

“RESPECT FOR THE PAST, WITH AN EYE TOWARD THE FUTURE”

If anyone reading this piece would have said 30 days ago that I would be writing this article today, I would have questioned their sanity. After all, who wants to read anything a Treasurer puts into print. Fast forward to last week, when I was asked to accept, with Board of Trustees approval, the position of President of the Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg. I am honored at the request and somewhat humbled at the task at hand, which is to help facilitate a process and lead a team focused on the sustainability of Harrisburg's Jewish Federation and its Community Center, the JCC or the "J" as it is commonly known.

But here we are, over 80 people focused on creating programs and communication, in an effort to increase community engagement and participation, with the ultimate goal of financial sustainability of the JCC, which, in itself, will strengthen the Federation and its ability to support broader causes. The "Task Force" is comprised of a healthy mix of experienced community leaders working hand in hand with new volunteers who have never held positions or participated on Committees and represent a broad spectrum of the community. Task Force members have committed endless hours and made significant progress over the past couple of months in keeping their "Eye on the Future" of the JFGH. To all of you, I say thank you.

As most readers know, the JFGH and JCC have a long history in Harrisburg, have existed through floods, economic downturns, construction projects, membership growth (and contraction) - essentially the organization has endured both good times and bad in its long and storied life. Through the years, many, many people committed many, many hours of their lives to maintain and improve the services offered to the community and the Jewish community worldwide. It is this group of long-standing members who we also thank for their past contributions and, with "Respect for the Past," I ask this group to stay involved and share your wisdom as the Task Force works to re-image and re-brand the JFGH and JCC. Without your involvement, our organization's challenges will be more difficult to correct and sustainability becomes more difficult to achieve. I am confident that combining the JFGH's great history and the experience and insight of its long-term members with a newly invigorated community of leaders will return the Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg to a strong position as a community resource and asset.

I look forward to our mutual successes.
Steven Roth
Acting President

Reprint from email message sent out 8/3/12. If you are not on the email list, please let Beth Romano know at b.romano@jewishfedhbg.org.

NEWS FROM FEDERATION AND ITS TASK FORCE

Email communication list on the rise

Thank you to those who have been in touch with Federation to provide their e-mail addresses. As efforts are made to gear up for increased communication and transparency, we continue to assess various ways to be in touch with the community. We have found that e-mail is proving the fastest and most efficient way to get you the information you need to stay informed about our plans for the future. Make sure you're not missing out on the latest updates. All community members who wish to be kept informed in a more timely fashion are free to sign up to get these e-mails. To sign up, simply contact Beth Romano at b.romano@jewishfedhbg.org. Facebook users are also welcome to go to the Federation's Facebook page and "Like!" it to ensure that they are as up to date as they can be.

Task force finishes recommendations to Executive Board

The Special Task Force established to remodel the Federation and JCC into a sustainable operation has completed its recommendations that have been presented to the executive committee for approval. Many thanks to the volunteers from all spectrums of the community, young and old, for their time during the summer completing stage one: task force recommendations. Important work is now underway in committees to turn those recommendations into action. Current committees include membership/marketing, communications, future structure and planning, development, and four programming committees (covering different age groups). A Community Coordination Committee is already forming with members from each of the affiliated organizations. All ages and synagogue affiliations have been involved in the Special Task Force to ensure we have diverse representation from across our community. As the task force planning committees evolve into ongoing working committees, please continue to email taskforce@jewishfedhbg.org to submit ideas or to ask questions, or if you want to get involved with a committee. We want all voices to be heard throughout this process.

JCC gears for "A New Day at the J!" event, September 9th

As we head toward a brighter future, a JCC Open House event is planned for Sunday, September 9th. Please mark your calendar! This will be a chance for the community to come together for activities and classes, as well as tours for new guests. Bring a friend! Free lunch will be provided beginning at noon, and babysitting will be available. Stay tuned as more details unfold.



Babysitting Coming This September to the HBG JCC

Starting September 4 the Sports and Fitness Department will offer babysitting for those 12 months and older Monday-Friday from 9am-12pm. Parents must remain in the building while their child is in babysitting at the JCC. Cost per month is \$15 for the first child and \$5 each additional child from the same immediate family or pay a drop in rate of \$5 per day per child.

To sign up for babysitting or for more information please contact Terri at t.travers@jewishfedhbg.org or 236-9555 ext. 3110

A SENIOR FOOTNOTE –

What You've Been Missing

By Esther Boldes

It is hot! Yes, it is summer and the weather seems relentlessly hot. You could imagine people taking advantage of the wonderful new air conditioning at the Jewish Community Center, taking advantage to get out of the house, not having to cook, and listening to an interesting program. Not our Seniors. Here is some of the good and interesting stuff you missed:

Herb Rochman taught us something about our country's history that you did not learn in school. Where does he find these historic oddities?

Robert Axelrod, the educational director of Beth El Temple, encouraged us to wake up and use our "Little Grey Cells." Did you know that Jewish law has an answer to every modern question? Just like your mother did years ago.

We also had a hilarious time with Barb and Nat Putterman. They presented a video of a cruise ship game similar to the popular "The Newly Wed Game" in which they took part; it was the funniest you ever wanted to see. But you missed it!

John Hope, one of our regular lecturers, brought along a pianist friend. As always, he was very informative. We did not just have a sing-along - John researches the composers and when and how the songs came about. He always has a new wrinkle to a story that we ordinarily would not hear

about. It is like trawling for treasure.

And then there was attorney Corky Goldstein. You might have thought to have heard your fill of Penn State and its troubles and the city of Harrisburg. But there is always another twist to things, and then the ruling came down that morning from the Supreme Court. There were lots of questions asked, and even if you do not know about the law or are not interested - or you do not like lawyers in general - there was something for everybody.

Here is what I am trying to tell you in a not-so-subtle way: It is very hard to be inventive, to have programs which capture the interest of everybody. The fact is, if we do not get the attendance of at least a minimum of our members in the Senior Adult Club, we will disappear. Just going on trips is very nice, but we need some volunteers who are willing to help with ordinary functions. We need some warm bodies to come more often to our programs. If you have any good ideas, like the funny video by the Puttermans, please let our advisor, Cheryl Yablon, know. She can be reached at 236-9555, ext. 3115. It is easy to say, "Oh, I'm not interested in this or that. Help us to improve! Please, care!"

Shalom!

LOCAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS MAKE ALIYAH



Traci Siegel



Maia Kanpol

This summer, Nefesh B'Nefesh is featuring two amazing charter flights bringing thousands of immigrants to Israel. In fact, this year Nefesh expects a new record of Olim to Israel, nearly 4500! This is particularly interesting given the very unstable situation in the Middle East and the constant talk of war with Iran. The first charter flight arrived in Israel on July 12, and the second flight will arrive on August 14. For those of you who are not familiar with Nefesh B'Nefesh, is it a non-profit organization that facilitates Aliyah to Israel from North America.

Among those individuals who made Aliyah on July 12th were Traci Siegel, daughter of Eva and Lee Siegel, and Maia Kanpol, daughter of Anna Kanpol. Both young women are 23 and looking to begin a new life in Israel. Traci hopes to join the Army in some capacity, and Maia is still unsure at the moment. However, both are leaving behind their lives in Harrisburg to become Israeli citizens.

Maia stated, "I've had such a great experience with Nefesh B'Nefesh. I could call them anytime on any day, and they would help me out with everything and answer all of my questions. And it's so easy. I think I got everything done within three weeks. I spoke to some of my friends who have made Aliyah in the past, and they told me all about Nefesh B'Nefesh. Then I Googled, found them, and followed the steps."

Traci commented, "My experience with Nefesh B'Nefesh has been really good. I have wanted to do this for a while, and they have guided me every step of the way. I went to school in Maryland, and every time Nefesh staff came to Maryland, I would meet with someone; so this has definitely been a long time coming. I heard about Nefesh through involvement in the Jewish world for years, and they are the go-to place to make Aliyah."

In terms of how to find information for Nefesh B'Nefesh, there is an enormous amount of simple and easy-to-read information on its website: www.nbn.org.il or call 1-866-4ALIYAH to speak with a personal consultant.

About Nefesh B'Nefesh (www.nbn.org.il): Founded in 2002, Nefesh B'Nefesh, in cooperation with the Israeli government and the Jewish Agency for Israel, is dedicated to revitalizing Aliyah from North America and the UK by removing or minimizing the financial, professional, logistical and social obstacles of Aliyah. The support and comprehensive social services provided by Nefesh B'Nefesh to its 30,000 newcomers, has ensured that 97% of its Olim have remained in Israel.

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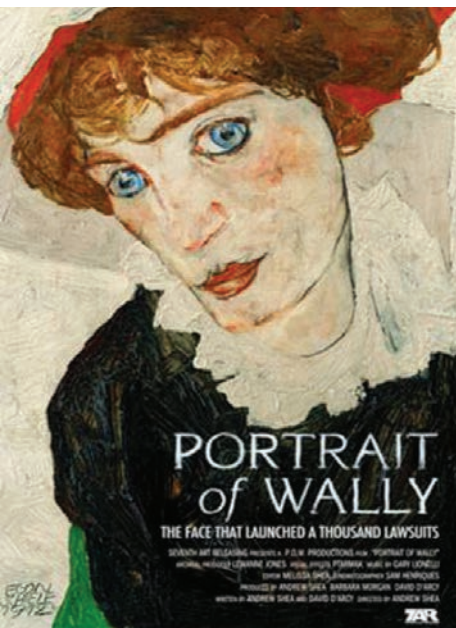
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Young Adult Committee Hosts First Event

The newly formed Young Adult Committee has hit the ground running and hosted a very successful Happy Hour on Thursday, July 19th. The event pulled in over 50 individuals who enjoyed meeting new people and catching up with old friends. Co-Chair of the Young Adult Committee Stuart Gasner commented, "The Happy Hour was a great way to relax and have fun with friends. It was a strong kick-off event for the committee, and we have high expectations for upcoming events including the Flag Football League, Fantasy Football and our Big Kids Night Out."



The evening event was held at the JCC. The original plan was to be outside, but due to uncooperative weather the Happy Hour was moved inside. The night featured a variety of games, raffle prizes and a chance to learn about some of the exciting upcoming programs planned by the Young Adult Committee.

The next Happy Hour sponsored by the Young Adult Committee will be held at the JCC on August 30th at 6 p.m.

REGISTER YOUR TEEN FOR HEBREW HIGH NOW!

It's been a busy summer for Hebrew High and teens will find lots of great changes in the program this fall, including new course offerings, new schedules, and extended social time (with great snacks) once a month. With thanks to Dr. Shalom Staub for facilitating the meetings, focus groups of parents and students met over the summer to discuss Hebrew High and to offer suggestions to make the program more engaging and relevant to our teens. As a result, students will find lots of hands-on classes; community service opportunities and tried-and-true old favorites in the course offerings.

Hebrew High is committed to serving eighth through twelfth grade students from a variety of denominational and non-affiliated backgrounds, and all courses are taught without denominational bias. Studying at Hebrew High provides our students with an opportunity to develop a strong, positive identity and set of values within the framework of a united Jewish people.

Keeping teenagers engaged in Jewish learning is not only imperative for the health of our Jewish community; it is also a key component of insuring the future of the Jewish people. At Hebrew High, we have developed an innovative program, relevant to the needs and interests of today's high school students.

The curriculum at Hebrew High is flexible, constantly evaluated and updated. HH educators are selected not only for their expertise in their subject area, but also for their ability to communicate their knowledge to teens. Classroom teaching relies on a variety of techniques, including audiovisual aids, guest lecturers, as well as interactive discussions. Time for students to socialize both informally and at organized communal events is an integral part of the Hebrew High experience.

Some of the new things teens will find at HH this fall include:

The Hebrew High year will be divided into two 12-week semesters and will take place at the JCC on Sunday evenings from 5-7 p.m. beginning September 23. (In order to give students more choices, some classes will run all 12 weeks; others will run for 6 weeks).

All **first semester classes** are **elective**. (The first class will begin at 5:00 pm and will end at 5:50. Following a 20-minute break, the second class will run from 6:10-7:00 p.m). In the **second semester**, core (required) courses for each grade will be taught by community rabbis from 5:00-5:50 pm. Following a 20-minute break, elective classes will run from 6:10-7:00 p.m.

Once a month, teens will enjoy special social time from 7:00-7:45 pm with a different activity each month. And--of course, they'll find great snacks (pizza, make your own sundae, holiday favorite foods and more) to nosh. Students will enjoy activities such as dodge ball, open mike night, talent night, mitzvah night, game night and more. Teens will be able to relax, have a good time and hang out with their Hebrew High friends.

We'll communicate (via e-mail, texting) with teens and parents regularly to remind you about special HH programs and events.

Lillian Rappaport will continue to serve as the academic director of Hebrew High but a new (and very familiar) face will be greeting teens at HH on Sunday evenings. Hallie Rosen will be the administrative director, and she'll make sure everything is going perfectly for the teens at Hebrew High.

Hebrew High registration is now available at www.jewishharrisburg.org. For more information about registering your teen for Hebrew High, please contact either Lillian Rappaport or Hallie Rosen at 236-9555, ext 3402.

REGISTRATION FOR THE MARCH OF THE LIVING NOW OPEN

From April 3-17, 2013, thousands of Jewish teens from all corners of the earth will gather together in Poland and in Israel for **The March of the Living**, a transformative experience which will include Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, in Poland and Yom Ha'atzmaut, Independence Day, in Israel. The impact of the **March** is profound and will last a lifetime.

The March of the Living is open to all Jewish high school seniors, whether or not they have previously attended Hebrew High. The required **March of the Living** preparatory class, offered through Hebrew High, will begin on Sunday, September 23 and run weekly until March 17. Dr. Mark Glick and Lillian Rappaport will co-teach the preparatory course. Dr. Glick will serve as the madrich (chaperone) for our 2013 group of marchers. Registration materials for the **March of the Living** are available through the Harrisburg Hebrew High School and can be accessed at www.jewishharrisburg.org.

The 2013 **March of the Living** will continue to be a celebration of the 25th anniversary of the March of the Living program, as well as a commemoration of the 65th anniversary of the State of Israel. This year, child survivors will be honored with special efforts being made to incorporate their stories into the journey. A key element of the program is the participation of Holocaust survivors who share the memory of their war-time experiences with the students, while they are still well enough to participate in this challenging two week trip of the young.

The March of the Living, a silent 5-kilometer walk from Auschwitz to Birkenau along the train tracks, is designed to contrast with the death marches which occurred towards the end of World War II. When Nazi Germany withdrew its soldiers from forced-labor camps, inmates – usually

already starving and stricken by oppressive work – were forced to march hundreds of miles further west, while those who lagged behind or fell were shot. **The March of the Living**, in contrast to the death marches, serves to illustrate the continued existence of world Jewry despite Nazi Germany's attempts at their obliteration.

In recent years, the **March of the Living** has attempted to broaden its focus from only concentrating on the Holocaust, and include other program content in the Poland portion of the trip. These elements include: celebrating Jewish life before the war, establishing dialogue with Polish students, meeting with Polish Righteous among the Nations, and connecting with the contemporary Polish Jewish community.

After spending a week in Poland visiting other sites of Nazi Germany's persecution and former sites of Jewish life and culture, the participants in the **March** travel on to Israel where they observe Yom Hazikaron (Israel's Remembrance Day) and celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel's Independence Day). For many students, a deep, lifelong connection to Israel, our Jewish homeland, is born.

The goals of the **March of the Living** are universal - fighting indifference, racism and injustice. They are also particular - opposing anti-Semitism and strengthening a sense of Jewish identity.

For more information on this extraordinary program, please contact Lillian Rappaport at the Jewish Federation, 236-9555, ext. 3402.

P.S. Please remember that adult participants are welcome and encouraged to join the teens on the **March of the Living**.

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Colorado Federation Coordinates Jewish Response Fund For Movie Theater Shooting Victims

July 24, 2012

Allied Jewish Federation of Colorado has launched the Jewish Response Fund for Victims of the Aurora Movie Theater Tragedy to support and assist the victims and their families.

The Jewish Federations of North America urges Jewish communities to direct donors to the Jewish Response Fund online (https://secure.ujcfederations.org/ft2/form.html?_id=25481) or send a check, made out to Allied Jewish Federation of Colorado with "Jewish Response Fund" in the memo, to Allied Jewish Federation of Colorado, 300 S. Dahlia, Suite 300, Denver, CO 80246.

The Jewish Response Fund grew organically, as a reaction to high interest from the Jewish community for an outlet to help. One hundred percent of all donations to the Jewish Response Fund will go to help the families who lost loved ones, those injured in the shooting, and other needs relating to the tragedy as they arise. There will be no administrative fees taken out of the donations to this fund.

"No other community in this country understands terrorism more than the Jewish community," said the Federation's president and CEO Doug Seserman. "While the gunman in Aurora is a terrorist of a different kind than we've experience in Israel, don't be mistaken. This guy is a heinous terrorist who gunned down innocent Coloradans to make some kind of psychotic point.

As Jews, we are guided by the principle of tikkun olam, repairing the world. And that's not just the Jewish world. We are obligated to help in every way we can."

In addition to the Jewish Response Fund, the Federation encourages members of the Colorado community to donate blood. While it was able to supply enough blood for the victims, Bonfils Blood Center is low on blood supply (especially since donations go down in summer) and needs to replenish. To learn more about donating blood, visit www.bonfils.org.

As the community umbrella organization, the Colorado Federation mobilizes resources to respond quickly to crisis situations. In conjunction with local synagogues, community organizations and national partners, the Federation raised more than \$75,000 through the Colorado Fire Relief Fund to help victims, firefighters and other first responders as well as others impacted by the recent spate of wildfires in Colorado. Two of the fires – the High Park Fire in the foothills above Fort Collins and Colorado Springs' Waldo Canyon fire – were the most destructive wildfires in Colorado history, burning nearly 600 homes.

"As evidenced by the response to our call for help during the fire emergency, the Jewish world mobilizes," said Amy Toltz-Miller, the Colorado Federation's Annual Campaign chair. "We were there, fundraising for Haiti, Hurricane Katrina, the fires in Israel and we are here to offer support to our neighbors as well."

The Religion of Football

By Jack B. Ogun

The local newspaper and other media have had daily discussions of football, the fall of its deity, and the effects on Beaver Stadium. Every weekend during autumn, we watch as motor homes, tailgated pickups, and cars have all raced north to worship at State College. All of those vehicles contained money destined for the excitement and pageantry of the game. And yet, it has now been seriously damaged. The bubble has burst.

So why should we discuss this here? Because the worshippers of football - and I, too, cannot plead total ignorance - have seen their passionate love damaged. The saddest part is that the love has been taken for granted, and the 50-plus millions surrendered annually have been stained beyond redemption.

We in Harrisburg are also hurting for many reasons, some even genuine and thoughtful towards Penn State. Where can we turn for honest and caring activities that will not prove to be rife with fraud? We all brag about our children playing sports and make time not to miss a single practice. The Olympics this summer are the ultimate sporting event that we enjoy. But deep down, as we think about sports, are we really doing the right things? Should we be intense about soccer or a basketball game?

Now, here comes the punch line. Sports are not, nor have they ever been, deserving of the time and effort we put into it. It does little for morality, respect, honesty, charity and even steals large chunks of time from our personal and family responsibilities.

Don't ask me to preach, or to offer advice, as this is something you must ponder. I can't resist making the final comment, however, that this article was written for the Jewish Community Review. You know the score and can take it from there.

The JCC Young Adult Committee is Sponsoring a Free:



Thursday, August 23

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Jewish Community Center, 3301 N Front Street, Harrisburg

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The following excerpt from the bylaws of the Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg outlines the process for membership submission of alternate names for nomination for both officers and trustees of the Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg. The annual meeting of the Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg has been scheduled for Thursday, September 20, 2012. The deadline for the submission of alternate names for nomination is Thursday, August 16, 2012.

This year the Nominating Committee will be presenting one nominee to serve as President-elect and one nominee for each of four At-large Trustee positions. The other officer positions were elected last year for two-year terms ending September 2013.

David Herman
Nominating Committee Chairperson

**ARTICLE IX
ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

A. Nominations:

At least sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Meeting the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee chaired by the Immediate Past President and consisting of three (3) additional members of the Board of Trustees. No member of the Nominating Committee shall be eligible for election.

Thirty-five (35) days prior to the Annual Meeting, the Nominating Committee shall submit to the Chief Executive Officer, in writing, one (1) nominee for election to each elected office, and four (4) nominees for trustees to the Board of Trustees. This list shall be included in the notice of the Annual Meeting.

The membership may submit alternate names in nomination. Such nominees must be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer in writing thirty-five (35) days prior to the Annual Meeting. This may be done by a signed petition of fifteen (15) individual members in good standing. These additional nominations shall be published together with the slate of the Nominating Committee at least fifteen (15) days prior to the Annual Meeting in the official community publication. If there is no community publication being printed, notice by mail shall be sent to the community-at-large at least fifteen (15) days prior to said meeting.

No person shall be nominated without that person's prior consent. The Nominating Committee, in recommending individuals to serve on the Board of Trustees, either as Officers or At-Large Trustees, shall consider the following criteria:

- Gift to the United Jewish Community Appeal and current payment status
- Membership in good standing to the Federation's "Jewish Community Center"
- Prior experience on committees of the Federation and the former United Jewish Community of Greater Harrisburg and the former Jewish Community Center of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

**WORLD SURGICAL FOUNDATION
Second Annual USTA Jr. Team Tennis Tournament**



On May 26, youths from seven high schools participated in a USTA Jr. Team Tennis tournament at Harrisburg Academy to benefit the World Surgical Foundation. The Camp Hill-based foundation, headed by Dr. Domingo Alvear, aids children and adults living in Third World countries who need life-altering surgery.

The tournament was organized by Harrisburg Academy students Alex Rimmel of Harrisburg, Nick and Nate Schmidt of Wormleysburg, Claire Gianakas of Lemoyne, Melanie Bryant of Harrisburg, and Academy Director of Tennis April Gift. More than \$2,500 was raised. Players came from Harrisburg Academy, Cedar Cliff, Camp Hill, Central Dauphin, Trinity, Bishop McDevitt and Northern High Schools.

Corporate event sponsors included Ballantine Restaurants, Hempt Bros., Inc., Landmark Commercial Realty, Inc., Pepper Hamilton LLP, Sutliff Auto Group, Triple Crown Corporation, and Vartan Group.

Pictured from left (front): Lauren McNair, Nate Schmidt, Alex Rimmel, Nick Schmidt, Claire Gianakas, Aaron Gold, and Ben Cohen (18) of Mechanicsburg; (second row): Julia Sternberg, Rachel Sternberg, Maisie Orendorf, Raechel Albright, Lexi Cantone, Rachel Duong (14) of Hummelstown, Vinisha Reddy (15) of Camp Hill, Liza Cohen, and Morgan Amsrud; (back): Aidan Henken, Rachel Brosius, Michael Henning, Dustin Henken, Ryan Plescoe, Alissandro DiSanto, Nathan Walborn (17) of Harrisburg, Vincent Duong (18) of Hummelstown, Gerald Hempt, George Hempt, and Tristan Wali (16) of Harrisburg.

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Temple Beth Shalom Rabbi and Cantor Earn Ph.D.s. By Myrna L. Rubenstein



Rabbi Jordi Gendra (right) and Cantor and Manel Frau (left) have returned from Spain, where they successfully defended their dissertations and earned their Ph.D.s.

If you think your days are filled, try writing a Ph.D. dissertation in your spare time. Temple Beth Shalom's Rabbi Jordi Gendra and Cantor Manel Frau have put in some long days and nights to complete their graduate studies at University of Girona and earn their doctoral degrees. They flew to Barcelona, defended their dissertations in Girona and returned as Doctors of Philosophy.

Rabbi Gendra, who grew up in and near Barcelona, had completed all but his thesis and had moved on to other projects when he decided to pursue rabbinical studies at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College (RRC) in Wyncote, Pa.

He explains, "I was lucky to meet Professor Joel Hecker at the RRC, who fostered my interest in the beginnings of the Kabbalistic movement in medieval Spain, with a concentration on Rabbi Isaac the Blind's commentary on the Sefer Yetsirah," the subject of his dissertation. While he had completed the 360 hours of class work that would lead to a doctorate while at university in Spain, Rabbi Gendra says that his years at the RRC "gave me the tools to better understand the material." "Rabbi Isaac's work is the basis for the later development of the Kabbalistic movement," says Rabbi Gendra. "We owe to his work the number, order and most of names of the Sefirot we still use today!"

Rabbi Gendra said that he had access to the resources at the RRC library while writing his thesis because he had taught a course on Aramaic at the college from 2007 to 2011 and that the text which he elaborated on in his thesis had already been published by Gershom Scholem. While Rabbi Gendra used Internet tools to bridge the distance between Mechanicsburg and Spain, he still faced obstacles as he prepared to defend his dissertation. "There was an amazing amount of red tape," he recalls. In addition he "took notes, composed graphics and prepared a Power Point presentation." Ironically, the professors whom he faced to defend his thesis told him that he should have included the graphics in his dissertation.

A mind as busy as Rabbi Gendra's needs constant stimulation. He's been teaching the past few semesters in the Religious Studies department at Wilson College in Chambersburg.

In addition, he remains dedicated to academic research. While writing his dissertation, he stumbled on 19 medieval manuscripts related to his dissertation, and he plans to work preparing a critical edition of the Hebrew text to accompany the publication of his thesis.

He also looks forward to the publication of his translation of the Sefer Kurzari, in Catalan, by Obrador Eddendum next year.

"The most modern translation in Spain dates back to 1678, by Jacobo Abendana, an Amsterdam Jew," he says.

Despite his considerable accomplishments, Rabbi Gendra remains a modest individual. He quotes Job: "Indeed I spoke without understanding of things beyond me, which I did not know." Job(42:3)

And what synagogue wouldn't be proud to have not just one Ph.D. on staff but two?

Rabbi's Gendra's partner, Manel Frau, enrolled in the RRC and studied there and at Gratz College to become a cantor. But while the members of TBS know him best as an extremely talented singer, musician and chanter of Torah who makes services at the synagogue a wonderful experience, he also is an academic who had completed most of the work toward a graduate degree in medieval religion and philosophy before embarking on his cantorial studies.

For his thesis Cantor Frau, a native of Mallorca, focused on the work of Rabbi Shimon ben Tzemach Duran, who also was born in Mallorca. In 1391, Rabbi Duran escaped from a pogrom that devastated the Mallorcan Jewish quarter and fled to Algiers, where he became the chief rabbi. "At that time, Jews were forced to defend their faith in public before interlocutors, who usually were Catholic priests of Jewish origin," he explained.

"As former Jews, these priests knew the Talmud and other rabbinical literature, and they sought to persuade Jews that their own sources agreed that Jesus was the messiah." Rabbi Duran wrote a polemic treatise, Keshet u-magen, in the early 15th century. "Not only were Jews forced to listen to Christians preach in their synagogues in Catalonia, but they also were subject to the proselytizing of Muslims after they had escaped Catalonia and had established themselves in Algeria," said Cantor Frau. "Keshet u-magen provided arguments to Jews so

that they could defend themselves again both Christian and Muslim missionaries."

Cantor Frau says that he was attracted to the works of Rabbi Duran because he was a gifted "theologian, poet, dayan, mathematician and musician. He was also very tolerant and progressive. Duran's literature has been very compelling to me." He adds that in graduate school he studied Hebrew language and literature, paleography and the history of the Jews in the medieval crown of Aragon," all of which he utilized as he delved more deeply into the works of Rabbi Duran.

"The biggest challenge is to translate a medieval text that can be quite dense and full of allusions, and to try to figure out what its sources and influences are. I am a Hebrew literature person and for me, philosophical analysis is always hard to write. The hardest part was dealing with Islamic philosophy and literature, as well as texts from the Qu'ran and the Hadith." He confesses that the hours of rereading and editing of his thesis seemed "endless."

Despite the trials of earning his doctoral degree, Cantor Frau, like his partner, remains a dedicated scholar who continues to pursue

his academic interests. "Right now I am translating Profiat Duran's (same last name, different rabbi) polemic, Kelimat ha-goyim," he says. "Simultaneously, I am preparing a translation and analysis of a Kabbalistic midrash, the Alphabet of Rabbi Akiba." He currently divides his time between Mechanicsburg, where he spends weekends, and University of Maryland at College Park, where he is cataloguing a massive collection of Hebrew texts that were bequeathed to the university.

Temple Beth Shalom President Ira Beckerman says, "In ancient times, "rabbi", or "rav", was conferred on an individual of great knowledge, understanding and accomplishment.

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Congregants honored Rabbi Gendra and Cantor Frau at a dinner after they returned from Spain.

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Back from Cuba

By Judy Geduldig

First of all, the Jewish Home wheelchair made it to Santiago, where there was great delight upon its arrival. Maintenance at the Home got the wheelchair all spiffed up with new wheels and what appeared to be "detailing," so it looked brand-new and quite handsome. The gifts the Jewish Home sent are badly needed - blood pressure cuffs, insulin syringes, blood glucose testing meters and strips - the government provides meters but people who must test their blood have to find and purchase the strips themselves - and the strips are too costly for most. Canes - there were three to distribute - were on sale at a Havana "supermercado" priced at \$35 cuc (Cuban Universal Currency) - way out of range for most Cubans. The recipients of the Home's generosity are thrilled.



The Jewish Home wheelchair at its destination: Sinagoga Hatikvah, in Santiago de Cuba - with a few members of the congregation.



Sinagoga Yad El, in Guantamo. It's on the second floor of a member's home.



Olga, a Tzedakah recipient in Guantamo



Rodolfo Mizrahi, President at Sinagoga Yad El, and the "cantor" lead services.



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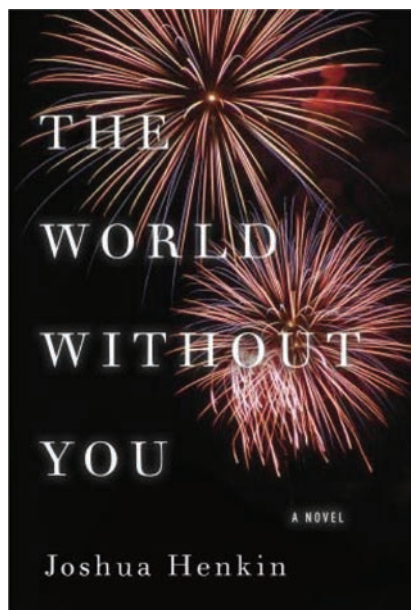
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Joshua Henkin is an expert at capturing the complicated dynamics and intricate nuances of family relationships, examining the bonds that bind and fray between husbands and wives, sisters and brothers, as well as parents and children—first in his novels *Swimming Across the Hudson* and *Matrimony*, and now with *The World Without You*.

Set in 2005, over the Fourth of July holiday, *The World Without You* follows the Frankel family as they gather at their summer home in the Berkshires to memorialize Leo, their youngest son, who was killed while working as a journalist in Iraq (in a situation reminiscent of Daniel Pearl's 2002 murder in Pakistan). One year after Leo's death, his wife is taking the first steps towards a new relationship, his parents Marilyn and David are on the brink of divorce, and his sisters are struggling too: Clarissa with infertility, Noelle (a born-again Orthodox Jew) with her identity, and Lily with the anger she is carrying over the loss of her brother. As the Frankel family takes their first, tentative steps out of mourning, each tries to find a new place in a world, while understanding that Leo's death has changed them, and their family, forever.

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Professor Rosenschein, accompanied by his mother, Yolanda, and several other family members, captivated the audience with photographs and stories about his parents' immigration from Czechoslovakia to Harrisburg. He also discussed his years as a graduate student at Stanford, where he met his wife, Beth, and their decision to make aliyah in 1986.

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Bonds Harrisburg Steering Committee. Committee chairman, Morton Spector, stated that the Israel Bonds event was "fantastic" in reconnecting the Greater Harrisburg community with the State of Israel.

synagogue life



Keshet Israel Congregation wishes a Mazel Tov to our own Cantor Seymour Rockoff who will receive the Dr. Karl Adler Memorial Award for the Preservation and Enhancement of Jewish Music Education on August 23, 2012, at the 52nd Annual Convention of the Cantorial Council of America -- an affiliate of Yeshiva University's Belz School of Music in New York City.

The Cantorial Council of America was formed in 1960 by Dr. Karl Adler, Cantor Macy Nulman, Rabbi Morris Finer, and Cantor Martin Horowitz as an affiliate organization of Yeshiva University.

The CCA began as a way of providing professional and social resources to Orthodox cantors around the country. Today, 50 years later, it has grown to 145 members worldwide, and over 200 CCA Friends. Conventions and regional Mid Winter Conferences provide sessions designed toward enhancing knowledge of synagogue music and prayer for professional cantors and laymen alike, and have featured distinguished scholars in every realm of Jewish and secular education. The annual Journal of Jewish Music and Liturgy, edited by Cantor Macy Nulman has for the last 30 years set a standard of scholarship in its field. Among the journal's subscribers are individuals, universities, schools of music, and international libraries.

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Through all of these endeavors, the Cantorial Council of America has remained true to the vision of the founders and the ideals of the Belz School and YU. The members of the Cantorial Council of America distinguish themselves by combining religious observance with professional skills.

KI wishes a hearty Mazel Tov to Cantor and Dena Rockoff upon being chosen to receive this well-deserved honor!

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

Senior Adult Lunch Program – 10 a.m., JCC

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

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Nancy C. Heyman, 75, of Harrisburg, passed away on Wednesday, July 18, 2012 at Harrisburg Hospital. She was born on November 19, 1936 in Grove City, PA to the late Joseph and Lillian (Shulansky) Heyman. Nancy was retired as an administrator from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Education. She was a member of Chisuk Emuna Congregation of Harrisburg and was active in charity work with the Jewish Community Center, Chisuk Emuna and the United Way. She enjoyed reading and knitting. Surviving are her niece Lisa Heyman, her nephew David Heyman, her two great-nephews Etan Heyman, and Tamir Heyman, her two cousins William Lewis and Ellen Lewis. She was preceded in death by her brother Alvin Heyman. Funeral services were held on Friday, July 20th in the Chapel of Chisuk Emuna Cemetery with Rabbi Ron Muroff officiating. Burial was in Beth Shalom Cemetery, Shaler Township, PA. Arrangements were handled by the Hetrick-Bitner Funeral Home. Memorial contributions in Nancy's honor may be made to Chisuk Emuna Congregation, P. O. Box 5507, Harrisburg, PA 17110 or to Jewish Family Service, 3333 North Front Street Harrisburg, PA 17110. To send online condolences to the Heyman, family please go to www.hetrickbitner.com.

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