and principles should serve to only educate, and in most cases be minimized or taken offline. As membership grows, face to face meetings will be planned. There are presently 35 members.

More Jewish voices are needed. To join, for more information or to communicate directly and privately with the moderators send an email to: shalomsalam14@gmail.com

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pj playgroup

When: 2nd Sunday of each month

**Where: Locations will alternate between
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Sunday, November 9th from 10:15 to 11:30 am

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PJ Playgroups, best for families with kids under 4, will take place in Lexington, 10:15–11:30 am.

2014 calendar

Date	Location
October 12	Temple Adath Israel (124 N. Ashland Avenue)
November 9	Ohavay Zion Synagogue (2048 Edgewater Court)
December 14	To be announced
January 11	Temple Adath Israel
February 8	Ohavay Zion Synagogue
March 15	Centered (309 N. Ashland Avenue, Suite 180)
April 12	Temple Adath Israel
May 10	Ohavay Zion Synagogue
June 14	To be announced

We'll have time to informally play, eat a light snack, and perhaps sing a song, create a craft, or read a PJ Library book.

Please e-mail pjlibrary@jewishlexington.org to get on the PJ Library list to ensure you receive all updates.

Also:
Please remember that all children must be accompanied by an adult. And we like to share, but if your child is sick, please get well at home & join next month!

ISRAEL21c: US VETS FIND INSPIRATION AND HEALING IN ISRAEL

"A lot of them come back with a sense of peace and a sense of purpose. And they keep that with them," says founder of Heroes to Heroes.

On the final evening of a September 2-10 tour of Israel with Heroes to Heroes, a US Army veteran named Juan told ISRAEL21c: "Instead of the VA [Veterans Administration] spending money on our medical treatment, they should have spent money on this program, because more healing was done here."



US vets Anthony and James laying a wreath at Latrun war memorial. Photo by Judy Schaffer

Based in New Jersey, the nonprofit Heroes to Heroes brings over "teams" of war veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and often physical injuries as well.

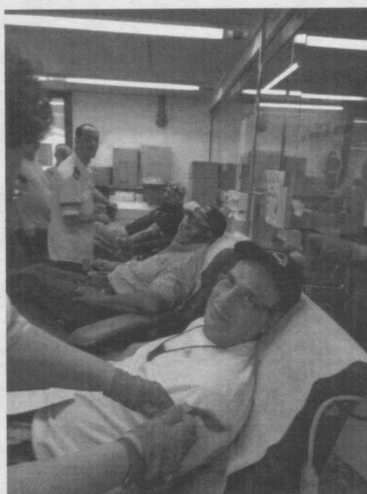
Juan, who fought in Iraq in 2004 to 2005, was in the fifth cohort of 10 Americans accompanied by a coach and Heroes to Heroes founder Judy Schaffer, along with six Israeli vets who met them here.

"For veterans who are struggling and may have thoughts of suicide or not moving on, the trip helps them get their connection back to what's important, spiritually and emotionally," Schaffer tells ISRAEL21c.

A recent Ministry of Defense study conducted on 2,235 Israeli veterans diagnosed with PTSD found that they have a lower rate of mortality compared with soldiers suffering PTSD in other countries including the United States.

"Our suicide rate is over 20 veterans a day in the US," says Schaffer. "I want them to understand that they matter, that they have value, that they can have a connection with a higher being, with each other and with people 6,000 miles away."

The opportunity to experience religious sites such as the Western Wall, the Stations of the Cross, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and the Jordan River helps these veterans discover a purpose and a reason to continue, she explains.



From foreground: Isaac, Juan and Anthony donating blood at Magen David Adom in Tel Hashomer. Photo by Judy Schaffer

Someone who understands

The other critical thread is the feeling of being understood on a level that most Americans cannot offer these war veterans, given that less than 1 percent of the US population serves in the military.

"People say they care and they understand you, but they don't," says Anthony from Portland, Maine, who served in Afghanistan and still has shrapnel in his hand two years later.

"When you're in the service, your friends are always to your right and your left. When you come home, you feel alone. Coming here and meeting soldiers from different generations and different wars, Israeli and American, has helped me a lot. I think it will allow me to move on to bigger and better things."

Anthony enjoyed spending time with Israeli soldiers on the Syrian border in the Golan Heights, an area of Israel that reminded him of Napa Valley.

"To them, I guess we American soldiers are the rock stars because we have all kinds of cool gear," says Anthony, 38. "But it was actually the opposite: It's these 19-year-old troops who are the rock stars. I felt in the US army that I was a piece of equipment, a dog-tag number, and could be changed out at any time. These kids don't feel that way. They are fighting for their homes an hour away."

The proximity of the battlefield left many of the visiting vets in awe of how Israelis can be friendly and smiling despite the enemies on their borders.

"I can't imagine the pain that it brings a mother or father to see their son go to war so close to home," says 41-year-old Peter from Laredo, Texas, who served with the US Navy in faraway locations including Guam, Japan, Korea and Afghanistan.

"Yesterday I talked to a mother who said her son was fighting near Egypt and came home on a one-day furlough. It's hard to grasp that you could be at war and your mom takes you to lunch."

Anthony noted that in Israel the military is a unifying experience. "Everyone you see has served or is going to serve, and Israelis know that and appreciate it. I am amazed how much this country cares for its soldiers and its people."

Like brothers

The group visited soldiers still hospitalized for wounds they received during Operation Protective Edge. "Even though they're in pain, they were in good spirits and thankful we were there," Peter tells ISRAEL21c.

"I consider them my brothers. We all feel the same things and have the same issues. The pain transcends your religion and your color. As a group, we understand each other and what we went through."

Peter intends to come back to Israel with his wife and two children. "I want her to experience what I've experienced thanks to Judy and Heroes to Heroes," he says.

The itinerary was arranged by Keshet: The Center for Educational Tourism in Israel. Tour educator

Daniel Jacobs led the vets from north to south, and honored a request to improvise a stop at Agilite, maker of innovative military and search-and-rescue gear.



The group planting trees in Lavi Forest. Photo by Judy Schaffer

Many of these men – some of whom served in the Vietnam War – were especially touched by a tree-planting activity in the Lavi Forest in the Galilee.

"I believe if most of our veterans were involved in these kinds of activities, they would get better," says Juan, who lives in Providence, Rhode Island.

Schaffer and the coaches stay in touch with past participants. "A lot of them come back with a sense of peace and a sense of purpose. And they keep that with them."

**SAVE THE DATE
NOVEMBER 16, 2014**



10AM TO 12PM @ OHAVAY ZION SYNAGOGUE



UK Jewish Studies November Events

By Emily Cottingham

This month, the University of Kentucky's Jewish Studies program offers another round of interesting and enlightening events. The Year of the Middle East, hosted by the College of Arts and Sciences, continues into November. Community members are welcome to attend and listen to an interesting set of speakers share their experiences and knowledge. It's a great opportunity to connect with others, whether you're a student at UK or member of the local Jewish community.

"The Significance of Being First; Competing: Jewish and Arab Discourses" November 10 @ 7pm - UKAA Auditorium W.T. Young Library

Professor Ilan Troen will examine the ways in which claims to the Holy Land are made. This complex and contentious subject is at the root of the Arab/Israeli conflict. Historical claims are now perhaps the most significant and contentious. In the case of the land of Israel/Palestine, those claims are mixed with the religious traditions of Jews, Christians, and Muslims, and even secular Jews and Arabs reference continuities with the ancient past as a means of claiming priority. The presentation will attempt to clarify this extraordinarily complex issue.

Professor Troen is the Lopin Professor of Modern History and Director of the Kreitman Foundation Fellowships at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. He has authored or edited 11 books in American, Jewish and Israeli history.

"My Father's Paradise: How a Jewish Kid from Los Angeles Traveled to Wartime Iraq in Search of Roots, Identity and His Father's Improbable Life

Story " November 17 @ 5pm - UKAA Auditorium W.T. Young Library

Author and journalist, Ariel Sabar, will be visiting the University of Kentucky to give a talk based on his award-winning book, *My Father's Paradise: A Son's Search for his Jewish Past in Kurdish Iraq*, which received the 2008 National Book Critics Circle Award, one of the highest honors in American letters. Growing up in Los Angeles, he wanted nothing to do with his father or his family's past. However, a trip to Kurdish Iraq changed his outlook completely. In his talk, Sabar will weave the remarkable story of the Kurdish Jews and their dying Aramaic tongue with the moving tale of how a consummate California kid came to write a book about his family's past in Iraqi Kurdistan.

Ariel Sabar is also an award-winning journalist whose work has appeared in the *New York Times Magazine*, *Harper's*, *Washington Post*, *Mother Jones*, and *This American Life*, among many other places. He is a Smithsonian Magazine correspondent, a *Washingtonian Magazine* contributing editor, and a former staff writer for the *Providence Journal*, *Baltimore Sun*, and *Christian Science Monitor*.

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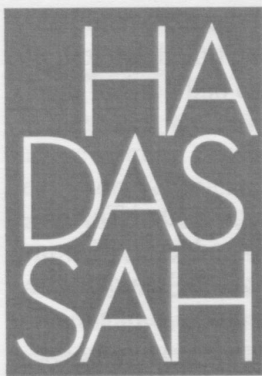
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Hadassah Highlights Fall 2014

Did you receive your pledge card for the 2014 **Lexington Chapter of Hadassah Fall Appeal?** Please consider a generous gift to help sustain the life

saving work of Hadassah. Complete your pledge card and mail it in or donate online at www.Hadassah.org. **Annual giving plans** start at just \$15 a month and are an easy, convenient way to show your support for Hadassah and Israel. Your gift of any amount is deeply appreciated. For more information, please contact Jane Chaput at chaput1@windstream.net or 245-6624.

November 3: Keepers of the Gate/Founders "Thank You" event. Annette Sondock, former National Chair of HMO will speak and current Keepers of the Gate and Founders will be honored.

November 9: Start shopping for those Holiday gifts at our **Jewelry Open House**. Ruth Scott, a Hadassah board member and jewelry artist, has a huge array of uniquely designed jewelry in many styles and price ranges sure to please everyone on your list. The open house will take place from 11am-4pm at Ruth's home studio located at 224 Koster St. in Lexington. A percentage of your purchase will be donated to Hadassah. For more information please contact Ruth at rascot0@yahoo.com or call 277-3391.

December 7: Book Club discussion of "The English Girl" by Daniel Silva from 2-4 at the Tate's Creek library. The very popular and successful author made an appearance at the Hadassah National Convention this past summer and is currently on the cover of Hadassah Magazine. For more information please contact Peggy Leep at mgleep@gmail.com or call 272-9607.

December 18: Join the fun and brighten a sick child's day by participating in our annual **Chanukah Party/Mitzvah Project**. The festivities begin at the home of Evalyn Block (4886 Hartland Pkwy) at 7pm. Bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10

for our gift exchange and a new unwrapped item appropriate for infants or children to donate to Child Life Services at Kentucky Children's Hospital. For more about the party, contact Evalyn at eblock3374@gmail.com or for info about volunteering at KCH, talk to Ruth Scott at rascot0@yahoo.com.

Macy's Gift Cards are perfect this time of year either to give as gifts or to do your own shopping. Macy's generously donates a portion of the proceeds to Hadassah. Contact Odette Kaplan at okmkaplan@gmail.com or call 271-8332.

And there is so much more to look forward to in **2015**. More books, more food, fun and celebrations, more observances, more opportunities to study and learn, to advocate for women and health education and the Jewish homeland of Israel. And there will be a very special tribute to honor two of our own. Look for details coming your way soon.

For more information about the **Lexington Chapter of Hadassah** please contact Melanie Shapiro at bluegrassgirl55@aol.com or 523-6166.

Wishing all a warm and happy Thanksgiving,
Melanie Shapiro, Hadassah President



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Havurah News

Poised between Sukkot and Thanksgiving, I am thinking about wanderers, harvests, and holidays. We were once a nomadic people, living in tents in a desert. We were once an agrarian people, guarding our crops in rickety huts in the fields during the harvest. The high holy days must have been a brief pause, a gathering of breath, before the ingathering of grains, fruit, and vegetables.

Now we live --- most of us --- in solid dwellings. Few of us are farmers. And little around us, here in Lexington, slows down for the Jewish holidays. We may or may not erect sukkahs, and for some of us, the smell of the etrog and lulav do not trigger memories of past Sukkots.

However, the smell of turkey, of apple pie, those trigger childhood memories, or the commercial variants thereof. Thanksgiving, like Pesach, was celebrated at my aunt and uncle's house. The one was turkey, the other lamb, but in both cases, there was family around, and the question of whether my uncle David should carve the meat.

The story we feed to children of the cooperation between the native Americans and the Pilgrims is a lovely one, of new world and old world customs merging and creating a new celebration of the successful coexistence, the planting and harvesting. All were concerned about the winter ahead, but taking a brief pause, a gathering of breath, before the preserving and smoking and drying, the building up of insulating walls and firewood stacks.

Perhaps the story of patrolling the fields and vineyards is a more honest one. We tithed, we left 10% of our crops for those who had none of their own, but until we were done with our share, we protected our own.

I like the slowdown that happens around Thanksgiving, with a few much welcomed days off from school, and perhaps from work if we're not in the retail or emergency services sectors. I like the evocative smells. But I can sure live without the giant inflatable plastic turkeys on the lawn, and the pumpkin-pie-spiced air fresheners and Pillsbury roll specials.

Perhaps there are advantages to being a minority culture.

We have a Kabbalat Shabbat service scheduled on Nov. 7th. Please call Gail Cohen at (859) 229-4427 for more information.

The Lexington Havurah, founded in 1978, is a network of diverse people dedicated to Jewish learning and renewal, community building, and tik-kun 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 gail.cohen@twc.com.

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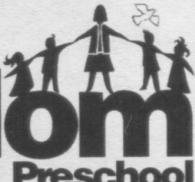
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OHAVAY ZION SYNAGOGUE NEWS

WELCOME

Ohavay Zion Synagogue is a warm and welcoming congregation in Lexington, Kentucky. Through the framework of Conservative Judaism, we explore our Jewish identities and form community. We celebrate our diversity and welcome newcomers. Please join us!

GLOBAL DAY OF JEWISH LEARNING

Save the Date—Sunday, November 16, 10 am – 12 noon

Every year, the whole Jewish world gets together on the same day to celebrate Jewish learning. Our community will gather at OZS to learn from each other. The (awesome) theme this year is: Heroes, Villains, Saints and Fools: The People in the Book. This will be a great way to culminate a month of learning in our community.

COMMUNITY SHABBAT POTLUCK

Please join our whole OZS community as we celebrate Shabbat together with our friends from Stewart Home on **Friday, November 14 at 5:30pm**. The food will be Pot Luck, so please bring a vegetarian, fish and/or dairy dish. After dinner and schmoozing, we will have a brief but spirited service. If you have any questions please call the OZS office at 266-8050 or email at office@ozs.org. All are welcome!

YOUNG OZS-ERS

Young OZS-ers come together each month for singing, learning and socializing. Please contact [Amia Kurs](#) for more information or join our [facebook group](#).

KIDS' SHABBAT

Please join us for this month's Kids' Shabbat service on **Friday, November 21 at 5:30pm**.

Kids' Shabbat is our monthly Shabbat Service for younger children. We light candles, drink grape juice, eat pizza, sit together on beautiful carpets, sing songs, and read amazing stories from the PJ Library. Newcomers and friends are always welcome! **OZS Community Hanukkah Party: December 19.**

Kids' Shabbat services will be held Fridays at 5:30 pm at OZS on the following dates.

January 16
February 20
March 20
April 17
May 15

For more info or to RSVP, email Rabbi.Smolkin@gmail.com.

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

Please join us any Saturday morning of the year, as OZS celebrates Shabbat. We begin at 9:30am, though please feel free to join at any time during the service. Our worship is filled with joyous song and fascinating Torah discussions. The service concludes around noon, and all are invited to schmooze over lunch after the service. This is a wonderful way to celebrate Shabbat and to meet some nice Jewish folks here in Lexington. Newcomers and friends are always welcome!

TUESDAY MINYAN

Tuesday Minyan is a special time at OZS. During this brief service, students and adults both pray and learn together. There is a warm atmos-

phere and something for everyone to enjoy. Please join us Tuesday afternoons from 5:45pm to 6:15pm. All are welcome!

BACKPACKING FOR GOD'S PANTRY

Join us each month during the school year as backpacks are filled with food that children take home on weekends from Mary Todd Elementary School. All of the food is child-friendly, nonperishable, easily consumed and vitamin fortified. Our next backpacking date will be in November at OZS. Check weekly announcements & Facebook for date & times.

STUDYING THE PROPHETS

Please join us Wednesdays at noon as we explore the book of **Jeremiah** through the teachings of our Jewish tradition. We have a wonderfully diverse group of learners and terrific conversations. All are welcome!

TALMUD STUDY

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

INTERESTED IN OZS?

Ohavay Zion Synagogue is a warm and welcoming Jewish community. If you are interested, or if you know someone who may be interested in learning more about Ohavay Zion Synagogue, please call our membership chair Kathy Grossman at 268-2596 or email Rabbi Smolkin at Rabbi.Smolkin@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you!

TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL NEWS

WHO WE ARE

Temple Adath Israel is a Reform Jewish congregation - We celebrate Torah, Justice, Tradition, and Faith. Our mission is to inspire Jews, to ensure a vibrant Jewish present and future by nurturing a multi-generational love for our tradition. Our "Community Center" approach to Judaism gives families a host of unique ways in which to love living relevant, soulful and experiential Jewish lives. Please call the Temple Administrator for more information if you are interested in affiliating with the Temple. The phone number is 269-2979.

FAMILY SHABBAT

Our lively **Family Shabbat** takes place on the second Friday of each month at 7 pm. We sing songs and enjoy great stories geared to our families and their young children, but with valuable messages for all. TAI has a potluck dinner preceding the service at 6 pm on Family Shabbat night. **Our next Family Shabbat will be on November 14.**

TOT SHABBAT

Our **Tot Shabbat** Friday night service is held on the last Friday of each month (during the school year).

PJ LIBRARY READING TIME

TAI has dedicated space in our Youth Library and our Anita Mersack Outdoor Reading Garden for families to share in our growing collection of PJ Library Books, before, during, and after religious school. The collection is in our Youth Library and our Librarian Leona Stern loves to share in reading time with many families or even just one. These books provide

our young children with wonderful introductions to the magic of Jewish storytelling.

KOLLEL STUDY GROUP

Kollel meets at 9 am every two weeks in the TAI Library. The group explores cultural, ethical, and its historical aspects of our 4000-year tradition. The emphasis is on dialogue and exploration. Please join us any time. Our next sessions will be **November 1, 15, & 29.**

TALMUD STUDY

We are studying the *Pirke Avot*, a section of the Talmud on alternate Saturdays at 9am in the library. The discussion is always lively and informative and you can join the group anytime. We will meet on **November 8 & 22.**

PARSHA

Join us each Saturday morning at 11 AM in the library as we take a look at the Torah portion for each week. Various Temple members will lead some discussions and everyone will take turns. **We will meet on November 1, 8, 22 & 29.**

ASHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT

Consider making a difference in the life of a child at Ashland Elementary School this year! You could help a student improve reading and/or math skills. You could also provide support and encouragement as a mentor. Perhaps you would enjoy assisting a teacher in the classroom. These experiences will enrich your life as you interact with children at our "adopted" school.

Even a half hour a week can make a difference!

Schedules are always flexible for your commitments and travel.

If you are interested in volunteering at Ashland or want more information, contact Maureen Wrobel at mowrobel42@gmail.com or call at 859-272-4491. All volunteers must complete a quick and easy online background check form for the Fayette County Schools. Instructions are on the Temple website or contact Maureen for assistance.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

A big thank you to Mary Engel and her "crew" for the wonderful Break-The-Fast on Yom Kippur. Mary, Pat Shraberg and Diana Clewett filled the kitchen with delicious smells of kugel and macaroni and cheese. Thank you to Connie Grobstein, Lisa Miller, Diane Friedman, Daniel Friedman and Rachel Estep for your help in preparing and serving the meal. Thanks to everyone who helped in various ways to make this dinner a wonderful end to the day. This event is run by Sisterhood, but we need everyone's help to make it a success!

If you missed our first bi-monthly dinner out with the Sisterhood ladies at Chathams, be sure to watch for our next gathering. It was lots of fun to sit and kibbitz with the women of TAI Sisterhood!

For membership information, please contact our Financial Secretary, Deb Flomenhoft at dflomenhoft@gmail.com.

--- 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. Re-

Mazal Tov to:

- Stuart Lowenthal, for being awarded the Donald H. Lange Lifetime Achievement Award by the Kentucky Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association. The Association recognizes physical therapists who have demonstrated vision, leadership and creativity.
- Jim Ridolfo, for being awarded the Richard Ohman award for his recent publication on research with the Samaritans: Delivering Textual Diaspora: Building Digital Cultural Repositories as Rhetoric Research published by College English in November 2013. The award, which recognizes excellent scholarship in the field of rhetoric, is given annually by the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE).
- The family of Ethan Concors on his Bar Mitzvah.
- To Amy and Jeb Messer, on the birth of their twin girls, Hannah Lucy and Maya Jeanne, on September 30, 2014. Proud grandparents are Betty and Lowell Nigoff, and beaming uncle Brian Nigoff.

Condolences to:

- The family of Helen and Joseph Auer, parents of Steve (Jane) Auer, grandparents of Deborah (Steve) Flomenhoft and Joseph (Yeh Hsin) Auer, great-grandparents of Charlie, Sam and Eli Flomenhoft and Alexander and William Auer.
- The family of Max Kavinow. Max is survived by his wife Mindy and his children Marc Kavinow and Lynne Snyder.
- The family of Diane Nichtberger. Diane is the step-mother of Ilyse Lonsbury and grandmother of Cody and Travis Lonsbury.
- The family of Harriet Cooper, wife of Leon Cooper and mother of Ira, Andy and Lynne.

The first sessions of the Jewish Education Lexington Learning Institute (JELLI), co-sponsored by Ohavay Zion Synagogue and Temple Adath Israel, will be held:

Wednesdays, November 5 and November 12
Temple Adath Israel
7-9 pm

Rabbi Roberts will discuss
"What Jews Believe about
Life After Death" (7-7:50 pm)

Rabbi Smolkin will discuss
"Jewish Mysticism" (8:10-9:00 pm)

Refreshments served between talks.
All community members are invited.

Save the date for studying together with wonderful volunteer teachers
on January 14 & January 21, from 7-9 pm, at Ohavay Zion Synagogue.



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Global Day of Jewish Learning

On November 16th Jews around the world will share a day of Jewish learning, dialogue and exploration, joining together in celebration of all that unites us.

Please join us at Ohavay Zion Synagogue on
November 16th from 10 am to 12 pm

The theme this year is Heroes, Villains, Saints and Fools: The People in the Book.

There will be six text-based workshops from which to choose, led by community volunteers.

We will also have a special workshop sponsored by JFS, a PJ Library program, and religious schools will have joint programming.

Contact Talia at talia@jewishlexington.org or call (859) 268-0672 for more information.

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