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JEWISH CINEMA SOUTH Celebrates Fourth Year

The fourth annual Jewish Cinema South is underway! JCS celebrates its fourth year with film festivals in three cities: Jackson, Oct. 16-19; Mobile, Nov. 7-9, and Montgomery, Nov. 13-16. In collaboration with the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life, these communities join the more than 60 Jewish Film Festivals held throughout the country.

This year's lineup of films boasts both Hollywood star vehicles and inspiring documentaries. The films featured in this year's festivals include: "Taking Sides," starring Harvey Keitel; "Charlotte Gray," starring Cate Blanchett; and the acclaimed "Gloomy Sunday." Mobile will present a special screening of the documentary "Shalom Ireland," a study of Jewish life on the Emerald Isle. All three communities are proud to present "Paper Clips," an absorbing look at how one Tennessee middle school with no Jewish students inspired a community to explore the Holocaust.

JCS also offers an evening on the lighter side. Several short films have been grouped together in a program of Jewish comedies, including: "Advice and Dissent," starring Eli Wallach, in which a frustrated businessman



tries to end his marriage, and "A Good Uplift," a light-hearted look at a famous New York lingerie shop where the proprietor, a true Jewish grandmother, does her best to embrace and enhance her clientele. "Black Hats and Short Skirts" looks at how a boy and a girl from different cultures, who don't even speak the same language, are able to understand each other. "Gossip" shows how a spiteful rumor about a bride can spread at her wedding, while "Obsessed with Jews" examines one man's 11-year hobby of collecting Jewish memorabilia.

As in previous years, Jewish Cinema South features several special guest speakers. Filmmakers, scholars, and film subjects will be on hand for discussions following many of the showings. The Festivals are open to the entire community and all are welcome.

The program is well on its way to establishing itself as one of the premiere arts projects in the 12-state area served by the Institute of Southern Jewish Life. The ISJL is the first organization to offer a festival format that allows individual communities to sponsor their own Jewish Film Festival under the umbrella of a regional organization. Over the last four years, these local festivals have drawn audiences in the thousands and continue to energize their communities by presenting programs that are usually limited to larger metropolitan areas. The ISJL has launched four other local Jewish Film Festivals in Austin, Houston, Nashville, and Shreveport that are now operating independently of the Institute.

Jo Anne Rousso of the Jewish Federation of Central Alabama in Montgomery says, "the help from ISJL is instrumental to our success. Logistics would be a monumental task without their support and expertise. They give us access to professional advice and assistance we could not duplicate locally. And, we all grow together from working closely with other small communities. It is a unique partnership that works." *(continued on page 4)*

Top:
Gloomy Sunday

Right:
Paper Clips

Below:
Taking Sides



Message From the Institute Board Chair



Although you won't be reading this for weeks, I am writing in the early days of September. The summer heat has begun to temper and the days are just a little shorter. I've noticed that Atlanta traffic has returned to its usual frustrating pattern. The city is back to capacity and school carpools have become part of the daily mess. For others, the signs of the changing seasons are different: the familiar appearance of the opening cotton boll or the seemingly daily hurricane watch along the Gulf coast. However, none of these signals are as telling as two that keep jumping at me.

If you are keeping track of my thoughts in each *Circa*, you realize that I like to explore the juncture of being both Jewish and Southern. These influences sometimes create a wondrous creature; one incapable of separating the inheritance of these two wonderful cultures. There are two certain signs of impending autumn for me, the observance of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and the return of football season. "How can you compare?" you ask, but I don't mean to compare. They are just both integral parts of the annual cycle.

For Jews, the Days of Awe are the time when even the least observant of our traditions regain their connection to the spirit of our struggle and to the hopefulness of our work. Judaism teaches us effort. We learn that we cannot move forward without work, or study, or action. Forgiveness is not granted through prayer, but through the requirement of confronting the affronted, and through the fruits of our labor to *repair the world*. For a Jew, these days recharge the energy required to build better lives, for ourselves and for others.

For a Southerner, football is serious stuff. Other sports may be fun to watch and deserving of our kids' participation. But

football is, well, football. For a Southerner, football defines your town or your neighborhood. Football separates one state from another and sometimes one neighbor from the next. It is the measure of pride for each kinship of fans. It too reflects the ethic of hard work, of action, and of energy. Football accompanies the beginning of fall just as surely as the opening of schools or of cotton bolls, or of our reflection upon our deeds of the past year.

Being a Southern Jew is to relish in the sights and sounds and energy of it all; the sound of the shofar, the scream of the cheerleader, the countdown of the final seconds, and the community of breaking the fast. We value the importance of the High Holy Days, and when they are over, we join others and bring a bit of our renewed selves to the gridiron of daily life. Can these seemingly unrelated annual events draw from each other? For generations our families have brought the values of their Judaism, as reinforced each autumn, into the midst of their communities. Living the Jewish commandments of work, study, justice, tolerance, and the importance of tradition have made these Southern towns and cities better places to live for everyone.

In each issue of *Circa*, we try to remind you that the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life cannot continue to foster the traditions and the lessons of Judaism throughout so many wonderful small communities without your enthusiasm and without your help. For many of you, the pride in supporting your football team comes as naturally saying "how y'all today." I challenge each of you to take similar pride in what it means to be a Southern Jew. Please give us your help.

Jay

(Go Razorbacks!!!)

Message from the Institute President



In February of 2005, the ISJL will be celebrating just its 5th birthday. Since our evolution from the Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience to a more, all encompassing "founding" in 2000, our growth has been nothing short of a miracle in the eyes and minds of many. Not so for all of us within the organization, as we saw the intense need for these programs. It has been gratifying for us to be a part of a project that offers so much substance to communities and congregations that have had limited access to the Jewish resources usually only directed to metropolitan areas.

In our past issues you have read of our new programs being unveiled as fast as we can get them "packaged." What has really affirmed us are the countless letters, calls, emails, and conversations thanking the ISJL for what it does. The days became weeks, became months, and now will become years of a new opportunity for ongoing Jewish life and activity in small communities.

For me personally, the ISJL represents a lifetime of involvement in Jewish life and a belief that we must do all that we can to insure a Jewish future. I learned this from my parents, who drove us 160 miles round trip to Sunday School each week. I still am amazed at the concentration of resources within urban communities and the resulting difficulties for small, mid-sized, and underserved congregations that have fallen below the radar. I have long believed that the answers to many of the Jewish community's problems can be found in taking a "big picture" approach that includes these small, underserved communities.

The 1990 and 2000 Jewish population studies, along with the 1991 Bronfman study, identified strengths and weaknesses in national Jewish programs, yet they omitted a key issue: smaller communities, who now send most of their young population to the metropolitan areas. Jewish institutions have done little to reach out to these "feeder" communities that have few Jewish professionals, educators, communal service practitioners, or the cultural programming that enhances our daily lives and that of our neighbors. We spend so much money trying to reach the unaffiliated only after they get to the "cities," instead of learning from the secular world. Every college football coach does a better job of outreach than the Jewish community. No star quarterback

just happens to pick a school and on the first day of class a coach asks if he wants to play football. You know the process: these potential stars are identified in grammar or middle school; they are followed, courted, and recruited to get them to be a part of the school's athletic program.

But in the Jewish community, we often wait until it's too late. How many congregations with multiple Jewish professionals on staff have an adopted smaller congregation? Most have sister cities in Israel, but not sister congregations in their own region. Think of the advantages in sharing a religious school curriculum or sending a Rabbi or Cantor a few times a year to lead services, adult ed, visit homebound or hospitalized members, and speak at civic clubs. What an influence on the young these positive role models could have and think of the dignity of the older members who once again can enjoy the vibrancy that so many long for. That is real outreach.

There are so many effective actions we can take as a Jewish community if we just ask ourselves why we face the problems that we do. Is there some relationship between rising unaffiliation and the institutionalized approach we have practiced so far? Have we created a culture that has perpetuated this problem? The ISJL is committed to using innovative and experimental programs to address these problems that seem immune to our "time-honored solutions." By the time of 2010 Jewish population survey, we want to see real progress in building a Jewish future, not more hand wringing about what we should do to stem the tide of intermarriage or non-affiliation. I will be writing more about these solutions in the coming editions of *Circa*.

For all of you who have helped the Institute of Southern Jewish Life come into existence and grow so rapidly, we express our sincerest gratitude. You have made a statement for the future and invested in innovation. Thank you for your past support. If you have not yet joined this grassroots effort, I ask that you join us now. Feel free to drop me a note with suggestions and ideas.

Macy B. Hart

A Brookhaven Portrait

By Claire Long,
ISJL Summer
Intern



Photo by
Neola
Young.

After my interview with two-thirds of the surviving Jews of Brookhaven, Mississippi, I realized first-hand that small town Jewish life is disappearing. Harold Samuels has spent most of his 81 years in Brookhaven, a town of 12,000 people, and his wife Betty Claire, originally from Ferriday, Louisiana, has lived there since their marriage 51 years ago. The two can thus testify to the onetime strong Jewish presence in town, and the subsequent decline of the community.

Like elsewhere in the South, the Jews of this rural Mississippi town were shop owners and entrepreneurs. One successful business to come out of Brookhaven was Abrams Mercantile, which at one time boasted seven locations throughout the nearby area. There was an old saying about the store, "If you can't find it here...go home." Harold Samuels' grandfather, Sam Abrams, started the store, and Harold remembers working there even as a young boy. He recalls a customer jokingly saying to him as he stood behind the counter, "Son, I don't think you're tall enough to wait on me." With that, Harold pulled out an empty, wooden apple crate, stood on it and said, "Now, am I tall enough?"

They stayed open on Saturdays, even though it was supposed to be the day of rest. "You had no choice but to stay open on Saturday. That was the day the farmers could make it to town. So you stayed open until nine, ten sometimes even eleven or twelve o'clock at night," Harold recalled. The Jews of Brookhaven knew that if they were going to be successful in business they were going to have to adjust their lives to fit with other members of the community. Harold and Betty Claire owned and operated a ladies ready-to-wear store from 1952 until 1978. Harold also helped in his father's appliance and furniture store, which was directly across the street.

Congregation B'nai Sholom was founded in Brookhaven in 1894, although Jews had been living in the town since before the Civil War and had created a Jewish cemetery in 1861. The first and current Brookhaven synagogue was built in 1896. While the congregation has never had a full-time rabbi, they have had several visiting rabbis over the years to conduct Shabbat services. This year, they brought in a student rabbi to lead services

B'nai Sholom in Brookhaven has the oldest synagogue still in use in Mississippi. Photo by Bill Aron.



during the high holidays. Although B'nai Sholom held regular services in the past, many of its members were confirmed in Natchez, including the Samuels' three children. B'nai Sholom also had an active sisterhood, whose members ran a weekly religious school for their children. The students did not learn Hebrew since many of the adults did not know enough to teach it, but the children did learn about the history of Judaism.

Both Betty Claire and Harold recall attending large community Passover seders in Natchez. Later, the Brookhaven sisterhood rented the facilities of a Hazlehurst restaurant to hold their own seder with people attending from as far away as Port Gibson and Magnolia. These seders were an important part of their Jewish experience because they were an opportunity for the relatively small population of the region to be together. Even though the small number of Jews precluded many of the events that a larger community would have, there was never any question about the Jewishness of the group.

The Samuels do not recall ever feeling significantly different from their gentile neighbors and friends. They have enjoyed tremendous acceptance in Brookhaven. In fact, Harold served as mayor from 1977 to 1985. He has also been elected Alderman and president of the local chamber of commerce. He even served as the Grand Marshall of the annual Christmas Parade for 30 years. According to Harold and Betty Claire, they have experienced little or no anti-Semitism in Brookhaven. Even when Harold ran for public office, no one mentioned the fact that he was Jewish, and it never became part of the campaign. "I'm sure people had their opinions about it," Betty Claire says, "but nothing was ever said to our face." Apparently, this political acceptance was nothing new as Harold was Brookhaven's third Jewish mayor, following his grandfather Sam Abrams, elected in 1913, and Abraham Lewinthal, who was elected in 1889.

The Jewish community of Brookhaven has been in decline for some time. According to Harold and Betty Claire, while some moved away to larger towns and cities, most of Brookhaven's Jews simply passed away over the years. Although the Jews of Brookhaven are almost gone, Harold tries to preserve their legacy by taking care of the headstones in the cemetery. He makes sure they are cleaned, and that the cemetery grounds remain attractive. Over the years, Steven Liverman, a Jewish doctor from the nearby town of Wesson, has also assumed the duties of taking care of the temple. With their help, these monuments to Brookhaven's Jewish history will be preserved.

In the last century small towns have been struggling to keep their inhabitants. Big cities, universities, and the allure of a more fast-paced and exciting life will always attract a certain group of young people looking for a life different from their parents. This migration certainly played a role in the gradual disappearance of Jews from Brookhaven. Time more than anything has worn away at the population. But though the Jews of Brookhaven are almost gone, thanks to people like Betty Claire and Harold Samuels, their legacy will not soon be forgotten.

Harold and Betty Claire Samuels. Harold was the third Jewish mayor of Brookhaven.

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I hope other communities will join us. We learn much more from each other than how to coordinate a film festival." This year, the Film Festival is Montgomery's kick-off event for "Celebrate 350," a nationwide effort commemorating 350 years of Jewish life in America.

The goals of Jewish Cinema South are to enhance Jewish life, strengthen Jewish identity, promote multi-cultural and multi-ethnic dialogue, and encourage tolerance and understanding, while at the same time presenting entertaining movies.

Generous support for Jewish Cinema South has come from its first corporate sponsor, Bell South.

For further information about Jewish Cinema South and the three local Film Festivals, call the Institute of Southern Jewish Life (601) 362-6357 or visit www.msje.org.

A Good Uplift



Shalom Ireland



2004 Community Information

JACKSON, MS:

Jackson Jewish Film Festival 2004

October 16, 17, 18 & 19, 2004

Millsaps College Recital Hall, 1701 N. State St., Jackson
ETV Auditorium, 3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson
St. Andrew's North Campus, 370 Old Agency Road,
Ridgeland

- Saturday, Oct. 16 – 7:00 PM – *Gloomy Sunday*
Millsaps College Recital Hall.
- Sunday, Oct. 17 – 2:00 PM – Comedy Shorts -
Advice and Dissent, Black Hats and Short Skirts,
Obsessed with Jews, A Good Uplift and, *Gossip*
ETV Auditorium.
- Monday, Oct. 18 – 7:00 PM - *Paper Clips*
St. Andrew's North Campus.
- Tuesday, Oct. 19 – 7:00 PM – *Taking Sides*
ETV Auditorium.

MOBILE, AL:

Mobile Jewish Film Festival 2004,

sponsored by the Mobile Jewish Welfare Fund

November 7, 8 & 9, 2004

Hollywood Theaters – 1250 Satchel Paige Drive

- Sunday, Nov. 7 – 7:00 PM - *Shalom Ireland*
- Monday, Nov. 8 – 7:00 PM – *Paper Clips*
- Tuesday, Nov. 9 – 7:00 PM – *Taking Sides*

MONTGOMERY, AL:

Montgomery Jewish Film Festival 2004, presented by The Jewish Federation of Central Alabama

November 13, 14, 15 & 16, 2004

The Capri Theatre – 1045 E. Fairview Avenue

- Saturday, Nov. 13 – 7:30 PM – *Taking Sides*
- Sunday, Nov. 14 – 2:00 PM – *Paper Clips*
- Monday, Nov. 15 – 7:00 PM – *Charlotte Gray*
- Tuesday, Nov. 16 – An Evening of Comedy Shorts:
Obsessed with Jews, Advice and Dissent, A Good Uplift,
Black Hats & Short Skirts and *Gossip*

Editor's Note:

The Institute of Southern Jewish Life would like to note the passing of Melvin Lipnick, whose oral history interview was featured in the last issue of *Circa*. We were gratified to learn that Melvin was able to read the article before he succumbed in his long battle with cancer.

Correction: In the last issue, the quote "how do I count the ways" was misattributed to Emily Dickinson. Elizabeth Barrett Browning is the correct author.

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is just a click away.**

Message from ISJL Rabbi Debra Kassoff:



Photo by Alec Kassoff.

Across the country this year, American Jews will be commemorating 350 years of Jewish communal life in North America. As we celebrate the many accomplishments and milestones that we have achieved here through cultural events and observances, we also have an important opportunity to reflect upon what we have learned from our sojourn on these shores, and to consider how our own American history might help us to chart a course for a bright Jewish future.

In a recent *New York Times* op-ed column, novelist and editor Jonathan Rosen noted that “the nature of America...has something uncannily in common with Judaism, a [tradition] that maintains that all Jews stood at Mount Sinai to receive the Torah; even if they are converts, their souls are retroactively invested with a kind of primary authenticity. America does the same for its citizens, whenever they become citizens. Everyone, naturalized or born here, is the inheritor not only of the rights and freedoms of the place, but its responsibilities too . . . In this sense America itself is like Mount Sinai.” (*New York Times*, Sept. 12, 2004)

And yet, for as long as there have been American Jews we have been asking the question: is it possible to be Jewish in America? Our Jewishness and our American-ness harmonize perfectly in many ways, and yet every time we turn around, it seems we have a new demographic study claiming that American Judaism is doomed: assimilation, intermarriage, prayer in schools, Friday night football. Either America will kill us it seems, or America will save us.

From the very beginning, America and the Jewish people have enjoyed a mutually beneficial, if conflicted, relationship. Beginning with Peter Stuyvesant, the governor of New Amsterdam on that fateful day in September 1654 when twenty-three Jewish souls made landfall upon the Dutch colony’s shores, there have been those who sought to protect a de facto *de jure* Christian society from the incursions of “blasphemers of the name of Christ”—as Stuyvesant branded our colonial brethren. On the other hand, not only have Jews made disproportionate contributions to American culture, politics, and finance, but social commentators for at least a hundred years have gone so far as to argue that Jews are better Americans in our ethnic and religious particularism than we would be if we assimilated, indeed, better Americans perhaps than any Anglo-Saxon with a Mayflower pedigree, the vanilla of American ethnicities, because what is America if not an edgy, spicy blend of many strong flavors?

While a certain anxiety of exclusion has always permeated the American Jewish idiom, it has more often been characterized by the question “do they love us as much as we want them to love us?” than by the question “do they hate us?” And if, as historian Jonathan Sarna suggests, much of American Jewish history has been shaped by an omnipresent fear of disappearance, then it is a fear born of America having loved us too much, and not of America having rejected us. At nearly every moment we have stood a greater risk of being loved to death in America—absorbed without a trace into the vast American melting pot—than we have of being despised to death.

But if the 350-year history of American Judaism has taught us anything, it is that our Judaism and our Americanism can be mutually strengthening. In America, Judaism has been transformed in many ways by the experience of freedom—especially the particular strain of democratic, ruggedly individualistic, anti-establishment, free-enterprise brand of freedom born on this land mass. Without the religious voluntarism of the United States, American Judaism would never have evolved into the vibrant, innovative, diverse phenomenon that it is today. Yet, due to the always dialectical, hyper-analytical, and often underdog tradition of our ancestors, we find ourselves especially well-suited to the challenges of American freedom.

In an America full of contradictions, ambiguities, and diversity to spare, what better model do we have for finding balance, a compromise that does not compromise our identity, than our own Jewish tradition in which, thousands of years before bagels became an American staple, the rabbis gave us the Talmud, a monument to contradiction and diversity of opinion; in which humanity was created, man and woman, in the image of a singular, asexual God; in which we live constantly divided between worlds visible and invisible, between our relationships and work here on earth and our awareness of something greater, God’s longer cycle?

We have recently celebrated Rosh Hashanah, the birthday of the world. As we continue to seek new ways to make it ever a better place, may we be blessed to grow in wisdom from the experiences of our ancestors, Americans and Jews. As we embark upon this new cycle—through the seasons of our fortunes, through the seasons of the year, from Sukkot to Shavuot—may we find our way once more to Sinai, to redemption, strong in our Judaism, unquestionably American.

Are you hungry...FOR A TASTE OF TORAH?

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•Hey, wait a minute! Is learning Torah supposed to be delightful?•

•Thanks for the food for thought!!•

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ISJL Helps Rabbis Hit the Road



Rabbis On The Road
רַבִּיבֵּי עַל הַדֶּרֶךְ

The Institute of Southern Jewish Life is pleased to announce “Rabbis on the Road,” a joint project with the Southwest Association of Reform Rabbis (SWARR) and the Southwest Council of the Union for Reform Judaism. Many congregations in the South have no rabbinic leadership, or have student rabbis or retired rabbis who travel from their homes, often in distant communities, on a semi-regular basis. Three years ago, SWARR and the Southwest Council of the URJ began to match rabbis willing to donate their time with congregations that needed their services. After a period of inactivity, the ISJL is pleased to help revive this program.

“Rabbis on the Road” matches rabbis, who will donate at least one weekend each year, with congregations that need their services. These rabbis are volunteering their time, though participating communities will pay for the rabbi’s travel expenses. These traveling rabbis will help bring Jewish learning and worship to small isolated congregations while providing a living link to the larger

Jewish community. This program is intended both for congregations with no rabbinic leadership at all and for congregations that would like to supplement the occasional services of a student or visiting rabbi with an additional low-cost rabbinic visit.

Recently, the ISJL Director of Rabbinic Services, Rabbi Debra Kassoff, sent out a letter co-signed by Rabbi Lawrence Jackofsky of the URJ’s Southwest Council and Rabbi Robert Sharff of SWARR to all Reform rabbis and congregations in the southwest region, gauging their interest in the project. According to Rabbi Kassoff, “we have gotten a very positive response from rabbis and congregations,” and she looks forward to matching rabbis and communities for Shabbat visits in the coming months.

The ISJL has enjoyed working with SWARR and the URJ’s Southwest Council, and plans to expand the program to Conservative congregations and other regions. For more information, contact Rabbi Kassoff at (601) 362-6357; kassoff@msje.org.

Making the Past Come Alive at the MSJE

by Rachel
Fichtenbaum and
Alanna Sklover,
Summer Interns



Rachel
Fichtenbaum



Alanna Sklover

This past summer, we served as interns at the Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience, located on the grounds of the Henry S. Jacobs Camp. Once each session, we planned and ran educational evening programs for the campers at the museum. Our challenge was to use the museum and its themes to teach these children something memorable about the Southern Jewish Experience.

Our favorite program focused on the theme of chain migration. Many Jewish families who immigrated to the American South did not come at the same time. Instead, one or a few family members would go to America, where they would find work, save money and send it home. Back in Europe, when enough money had arrived, the family could send over more members. We planned a simulation to represent this process.

When the campers entered the museum, we gathered them all together in the sanctuary for an introduction. We told them about a man named Samuel Steinberg, the first in his immediate family to immigrate. He became a peddler in the American South and eventually opened a store and earned enough money to bring the rest of his family to America. Steinberg’s story grounded our program in historical reality and served as an entryway for campers to begin thinking about chain migration.

We then split the campers up into “family” groups of six or seven. Each family received \$25 in play money to start, with boat tickets costing \$10. Groups elected one family member to emigrate first, who gave the \$10 fare to the staff members at the “wharf,” before passing into the space that represented America. Once in America, campers began peddling, buying backpacks and carts and selling their wares to staff members. Once campers had enough money, they could set up a store, though they also had to send money back to their family in Europe. For campers in America, the tricky part was deciding how

much money to send back to Europe and how much to keep to invest in a store. Each family group made these decisions differently. As an added twist, campers were handed situation cards, which could bring either good or bad fortune. Back in Europe, campers were not just waiting for money. They were working on packets that led them through a series of activities in which they compiled a family history, wrote a letter to their relatives in America, and looked at a page from the 1920 U.S. Census.

After 25 minutes, all of the campers gathered in their family groups for discussion. They talked about what had surprised them, what was hard and what was easy, what it felt like for the campers who were the last to leave Europe, and how the simulation was different from immigrants’ real life experiences. The campers’ contributions to the discussion showed that they had learned from the exercise and were able to think historically about the Jewish immigration experience. One girl pointed out that while she had felt a little left out when she was waiting in Europe, real family members waited much longer than she did and also had to deal with the emotional strain of missing their relatives. Some campers said that when they had first come to America, they felt confused by all the hustle and bustle and had to seek out their relatives for help.

We were very pleased with how this program turned out. The campers had learned something about chain migration, while having a lot of fun. Many continued to talk about the program for days afterward. During our summer internship, while we gave many tours of the museum and helped to catalog new artifacts for the collection, creating these educational programs was perhaps the most rewarding part of our experience.

ISJL Helps Bring Torah to Columbus, Mississippi

Friday, August 27th will be remembered as a landmark Shabbat for Congregation B'nai Israel in Columbus, Mississippi. It was during this Shabbat worship service that B'nai Israel dedicated a new Torah, a rare simcha in the life of most congregations. The new Torah was donated by Temple Beth Or in Montgomery, Alabama.

Following its receipt of a generous donation of three new Torahs, Beth Or was looking to retire its oldest holy scroll. Just a few weeks later, the religious school directors of both Temple Beth Or and Congregation B'nai Israel attended the ISJL's Education Conference in Jackson. During a conversation at the conference, Becci Craig of B'nai Israel discussed her congregation's need for a new Torah scroll. There were several sections of the Torah where the ink had completely faded, and only the impression of the Hebrew letters remained. There were other sections where the ink had smudged, making it very difficult to read the text, and still other sections where the parchment was either coming apart or had holes. Due to B'nai Israel's small size, they were not in a position to repair their Torah or purchase a new one. Terri Finkelstein of Montgomery passed along the news that Temple Beth Or was looking to retire their oldest Torah, and if it were in better shape than the one belonging to B'nai Israel, then they might be able to donate it to the Columbus congregation.

When ISJL Education Fellow Amanda Abrams made



Education Fellow Amanda Abrams delivered the new Torah to Congregation B'nai Israel. (l to r): Abrams, Bonnie Oppenheimer, Rabbi Mark Peilen, Becci Craig. Photo courtesy of the Deep South Jewish Voice.

her visits to both Beth Or and B'nai Israel, she was able to see clearly that Montgomery's oldest Torah was in much better shape than the one in Columbus. So after her Montgomery visit, Amanda took the Torah back to Jackson where Becci Craig picked it up just a few days later.

B'nai Israel's new Torah was a wonderful, if unexpected, outcome of the Institute's pilot education project. One of the primary goals of the project is to create a network of religious schools across the South. Through this network, one congregation was able to contribute to the future livelihood of another by donating the holiest of items, a Torah scroll. We hope that this new Torah will be the witness to many more years of Jewish life in Columbus, Mississippi.

Fellows Receive Advanced Training at CAJE



The ISJL Education Department is constantly working to enhance its pilot curriculum. In order to incorporate cutting-edge programs and ideas, ISJL Education Fellows Amanda Abrams and Beth Kander were among the more than 1400 Jewish educators attending the 29th annual Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education at Hofstra University. Conference sessions dealt with virtually every aspect of Jewish education. The

ISJL Fellows attended workshops that focused on such relevant topics as "Teaching Your Teachers," "Working with Small Congregational Schools," "I Only Have Two Hours a Week and So Much to Do!," and "Creating a Teacher Resource Network."

In addition to the five-day conference, the Fellows participated in an intensive 3-day pre-conference and CAJE Shabbat Experience. The pre-conference sessions allowed participants to examine a particular aspect of Jewish education intensively. Amanda attended "Teaching Beyond the Middle," which focused on making your classroom friendly to students of all learning styles. Beth's pre-conference intensive, "Storahtelling," explored a revived technique of Torah reading that fuses storytelling, drama, and music. The pre-conference

experience was topped off by innovative Shabbat worship services and keynote speeches from well known Jewish authors and scholars.

What goes unmentioned in the conference registration form is that attendance requires a great deal of stamina since sleep is a rarity at CAJE. Programs begin early in the morning and extend well into the evening. Some of the most noteworthy evening programs included a night of Jewish comedy with up-and-coming comedian Joel Chasnoff and veteran Jewish stand-up comic Rabbi Bob Alper. Other evening entertainment featured concerts by Jewish rock musicians and screenings of newly released Jewish films. We were also lucky to be visited by Tovah Feldshuh, the star of the Broadway musical *Golda's Balcony*. Ms. Feldshuh entertained questions from the audience about the life of Golda Meir and her experience playing the Israeli leader.

As the exciting five-day conference came to a close, plans were already being made for next year's CAJE conference, which will be held from August 15th - 19th in Seattle, WA. In addition to sponsoring these annual conferences, CAJE offers publications, online professional development, and a variety of other programs. For more information about CAJE and their annual conferences, please visit www.CAJE.org.

Sababa! - Autumn Edition



Hey parents, teachers, and students!
We're deep in autumn, and while the Jewish fall holidays are behind us, there are plenty of opportunities to make our life moments Jewish. This Sababa page focuses on a very famous American/Jewish holiday... **THANKSGIVING!** Thanksgiving's Jewish?! Read on...

The Thanksgiving/Sukkot Connection

Thanksgiving's Jewish?

It's true! While "Thanksgiving" is not found on the Jewish calendar, historians believe that the Jewish holiday Sukkot may have inspired America's traditional fall holiday. Linda Burghardt, author of "Jewish Holiday Traditions," told the *Los Angeles Jewish Times*: "Sukkot is considered a model for Thanksgiving. Both holidays revolve around showing gratitude for a bountiful harvest." Other historians agree: the pilgrims based the first Thanksgiving celebration on the Sukkot festival found in the Bible!



In the first box below, you'll find the blessing for sitting in the Sukkah. Try to write or illustrate your own blessing for sitting at the Thanksgiving table in the second box, and share it with your family!

ברוך אתה יי אלשינו סוף העולם אשר קדשנו במצותיו
וענינו לשים בסוכה
*Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech HaOlam, Asher Kidshanu
B'Mitzvotav V'Tzivanu Leshev BaSukah.*

Praised are You the Eternal One our God, Who has made us holy with Divine commandments and commanded us to sit in a Sukkah.



So what is Sukkot... and when is Sukkot??

Sukkot is a harvest festival. Each year, Thanksgiving falls on the 4th Thursday of November – and Sukkot falls each year on the 15th of the Hebrew month Tishri. This year, Thanksgiving is November 25, while Sukkot fell quite early, beginning sunset on September 29 and ending at sunset September 30th. Sukkot lasts for seven days. The word "Sukkot" means "booths," and refers to the temporary dwellings that we are commanded to live in during this holiday. We shake the lulav and etrog, say blessings, and thank God for the harvest... giving thanks... like Thanksgiving!



This Thanksgiving, I am thankful for...

Thanksgiving/Sukkot Word Search

Look for these words – forwards, backwards, up, down, and diagonally:

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| AUTUMN | BLESSINGS |
| ETROG | LULAV |
| FAMILY | FESTIVE MEAL |
| FRIENDS | HARVEST |
| SUKKAH | SUKKOT |
| THANKSGIVING | HOLIDAY |

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Did you know? The Hebrew word for "thanks" is תודה (to-DAH)!

Museum News:

Coplan Donates Family History

Ben Coplan of Monroeville, Pennsylvania recently visited Alabama and Mississippi with a bundle in tow. Coplan has been compiling family papers, photographs, and various documents over the last several months about his ancestors who lived in Florence, Alabama. He



has since donated the bulk of these family papers to the Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience in the hopes that they will help to illuminate the Jewish history of Florence. Coplan's parents were once residents of this small Alabama town. Through the personal letters and photos that the museum received, we are able to sketch out what life might have been like for a young Jewish family in early 20th century Alabama. One special gem that stands out in the Coplan family collection is the inclusion of the transit papers of Ben's grandfather. These papers include every stop his grandfather made on his journey to a new life in America. Also included is the official notification of his grandfather's election as a town alderman. Moses Coplan's election by the voters of Florence is a testament to his high stature in town and reflects the social and political acceptance that Jews largely enjoyed throughout the South. The Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience is pleased to accession this wonderful collection, which offers an important perspective on Jewish life in the South. *If your family has artifacts, documents, or photographs that you wish to donate to the MSJE, please contact Museum Registrar Neola Young at (601) 362-6357; nyoung@msje.org.*

Just one of the family photographs included in the Coplan collection.

"Delta Jews" Now Available on DVD

"Delta Jews," the acclaimed PBS documentary that brought the story of small-town Southern Jewish life to television screens across America, is available now for the first time on DVD from Human Interest Films.

Narrated by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Alfred Uhry (*Driving Miss Daisy*), the film chronicles Jewish life in the Mississippi Delta, featuring everything from a Passover seder in Indianola to the Delta Jewish Golf Open in Greenville. With humor and poignancy, Delta natives share their feelings about growing up with a dual identity, living through the Civil Rights era, and maintaining a Jewish presence against overwhelming odds.

The late author Willie Morris called the film "a first-rate documentary on a moving and fascinating story." Brandeis University's Jonathan Sarna called the film "an illuminating portrayal of a vanishing world" that "courageously tackles some of the most difficult issues

confronting the South's Jews."

Since its PBS premiere in September 1999, the documentary has been seen in film festivals around the world, used in college courses, featured in museum exhibits, and was recently selected for inclusion in the Library of Congress' landmark exhibition "From Haven to Home" commemorating 350 years of Jewish life in America.

"It's exciting to create something that resonates with people," says the documentary's producer Mike DeWitt, who made the film with early support from the MSJE. "But it's been even more thrilling to see the film have a life far beyond what I ever expected. Even now, years after it ran on TV, I run into people who remember seeing 'Delta Jews' and being touched by it."

"In my work, I try not to forget that the root of the word 'documentary' is 'document.' Given that so many of these communities are getting smaller and smaller, 'Delta Jews' has turned out to be a truly valuable record for the Jews in the Delta and all over the South. It's a way to share with future generations the passion and richness that has characterized small-town Jewish life for over a century."

"Delta Jews" can be purchased from the ISJL's Peddler's Cart for \$21.95 plus shipping. See page 14 for details. Institutions interested in bulk orders can contact Human Interest Films directly at humaninterest@aol.com.



Be a Part of the ISJL Education Team!

The ISJL is now looking for new Education Fellows to serve for two years in one of the most unique and innovative programs available in Jewish education today.

Many Jewish communities in the South have limited Jewish educational resources. ISJL Education Fellows work with these communities to implement the Institute's new, comprehensive kindergarten through 10th grade religious school curriculum. Fellows provide teacher training, conduct services, lead adult education and youth programs, and run all-school assemblies. Fellows also help to organize

and run the annual education conference designed to train the region's religious school teachers and to implement the regional curriculum. They also serve as birthright israel's "Southern Alumni Coordinators," assist with cultural programs such as Jewish Cinema South, and work with community groups and schools to foster interfaith education and understanding.

ISJL Education Fellows will gain tremendous experience in Jewish Communal Services over the two-year fellowship period. Qualifications include a college degree and active involvement in Jewish life or organizations. The fellowship includes salary, expenses, and benefits. For more information, contact Nonnie Campbell at (601) 362-6357 or information@msje.org.

SJHS Convenes in Charleston



Charleston, South Carolina has long played a central role in the story of Jewish life in America. As late as 1820, more Jews lived in Charleston than in any other city in America. The country's first Reform congregation was created there in 1824. Considering Charleston's historical significance, it is especially appropriate that the Southern Jewish Historical Society will mark the 350th anniversary of a Jewish presence in the United States by holding its annual meeting in Charleston in conjunction with the Jewish Historical

Society of South Carolina.

The conference, entitled "Jewish Roots in Southern Soil," runs from October 28th to 31st and boasts perhaps the most impressive program in the history of the organization. Four leading American Jewish historians, Hasia Diner, Gary Zola, Marc Lee Raphael, and Jeffrey Gurock, will deliver keynote addresses while noted scholars Stephen Whitfield, David Goldfield, and Karla Goldman will take part in the exciting array of panels. For more information about the conference and registration forms, see the Southern Jewish Historical Society's website: www.jewishsouth.org.

150 Years of Memphis' Temple Israel



Temple Israel, the largest Jewish congregation in Tennessee and one of the 15 largest Reform congregations in the United States, announces the publication of *Children of Israel, The Story of Temple Israel, Memphis, Tennessee: 1854-2004*, an illustrated history of the congregation written by Judy Ringel.

In *Children of Israel*, Ringel tells the dramatic story of this 150-year-old congregation, starting with its rough-and-ready early years, when the members had to enact a special rule to prohibit worshippers from bringing concealed weapons into the synagogue. Woven into the context of Memphis's overall history, the book follows successive generations of the

congregation as they face the perils of the Civil War, the devastation of the yellow fever epidemics, the hardships of the Great Depression and World Wars I and II, and the challenges posed by the Civil Rights Movement. Ringel also sets the story against the backdrop of American Reform Judaism, detailing the congregation's journey from Orthodoxy to Classical Reform and back to "mainstream Reform." Along the way, she also traces the emergence of women as synagogue leaders and rabbis.

According to Rabbi David Ellenson, president of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the book "profoundly illuminates the Southern Jewish experience . . . and constitutes a significant contribution to Southern and American Jewish history." To order a copy, go to www.tmemphis.org or call Temple Israel, (901) 761-3130.



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What better gift than to arrange for an *oral history* of your beloved family member(s). We can set up a video oral history interview and present your family with a VHS copy and a beautifully engraved bound transcript. You will be preserving the cherished stories of

your ancestors for your family and helping the Institute to continue to capture the history of our southern Jewish heritage before it is lost forever. For more information, contact us at 601-362-6357 or information@msje.org

ISJL Annual Campaign Underway

The ISJL Annual Campaign is in full swing. We are pleased to report that gifts to the campaign are at an all time high. In the pages of this newsletter you can see our success and feel the positive impact that we are having across the South. Your contribution will ensure that we can continue to move forward with these exciting programs. *Please take a moment today to make your gift to the ISJL with the enclosed envelope.*

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CAJM Conference To Be Held in Atlanta

Under the leadership of its Chairman, ISJL founder Macy B. Hart, the Council of American Jewish Museums (CAJM) will be holding its annual conference January 15-19 in Atlanta, hosted by the Breman Jewish Heritage Museum. Professionals from Jewish museums across North America will gather to address needs and issues in the Jewish museum world as well as network with each other. Participants will also attend sessions related to the conference theme, "Comfort and Conflict: Jewish Museums Facing Change." Several venues throughout Atlanta will be highlighted, including

the Breman Museum, Atlanta History Center, Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site, Carter Presidential Center, High Museum of Art, Hebrew Benevolent Congregation, Margaret Mitchell House, and Emory University. One exciting aspect of the 2005 Conference is that the newest program from CAJM, the Continuing Museum Education (CME) initiative, will be launched. For more information concerning this conference, see the website of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture: www.jewishculture.org.

June 14 - September 14, 2004

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-Jack & Susan Turitz Cooper

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-Marion & Henry Bernstein

Rabbi Alfred Wolf
-Jan T. Drufner

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-Judy & Buck Boshwit

Hermine Alperin's recovery
-Judy & Buck Boshwit

Susan Stakman & Jerry Bass' marriage
-Betty & Mac Lyons

Mary Bronstein's recovery
-Judy & Buck Boshwit

Dudley Burwell's recovery
-Reva & Ellis Hart

Dr. & Mrs. Marvin Cohen's anniversary
-Betty & Mac Lyons

Babette & Neil Cooper's marriage
-Nancy & Jules Silbert

Michael Davidson
-Ann Bennett

Iro Feldman's recovery
-Reva & Ellis Hart
-Lynda & Don Yule

J. M. Fried, Jr.'s ISJL Board appointment
-Rabbi Lucy & Jeff Dinner

Mrs. Lee Furfine's birthday
-Rabbi Sylvan & Sandy Wolf

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Goodman's anniversary
-Judy & Buck Boshwit

Mark Halperin's presidency
-Judy & Buck Boshwit

Reva Hart's birthday
-Betsy & Joe Samuels
-Lynda & Don Yule
-Syril Portnoy
-Bea Gotthelf

Reva & Ellis Hart's anniversary
-Harriet & Burt Jaeger
-Ricka & Carol Hart
-Ruth Richman

Susan & Macy B. Hart
-Rabbi & Mrs. David Gelfand

Julien Hohenberg's birthday
-Judy & Buck Boshwit

Howard Hurtig
-Janet & Michael Sperling

Beth Kander
-Alice & Sander Margolis

Rabbi Debra Kassoff's Taste of Torah sermons
-Rachel & Edward Cusnier

Micki Katz
-Allan Katz

Juliet Kossman's recovery
-Judy & Buck Boshwit

Dr. Barry Leshin
-Amy Schilit

Herb Lipman's birthday
-Pam & Lee Rubin

Sue Machover
-Martin Machover

Alex Mendel's Bar Mitzvah
-Bettie & Charles Kahn

Morris Mintz' birthday
-Nanette & Mel Cohen

Eddie Moskovitz's recovery
-Judy & Buck Boshwit

Rose & Erwin Ostrow's anniversary
-Barbara & Phillip Lieberman

Minna Greenspun & Robert Pomeroy, Jr.'s marriage
-Goldie & Marvin Brody

Zoey Rockoff's birth
-Minette & Charles Cooper

Pam & Lee Rubin
-Dan Cohn

Buddy Rubenstein
-Alan Beychok

Bruce Saltzman's recovery
-Judy & Buck Boshwit

Molly Samuel's internship with ISJL
-Carol & Paul Kurtz

Joe Schendle's recovery
-Reva & Ellis Hart

Arlyne Schwartz's recovery
-Judy & Buck Boshwit

Jay Silberberg's birthday
-Del & Harold Silverberg

Freda Stein's birthday
-Star & Stan Bloom

Lila Stein's birthday
-Jory Stein

Jay Tanenbaum
-Bobby Kaplan

Dr. & Mrs. Louis Weinstein's anniversary
-Suzanne & Mel Rockoff

Mike Weiss' recovery
-Judy & Buck Boshwit

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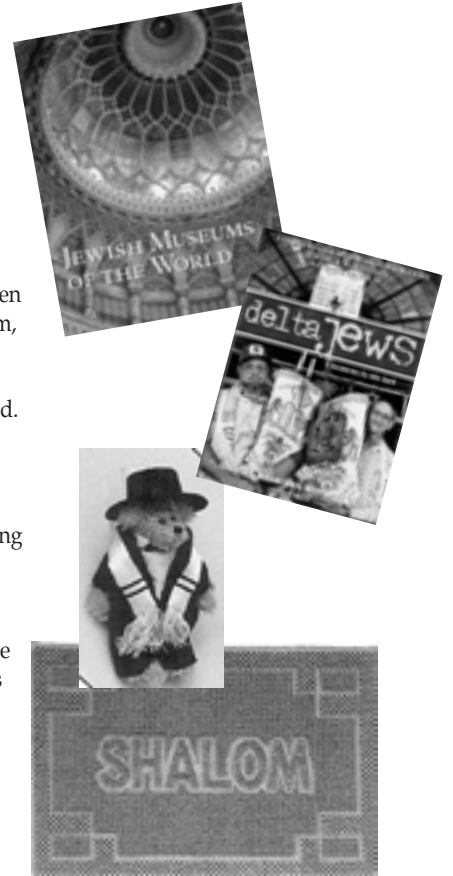


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310-440-4500

• www.skirball.com

Permanent Exhibit:

"Visions & Values: Jewish Life from Antiquity to America"
Through May 29, 2005:
"Einstein"

Judah L. Magnes Museum, Berkeley
510-549-6950

• www.magnes.org

Through January 16, 2005:

"Case Study: Alfred Henry Jacobs: Architect of Recreational and Civic Activities"

Through July 15, 2005:

"Sephardic Horizons"

Through January 30, 2005:

"Art: Surviving Supermation: Lazar Khidekd"

Through February 13, 2005:

"Revisions: Ann Chamberlain"

The Contemporary Jewish Museum, San Francisco

415-591-8800

• www.thecjm.org

Through February 27, 2005:

"The Jewish Journey:

Frederic Brenner's Photographic Odyssey"

Through July, 2005:

"Spice Box: An Invitational"

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington Lillian and Albert Small Jewish Museum,

Washington
202-789-0900

Through April, 2005:

"Jews in Washington: Scrapbook of an American Community"

FLORIDA

Jewish Museum of Florida: Home of MOSAIC, Miami Beach
305-672-5044

• www.jewishmuseum.com

Permanent Exhibit:

"MOSAIC: Jewish Life in Florida"

Through January 30, 2005:

"Jews of Broward County"

GEORGIA

William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum

678-222-3700

• www.thebreman.org

Opening October 24:

"Zap! Pow! Bam!

The Superhero: The Golden Age of Comic Books 1938 - 1950"

ILLINOIS

Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies, Chicago

312-322-1747

• www.spertus.edu

Through February 17, 2005:

"Exhibiting Jewish Life in America"

"My Kind of Town:

Immigration to Chicago in the Twentieth Century"

"Beyond the Counting Years:

Herman Spertus Curates"

MARYLAND

Jewish Museum of Maryland, Baltimore

410-732-6400 • www.jhsm.org

Through February 2005:

"Lives Lost, Lives Found:

Baltimore's German Jewish Refugees, 1933 - 1945"

"Weaving Women's Words:

Baltimore Stories"

MISSISSIPPI

Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience

601-362-6357

• www.msje.org

Through 2004:

"Alsace to America: Discovering a Southern Jewish Heritage"

Hebrew Union Congregation, Greenville

662-332-4153

Permanent Exhibit:

"A Century of History"

Temple B'nai Israel, Natchez

601-445-5407

Permanent Exhibit:

"Of Passover and Pilgrimage: The Natchez Jewish Experience"

NEW YORK

The Jewish Museum,

New York City

212-423-3200

• www.thejewishmuseum.org

Permanent Exhibition:

"Culture and Continuity: The Jewish Journey"

Through January 16, 2005:

"Re/Collecting: A Centennial Installation by Shimon Attie with Norman Ballard"

"Bauhaus Master/ Terezin

Teacher: The Art of Friedl

Dicker-Brandeis"

Through June 18, 2006:

"Our Great Garden: Nurturing Planet Earth" Children's Exhibit

Museum of Jewish Heritage,

New York City

646-437-4202

• www.mjhnyc.org

Through December 31:

"Ours to Fight For - American Jews in the Second World War"

PENNSYLVANIA

National Museum of American Jewish History, Philadelphia

215-923-3811

• www.nmajh.org

November 21-May, 2005:

"Sting like a Maccabee: The Golden Age of the American Jewish Boxer"

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October 18th "Paper Clips"

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November 8th "Paper Clips"

November 9th "Taking Sides"

Montgomery, AL:

November 13th "Taking Sides"

November 14th "Paper Clips"

November 15th "Charlotte Gray"

November 16th An Evening of Jewish Comedy Shorts

OTHER EVENTS

Joint Conference of the Southern

Jewish Historical Society and the

Jewish Historical Society of South

Carolina, Charleston, South

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• www.jewishsouth.org

October 28-31, 2004

"Jewish Roots in Southern Soil: Commemorating 350 Years of Jewish Settlement in America"



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