**Freedman named Federation executive director, begins Oct. 1**

Mark S. Freedman has been appointed the Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee beginning on Oct. 1. He is currently the vice president of the American Friends of Tel Aviv University for its southeast region.

Freedman brings more than 25 years' experience in Jewish communal service — plus a host of Nashville friendships and connections — to his new position with Nashville's Jewish community.

Key themes for Freedman have been strengthening ties to Israel, engaging the local Jewish community in Jewish life and building a program-based model for funding local Jewish agencies, themes that dovetail with Nashville's recent experiences with the Best Jewish Nashville priority-setting project. He currently lives in the Fort Lauderdale area with his wife, Leslie J. Klein, a noted fiber artist whose work informs the organization's messages and strategies. He also lived for four years in Israel and served in the Golani Infantry Brigade of the Israel Defense Force before attending Harvard University and the University of Maryland. The Israel Project (www.theisraelproject.org), a nonprofit educational organization, provides information about Israel and the Middle East to the press, policymakers and the public.

By Kathy Carlson

Nathan Klein has talked about Israel with people around the world — from Gaza and India to France. Klein, director of research and messaging with The Israel Project, will share data and communication strategies when he visits Nashville on Tues., Aug. 30.

His talk that evening at the Gordon Jewish Community Center is titled “Israel: Why Should I Care?” and is the second event on Israel advocacy sponsored by the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Nashville. The talk begins at 7:15 p.m. and is funded by a grant from the Federation’s New Initiatives Fund, an outgrowth of the Best Jewish Nashville priority-setting project.

At The Israel Project, Klein oversees and manages worldwide public opinion research, which informs the organization’s messages and strategies. He also lived for four years in Israel and served in the Golani Infantry Brigade of the Israel Defense Force before attending Harvard University and the University of Maryland. The Israel Project (www.theisraelproject.org), a nonprofit educational organization, provides information about Israel and the Middle East to the press, policymakers and the public.

These days, there's much to communicate. The Arab Spring of uprisings against many of the region's long-time regimes has captured great interest, and a United Nations vote on Palestinian statehood is a month away.

"It's a great time in which we in the Jewish community have an opportunity to talk about things that are important and push the positives about Israel and the Israeli people," Klein said in a recent telephone interview.

The real challenge about the Palestinian statehood vote isn't necessarily the legal issue, he said. The vote "lends weight and credence to narratives that seek to delegitimize the rights of Israel with respect to security. ... We need to deal directly with those issues" as opposed to legalistic issues surrounding the vote. He will offer methods for responding to these issues in his Nashville talk.

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The theme of the night was commitment. Commitment is embodied in many ways at Jewish Family Service; the board, staff and donors to the agency, and the agency in turn to the community through ensuring that the needs of the community are met. That commitment is shown through an array of social services including adoption, counseling, emergency financial assistance, kosher food boxes, Chanukah gifts for children, disaster relief, family life education and information and referral.

JFS also provides services to the senior population through the Golden Lunch Bunch and the Helping Hands program that matches volunteers with isolated seniors. In addition, a new program has been added this year to provide school supplies to families who are struggling financially.

Toni Jacobsen, who celebrated her 10-year anniversary with Jewish Family Service, was honored with the Rusch (spirit) of the Agency Award. In presenting the award, Glenda Krafft, reflected on the first time that she met Toni, “I first met Toni in December of 2000, when the agency was involved in assisting Jewish refugees from Russia. We were furnishing and preparing an apartment for a young family who had a baby. Toni arrived at the apartment, ready to work, and took on the biggest, toughest challenge: assembling the crib. I knew then, that our new social worker was a woman ready to take on challenges on behalf of our community, and was able to do whatever she set her mind to.”

Jacobsen noted that “I am able to excel at what I do best – making the world a better place, one person at a time” because “JFS is an agency that has flexible parameters that bend to meet the needs of the community and responds to those needs.”

Larry Hyatt, who has served as JFS’ treasurer since 2007, was honored with the Chaver (friend) of the Agency Award. Toni Heller summed it up in her introduction of Larry, “The agency is indebted to your clear, analytical thinking, devotion to the organization, and talents which guided us through the recent financial storms. With your wise good counsel we were enabled to move ahead with a planned strategy and clear goals.”

JFS’s 2011-2012 officers were installed: President Daniella Pressner, Vice President Sandra Hecklin, Treasurer Nan Speller, Secretary Lynn Gertner, Executive Member at large Lynn Barton and Past President Toni Heller. Dianne Berry, Joel Gluck, Yuri Livshitz, Mimi Friedman, and Stan Schklar were elected to serve three-year terms on the board of directors. Steve Lapidus and James Mackler were installed as presidential appointees. Continuing board members are Sam Avberbuch, Lisa Binder, Kathy Caplan, Howard Kirschner, Fran Lenten, Diana Lutz, Elliot Pindy, Cathy Rosenthal, Sue Salberg and Alice Zimmerman. Outgoing board members Dan Aronoff, David Heller, Jan Lif and Lisa Small, were recognized for their service and dedication to the agency.

In addition, Ruth Smith, who completed her term as past president, was presented with a small token of appreciation for her commitment to the agency, serving on the board in different capacities for 13 years.
Bob Eisenstein celebrates 95th birthday, reflects on Nashville’s changes

By Kathy Carlson

When Robert Eisenstein arrived in Nashville from Clinton, Iowa, in 1939, the Jewish community numbered about 3,000. There were three synagogues and Jewish life centered on their families.

Eisenstein would go on to serve in World War II, witness the horror of the Dachau concentration camp, marry and raise a family, build a successful career, and assume leadership roles here and nationally. He marked his 95th birthday last month with one celebration at The Temple and a second the following week with his son, Metro Nashville General Sessions Judge Dan Eisenstein; his daughter, Realtor Nan Speller; and their families.

By Kathy Carlson

Eisenstein’s a young 95. He remains active in his field – real estate – and reads widely. He prefers print to online newspapers, and also e-mails and goes online, but admits he hasn’t taken up text messaging.

He marvels at how much Middle Tennessee has grown, turning once-rural areas into suburbs and supporting shopping areas, offices and more. “Housing has improved,” he says. “It’s more affordable than it was before,” and houses are better built thanks to new construction methods. Eisenstein was president of Loventhal Realty Inc., a full-service residential and commercial property management agency that later became part of Robin Realty, where he continues to work.

Over the years, Eisenstein served as president of the Jewish Federation of Nashville and the Jewish Community Center. He was a three-time chair of the Nashville Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign – a unified fund-raising effort for the local community that predated the Federation system. He served on the board of The Temple and held leadership positions with United Way, the Council of Community Services and many other groups, both within the Jewish community and in the broader community.

As chair of the Welfare Fund, Eisenstein helped bring famed Israeli general and war hero Moshe Dayan to Nashville to speak and inspire $1 million in donations, he said. Eisenstein also worked actively in the 1960s and 1970s to help Jews leave Russia and other parts of the Soviet Union, making several trips to Russia to visit displaced Jews. Many Jews from the former Soviet Union now make their home in Nashville.

These days, the Jewish community includes five synagogues, separate organizations for the various Jewish agencies, and more than 8,000 people living throughout Middle Tennessee, not just in the west side of town.

The city itself is more of a hub than it was in earlier years, he says. “Sports activities have brought a lot of people here that have never been here before, a whole different group of people.” The growth of local universities – Vanderbilt and Belmont in particular – has influenced Nashville’s growth as well, he continued.

The Jewish community, though larger these days, faces many of the same issues as in earlier years, namely “sustaining membership and getting young people in the community involved in issues,” Eisenstein said. “All they’ve got to do is get involved – volunteer on a board” with Federation, an agency, their synagogue, he said. “One thing will lead to another” – stronger community ties, he said.

Opinion researcher Nathan Klein

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Klein plans to describe The Israel Project and its philosophy of research-based communication, review the group’s latest research on opinions about Israel, and then to “focus on proven, effective methods of communication about Israel and the information you need to talk about Israel.”

The Israel Project’s research, he said, shows that about 25 percent of Americans are for Israel, no matter what; some 8 percent to 10 percent lean the same way toward the Palestinians, and the remaining 65 percent of people are open to information that differs from their current views. “Key groups within the 65 percent are women, young people and minority group members.

“Our (research) goal is to find what actually works, not what we want to work,” he said. “...The end goal has to be to protect Israel, not necessarily in the way we most prefer but in the way that is most effective.”

“Our last speaker in this CRC series, Jonathan Schanzer, drew more than 175 community members,” said Judy Saks, CRC director. “The surveys they completed were overwhelmingly positive and indicated they wanted more programs like it. We will be working to make that happen this fall and in the coming year. We hope people with all points of view will come to hear Nathan Klein and be prepared to ask questions.”

RSVP for the program to Barbara@jewishnashville.org or 354-1630.
The partnership linking Nashville, several other U.S. cities and Israel’s Hadera-Eiron region has earned a “Best P2K Program” award at this year’s P2K 2000 annual conference in Tel Aviv. Nashville and its sister cities were among four partnerships recognized by the Jewish Agency for Israel-sponsored program, which is made possible through contributions to the Jewish Federation/Jewish Foundation of Nashville.

Nashville, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Charlotte, N.C., and Jacksonville, Fla. — called the Southeast Consortium — have been paired for several years with Hadera, Parades Hanna-Karkur and other towns in the Hadera-Eiron region of Israel north of Tel Aviv. The partnership was recognized for Jewish Peoplehood Day, in which some 2,000 American and Israeli grade school and high school students participated in parallel activities focusing on Jewish identity and connections among Jews around the world.

For Jewish Peoplehood Day, teachers of all age groups in Hadera-Eiron and the Southeast Consortium worked with a shared curriculum, said Maya Shoham, Living Bridge coordinator with the Partnership in Israel. “Each teacher adapted the same curriculum to their own age group,” she said. Other groups are looking at the idea for possible future use, she added. Shoham was in Nashville recently and met with participants in the Get Connected teen trips to Israel.

“Needless to say we are all very, very proud,” Judy Yuda, partnership director with the Jewish Agency, said in an e-mail. “This is indeed a very unique program as it encompasses so many of our programs — teen leadership, the educators delegation, pupil 2 pupil programs and other educational initiatives that take place in each and every one of our communities.”

Some student participants already knew each other through programs such as Nashville’s Get Connected Israel travel program, which includes several days in Hadera-Eiron. There, Nashville teens stay with host families with teen-age sons or daughters, and some of the Hadera teens visit Nashville families a few weeks later to catch up with their new friends and get to know the Nashville Jewish community.

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The partnership announced a change of name at this year’s convention and is now known as Partnership/Gether. P2K connects some 550 communities around the world in 45 partnerships, building living bridges among these communities and nurturing leadership. More than 300,000 participants from Israel and the overseas communities take part in some 500 programs each year.

Area Jewish preschools collaborate on professional development

The area’s three Jewish preschools — Gordon Jewish Community Center Preschool, Micah Children’s Academy and The Temple Preschool — collaborated to produce the first annual Professional Development Conference for their teachers and administrators.

The July 17 event, which took place at Micah Children’s Academy, featured several days in Hadera-Eiron. There, Nashville teens stay with host families with teen-age sons or daughters, and some of the Hadera teens visit Nashville families a few weeks later to catch up with their new friends and get to know the Nashville Jewish community.

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Rabbi Fred Gutman: A nudnik for justice

As part of the Reform Movement’s Religious Action Center’s (RAC) 50th anniversary, Rabbi Fred Gutman, a Nashville native, is one of 50 people recognized for helping make the RAC a strong and moral Jewish voice on Capitol Hill.

Fred Gutman’s commitment to Jewish social justice started as a boy in Nashville. Growing up during the Civil Rights Movement and watching the leadership of the then-UAHC, Fred was inspired from a young age by the voice of Al Vorspan, former director of the RAC, who, to this day, calls on Reform Jews to be “nudniks for justice.”

The topic of conversation at the Gutman family dinner table was frequently civil rights, and at his congregation, The Temple, Congregation Ohabai Sholom, Gutman found another Jewish role model, Rabbi Randall Falk, who was active in the Civil Rights Movement, the local civic community, and world Judaism.

Fast forward a few decades and Fred is now Rabbi Gutman, one of the rabbis at Temple Emanuel in Greensboro, N.C., where he has been since 1995, and a formidable force for social justice in his own right. Like his childhood role models, Gutman is involved in local issues, having been awarded Greensboro’s highest civic honor, the National Conference for Community and Justice Brotherhood/Sisterhood Citation Award in 2009, national issues as a longtime member of the Reform Movement’s Commission on Social Action, and foreign policy as a member of the AIPAC national council.

Gutman was ordained in 1979 by the Hebrew Union College and spent the first 12 years of his rabbinate living in Israel and serving as the rabbi and principal of the Alexander Muss High School in Israel. His experiences in Israel, including seven years as a reserve soldier in a combat unit of the Israeli Defense Forces, guided his future social justice work; Gutman has led interfaith trips for clergy to Israel and is a tireless advocate for Israel’s security and economic stability.

It wasn’t until Gutman returned from Israel in 1991 that he formally became involved with the RAC, though much of his life’s work up until that point was in parallel with the work of the Reform Movement. The rabbi treats the RAC’s Itaken seminars with keeping his young congregants involved with the issues of social justice and characterizes the seminars as a major part of Temple Emanuel’s educational endeavors. Most of the high school students of Temple Emanuel attend an Itaken seminar and many come back for a second trip to learn about advocacy and have their voices heard on Capitol Hill.

Gutman is also vocal about the need for immigration reform, specifically the DREAM Act, which would provide conditional permanent residency to certain undocumented students, explaining that as Americans and Jews, the way we treat immigrant children is against the moral conscience of our country and our faith.

The influence of the Civil Rights Movement also still impacts Gutman, who co-chaired Greensboro’s 40th anniversary celebration of the Greensboro lunch counter sit-ins.

Whether it is calling for aid to Israel, fighting for rights for undocumented immigrants, or honoring his community’s past, Rabbi Gutman is still the “nudnik for justice” he learned to be as a boy in Nashville.

Freedman named executive director

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with the initiative that the community had taken to learn about itself and be very serious in setting a course for the future,” he said in a telephone interview. He was drawn to Nashville’s growing population and Vanderbilt University’s success in attracting Jewish faculty and students. His friendship with two predecessors in leading the Nashville Federation — former executive directors Steve Edelstein and Josh Fogelson — also was a factor. “I’m happy to follow in their footsteps,” he said. Freedman worked in San Antonio with Ari Dubin, currently executive director of Hillel at Vanderbilt.

Freedman will join Federation’s professional staff which since Edelstein’s retirement late last year has been led by Interim Executive Director Leon Tonelson. In the weeks and months before he begins his new job, Freedman will meet with Federation staff here and work with his team in Florida toward a smooth transition at the American Friends of Tel Aviv University.

When he arrives in Nashville, Freedman plans to meet as many people as possible and get to know the community. “You won’t find me in the office too often,” he said. “I’ll be out hearing the views of Federation constituents and other stakeholders on what’s important to them in making Nashville an even better Jewish community.”

Longer term, Freedman plans to create a two-year vision plan that builds on the three key components of the Best Jewish Nashville plan, namely, to engage with Israel, reach out to the next generation and serve senior citizens. “All of those are vitally important and underscore the reasons why we engage in Jewish communal activities,” he said. The three areas “are deeply imbued with the Jewish values that have always guided me in my professional career.”
Get Connected program turns 5 with strong friendships, bonds

By Kathy Carlson

Now in its fifth year, Nashville's Get Connected program has come of age, introducing 95 area teens to Israel, cementing relationships and inspiring two communities to make sure the exchanges continue.

This June, 20 area teens spent two weeks in Israel, including several days in Hadera-Eiron, the region that has been paired with Nashville and other southeastern cities through the Jewish Agency’s Partnership2Gether program.

A few weeks later, nine Israeli teens and their two chaperones visited Nashville under the P2G program. The American and Israeli teens gathered for a reunion dinner at West End Synagogue on July 31 as the Israelis’ visit wound down. About 100 people attended.

"It was an amazing trip. I loved my host family. I loved everyone here," said teen Sapir Atias. "We experienced new things, got to know the U.S. and its cultures. It was amazing to see in the houses — accepting us, (people being) excited to hear about Israel. It was an amazing experience for all Israelis."

The Israeli teens worked at the Gordon Jewish Community Center's Camp Davis, teaching something different about Israel each day. One day, the teens made an improvised Western Wall, where they brought notes and prayed. And then there was food. "We're all the time making Israeli foods," said Ma'ayan Shavit.

At West End the teens chowed down on falafel, salad, ice cream, watermelon and cold drinks. They sang and talked about their experiences and posed for photos and laughed at their homemade videos. They talked a lot about how much they enjoyed getting to know each other.

"One of the best parts of the trip was the home stay," said Nashville's Alex Rotker. "I loved being immersed in the Israeli culture and getting to hang out with really cool Israeli teens, some of whom are here in this room. I also loved the differences in our cultures.

"...After two amazing weeks I had already adjusted to Israeli culture, saying goodbye was really difficult," he continued. He was excited when he learned that three of the teens, including his host brother, Avraham Korkoos, would be coming to Nashville. Avraham stayed with Alex while in Nashville.

"I never thought it would be so hard to say goodbye," Avraham said, adding that he was surprised how strong the connections between himself and the Nashville teens were. He thanked everyone for creating the Get Connected experience.

Since Get Connected started in 2007, 95 teens and nine chaperones have visited Israel, said Andy Neuman, board chairman for Get Connected, now a stand-alone 501(c) nonprofit corporation.

Neuman sees Get Connected as crucial to protect the future of Israel, since in 10 to 20 years, the teen participants will be leaders of their countries.

Rabbi Flip Rice of Congregation Micah explained Get Connected’s goals this way: "We need Nashville Jewish teens to fall in love, to develop their own relationship with Israel" by making friends with their peers in Hadera. "If we want our Jewish teens to grow up and be these educated Jewish adults, we need to do our very best" to make sure the program continues.

Emma Drongowski enjoyed an unexpected benefit from the trip. She became good friends not only with the Israeli teens, but with the other 19 Nashville teens, including one who went to her high school.

Get Connected participant Leah Caplan liked being part of a majority Jewish country. In Israel, she said, synagogue "is just a continuation of their daily lives" and Shabbat was a true day of rest. "I had a sense that I belong here, a place I had never been that I felt connected to," she said. And, she said, the trip changed her. She wants to work to help other area teens go to Israel through Get Connected.

There's financial commitment to keep Get Connected going. It costs $4,000 to send one teen-ager to Israel for two weeks, Neuman said. Cost of the trip is largely subsidized. The teens and their families pay application fees, supplemented by a grant from Jewish Federation of Nashville, individual grants from the Jewish Foundation's Zimmerman Fund, and additional fundraising, Neuman said.

Get Connected works because it helps the teens create real bonds, said Todd Evans of Congregation Micah, who chaperoned the Nashville teens with recently retired West End educator Miriam Halachmi. "Seeing these kids at the Kotel, touching the wall, tears streaming down their faces -- it was surreal," Evans said. "I was privileged to be part of it."

Mike Rosen's children, Lindsey and Azriel, have participated in Get Connected. Lindsey, a rising junior in college, recently got her first apartment. "The first thing she will do is hang a mezuzah," he said. "That's not something Lindsey would have done before Get Connected," he said. "I'm so thankful that Get Connected exists."

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Mothers Circle offers how-to’s, camaraderie for non-Jewish parents

Non-Jewish moms can get together to learn more about creating a Jewish home through a new program, The Mothers Circle, which starts on Sun., Sept. 11.

Rabbi Laurie Rice of Congregation Micah will facilitate the Circle, a program of the Jewish Outreach Institute (JOI). It is made possible by Micah, The Micah Children’s Academy, Gordon Jewish Community Center, JGJC Early Childhood Center and Akiva School. There is no charge for the program and it’s open to all non-Jewish parents of Jewish children, Rice said.

The Mothers Circle’s “main mission is to reach out to the diverse membership of today’s Jewish community, because the Jewish community doesn’t look the same today as it did 100 years ago...or even 50 years ago,” Rice said.

“We have a number of interfaith families in our congregations,” she noted. “The idea is that we want to give interfaith families the strongest tools we have to raise Jewish kids and to create Jewish homes.”

“It was very successful in the city where I lived,” said Akiva Head of School Patricia Schwartz, who came to Nashville from Portland, Ore. “Parents really felt supported by the community.”

JOI began the program in Atlanta, with support from the Marcus Foundation. There are Mothers Circle groups in more than 70 Canadian and American cities.

The program’s Sept. 11 start date coincides with the beginning of religious school at Micah. The hour long classes begin at 9:30 a.m. and will focus on Jewish rituals, ethics and the how-to’s of creating a Jewish home. “I definitely have had members – usually moms and not dads – who if they’re not Jewish will call and ask, ‘Walk me through the steps for making Shabbat,’” Rice said. The Mothers Circle will fill that need.

The program is geared toward women because “oftentimes creating ritual in the home and spearheading holiday observance traditionally would come from the woman, not to say that men are not responsible,” Rice said. JOI also wanted to create a female-bonding experience through The Mothers Circle.

In Nashville, “anybody can take

**letters**

To the Editor:

In the spirit of the statement on civility published in a recent issue of the Observer, a conversation about radical Islam is appropriate.

An honest conversation will be beneficial to us all.

The conversation is about radical Islam. While it is frequently pointed out that “not all Muslims are terrorists,” it is seldom pointed out that not everyone who scrutinizes radical Islam is a bigot.

The recent “Family of Abraham” program [interfaith event brings people together – Observer 7/5/11] may have been well intentioned, but it fell short of being a totally honest conversation.

People and groups attempting to educate the community about the dangers of radical Islam are not trying “to divide Nashville along religious lines”, as reported in the Observer article.

Criticizing misguided interfaith dialogue is not criticizing all interfaith dialogue.

Reform Jewish leader Mark Pelavin stated that Muslims are poorly organized. He is partly correct. The moderates are the ones who are poorly organized. The radicals are extremely well organized and financed.

Statements that Imam Osama Bahloul made about the way non-Muslims are treated in Muslim countries ignores the persecution that Christians, Jews, and other non-Muslims are subject to throughout the Muslim world.

The objection to opposition or scrutiny of radical Islam seems to fall into two categories:

The scrutiny/opposition disparages all Muslims. Nothing could be further from the truth. Critics are not talking about all, or even a majority of Muslims. They are addressing a relatively small but potent, well organized, and well financed group of zealots. If there is a fear of “offending Muslims,” grouping moderates with the radicals is as offensive as it gets.

The only ones who should take offense to scrutiny of radical Islam are the radicals themselves.

Non-Muslim terrorists are a problem, too. This is changing the subject, rather than addressing it. Non-Muslim anti-Semitism has been a problem historically, but does not come close to the problems radical Islam is currently presenting.

I fully support the Jewish community’s opposition to all forms of bigotry. If we are going to have a serious conversation, a distinction needs to be drawn between bigotry and legitimate scrutiny.

Michael Dobrin

To the Editor:

With heartfelt appreciation, I want to say, “Thank you,” to everyone for your many generous donations, numerous condolence cards and personal phone calls made in loving memory of my dear sister, Esther Loeb.

It is your kind expressions of sympathy that have sustained us through this very sad time in our lives.

With deep affection,

Regina and Irv Stern and Family
B’na’i Mitzvah

Meagan Lindsey Broder was called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah at Congregation M’icah on Sat., Aug. 6, at 10:30 a.m. Meagan is the daughter of Philip and Elizabeth Broder and the granddaughter of Audrey and Len Broder of Dallas, Texas, and the late Col. (ret.) Len and Shirley Winter.

A rising seventh grader at Woodland Middle School, Meagan is an honor student and in the gifted program. She is on the Woodland Forensics team and plays the alto saxophone in the school band. She has been on the recreational soccer team since the fourth grade.

Meagan’s mitzvah project has allowed her to work with underprivileged children in West Nashville through the Youth Encouragement Services (YES) program. Meagan worked with a group of children on improving their reading skills. She also donated clothes and books to children on need in the Middle Tennessee area.

Sarah Goldstein will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Sat., Aug. 27, at 11 a.m. at The Temple. She was born on June 1, 1998, in Houston, Texas. She is the daughter of Lisa and Robert Goldstein and the grand-daughter of Ruth and Loui Palet of Nashville, Elaine Goldstein of Dallas and the late Maurice Goldstein.

For her mitzvah project, Sarah is painting and donating her work to various shelters that provide services to those in need in the Middle Tennessee area.

Stephanie Blumenthal will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah at The Temple at 11 a.m. on Sat., Sept. 3. She is the daughter of Tricia and Eric Blumenthal, the granddaughter of Elinor and Rudi Saperstein and Nancy and Joseph Blumenthal of Southfield, Mich., and the sister of Sam and Emily Blumenthal.

Stephanie will be attending USN as a seventh grader and her interests include running, reading, GUCI, piano, and most especially keeping up with friends.

Honors

The Kiwanis Club of Nashville has named Ellen Lehman, president of The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, and Brian N. Williams, director of Hands On Nashville, as its 2010 Outstanding Nashville-lions of the Year. The honor is for their exemplary leadership as stewards of their organizations in organizing masses of volunteers, significant financial resources and strategic partners to support the relief and rebuilding efforts of the historic and devastating flood of May 2010.

Sympathy

. . . to the family of Joseph S. Frank, 91, who died July 26. Joe was known for his love of St. Louis and the St. Louis Cardinals. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Frank; daughter and son-in-law, Debbi and Michael Kam; daughter, Leslie Frank; grandchildren, Erik Cooper and his wife Aviva Klein, Jason Kam and his wife Michelle, and Amy Kam; great-grandchildren, Noah, Ari and Koby Cooper. Donations may be made to the Alive Hospice in Nashville.

BBYO will hold annual Intake Program in August

Mark your calendars! Nashville BBYO Intake will be held Aug. 26-28. This weekend will be filled with fun programs that allow the teens to meet one another and gain a deeper understanding of the organization. The weekend-long, completely free event will kick off with a Friday night Shabbat dinner and program hosted by the Gelzer family from 6-9 p.m. on Aug. 26. The teens will reconvene Saturday night for an overnight at the GJCC from 7:30 p.m. to 8 a.m.

BBYO is a worldwide teen movement, bringing together high school students from all over the globe, with all types of interests and from all types of Jewish backgrounds. Nashville BBYO Intake Weekend is an opportunity for Jewish high school teens from across Nashville and from all congregations to come together. This program is for any teen who is a rising ninth through twelfth grader.

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State museum presents lectures on ancient Egypt, Persia, and the Jews

The Tennessee State Museum will present two events of particular interest to the Jewish community.

On Sun., Aug. 21, at 2 p.m. Analissa Azzoni, Ph.D., assistant professor of Hebrew language, New Bible and ancient Near Eastern Cultures at Vanderbilt Divinity School, will give an illustrated lecture, "The Private Life of Ancient Women: Persian Egypt." She will explore the daily lives of Egyptian women from about 500 to 400 B.C., during Persian rule, based on papyrus documents preserved from the Jewish settlement on Elephantine Island in the Nile River (at Aswan). She will center on two women, one Jewish and one non-Jewish.

Seeking U.S. citizens born in Jerusalem: Stand up, and be counted

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) is seeking U.S. citizens born in Jerusalem who are interested in having their voices heard at the U.S. Supreme Court in a case involving the right of such citizens to have their place of birth recorded as "Jerusalem" on their United States passport. ADL is working with the International Israel Allies Caucus Foundation and the National Council of Young Israel on this project.

A majority of American citizens born in Jerusalem who are interested in having their voices heard. ADL will file a "Friend of the Court" brief in Zivotofsky v. Clinton, urging the Supreme Court to enforce a law passed by Congress in 2002 requiring the State Department to allow American citizens born in Jerusalem to have their place of birth recorded as "Jerusalem" on their U.S. passport and Consular Report of Birth Abroad. The Ad Hoc Association will sign onto ADL's brief, bringing the voice of its membership to the Supreme Court.

Current State Department policy insists that such passports say "Jerusalem," while American citizens born in Tel Aviv can choose to have their passport say "Tel Aviv." The "Born in Jerusalem" website also has information on how supporters of the legislation may send a letter to members of Congress urging them to join a special legislators' brief insisting that the 2002 law be enforced.

WES 'Shul at the Pool'

The annual West End Synagogue Families and Young Children Shabbat Pool is Fri., Aug. 26, at the GJCC pool. It is free and open to the community. Enjoy water play and schmoozing at 5 p.m.; a musical Shabbat Service with Rabbi Kliel Rose, Beth Sass and Amy Newell at 6 p.m.; and a free Shabbat Dinner at 6:30 p.m. The event is geared to families with kids in first grade and younger. Meet the new WES director of lifelong learning, Sharon Paz, and look for the flyer of new programs and services for the coming year. For more information, join the Facebook Group (West End Synagogue Families with Young Children). For reservations, call 269-4592, x11 or email office@west-endsyn.org.

History of the Jewish community

Join historian Jean Rosenman as she traces the settlement of Jews in Nashville and examines their assimilation, reflects on their contributions, shares the harrowing Holocaust testimonies of later refugees, reviews the history of the synagogues, and surveys the diverse commercial and professional presence of Jews in Nashville. There are six Thursday classes: Oct. 13, 20, 27; Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24. The class is part of Vanderbilt's Other Lifelong Learning Institute. There is a fee. For more information, visit the website at www.vanderbilt.edu/engdol or call 322-5569.

International adoption

Children's Home Society and Family Services will host an international adoption information meeting with its two Nashville partner agencies, Jewish Family Service and Miriam's Promise, on Thurs., Sept. 22, at 6 p.m. CHSFS will provide information about their role as an international placement agency and the various countries from which they place children for adoption. Jewish Family Service and Miriam's Promise staff will talk about their roles in the international adoption process as home study and post placement agencies. The meeting will be held at Miriam's Promise located at 522 Russell Street and is open to anyone who would like to attend. RSVP to Teri Sogol at 615/354-1662.

Community events are on the calendar at www.jewishnashville.org

Buy Israel!

Throughout the United States and in many parts of the world, there is a concerted effort to delegitimize the State of Israel. One of the tactics being used is a boycott of Israeli products. This activity has been seen in several locations in our country. In an effort to counter that boycott and support Israel, many Jewish communities and organizations have urged Americans to buy Israeli products. The Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Nashville and The Observer want to make it easier for Nashvillians to find Israeli-made goods by publishing a list of the products and where to find them, locally.

We need your help. If you know of available products and the stores that carry them, email that information to judy@jewishnashville.org. Food, clothing, jewelry, wine, etc., whatever you have found, please share it with our community.

See the updated list, below and send your additions to judy@jewishnashville.org or call 354-1637.

- Eden Feta Cheese – Trader Joe's
- Dorot fruit and garlic and herbs – Trader Joe's
- Telma products – Publix
- Moroccan Hair Oil treatment – Trader Joe's
- Sweet Clementines (oranges) – Costco
- Cedars Halva – Whole Foods
- Steir's Quinoa and Israeli Couscous – Harris Teeter
- Jaffa Oranges – Publix
- Muscato wine by Golan Wineries – Bud's Wine and Liquor, Green Hills
- Streit's Matzo matzo products – Whole Foods
- Yehuda matzos – Kroger
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Israeli silver jewelry - area TJMaxx stores
- Gerta necklaces – Belle Meade Kroger
- Sabra Hummus and dips – area grocery stores and Costco

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