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Major gifts dinner featured Lt. Governor Jerry Abramson



Lt. Governor Jerry Abramson talks to those gathered at Rossi's on June 3, 2012, for the Major Gifts Dinner. Additional photos on page 21.

The Major Gifts Dinner was held at Rossi's on June 3. Sixty-two people attended and were treated to a wonderful talk by Jerry Abramson. Steve Caller also spoke and both men highlighted some of the local and international programs funded by our 2012 campaign. Attendees pledged more than \$125,000. Linda Ravvin, who chairs the annual campaign, also chaired the fundraising dinner.

For those of you who have not yet made a pledge, please expect a call from one of our volunteers. Please give generously. We have much work ahead to fulfill our mission. We feed, clothe, comfort, and rescue people in need. We inspire, educate, and connect people to their Jewish identity. To accomplish this, we need your help. ☆

Volunteers honored at the JFB Annual Meeting

The Federation's Annual Meeting and open house was held on May 23, 2012. A highlight of the meeting was the presentation of awards to our outstanding volunteers.

also serves on the PJ Library Advisory Committee.



Linda Ravvin was honored with the President's Award for her extraordinary service to the community as past Federation director, president, and current campaign chair. Because Linda was in Montreal helping her mother move, her award was accepted by her husband Leon.



The Young Leadership Award was given to Elissa Weinstein for her outstanding job as chair of Camp Shalom and Gesher. A former assistant director of Camp Shalom and a long-time resident camp veteran, Elissa has helped energize the camp program, organize our winter bowling party/camp reunion, and recruit campers and staff.



The Cookie Wencker Volunteer of the Year Award was given to Connie Lovenenthal for her tireless work on behalf of Jewish Family Services. Connie



The Ruth Gerard Poley Award for Excellence in Writing was given to Ned Rosenbaum posthumously. Ned, beloved husband, father, grandfather, scholar and author who passed away last November, wrote a monthly column in this publication for many years. His award was accepted by his wife Mary Rosenbaum, the former editor of Shalom. ☆

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The New York Jewish Population Study has implications for all communities

The UJA-Federation of NY just published a report of its 2011 Jewish Community Study and it contained some surprises. The survey included the 5 boroughs of New York City and the suburbs of Westchester County and Nassau and Suffolk Counties on Long Island. The findings showed an increased population of 1.54 million Jews, up from 1.4 million in 2002. The study revealed that 64% of the Jewish children and 32% of the entire population are Orthodox (from Modern Orthodox to Haredi) – an increase of 50% over a period of 20 years. This is more than 500,000 people. The great majority of these are Hasidic families. In these families, only 13% have a college degree and 63% are poor or near poor. About half of the Jewish children in NY are Hasidic.

In the same period, the number of households who considered themselves “just Jewish” (not affiliated with any religious movement) increased from 15% to 37%. Thus, the two extremes are growing at the expense of the middle – the Conservative and Reform Jews. The Conservative and Reform movements have each lost about 40,000 Jews and in spite of anecdotal information to the contrary, the

division between Reform and Conservative practices is increasing. Inter-marriage among the non-Orthodox has risen to 50% of couples married within the last 5 years.

Some of these trends are unique to NY, such as the very large Orthodox population and a Russian speaking population of 14%. Other trends, however, are reflected in both the national population study and other local studies. All show an increasing number of those identifying as “just Jewish” and an increased rate of intermarriage in the last 10 years. All show a population growing older. About 32% are 65 and over and 23% are under 17. The trend toward a growing bifurcation, with some becoming more Jewishly engaged (although not Orthodox) while others becoming less engaged, is seen in most Jewish communities today.

As we review these findings, it is incumbent upon us to consider our own community and its growing number of intermarried and unaffiliated families, and explore strategies for connecting them to our congregations and Federation sponsored programs. The time is now! ☆

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. May the new year bring health, happiness and sweetness to each of you. Shanah Tovah.

*First published in September 2011.

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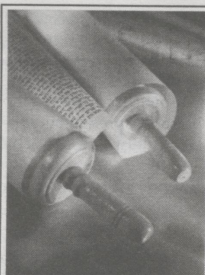


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JFS: At Your Service

Talia Smolkin, JFS Director

Spiderman and Jewish Genetics

Who among
us has seen
Spiderman?
Or read a
comic book?

Or dreamt about changing from an average person to something altogether extraordinary? There may be a variety of reasons why numerous people are attracted to the story, or why endless versions of the story end up on the big screen. And in each version, the details vary, but one thing remains the same: genes. The bite from a spider changes the protagonist's basic make-up. The mystery of our DNA becomes the core of popular stories, and more generally captivates the mind of scientists, communities and individuals.

Our interest in our nature is not without merit. Our genetics have a tremendous impact on each of us in many aspects of our lives. Awareness of how genetics may impact our health is no exception. Genes can affect our risk for Alzheimer's and cancer. They can also affect the risk of genetic disorders in children.

Different populations tend to have higher rates of different genetic disorders. There are several in communities of Ashkenazi (Central and Eastern European) Jewish descent. The most famous of these diseases may be Tay-Sachs, but there are several others, and the medical world is increasing in its ability to test for these disorders.

Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) has an initiative for parents and communities to become aware of this issue that is more likely to impact Jews of Ashkenazi descent. Many couples opt to be tested before conceiving a child because while one may be perfectly healthy, he or she may still have a gene related to a disease that can be passed onto offspring. Doctors may even automatically offer a test for couples or women who are pregnant, but they may or may not be aware of the fact that a wide-range of genes for

diseases beyond Tay-Sachs can now be tested. Of course, this is not without controversy. Some of us may ethically find challenges with genetic testing or with the decisions that may come from finding out one might be at risk for passing on a genetic disease. According to JFNA, "The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists recommends screening if at least one partner in a couple has Ashkenazi Jewish ancestry. In addition, any partner of a known carrier or anyone with a family history of disease or disease carriers should undergo screening." Genetic counselors and our spiritual leaders may help individuals decide to what extent genetic testing is appropriate.

JFNA offers more information about genetic diseases and testing related to the Jewish community here: www.jewishfederations.org/page.aspx?id=163781. You can also find a plethora of general information regarding genetic testing from the website of the National Association of Social Workers: <http://www.helpstartshere.org/health-wellness/about-family-genetics.html>.

What are the implications of knowing about the existence of common genetic disorders? We can educate ourselves and each other about the issue. We can advocate for ourselves if we know that we belong to a genetic group that is generally more at risk for certain diseases. We can know that our local and worldwide Jewish community is present and supportive regarding this subject, and beyond, the wider community has an interest in genetic testing. And, of course, we can most certainly find a relevant, important subject imbedded in any story involving Spiderman. ✪

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Charles Bronfman Prize names 2012 recipient

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New York May 22, 2012 – Eric Greitens, the visionary founder of an organization challenging post-9/11 veterans to build lives of purpose, strengthening individuals and communities while changing the national conversation about returning service members, is the 2012 recipient of The Charles Bronfman Prize.

Each year, The Charles Bronfman Prize – and an accompanying \$100,000 award – goes to a young humanitarian whose work is informed and fueled by Jewish values and has broad, global impact that can change lives.

Greitens, 38, founded St. Louis-based The Mission Continues in 2007, inspired by his humanitarian aid work in the most impoverished and unstable corners of the globe and as a Navy SEAL on the front line in the battle against terrorism.

The Mission Continues reflects his vision to reintegrate post-9/11 veterans into civilian life by challenging them to lead at home. Through six-month community service fellowships, veterans transform from citizen warriors to citizen leaders by working in local non-profits that reflect their interests and passions, and leading projects that involve hundreds of community volunteers.

Full employment, higher education, or ongoing service is often the result, along with more tightly bound communities in which they are full and active members.

"Jewish values exist not merely as notions or ideas, but as motivating forces with which to live and to strive for a more just world," said James Wolfensohn, former President of the World Bank and Chairman and CEO of Wolfensohn and Company, on behalf of the Prize judges.

"Eric Greitens views those who have sacrificed on the battlefield as national assets. As history proves, this has not always been the case. By teaching us to respect and value this generation of

warriors, he is not only a humanitarian, but also a leader guided by the light of just and noble ends."

His approach is unique and addresses a pressing issue as the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan wind down. Tens of thousands of veterans return home and families, communities and the country wrestle with how to avoid the displacement, alienation and complex challenges that can result when service members rejoin civilian life.

Born and raised in Missouri, Greitens attended Duke University, where he studied ethics, philosophy, and public policy. A Rhodes and Truman Scholar, he attended the University of Oxford, earning a master's degree in Development Studies in 1998 and a PhD in Politics in 2000.

He has devoted his life to service – as a humanitarian volunteer in Rwanda and Bosnia during periods of genocide and war and as a United States Navy SEAL deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan, the Horn of Africa, and Southeast Asia during the global war on terror.

These experiences, combined with his deeply held Jewish values, inspired him to seek ways to drive positive change, Greitens said. He credits a Sunday school teacher in his youth who took him to a homeless shelter in St. Louis to expose him to other's challenges, and asked Eric what he might do to help.

"All of us can play a role in repairing the world. I think about *tikkun olam*, and how we can use our limited time to be of service. I think we must dedicate and devote our days to making a difference in the lives of others, and to create a better, more just and more loving world in the spirit of *gemilut hasadim*.

"The greatest satisfaction I have in my work is when individuals tell me about the difference The Mission Continues has had in their lives. When you think about driving positive social change, ideas can become abstract and the problems can seem daunting. But if we focus each day on affecting individual lives, that for me is deeply satisfying, and step-by-step, by living the right example, the greater and broader change emerges." ☆

Is this clear, sir?

Here is an original story about David Ben-Gurion which appeared in his diary. The story was sent to Hanna Smith via email from Buenos Aires by her cousin, Moises Morgenroth. Rabbi Uriel Smith translated from the Hebrew.

Ben-Gurion stated that in 1954, when he was prime minister of Israel, he travelled to the United States to meet with then President Eisenhower, to request his help and support for the new state of Israel that was going through difficult times. During one of the meetings then Secretary of State John Foster Dulles sneered at Ben-Gurion: "Tell me, Prime Minister, whom do you and your state actually represent? Jews from Poland, Yemen, Romania, Morocco, Iraq, the Soviet Union or Brazil, are they the same people? After 2000 years of dispersion can one speak about one people and one culture, one tradition or one heritage?"

Ben-Gurion answered him: "Listen, Mr. Secretary of State, the ship 'Mayflower' sailed two hundred years ago

from England, and within her were the first settlers who settled in what is now known as the great democracy called the United States of America. Now try this, go outside and ask ten North-American children the following questions: what was the name of the captain of that ship? How long did the voyage take? What did the passengers eat during the voyage? There is a very high probability that you will not get accurate answers.

Now hear this, more than three thousand years ago the Jews left Egypt. I ask you that in your travels around the world you try and meet ten Jewish children in different countries. Ask them what was the name of the captain of that exodus, how long did that journey take, what they ate on the way, and what the sea was like.

When you have the answers to your questions try to remember and to pay attention to the questions that you have asked me. Is this clear, my dear Secretary of State?" ☆

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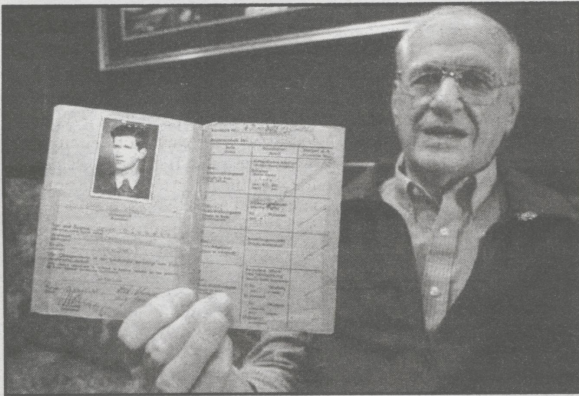
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Vernon Hills Holocaust survivor shares harrowing survival story to educate: Man recounts horror of concentration camp



Photographed by GILBERT R. BOUCHER II/GBOUCHER@DAILYHERALD
Holocaust survivor Eric Blaustein of Vernon Hills shows his German identification papers as he discusses his arrest at 17 by the Nazis and his time in Buchenwald prison camp during World War II. Blaustein will speak today at Harper College about his ordeal.

By Mitchell Armentrout

8:35 p.m. - For most of us, it's a number on the clock that comes and goes daily; for Eric Blaustein, it's a moment in time that has haunted him for nearly 75 years.

That's what the clock read Nov. 9, 1938, when Gestapo officers knocked on his family's door in Chenitz, Germany. With his mother and sister, Blaustein watched as his father was taken away as one of thousands of Jews sent to concentration camps on what would be known as Kristallnacht — the Night of Broken Glass.

The image of the clock stands stark in Blaustein's memory as the moment he realized the true weight of being a 12-year-old Jewish boy in Nazi Germany.

"I'll never forget looking at that clock," said Blaustein, now 85. "I looked at my family and said, 'Let's get out of this hellish country.' I was no longer German."

It was the beginning of a harrowing journey for Blaustein that included a five-month stay at Buchenwald, one of the largest

concentration camps in Germany. He'll recount his remarkable survival tale today at Harper College in Palatine, ahead of Holocaust Remembrance Day on April 19.

Blaustein has been giving talks at schools and events for nearly a decade, hoping to educate people on the facts of the Holocaust through his experience to help prevent future atrocities.

"People need to see what a volatile group is capable of," said Blaustein of Vernon Hills. "A Holocaust happening today is unlikely, but the only way to prevent it is to stop it before it starts."

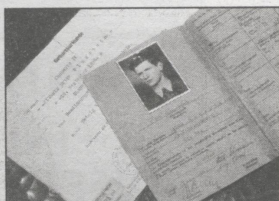
His story starts as a third-grader in eastern Germany, when students he had considered friends began teasing and harassing him. A teacher singled him out in class during a rant against Jews, which brought on more harassment.

"It was like there was something else to you," Blaustein said. "Even as an 8-year-old, I could feel it wasn't right."

The atmosphere grew more tense for Blaustein's family as the years passed. He says they were lucky to have a landlord with valuable connections to members of the German elite from the previous imperial administration who were disgusted by Hitler's Third Reich. "He respected my father and would protect us to his last breath," Blaustein said.

The landlord provided Blaustein with false identification papers that protected him for three years following his father's arrest. From the start of World War II in 1939 until mid-1943, Blaustein worked in a Jewish cemetery, digging graves for some of the victims of concentration camps.

"It wasn't being said out loud at the time, and maybe we didn't know the specifics, but everyone knew something bad was going on in the camps," Blaustein said.



The birth certificate and German identification papers of Holocaust survivor Eric Blaustein, of Vernon Hills.

By the end of 1943, he was 17 and he started drawing suspicious looks for not being in the military. Forced to flee, he stayed at various safe houses in Germany with the help of his family's landlord. His luck

ran out in December 1944, when a storekeeper turned him over to Nazi authorities. Because military deserters were subject to immediate death, Blaustein admitted he was Jewish and was sent to Buchenwald.

"I knew I could buy at least a few weeks of life in a camp," he said.

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Politics & Talmudic Language*

By Ned Rosenbaum

[Ed. note: This was the very last thing that Ned Rosenbaum, z"l, wrote. It was sent to us by his widow, Mary.]

A recent e-mail extols Gov. Paul LePage (R., Maine) for saying that he would not close state offices at the approach of inclement weather any sooner than Marden's does; Marden's is the department store chain of which he was CEO before becoming governor. This exhibits the kind of false analogy that would not be tolerated in Talmudic academies, ancient or modern.

Governments have departments, it is true, but this does not make them department stores. The latter are privately operated companies whose goal for them is to maximize profits and you can't make a profit when you're not open. Government, either state or Federal, is public, non-profit and so has a greater concern for the safety of its workers. Being caught in a Maine snowstorm is dangerous.

A better analogy is the Nelson County school system. It closes even at the hint of bad weather because, being non-profit, it has a greater concern for the safety of buses and their precious cargo, schoolchildren, on narrow, twisty and slippery roads.

Too many Americans seem to delight in assuming that any two things you can mention in the same breath are, *ipso facto*, being compared. I suppose they would say that, after all, oranges and apples are both fruit. Most of us, however, use the phrase "apples and oranges" to indicate two things that ought not be compared.

Had these people gotten any Talmudic training, they might have learned the principles for determining proper analogy, namely *qal v' homer* and its opposite, *homer v' qal*. The best way to explain the first is to use the Latin equivalent, *a fortiori*, which is a cornerstone of our legal process. An example would be this: if stealing a car is bad, stealing three cars is worse. Reversing the field, so to speak, theft is still theft.

Newt Gingrich's recent suggestion that no one save Jesus (in his opinion) is perfect is an unacknowledged attempt to say that Mitt Romney's "sin" of claiming his son's unfinished basement as his own residence so that he could vote in Massachusetts, is as culpable as Gingrich's own admitted serial adultery. These are two things that do not bear comparison.

The same e-mail complained that since government won't allow the Ten Commandments to be posted in public schools, it ought to remain open on Christian holidays. The writer probably doesn't know it was illegal in Massachusetts to close your own private business on Christmas Day; that was considered too "Popish" for the English Protestants who first colonized there. But again, the analogy fails.

Our government is not Christian, but 80-90% of its employees are. Letting them out for their holidays is a courtesy we can all understand. Many Jewish people, in fact, pinch-hit for Christian co-workers so that the latter can spend the time with their families at Christmas and Easter.

The whole Ten Commandments fuss is something that Lutheran Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer, z"l, would have called "cheap grace." And he should know. He lost his life in 1945 because he had willingly participated in the unsuccessful plot to kill Hitler. And speaking of Hitler - may his name be forgotten - comparing President Obama to him is an outrage.

It's just short of yelling "Fire" in a crowded movie theater and only our precious right of free speech keeps me from suggesting that those who make this comparison be incarcerated long enough to learn which comparisons are legitimate to make and which are not. ☆

**My title is borrowed from George Orwell's essay "Politics and the English Language," with its trenchant analysis of how politicians use language to confuse and control the people they address.*

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2012 Lexington Jewish Film Series

By Kae Schennberg, Vice President of JFB, Member of the Film Selection Committee

This fall, we are launching our 2012 Lexington Jewish Film Series on September 23 at 4 pm with the film "Restoration" directed by Yossi Madmoni. After his longtime business partner dies, Yakov Fidelman discovers his antique furniture-restoration shop is in grave trouble. One day his apprentice finds a neglected piano in the workshop; it is an 1882 Steinway; with some improvements this piano could save the business. This film stars one of my favorite actors, Sasson Gabay who also starred in the film "The Band". Sasson's mesmerizing performance draws you into his character's vanishing way of life.

Mark your calendar for our additional films scheduled for Sunday, October 14 at 4 pm - *Comme Tom Père* (Father's Footsteps), Sunday, October 28 at 4pm - *Moi Papa Baryshnikov* (My Father is Baryshnikov). The series will end on Sunday, November 11 at 4 pm with *Gruber's Journey* and admission will be free to all veterans with valid ID.

Season tickets may be purchased in advance, on or before August 30th for a discounted fee of \$6.50 per showing.

Tickets this year will be \$ 7.00 at the door, but free admission will still be offered for college students with a valid photo ID. All of the films will be shown at the University of Kentucky's Center Theatre in the student center, located off the Avenue of Champions and Limestone. There is ample parking near the Avenue of the Champions entrance; the building is handicap accessible. An elevator will take you up to the theatre, so it is accessible to everyone.

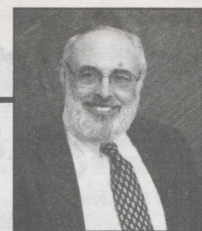
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Ask A Rabbi

Rabbi H.D. Uriel Smith



Q: What do Jewish religious rituals teach us? For example, why hold the two front fringes of the Talith in the hand while reciting the blessing *Barukh she-amar*, beginning the morning Psalms of Praise? (Can you think of any ritual more obscure than that?)

A: Actually I spent several years trying to find the reason for this ritual. Nobody knew the reason. But many Orthodox Ashkenazi prayer books state that this is the ruling. So each morning before reciting *Shaharit*, Orthodox and Conservative Jews hold the two fringes (not all four) in their hand for a short time.

One of the reasons that I searched for the meaning of this rite is that I am trying to develop a scientific theory incorporating the humanities. A major philosopher of science, Karl Popper, argued that we live in three worlds: World 1, the material world, discovered by the natural sciences, World 2, the phenomenal world, which we actually experience, and World 3, the objective world, which we create through our cultural activities, including our linguistic communications.

Karl Popper noted that World 3 includes all sorts of communication, but he focused on linguistic communication. Now the language symbols are formed linearly, one word after another, but the meanings they convey are multidimensional, as anybody reading poetry or a good novel grasps immediately. Other types of communication have other patterns of symbolic patterning and patterning of meanings. For example, monetary communication uses as symbols coins and paper money, as well as electronic symbols conveyed on the Internet and on electronic cards such as credit and debit cards. However, the meanings conveyed by money are linear exchange values, identifying only what is cheaper or more expensive. One-dimensional.

Both Marxists and capitalists focus upon money. Several days a week, in our capitalist society, PBS broadcasts the Antiques Roadshow, which shows scores of antiques displayed by their owners. The beauty, historical value, and cultural guidance of these artifacts are all overwhelmed by the final

monetary evaluation given by expert appraisers. Yet, because money is only one-dimensional, it cannot give us the major meanings of our lives, unless we are willing to be just one-dimensional stick-people. Despite our American Supreme Court, money is not speech.

I have been searching how ritual activities communicate, empowering our religions. Jewish law regularly makes practical, physical decisions. This physicality restricts us each time to one choice. If we can follow both options, the halakhah rules (b. *B'rakhot* 51a) that we proceed first with the regular option, and then the rarer option. We put on the Talith (worn every day) before putting on Tefillin (which are not worn on Sabbaths and festivals). However, if only one option is allowed we choose the rarer one. These physical limits contrast with the wider self-contradictory range offered by mental and spiritual perspectives. Abstract spiritual ideas may be accepted even when they are ambiguous with mutually contradictory meanings. We can both love and hate something simultaneously. But, unless special provisions are involved, it is impossible to do two contrary acts simultaneously. It turns out that this rite of holding just two fringes actually does the seemingly impossible.

I searched for the meaning of holding just two fringes, because it seemed so anomalous. The normal rule found in both Sefardi and Ashkenazi traditions is to gather all four fringes of the Talith together before reciting the *Sh'ma*, so that when we declare the unity and uniqueness of God, we should think of the one God ruling over all four corners of the earth. We ritually proclaim one united earth under God. The normal ritual has extra implications. The fringes are gathered together during the second blessing before the *Sh'ma*, as we recite *Va-havi'enu l'-shalom*, "Bring us harmoniously from the four corners of the earth, and lead us uprightly to our land." In many synagogues nowadays this passage is recited to the tune of *Ha-Tikvah*, the Israeli national anthem, emphasizing that this prayer was recited daily for the last two thousand years. The fringes are released during the blessing after the *Sh'ma*, as we recite *L'-dor va-dor*, "He [God] exists through all

generations, [God]'s Name [presence] endures, [God]'s Throne [power] is firm, and [God]'s sovereignty and faithfulness endures for all time." The expansion of this release reverberates throughout time.

The power of using all four fringes is so great that I could not understand how the two-fringe rite arose. Then, some ten years ago I read in a work, whose identity now escapes me, that the Gaon Elijah of Vilna wrote a marginal comment stating that it was sufficient to hold the front two fringes in fulfilling the fringes rite during the *Sh'ma*. The work I read did not explain why the Gaon came to that conclusion. Nor did it explain how the decision was transferred to a completely different part of the prayer service. But it gave me some hope that I could discover a reason for that transfer.

Last year around the 4th of July I was in New York offering one of the seven *b'rakhot* in a wedding service of a student of mine. The local Habad rabbi conducted that service; I went regularly to his synagogue for the prayer services during that week. Instead of the *Tehillat Hashem* prayer book with English translations that I usually use when going to Lubavitch services, I found the Israeli all-Hebrew edition, which gives many extra marginal comments. When prescribing that we hold just two fringes for *Barukh she-amar*, it added that this was the custom of the first Habad rabbi, Shneur Zalman of Liadi. Suddenly the whole situation made sense. The following points explain everything.

First, often when great scholars give conflicting opinions they or their students work out ways to accommodate the two in one rite. Thus, when Rashi stated that a mezuzah should be placed on the doorpost in an upright position, while his grandson Rabbenu Tam stated it should be horizontal; the later commentators worked out a compromise. Each mezuzah is placed on a slant, but slightly more upright, since Rashi has greater authority. Again, the schools of Hillel and Shammai argued about the blessing over the *havdalah* candle, lit to signify the renewal of work-time as Shabbat ends. Shammai said that the blessing should state *m'orey ha-esh* ("lights of fire"),

since a flame has several colors, while Hillel said it should be "light of fire," since a wick has one flame. Rather than ending Shabbat with a quarrel, they prescribed a candle with several wicks, so that the plural terminology would be used.

Second, the Habad leaders have tried to accommodate the different views by fulfilling as many of them as possible. Rashi and Rabbenu Tam differed over the order of the paragraphs in the head Tefillin. So, among the ultra-Orthodox the custom arose to put on Rabbenu Tam Tefillin for the preliminary service, and then switch to the Rashi Tefillin for the main *Shaharit* service. The Habad leaders add also the Tefillin of Rabad, putting on three pairs of Tefillin each weekday morning. The Gaon of Vilnah, in discussing this, remarked rather dryly that if we were to fulfill all the traditional opposing opinions we would have to wear each morning 64 pairs of Tefillin (*Sefer Taamei Haminhagin*, p. 19).

The Gaon of Vilnah opposed the new Hassidic movement so strongly that he authorized putting them under a ban (*Herem*). Shneur Zalman tried meeting the Gaon to end the feud but never succeeded. He, however, refused to allow his followers to authorize a counter-ban. A disciple of the Gaon even denounced Shneur Zalman to the Russian authorities, so he was imprisoned twice. He still refused to respond in anger. He must have known of the Gaon's ruling on holding two fringes. The custom of four fringes for the *Sh'ma* could not be changed. However, he could follow the Gaon's ruling when reciting *Barukh she-amar*. In this way he showed that he still honored the Gaon of Vilnah and hoped to find a peaceful resolution to the quarrel. His followers saw his customary ritual and imitated it. The ritual then spread to other Ashkenazi communities.

Let us support this traditional Jewish custom of honoring opposing opinions while maintaining securely our own traditions. ✪

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@jewishlight.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.

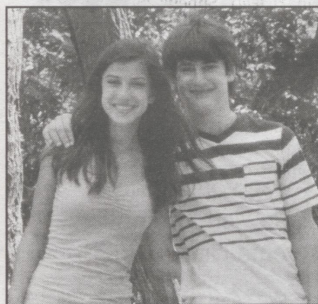
*** B'nai Mitzvah ***

Rachel Avia Kline



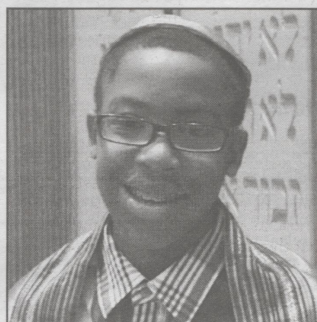
Rachel Avia Kline will become a Bat Mitzvah at Temple Adath Israel on Saturday, August 18, 2012. Rachel is a 7th grader at Tates Creek Middle School, where she is a straight "A" student, performs on the dance team, is part of the tennis program, and spent last year as the orchestra flute section's first chair. Rachel also dances for Gotta Dance Studio. She sorts food at God's Pantry and serves in a variety of capacities volunteering for Surgery on Sunday. Rachel has two dogs, Novus and Annie who she loves dearly and now has six siblings who she loves at least as much as her dogs. Rachel is the daughter of Rabbi Marc Kline and the late Cindy Jennings Kline, and the step daughter of Lori Bernard.

Joshua and Emilie Dhir



Their B'nai Mitzvah is on August 11th, at TAI. They are 19 months apart (Joshua is older) but have often been mistaken for twins and are very close. Their mitzvah project has been volunteering at PAWS (Paris Animal Welfare Society), walking and washing dogs, playing with cats and kittens. "Cakes", a little kitten from PAWS, joined our family in the process. They both enjoy acting and musical theatre. Parents are Anir and Nathalie Dhir, and their grandmother is Monique Roman.

Ellison Reynolds



Ellison will become a Bar Mitzvah on September 1, 2012 at OZS. Ellison moved here two years ago from Kansas City, MO where he attended Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy. Currently, he attends Woodford County Middle School and is entering the 7th grade this fall. He is in the school's Robotic Club and is on the competitive team this coming school year. His favorite subjects are math and science. He started learning Bridge this summer at Bridge Camp and really enjoys it. Ellison loves building with LEGOs; his latest project is the LEGO Taj Mahal model with almost 6000 pieces. He likes to draw and make 3 dimensional origami projects. This summer he attended CYJ (Camp Young Judea) for the second time with friends from Lexington and Kansas City, MO. Ellison's Bar Mitzvah project is to raise money and collect art supplies for the recreation rooms in the Burn Unit of Shriners Hospital in Lexington. When Ellison was 7 he sustained second and third degree burns to his left hand and was hospitalized for three weeks in the Children's Hospital in Kansas City. He appreciates the work and attention the staff and volunteers provide to comfort children under these stressful circumstances. He would like to support Shriners especially since they help all children regardless of their ability to pay. His parents are Renee and Gerald Reynolds.

Lucy Wren Morris

Lucy will become a Bat Mitzvah on September 1, 2012, at TAI. Lucy will also lead the Shabbat evening service. Her parents are David & Ann Morris.

Anya Slepian



Anya will become a Bat Mitzvah on August 25, 2012. In August, she will be an eighth grader at Winburn Middle School. For her mitzvah project, Anya has been volunteering at Central Kentucky Riding for Hope, an organization that uses horses to provide therapeutic activities for adults and children with special physical, cognitive, emotional and social needs. Anya has been helping to feed and care for the horses.

Anya has many interests. This spring she and a friend advanced to nationals in the National History Day competition in Washington, DC. with their documentary project about how the Black Death transformed art. Anya also enjoys horseback riding and soccer, and plays saxophone and electric guitar.

Anya's older sister Mara is helping her with her bat-mitzvah studies. Her parents are Ken Slepian and Karen Petrone.

Holocaust Survivor

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Blaustein used his connections to survive Buchenwald, where at least 56,000 prisoners were killed, according to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. His father had given him the name of a friend who was a key part of the underground Communist faction operating in most of the camp.

"There were three keys to surviving," Blaustein says. "An iron will to live, a lot of good luck, and powerful friends."

He was fortunate enough to possess all three. With the help of his father's connection, Eric Blaustein died in Buchenwald — at least on paper. The Communist faction altered his documentation, and Blaustein assumed the identity of a dead Italian prisoner, keeping him from almost certain death as a Jew.

"I became Luigi," Blaustein said. "I would speak gibberish that sounded like Italian around guards to keep cover."

Although the connections made life slightly more bearable for him, conditions in the camp were excruciating.

"Disease, malnutrition, beating, killing — it was unthinkable."

Blaustein was lucky enough to enter the camp just months before it was liberated by American forces on April 4, 1945 — his talk at Harper College falls almost exactly 67 years to that date, another pivotal moment in his life.

After the war, Blaustein was reunited with his mother and sisters, who had taken cover at a farm in western Germany, and his father, who had been held at a sub-camp near Buchenwald. Blaustein went on to become a distinguished civil engineer, working in New York, Pittsburgh, and Cleveland before settling in Vernon Hills. He makes speaking engagements every spring.

"I don't want it to be emotional, I don't want pity. I want the truth," Blaustein said of his lectures. "It was my pain. I don't want to burden other people; I want them to consider it in looking at the world." ☆

Parents...

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Einstein Museum announced

The Government of Israel unanimously approved yesterday the establishment of the Albert Einstein museum in Jerusalem that will reveal items from the legacy of the father of the theory of relativity. The idea for the museum, which will be built on the Givat Ram campus of the Hebrew University, was originally initiated by President Shimon Peres.

In his will, Albert Einstein left the Hebrew University his personal papers and the intellectual copyright to them, as well as the right to use his image.

The government decision took place a week after the Limmud FSU Conference in Princeton, New Jersey, where the accomplishments of Professor Albert Einstein, who lived and taught at Princeton University, were emphasized. The conference brought together over 650 young Russian-American Jews from across the country who came for a festival of Jewish learning.

Among the participants at the conference were Professor Hanoch Gutfreund, former President of Hebrew University and the academic director of the Einstein Archives at Hebrew University and its copyrights, and Yoram Raviv, deputy director-general at President Peres' Residence, who presented the plan of the new Einstein museum at the conference.

Chaim Chesler, Limmud FSU founder, congratulated the Israeli government and said that this is a historical decision that will significantly contribute to tourism in Israel. Chesler also mentioned that the next year Limmud FSU Conference in Israel will be dedicated to Professor Albert Einstein as well, and will be held on the Givat Ram campus of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, near the location of where the new museum will be built. ✧

Synagogue 3000

Dear friends,

Synagogue 3000's Synagogue Studies Institute in collaboration with the Berman Jewish Policy Archive and North American Jewish Data Bank is proud to release the report, *Conservative & Reform Congregations in the United States: The FACT-Synagogue 3000 Survey, 2010*

Many have already seen *Reform and Conservative Congregations: Different Strengths, Different Challenges*. This is the full survey data that informed the first report.

Contrary to the impression that denomination no longer matters, this research underscores the many ways in which Conservative and Reform congregations differ. Those difference include:

- Average size - there are more large Reform congregations
- Location - more Conservative congregations are in the northeast
- Worship attendance - per capita, Conservative congregations report higher attendance and religious practice
- Worship variety - Reform congregations report more variety, music, and excitement
- Plus information on empty sanctuaries, morale, and finances

The report confirms that U.S. Jewish congregational life is showing signs of stagnation, with few young adults, many older members and more than adequate sanctuary space.

The survey, which included responses from leaders in 1,215 synagogues, offers the most comprehensive view of Reform and Conservative movement congregations to date. Conducted by sociologist Steven M. Cohen for the Synagogue Studies Institute of Synagogue 3000, the survey is part of the larger Faith Communities Today (FACT), a national data set of American religious congregations.

Synagogue 3000 is the Jewish research voice in the Cooperative Congregations Studies Partnership, which conducts the semiannual Faith Communities Today (FACT) study, the largest survey of American congregations. In the 2010 FACT survey, S3K did its own oversample of American synagogues. While much has been said about synagogue shrinkage, until now these statements were anecdotal. ✧

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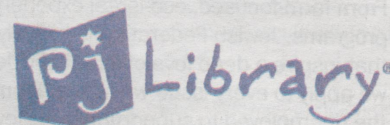


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JEWISH BEDTIME STORIES and SONGS

Jewish Federations Applaud President Obama for Calling on International Olympic Committee to Honor 'Munich 11'; Applaud Bob Costas for Pledge to Hold Minute of Silence on NBC in Their Honor

Federations have helped lead broader effort to urge International Olympic Committee to recognize the 40th anniversary of the tragedy during London games

WASHINGTON, DC - The Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) today applauded President Obama and NBC sportscaster Bob Costas for their efforts in supporting the recognition of the 40th Anniversary of the "Munich 11" tragedy, in which 11 Israeli Olympic athletes and coaches were taken hostage by the Black September terrorist group and murdered during the 1972 Summer Olympic Games.

President Obama, in line with a resolution recently passed by the U.S. Senate, added his voice to the call for the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to hold an official moment of silence to recognize the fallen Olympians. Costas - who is leading NBC's coverage of the Summer Olympic Games in London - announced that he would hold an on-air minute of silence. Both the President's support and Costas' pledge come as the IOC has rejected widespread calls to formally recognize the tragedy during the Olympics. In comments to the media, Costas said, "I intend to note that the IOC denied the request. Many people find that denial more than puzzling but insensitive. Here's a minute of silence right now." (Costas's comments can be found here: <http://www.hollywoodreporter.com/news/olympics-london-2012-bob-costas-nbc-350265>)

Jewish Federations have strongly advocated for a formal moment of

silence, with advocates in communities across the country joining petitions to the IOC. Additionally, Jewish Federations have strongly supported Congressional resolutions directed at the IOC. The Senate has passed a resolution sponsored by Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL), while Reps. Eliot Engel (D-NY) and Nita Lowey (D-NY) have introduced a similar resolution in the House. Jewish Federations also had urged NBC to honor the slain Olympians during its coverage (a copy of the Federations' letter to NBC can be found here: <http://www.scribd.com/doc/100537267/JFNA-Letter-to-NBC-re-Munich11>).

"It is shameful that the International Olympic Committee continues to reject calls from the victims' families, public officials, Olympic athletes, and others in the global community who believe that a formal honoring of the slain Israeli Olympians is long overdue," said Kathy Manning, chair of the Board of Trustees of The Jewish Federations of North America. "It is not too late for the IOC to do the right thing, as President Obama and Bob Costas have poignantly articulated. We thank them for their leadership and for setting an example as the Olympics near."

Earlier this year the IOC rejected a petition from the victims' families to include a moment of silence at the 2012

Summer Olympics. Previous requests made by the Israeli government to institute an official moment of recognition have also been rejected by the IOC. The Israeli government and the victims' families are by no means alone in their fight. In an effort to persuade the IOC to do right by the victims, many others in the international community have lent their support to the issue including Australia, Germany and Canada.

To date, memorials have been placed around the world in honor of the fallen, including a sculpture at the JCC in Rockland County, New York. The JCC Association of North America has also included a memorial tribute to the murdered Israeli athletes and coaches at the Opening Ceremonies of every JCC Maccabi Games since 1995. The JCC in Rockland County is also currently hosting an online petition for an official moment of silence at the Olympic Games, which has garnered more than 100,000 signatures - a clear demonstration of public support.

"The murder of 11 Israeli Olympians in Munich happened 40 years ago, but it resoundingly echoes today - as we saw with the tragic bombing of innocent Israeli citizens in Bulgaria on Wednesday," said William Daroff, Vice President for Public Policy and Director of the Washington Office of The Jewish Federations of North America. "We stand united with the President and the Senate in this matter and are thankful that Bob Costas will highlight this on the national stage. We hope everyone - especially members of the IOC - will embrace the Olympic spirit and come together to honor the memory of the slain Israeli athletes and coaches and stand strongly against terrorism and hate in our time." ☆

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Celebrating women's role at a new Israeli museum

By Abigail Klein Leichman

An empty 200-year-old sheikh's palace in Haifa will be transformed into the Museum of Israeli Women – just as soon as its founder, Yael Nitzan, can raise \$6 million.

Nitzan, a feminist TV producer, art historian, and author, has planned this museum for decades. Though Israel reportedly has the world's highest ratio of museums per person, none is dedicated to the mostly unsung females responsible for weaving together its social, agricultural, and business fabric.

Now that her dream has taken a giant step to fruition thanks to the Haifa municipality's gift of a building, her excitement bubbles over: "I am so full of the stories of what women did in Israel!" she tells ISRAEL21c.

Most of the 40 women on her initial list are less well-known than Golda Meir, Israel's first and only female prime minister – though Meir is certainly included.

"Golda Meir brought the \$100 million to Israel — \$50 million at beginning of the War of Independence and \$50 million after. [David] Ben-Gurion asked her to go to America, and she gathered small groups of women in every town to solicit funds. So actually, women built Israel," Nitzan states.

Some 4,000 women served in the Jewish Brigade of the British army, including Sonia Peres, the late wife of Israeli President Shimon Peres. "Five women from this corps became founders of the women's division of the Israeli army," says the former IDF captain.

Over the past few years, Nitzan has gleaned ideas from women's museums in Denmark and New York, and from a traveling exhibition on innovative women in the United States.

Museums dedicated to women aren't

the norm, even in larger and older countries. But that doesn't faze Nitzan.

"There's nothing quite like Israel in the world and nothing quite like the women of Israel," she says.

Notable Israeli women

Several years ago, a friend invited Nitzan to a lecture by Israeli historian Esther Carmel-Hakim, a foremost expert on the women of Israel.

Carmel-Hakim did her PhD dissertation on Hannah Maisel (1883-1972), one of the eight personalities whose biographies she penned for the online *Jewish Women's Encyclopedia*.

Maisel, with a doctorate in agriculture, came to Palestine from Europe to establish farms and agricultural schools for women between 1911 and 1926. She got donations from women in Switzerland and Germany. Maisel helped found the Women's International Zionist Organization (WIZO) with Rivka Ziv (Rebecca Sieff), who also established what was later renamed the Weizmann Institute of Science.

Ziv is on Nitzan's list, as is Rachel Yanait Ben-Zvi, "the second most important woman in Israel after Hannah Maisel. She taught women in Jerusalem how to milk cows, grow vegetables, and make cheese. Because of her, the women were able to make their own food so their husbands could go out and build the state."

Bringing women into the collective memory

Carmel-Hakim is helping Nitzan choose the women for the exhibits.

However, she tells ISRAEL21c, "My vision is to publicize the contribution of women to Israel by exposing them in every museum, not just one."

She takes students in her "Women in Israel" class at the University of Haifa International School to the Rishon LeZion Museum, where they learn



The Haifa building that will house the Museum of Israeli Women.

about notable immigrants such as the country's first female kindergarten teacher, Esther Shapira. She also takes them to the Ayalon Institute near Rehovot, where women helped make bullets in a secret underground factory for the War of Independence.

"I'm trying to put Shulamit Goldstein, the first female pilot, in the Air Force Museum," Carmel-Hakim says. This 1914 Ukrainian immigrant learned to fly in Egypt. Later, she joined a work brigade at Rosh Pinah, taught nursery school (future Prime Minister Ehud Olmert was among her pupils), ran a poultry farm, and manufactured fiberglass.

In the 1930s, more than 20 percent of the physicians in Palestine were female, says Carmel-Hakim, and female dentists outnumbered male dentists.

Among the others Carmel-Hakim suggests for the future museum are Israel's original First Lady Vera Weizmann, a physician who helped in the rehabilitation of those injured in the War of Independence, raised funds to establish the Tel Hashomer Hospital, and worked on behalf of Youth Aliyah; and Dorothy Bar-Adon, a New Jersey journalist who joined the staff of the "Palestine (now Jerusalem) Post" in 1933.

"I will help Yael in any way I can

to bring women into our collective memory and educational system," she pledges.

Celebrating women's contributions

Nitzan, who curated a Haifa exhibition of 50 female artists to mark International Women's Day last March 8, says her personal archives on Israeli women will be installed in the future museum.

She hopes to serve as the museum's director. "I think in two years we can finish it," she says with the confidence of a woman who produced about 45 films and 100 TV shows over a 25-year span.

"We want to do an annual convention about women, and we want to give a prize. Only 10% of Israel Prize winners have been women, yet about 80% of Israel's artists are women," Nitzan said.

The Museum of Israeli Women will include a memorial to the hundreds of female soldiers who fell during their military service, and Nitzan envisions hosting courses for female officers there. ★

Keren Haifa, the Haifa Foundation, is accepting donations. US donors may contact Nomi Seidenberg (seidenberg@sbcglobal.net) on the West Coast, and Barry Boxer (boxerBJB62@aol.com) on the East Coast.

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Sim Shalom news

By Jesse Weil, from Budapest, Hungary

All of a sudden, we're having a spate of adult B'nai Mitzvot. A week and a half ago, Adam Lelkes did a fabulous job of leading the services, reading the Torah, and giving a super drasha on his portion. It was quite serious, but delivered in such a droll manner that he had the congregation laughing all through it. Adam is a university student of mathematics, and has been an active member of our youth group for the past year. Plus, he's a regular attendee at Kabbalat Shabbat services. The entire youth group turned out for the event, as well as much of the congregation. To lend additional meaning to the day, his mother received her own Hebrew name before the Torah Service, so Adam could be properly called to the Torah with his own full Hebrew name. The mother gave a very moving speech, telling of her own Jewish journey that led to this event for her son. The whole ceremony was one of the most inspiring and joyous moments of the year.

Another university student, Armin Langer, will have his Bar Mitzvah this coming Saturday. Armin studies philosophy, is an artist and caricaturist, and very much of a political activist, on top of all his educational activities. He has so much energy and many good ideas that he was just elected to the Board of Sim Shalom to take advantage of his youthful vigor for as long as he stays in the community. Among other things, he's taking on a major responsibility for our publicity. Both students learned their Hebrew in

the Sim Shalom class taught by Kati Balogh, a university teacher of classical Hebrew.

In the fall, one of our former Board members, Dora Rozgonyi, will become a Bat Mitzvah, to be followed a bit later by that of another new Board member, Johanna Bojtor. All will add to the cadre of capable Torah readers for our Saturday Services.

Two days ago, Rabbi Kelemen took part in a very successful ecumenical event. Two students of her senior Talmud Torah class had given such good presentations about the Jewish Holidays to their class at the Catholic private school they attend, that the class was eager to learn more about Judaism. With the help of the class's teacher, who also was responsible for teaching the whole school about religion, she designed a program for the kids where they would come to the synagogue and get some direct knowledge from her. There were various activities to help the children learn about the ritual objects of Judaism and their use on the various holidays. But the thing that really caught their attention was when the whole idea of celebrating a Bar/Bat Mitzvah came up, and they realized that their own classmates would be going through this rite of passage during the next year or two. I think it was the level of difficulty and the seriousness of the ceremony that impressed them, and maybe made them a bit envious. So even more B'nai Mitzvot are coming up before long. ✧

Non-Orthodox rabbis given status

JFNA's Israel office notes this important development, just announced. (From Yisrael Hayom):

Local municipalities will now be allowed to employ non-Orthodox rabbis with state funding for salaries, Israel Radio reported.

Attorney-General Yehuda Weinstein, in accordance with a recent High Court decision, announced that local municipalities would be allowed to employ "non-Orthodox community rabbis" if they desire, and the state will be required to fund the position.

The original petition to the High Court on the issue was made in 2005 by the Israel Religious Action Center, the legal arm of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism, on behalf of Rabbi Miri Gold of Kibbutz Gezer's congregation Birkat Shalom. The petition documents the local Reform congregation, which was established on the kibbutz in 1979 and which today has grown to 180 members, mostly from the kibbutz but also from surrounding areas.

Miri Gold had been a community lay leader at the congregation's Shabbat and holiday services as well as bar-and-bat-mitzvah celebrations. She was ordained as a Reform rabbi in 1999 after studying for four years at Hebrew Union College and has served as the official community rabbi since then. Because she is not state recognized, however, Gold receives her salary from the congregation itself, as opposed to Orthodox rabbis in other communities around Israel.

IRAC added that the rabbi's affiliation with a certain religious faction or the rabbi's gender disqualifies him or

her for applying as a neighborhood rabbi, even if there is a large liberal Jewish population in the area that would appreciate his/her services. This automatic disqualification violates the principle of Freedom of Religion and Conscience as well as principles of religious pluralism that it says the state must promote.

Following High Court deliberations in June 2006, the court ordered the IMPJ and IRAC to hold out-of-court negotiations with a governmental committee on religious affairs to reach a mutually agreeable set of criteria for determining allocations of state funding to non-Orthodox rabbis. After years of delays and deliberations, the state submitted its reply in March 2012, including a number of problematic aspects such as the obvious elimination of the term "non-Orthodox rabbis" from the criteria and in its place using the term "community leaders."

IMPJ and IRAC viewed the government's proposal as a failure of out-of-court deliberations and turned to the High Court again, which heard arguments this month and reiterated its earlier decision regarding state funding for the rabbinic roles even if they are non-Orthodox.

Weinstein communicated the message to the government and measure will be taken to implement the decision.

Israel Radio also reported that the non-Orthodox community rabbis would have no bearing on matters of religion and Jewish law nationwide. This decision only relates to rabbinic salaries based on community needs, the report said. ✧

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B'tayavon (Hearty Appetite)

By Ruth Poley



Although the schools are about to open, the summer is far from over. There's still a lot of outdoor (or indoor) entertaining to be done, or just family meals to prepare. The following recipe is quick and easy, will not heat up the kitchen, as there is no baking involved, and is delicious. To make it even easier, you can use a ready-to-bake piecrust, such as Pillsbury, or you can buy a pre-made graham cracker crust, which requires no baking. Sometimes you can even find a pre-made chocolate (my personal favorite, as you all must know by now) cookie crumb crust.

No Bake Lemon Cream Pie (8 servings)

- 1 (6-oz) can frozen lemonade, thawed
- 1 (14-oz) can sweetened condensed milk (not evaporated milk)
- 1 (8-oz) container of non-dairy whipped topping (such as Cool Whip)*
- juice of 1 lemon
- 1 (9-inch) pie crust, baked
- 3 tbsp thinly sliced almonds, toasted

Combine lemonade, sweetened condensed milk, whipped topping, and lemon juice in a large mixing bowl. Beat at medium speed for 1 minute with an electric beater.

Spoon into crust. Refrigerate for 2 hours.

Sprinkle with almonds and serve.

**I recommend the Kroger Free brand of topping. I think it tastes better than Cool Whip and better than the varieties that contain more fat or sugar.*

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.com

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The Lexington Havurah

Stan Saxe, 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 sabastanley@insightbb.com.

On Returning from Israel

Upon returning from Israel in early summer, I assumed the role of Havurah president and now begins the new Board's planning for programs, speakers, and guests for this coming year. For example, Ken and Lois Germaine have agreed to come to Lexington this year and speak about how they and other Cincinnatians organized to participate this past year in the March of the Living, honoring those who were murdered in the Holocaust.

Ken was president of The Lexington Havurah in the early 1980's. The Germaines' first religious affiliation as a young married couple was when they joined the Havurah. Moving to Cincinnati with children over 25 years ago, the Germaines joined a large congregation where both have been very active for many years and have assumed major leadership roles.

An Anecdote from Israel

My brother-in-law and his family have lived for decades in a section of Jerusalem called Abu Tor, an older neighborhood south of the Old City and which before 1967 was on the Jordanian border. One morning in June as my wife Judy and I were walking downhill on a narrow street leading to busy Hebron Road, a taxi chugging uphill stopped and the driver asked in Hebrew for directions from this older couple from Lexington, Kentucky. Perhaps the street he wanted was Yishai? Without hesitating Judy answered him, in Hebrew, and gave exact and correct directions. I was impressed. OK, so 2012 does mark the 60th year Judy has been visiting Israel, and, yes, she has been there over 35 times. I was still impressed.

A Plethora of Rabbis in Lexington

A small plethora, anyway. We are indeed fortunate. Each with varying interests, areas of concern and how they contribute to the community. They in common share in contributing to the

value of living in Central Kentucky. This was most notable in the June-July issue of Shalom In which Rabbi Sharon Cohen wrote about organ donation from her perspective as the Family Support Liaison for the Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates. The "Ask A Rabbi" column appears each month in Shalom, alternating among five Rabbis including, continuing in alphabetical order, Rabbi Marc Kline of Temple Adath Israel, Rabbi Moshe Smolkin of Ohavay Zion Synagogue, Rabbi Uri Smith, and Rabbi David Wortman. This helps make living in Lexington feel like being in a big city!

The Lexington Havurah: A Diverse Community

The members of the Havurah are a diverse community of individuals with a common purpose: to explore various aspects of Jewish culture and to explore our Jewish identity. We are not in competition with the two major congregations. We have members whose only formal affiliation with the Jewish community is through the Havurah. Other Havurah members are not only affiliated with Ohavay Zion Synagogue and Temple Adath Israel but, in addition, serve as officers and board members of both Ohavay Zion and Adath Israel. They also serve with the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass and the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah.

A Loss For Us All

We feel the loss of Ned Rosenbaum who was such a unique, knowledgeable, and entertaining presence. Ned's participation in the Havurah, along with his wife Mary, was always a joy. How fortunate we have been in having had Ned in our community.

A Person of Many Skills

Judy Goldsmith, whose day job is professor in the UK Department of Computer Sciences, will alternate with me in writing about The Lexington Havurah. Judy is a good Morris dancer, an aware and caring person, an intriguing speaker, and writes well.

Havurah Elects Officers; Reviews State of the Havurah, "Are havurot still Relevant Today?"

At the Annual Meeting of The Lexington Havurah late this spring, officers were elected for the 2012-2013 year, and members addressed the Havurah's status in relation to the changing roles of havurot (plural of havurah) in the country today.

Elected were: President, Stan Saxe; Vice-President, David Wekstein; Secretary, Kathy Grossman; Treasurer, Michael Rie; Religious Committee Co-Chairs, Phil Berger and Steve Shedlofsky; Social Committee Chair, Judy Baumann; Education Committee Chair, Judy Goldsmith; and Representative to JFB, Gail Cohen, who will continue her current term.

New to office this year are Stan Saxe who follows Jeremy Popkin as President, and Michael Rie who follows Vivian Bitensky as Treasurer. Judy Baumann assumes the Social Committee Chair last held by Judy Saxe, and Judy Goldsmith will be Education Chair in place of the late Ned Rosenbaum.

Included in the annual meeting was a Shavuot observance with a participatory service led by Phil Berger and Dave Wekstein. Following a dairy potluck brunch and elections, the meeting centered on discussion of the "State of the Havurah."

Following in the mode of the earliest founded havurot, the earliest being Havurat Shalom founded in 1968 in Somerville, Massachusetts, The Lexington Havurah was founded in 1978. It pioneered the equal role of women in all areas of religious observance and ritual. It offered innovative services with all activities being volunteer-run and peer-led. Everyone participated.

Today egalitarianism is not unique but being volunteer-run and peer-led (everyone participates at one time or another) still is unique. With a membership of mature (read middle-aged

and older) adults, Lexington members recognized they are different than some more recently founded havurot. For example, ten years ago several young Jews established the Havurah on the Hill in an empty synagogue on Boston's Beacon Hill. Today "the Vilna Shul" is the venue where hundreds of young adults come together one Friday night a month for a Kabbalat Shabbat service. It is a classic havurah in being egalitarian, volunteer-run, and peer-led.

In discussion, members viewed exploration in learning of Jewish culture and Jewish identity as the hallmark of The Lexington Havurah. Many considered the high point of the year to be the annual education retreat. Recent topics have ranged from historical evolving contrasts between Judaism and Christianity to contemporary views of Israelis through the medium of Israeli movies.

Also of importance are the "friendship bonds" as described by one member which exist within the Havurah and are strengthened through religious activities. Another said "we are quick to reach out to new families, needed to keep a stable population."

Support and attendance at the UK Jewish Studies programs was noted as very important. For Tikkun Olam opportunities, it was noted the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass provides a portal for volunteerism.

In conclusion, members agreed the role of the Havurah is still of significance and value: exploring various aspects of Jewish culture by means of education programs and retreats; innovation in observance to help explore Jewish identity; reaching out and participating in community efforts of Tikkun Olam; and utilizing the unique abilities, interests, and expertise of its members in services and in education programs. ✱

The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah

Jane Chaput, President

If you Google "Jews and Chocolate" on the internet, you might be pleased to learn of a close relationship between the two. There are some surprising Jewish connections with chocolate, including Jews in the early chocolate trade and early Jewish chocolate makers. Columbus was convinced that he would find Jewish traders on his journey of discovery so he brought along a Jew as a Hebrew interpreter. He did not find any Jewish traders but did find cacao beans that were highly valued by the natives.

The Spanish conquistador Hernan Cortes carried the art of making the Aztecs' xocolatl, or "bitter water," to Spain where it became very popular among the nobility. It was known for its aphrodisiac and revitalizing qualities, especially after it was sweetened with sugar and blended with hot milk.

As the Jews left Spain, they took with them the art of making chocolate and

established chocolate centers in Bayonne, France, The Netherlands, and the New World communities of New Amsterdam and Massachusetts where Aaron Lopes, an influential merchant and cacao trader, was the first Jew to be naturalized.

Chocolate houses, owned by Jews, sprang up in Europe and became the places to see and be seen. The Nazi rise to power forced a new generation of Jewish chocolate makers to flee. In 1933, Eliyahu Fromenchenko, owner of a candy factory in Latvia, arrived in Palestine where he founded Elite. Five years later, Viennese chocolatier Stephen Klein came to New York City and created Barton's. Jews in America are currently a large segment of the small, gourmet chocolate producing trend and Israeli's have become known worldwide for their delicious chocolate treats.

Hadassah's program for September,

titled "Jews and Chocolate – a Love Story," will take place on September 11, 2012 at Temple Adath Israel, at 7 pm. The cost is \$18.00 in advance and \$20.00 at the door. The featured speaker will be Sheilah Kaufman, a noted expert on the subject. She will discuss this fascinating topic in depth and offer tastes of her delicious chocolates. In addition, there will be a chocolate dessert buffet for your gustatory enjoyment.

Sheilah has made a career out of bringing the flavors of the world into the kitchens of home chefs with some 25 cookbooks. She is a popular lecturer on Jewish culinary history and traditions and has been a guest on several TV and radio shows including Martha Stewart Living Radio. Sheilah began her training at L'Academie de Cuisine and with a variety of well-known teachers of different ethnic cuisines. A founding charter member of the International Association of Culinary

Professionals, Sheilah also is an active member of Les Dames d'Escoffier and American Food Journalists. You can find her web site at www.cookingwith-sheilah.com.

A flyer will be sent shortly to all Hadassah members and their families and the program is open to all. Space will be limited; so do not hesitate to make your reservation by calling or emailing Gayle Bourne at 859-312-0359 or lexhadassah@yahoo.com. ☆

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Our Shabbat services for August are 6:30 PM on August 3, 10, 17, & 24 and 7:30 PM on August 31.

Our lively Family Shabbat takes place on the second Friday of each month at 6:30 PM. Our Youth Choir sings, our Religious School classes participate in services, we sing songs, and enjoy great stories. This year we will have a Potluck dinner at 5:45 immediately preceding services. Join us!

- September 14
- October 12 (Consecration/Simchat Torah)
- November 9 (no potluck)
- December 14 (Hanukah potluck and service around the table)
- January 11
- February 8
- March 8
- April 12

Our Tot Shabbat Friday night service is held on the last Friday of each month. It is a wonderful way for families with young children to celebrate Shabbat with song, stories, dancing, and pizza. Pizza is served at 5:45 and the service follows at 6 PM. The upcoming dates are:

- August 31
- September 28
- October 26
- November 30
- December 28
- January 25
- February 22
- March 29
- April 26

CHAVURAT CHOCHMA PROGRAM

We will meet again on August 31 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. RSVP to Sandee by August 28, 2012 at 269-2979.

KOLLEL STUDY GROUP

Kollel meets at 9 AM every two weeks in the TAI Library. The group explores cultural, ethical, and historical aspects of our 4000-year tradition. Its emphasis is on dialog and exploration. Please join us any time. **August 11 & 25.**

TORAH STUDY

Rabbi Kline conducts the study of the Tanakh (Bible) using the Jewish Study Bible on alternate Saturdays at 9 a.m. in the Library. The discussion is always lively and informative and you can join the group at any time. **August 4 & 18.**

PARSHA

Join us each Saturday morning at 11 AM to take a look at the Torah portion for each week. Rabbi will lead some, and everyone will take turns. Join us on **August 4.** We will join the celebrations of Bar and Bat Mitzvah on **August 11, 18, & 25 and September 1.** See you in the library!

BACK TO SISTERHOOD NIGHT

Who: All TAI women
What: Socialize with friends you know and friends you will meet.
When: Wednesday, August 29 at 7:00PM
Where: Deb Kratzer's home (address in the directory)
Why: To have fun!
Bring: Last names that begin with A-M please bring a salad, N-Z please bring a dessert
RSVP: By Friday, August 24 to Sandee at 269-2979 or sandee@textai.org

Please watch for your invitation to arrive by mail. Our 2012-2014 board members will be introduced and will give a sneak peak at upcoming events. You won't want to miss it! Our Sisterhood reflects the diversity of our Temple, with members of varied backgrounds, ages and interests. Whether you would simply like to get to know other women in the congregation, or would like to volunteer for a Sisterhood project, there is a place for you in Sisterhood. How involved you are is up to you, but please know that a warm and caring group of women

waits for you, however you choose to participate.

Questions about Sisterhood? Come to the event on Aug. 29! See you there.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Lowell & Betty Nigoff have volunteered in Israel for VEI-USA (Volunteers for Israel—USA), which is associated with Sar-El.

Volunteers typically spend two or three weeks living and working alongside Israelis, at an army base, Israeli Defense Forces warehouses, or service bases. The program offers a way to contribute in the State of Israel in a very direct way.

Allen Miller of Hyde Park, Cincinnati was recently appointed to the position of Ambassador for Volunteers for Israel.

Allen is available to speak to groups and individuals about his experiences with the VEI/Sar-El program. For information, call or e-mail Allen at 513-321-5120. Allen@MillerManor.net or visit the VEI-USA website at www.vfi-usa.org or Allen's blog at <http://bit.ly/vfi-ahm>.

ROSH HASHANAH BASKETS

TAI Preschool will be selling Rosh Hashanah baskets again this year for \$20. Order forms will be included in the September bulletin and will be available at the Temple website. Last year we had some baskets to sell before and after Rosh Hashanah services, but we can't guarantee that we'll have any left or how many there might be this year. The best way to make sure you receive as many baskets as you'd like -- filled with challah, local honey and apples, honey cake and more -- is to place an order. If you'd like to place an early-bird order, call Mary Engel at 252-3734.

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Thank you to:

Judy & Lou Hersh for their donation in memory of Isabel Russotto.

Judy & Rabbi David Wortman for their donation in honor of Linda Ravvin's birthday and the birth of Nancy & Phil Hoffman's granddaughter, Maren.

Judy & Rabbi David Wortman for their donation in memory of Lou Dubilier, Gail Cohen's sister, Isabel Russotto, and Pat Shraberg's mother, Bonnie McCrary.



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KIDS' SHABBAT AND PJ LIBRARY

Please join us for this month's Kids' Shabbat service on Friday, August 17th at 5:30 pm.

Kids Shabbat is our monthly Shabbat Service for 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.

This year's Kids' Shabbat services will be held Fridays at 5:30 pm at Ohavay Zion Synagogue on the following dates.

- August 17
- September 14
- October 19
- November 16
- December 14
- January 4
- March 15
- April 26
- May 17

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

YOUTH SHABBAT AND STEWART HOME

Youth Shabbat is geared for ages 8-18. We begin by welcoming in our friends from Stewart Home with a pizza dinner. Then we all celebrate Shabbat with our students helping to lead services. This is a wonderful Shabbat program filled with music and joy.

Please join us for another exciting year of Youth Shabbat and Stewart Home Services, Fridays at 5:30 pm at Ohavay Zion Synagogue!

- August 24
- October 12
- November 2
- December 14
- January 11
- February 1
- March 8
- April 12
- May 10

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

YOUNG OZS-ERS' SHABBAT

Join in as Jews in their 20s and 30s celebrate Shabbat with fabulous Friday nights filled with food, fun and festivities. This is a great way to meet other young Jews and celebrate Shabbat. Newcomers and friends are always welcome!

Please join us for another exciting year of Young OZS-ers, Fridays at 6:00 pm at Ohavay Zion Synagogue!

- September 7
- October 26
- November 30
- December 21
- January 25
- February 15
- March 22
- April 5
- May 3

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

OHAVAY ZION SYNAGOGUE SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

Please join us any Saturday morning of the year, as Ohavay Zion Synagogue celebrates Shabbat. Our worship is filled with joyous song and fascinating Torah discussions. 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 atmosphere and something for everyone. Please join us Tuesday afternoons from 5:45 pm to 6:15 pm.

A JEWISH EXPLORATION OF THE CHRISTIAN BIBLE: PAUL'S EPISTLES

Last year, Ohavay Zion Synagogue's adult education committee surveyed the congregation and discovered that there was a great interest in a Jewish exploration of world religions. Ohavay Zion Synagogue began its study with a mini-series on the figure of Jesus as portrayed by Paul and the authors of the Gospels. These classes were well attended; everyone wanted to learn more. This year, we continue our study of Christianity by exploring the core writings of the Christian Bible

itself. We begin with a mini-series on the epistles of Paul, focusing on First Corinthians, Galatians, and Romans. The classes will be held at Ohavay Zion Synagogue on the Wednesday nights of August 22, August 29, and September 5 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. All are welcome!

STUDYING THE PROPHETS

Join us at noon on Wednesdays as we explore the book of Kings through the teachings of our Jewish tradition. All are welcome!

FRIDAY MORNING TALMUD STUDY

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

INTERESTED IN OHAVAY ZION SYNAGOGUE?

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 chairs Ricki Rosenberg at 221-2121 or Harriet Cooper at 269-1136, or email Rabbi Smolkin at Rabbi.Smolkin@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you!

Major Gifts Dinner



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:

Allen Miller of Hyde Park, Cincinnati, was recently appointed to the position of Area Ambassador for Volunteers for Israel. Allen will perform this function for southern Ohio, northern Kentucky and southern Indiana. Volunteers for Israel - USA (VFI-USA) is associated with Sar-El, a non-profit organization in Israel, which administers the program in Israel. Volunteers typically spend two or three weeks living and working alongside Israelis on an army base, Israeli Defense Forces warehouses, or service bases. The program offers a way to contribute to the State of Israel in a very direct way. Allen is available to speak to groups and individuals about his experiences with the VFI/Sar-El program.

For information, call or e-mail Allen at 513-321-5120, Allen@MillerManor.net or visit the VFI-USA website www.vfi-usa.org or Allen's blog at <http://bit.ly/vfi-ahm>.

Mandy Stein married **Brett Meadors** on May 19th, 2012. The wedding took place on a glorious day in the UK Arboretum rose garden. The ceremony was officiated by Rabbi Marc Kline, and 75 guests were in attendance coming from all over including the furthest from Tokyo, Japan. The reception was at the Signature Club. The happy couple is living in Salt Lake City, Utah, where Brett is in graduate school and Mandy is working for Head Start. Mandy is the daughter of **Linda Dwoskin**.

Katherine Miller on her conversion.

Joshua Grise was named a USA Pavilion 2012 Student Ambassador at the World Expo at Yeosu, Korea. Joshua is the son of **Bill & Jane Grise**.

Odette and Marty Kaplan on their grandchildren's graduations from high school. **Jacob Ward** of Louisville graduated with high honors and will attend UK in the fall. **William Queen III** of Southington, CT graduated with high honors and is a member of the National Honor Society. He will attend Wesleyan University and will play on the soccer team as a goalie.

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Hunter Smith was selected to the South Lexington Youth Baseball All Star team and will be playing in tournaments around the state in the month of July and August. Hunter is the son of **Jonathan and Angie Smith**.

TAI and the community wish their high school graduates good luck. **Haley Stein** will be an entering freshman in the Honor's program at the University of Colorado at Boulder in the fall. She is so excited about going to Colorado and starting college. **Corinna Svarlien** just graduated from Sayre School, and she is going to Scripps College (Claremont, CA) in the fall. **Emily Miller** is going to Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, after graduating from Henry Clay High School. **Caroline Kaplan** is headed off to Butler University in Indianapolis where she will major in Pre-Med.

Dr. Robert Baumann on UK's recognition of his 40 years of service to the University of Kentucky.

Condolences to:

Sherrie Human and her daughters **Kim McNulty** and **Julie Smoak** on the death of their husband and father **Marvin Smoak**.

Carolyn Schneidt on the death of her father, **Gilbert Mooney**.

The family of **Louis Dubilier** on his recent death.

Pat & David Shraberg, on the death of Pat's mother, **Bonnie McCrary**.

Ilyse Lonsbury, on the death of her aunt, **Blanche Bussel**.

The family of **Betty Bing**, wife of the late **Sig Bing**.

Daniel and Tricia Isenstein on the death of his father, **Stanley Isenstein**.

Renee and Gerald Reynolds on the death of her mother, **Janet Sloan**.

The family of **Jennifer Falik** on her recent death.

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(*My Father is Baryshnikov*)
RUSSIA

October 14

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FRANCE

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Contact Tamara at the JFB office
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Community Calendar

• **JFB - Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass - www.jewishlexington.org**
 • 1050 Chinoe Road, Suite 112 • 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 Slepian, 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.uscjhost.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 112 • Bruce Broudy, President • bbrou@lexclin.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Camp Week 1	Camp Week 1	Camp Week 1	Camp Week 1	Camp Geshher Overnight	Camp Geshher Overnight
		Lunch and Learn with our local rabbis			Camp Week 1	
29	30	31	August 1	2	3	4
Camp Geshher Overnight	Camp Week 2	Camp Week 2	Camp Week 2	Camp Week 2	Camp Week 2	TAI B'nai Mitzvah
JFB Yiddish Class		JFS Advisory Committee Meeting (Members only)			TAI B'nai Mitzvah	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Chabad-Rabbi Litvin visits			TAI Bat Mitzvah	TAI Bat Mitzvah
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
JFB Yiddish Class		JFB Community Visit to Stewart Home School	JFB Board Mtgs		TAI Bat Mitzvah	TAI Bat Mitzvah
YBJ Kosher BBQ, Picnic and Color War						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Hadassah Book Club		Lunch and Learn with our local rabbis			OZS Bar Mitzvah	OZS Bar Mitzvah
					TAI Bat Mitzvah	TAI Bat Mitzvah
26	27	28	29	30	31	September 1
JFB Yiddish Class	JFB Office Closed	JFS Advisory Committee Meeting (Members only)		YBJ Cooking Class and Bourbon Tasting		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8