



# JEWISH MESSENGER

Jewish Federation of Greater New Bedford

## Federation Kicks 2012 Annual Campaign into High Gear

Ellen Hull, Campaign Vice President and chair of the 2012 Annual Campaign, announced the launch of this year's campaign at a "Pacesetters" dinner held at her home on October 9, 2011. Speaking at the dinner, Ellen said: "The 2011 annual campaign raised \$205,000 with 2% increase card-for-card thanks to the continued support and generosity of our contributors and a very hard work of campaign volunteers. We had a number of new and increased gifts and 100% participation by Board members." The theme of this year's campaign is *Be a Part of it Now*. "With this theme, we want to communicate and instill a sense of pride in the collective accomplish-



Left to right: Cecilia Alkalay, Janet Feingold, Dr. Stuart Forman, and Dr. Shira Sanders

ments of the Jewish community in taking care of Jews in need both in our own community and around the world. It is a privilege to be a part of the most successful philanthropic enterprise in history. It is an honor society that is open to all and we invite you to apply," said Ellen Hull.

around the world and made us feel pride in Israel and her accomplishments while stressing the continuing need to support programs that strengthen the Jewish people at home and abroad. He dealt with the crises faced in the USA by Jewish communities and gave us a sense of pride for the role that Federations play in sustaining, continuing, and invigorating those communities. Jerry is one who always looks at the glass as "half full." He brought us a message of hope and optimism which was invigorating. What a wonderful message to hear to kick off Campaign!" said Stuart Forman.

On September 25 Dr. Barbara Pearl and Marty Lipman opened their home to a group of Federation members who came to hear Dr. Shira Sanders from the Haifa Rape Crisis Center. The presentation underscored the

important role that Federation's contribution to the Southern New England Consortium plays in supporting worthy social endeavors in Israel.

While we would love to believe that the Jewish people are immune to the social diseases that affect other peoples, the fact that the Rape Crisis Center is such a tremendous force to counter-act sexual abuse in Israel supports the fact that we as Jews are just as susceptible to social problems as anyone else. Our financial contributions to such causes through SNEC bring timely and compassionate services to those in need in Israel.

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Jerry Silverman

The guest of honor and speaker at the October 9th dinner was Jerry Silverman, President and CEO of the Jewish Federations of North America. It was a huge honor to have Jerry with us to kick off Campaign. He is an articulate and energetic person who has influenced those in power in the USA, Israel, and around the world to the benefit of the Jewish People. He kept the audience spellbound by relating his vision for the success of the Jewish community in North America and for Israel. He underscored the real and positive effects that Federations have in contributing to the well-being of Jews



### From the President

This 5772 Holiday season has been very good for our Federation and for our Jewish community. We began our Campaign with the "Pacesetters" dinner and speaker hosted at Ellen Hull's home. Jerry Silverman, President of the Jewish Federation of North America, spoke for over one hour, and addressed many important issues and reasons for giving. As a result, our Campaign has been launched with a better than expected beginning!

The publication of Abe Landau's book was launched by Spinner Publications on Sunday October 23. We are very proud to have been a part of this wonderful event.

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**December 3, 2011**  
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### Federation Dollars Make a Difference in Afula

By Dr. Janet Freedman

The warmth and comfort of Barbara Pearl and Marty Lipman's lovely home (and Barbara's delicious home-made blueberry muffins) provided a perfect setting to welcome Dr. Shira Sanders, resource coordinator of the Haifa Rape Crisis Center in Israel. Dr. Sanders specifically focused on the work of the Afula Women's Crisis Project, an outreach arm of the Center that is supported by the Southern New England Consortium. Her moving presentation of Center's work with victims of sexual assault illuminated how our contributions to the Jewish Federation are making a dramatic difference in the lives of Israeli women and their families. The Afula Women's Crisis Project is one of the projects supported by our Federation's participation in SNEC (Southern New England Consortium), a group of 12 federations in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Dr. Sanders made Aliyah to Israel in 1992 and lives with her husband and three daughters in Eshchar. She has moved from providing direct services to raising awareness of the pervasive problems of domestic violence and gaining the vital financial support to assist victims and to develop programs to prevent this social scourge.

A lively discussion followed Shira's excellent presentation and the men and women who attended left the meeting with a renewed resolve to assist our Israeli sisters.



Michael Russell and Dr. Shira Sanders

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The Rape Crisis Center, like most not-for-profit organizations in any country, is always struggling to maintain its services. That need was dramatically and poignantly expressed by Dr. Sanders. A psychologist who made Aliyah from the USA, Dr. Sanders is a tireless worker on behalf of the victims of sexual abuse in Israel. She and her organization reach out to victims in a very real and compassionate way. Dr. Sanders is an articulate person for her cause.

**Campaign is Going Green**

This year we are trying to become more "green." We will start emailing campaign and billing information to those Federation contributors whose email addresses we have. Of course, people who don't use email or whose email addresses we don't have will continue to receive regular mail. If you would like to be added to our email distribution list, please send us a message at [oyorish@jewishnewbedford.org](mailto:oyorish@jewishnewbedford.org). To make a secure online contribution, visit [www.jewishnewbedford.org](http://www.jewishnewbedford.org).



Ruby Finger and Diane Bolton



Dr. Barbara Pearl and Ellen Hull

She also represents the best of those compassionate individuals who try to make a difference in Israeli society against social and financial odds. Everyone who heard her presentation could not help but be impressed by this sensitive and compassionate woman and her cause. We all came away convinced that supporting social welfare and social action programs in Israel was an excellent use of our Federation and SNEC funding.

**Jewish Community's  
Christmas Dinner for the Elderly  
Looking for Volunteers**

We need your help on December 25 to serve and deliver 300 dinners to seniors who depend on us to make their holiday special. If you can work at the church, drive our guests, or deliver meals, please call Ellen Hull @ (508) 993-5742.

The dinner will be held at:  
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Good Cause**

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**Israel Travel Grants Available**

Grants are available to Jewish teens residing in the Greater New Bedford area for travel/study in Israel. These grants are made possible by the Harvey Friedland Israel Youth Experience Memorial Fund and the Evelyn Rosen Youth Israel Travel Fund. Requests must be writing. For more information, contact Olga Yorish at (508) 997-7471 or at [oyorish@jewishnewbedford.org](mailto:oyorish@jewishnewbedford.org).

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### A Different Kind of Bridge

Musical Connection is one of the successful projects funded by SNEC in Afula-Gilboa region in 2010-11, with its effects still reverberating on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. A delegation of seven young musicians from Kibbutz Yizrael's Music Center in the Gilboa, conducted a series of performances in several Jewish communities in the state of Connecticut. What sets this project apart from others is the fact that the Israeli guests played together with local youth from the respective communities. Performances were held before a very wide range of audiences and venues: schools, synagogues, old-age homes and community centers. The group also took part in Yom Ha'Zikaron (Israel's Memorial Day) and Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Independence Day) ceremonies in the communities. It was especially exciting to see how quickly ties were formed between the guests and their hosts through music, with the selected pieces being both popular and classical Israeli music.

More pictures from Judy Pollack's trip.



On Golan Heights



Shopping in Tel Aviv

### Meet Yvonne Benn, the new Chair of the Partnership 2Gether Steering Committee in Afula-Gilboa

I was born in Switzerland. My mother was Jewish and was saved from the Holocaust thanks to her family migrating from their native Germany to Switzerland. My father, who came from a well-established Swiss family of religious Catholics, wanted to free himself from his patriarchal, demanding family. My parents agreed that their children would be raised without any religious affiliation or tradition but as modern, emancipated, universal human beings. However, these ideals were not strong enough to keep my parents together, and they divorced when I was eight years old. My brother, ten years older than I, rebelled against our parents' ideals and began to search for his roots, for a sense of tradition and belonging. He found them in our mother's religion – Judaism. This opened the door for me to a meaningful, exciting world and both my brother and I found a warm home in Bern's Reform Jewish community. My brother became more attached to Judaism as a religion, while I became a Zionist. At the age of 16 I realized my dream of moving to Israel – a country full of challenges and adventures. After my army service, I married and had a family and became involved in horses and therapeutic horseback riding. When my children had grown up, I felt that although they were Jews and Israelis, they were unfamiliar with the sense of community offered by Jewish communities in the Diaspora. It was therefore very important for me that they should serve for a year as young emissaries in the SNEC communities. I joined Partnership 2Gether and am extremely proud and honored to have been chosen as Steering Committee Chair. I am a great believer in team work and in my opinion we are an excellent team and all members of the Steering Committee (in Israel and in the US) bring strong will, ability and quality to the committee. I am therefore optimistic that together we will be able to generate change. Partnership 2Gether is a true partnership between the residents of Afula, Gilboa and the SNEC communities and together we will be able to create true friendships and common, enterprising projects. Wishing us all good luck.



Yvonne Benn



Wine tasting on Golan Heights

### JFNA President Keynotes Pacesetters Event



Ken Lipman, Judy Pollack, and Chuck Hull



Susan Barnett, Sheldon and Shulamith Friedland, Calvin and Sue Siegal, Marsha Revzin, Lillian Schwartz, Stanley Revzin, and Debbie Forman listen to Jerry Silverman



Jerry Silverman, Dr. Bill Abesh, Ken Lipman and Stuart Forman



Sheldon and Shulamith Friedland

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A big Yasher Koach to Marsha Onufrak and to Cindy Yoken for their dedicated work on this project. Yasher Koach to the entire Holocaust Committee and to Spinner Publications. As Marsha told us at a Federation Board meeting, "Abe is not here to speak for himself. We have to speak for him." How true! Everyone at Federation should be proud of the role we played in making sure that Abe's story is told and continues to bear witness to the events of the Holocaust.

Over the past few months, we have had numerous discussions with Tifereth Israel leadership and continue to work in a most collegial and collaborative way on behalf of the Jewish community. We all have agreed that there is no community without affiliation. That affiliation could be to a shul, a chavurah, the Federation, or any of the Jewish organizations/events/experiences within our community. But there cannot be a community without affiliation. We look forward to working together to find ways to touch more Jews and their families in our South Coast region and to be touched by them.

Finally, we celebrate together with our Israeli brothers and sisters the return of Gilad Shalit from his captivity in Gaza for some five years. He has been reunited with his family, and for that we are all relieved. We hope against hope, that his safe return will lead to a future of peace for all people of the Middle East so that we may turn our attention to the real problems of economy, water, resource distribution, and mutual security rather than continuation on tribalism and religious differences which have perpetuated unrest for all people of that troubled region for so long. All in all, a great beginning for 5772.

Stuart I. Forman

# Abe Landau's Memoir Launched at a Festive and Memorable Event

By Marsha Onufrak and Cindy Yoken

Over 300 people remembered and celebrated Abe Landau at the book launch for his Holocaust memoir, *Branded On My Arm and In My Soul* on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 23rd at Tifereth Israel Synagogue. Jews and non-Jews gathered together to learn about Abe's journey and his triumphant spirit through stories and photos. Spinner Publications partnered with the Jewish Federation of Greater New Bedford to bring this project to fruition.

As guests mingled, they had an opportunity to view mementoes from Abe's tailor shop, documents about Abe from UMass Dartmouth, and incredible photographs on display, prepared by Jay Avila from Spinner Publications, while listening to wonderful music from Danny Schwartz and his combo. During the program Joseph Thomas, editor of Spinner Publications, explained how Abe approached him with his story and how his friend Eddie Rudnick urged him to complete the project. Then he introduced Mary Schwartz, the first Chairperson of the Holocaust

School accepted the books on behalf of the schools. In addition, thanks to Rev. David Lima, a member of the Holocaust Committee, the Interchurch Council gave a grant of \$500 to purchase books for the schools. This year three teachers will pilot the book along with the study guide prepared by Cindy Yoken and Marsha Onufrak.



Mary Schwartz and Joe Thomas



Ann Landau Kanter and Lauren Joy Kanter in front of the portrait of Abraham Landau

Dennis read the words of their daughter Lauren Joy (who had laryngitis) recalling that her grandfather had told her that everyone was the same and to have faith and believe in people's better nature. The line-up of speakers was completed by brief remarks by the Mayor of New Bedford Scott W. Lang.

Joe Thomas also announced that a \$2,500 grant from the United Way of Greater New Bedford's Community Building Mini-Grants Program, which Cindy Yoken applied for, would purchase 100 books for the New Bedford Public Schools. Jeanne Bonneau, principal of Normandin Middle

After the program, the editors from Spinner: Joe Thomas, Marsha McCabe, and Jay Avila along with Abe's daughter and granddaughter signed copies of Abe's book. Guests also had an opportunity to pick up books they pre-ordered when they supported the fundraising.

The Holocaust Committee worked as a team preparing all the refreshments under the capable leadership of Rachel Levinson. Everyone enjoyed delicious food with an old world flavor, including homemade mini potato latkes, herring on pumpernickel bread, beautiful fruit bowls, mini quiches, dips, cheeses, and pastries like pound cake, babka and rugelach. A special thanks to the entire Holocaust Committee for their financial support, for their perseverance promoting Abe's story, and for their tremendous effort to make this momentous occasion such a tremendous success. A community working together for a message of hope and respect - Abe would be proud.

*Branded on my Arm and in my Soul* can be purchased by contacting the Jewish Federation of Greater New Bedford.



Left to right: Diane Bolton, Gale Schultz, Pearl Adams, and Rev. Pamela Cole

# A Seven-day Trip to Israel Educated and Inspired

By Judy Pollack

At the end of October, I joined a mission to Israel organized by the Jewish Federation of Central Massachusetts. From the time the plane landed in Israel, our small group never stopped. We went to Tel Aviv, Jaffa, Caesarea, Afula, the Golan Heights, and then on to Jerusalem.

In Tel Aviv, we visited the Rabin Museum. As you would expect, the circular walls told the history of Yitzhak Rabin from the start of his army career until his death. However, as you wove inside little rooms that were offshoots of the circular path, you were introduced to major events all over the globe in the 40s, 50s and 60s as well as the actions, politics and policies taking place in Israel. In addition, we visited the Better Place Visitors' Center where they are producing electric cars to

be sold in the next couple of months. We each were able to drive one of these cars - no noise, great pick up. Then we were off to Caesarea, along the coast. This is where King Herod, during the Roman period, built a fortress with an amphitheater and "track" for gladiators and chariots. The ruins can still be seen. A jeep tour to the Golan Heights that was seized during the Six Day War from Syria, was a real eye opener in that we were able to go into bunkers that the Syrians had used to watch and attack Israelis. The view from the mountainous Golan Heights made Israel vulnerable to any type of attack from Syria and an attack on Syria proved to be very difficult. There are still landmines all over the region.

Jerusalem was our longest and final stop. Shabbat at the Kotel was uplifting with scouts dancing and singing, women singing and swaying above the Western Wall and hundreds of men praying either forming their own minyans or joining others. Israeli male soldiers were especially excited as evidenced by their joyful singing and dancing. We saw ruins in the City of David that had just been opened to the public. We traveled through a tunnel and saw the other side of the West-

ern Wall and the foundation of the Temple. This had all been excavated from under a parking lot in or near the City of David.

I do want you to know that we visited Afula - Gilboa, our partnership region. We visited Beit Singer, a group home for 5-18 year old children and youths at risk. They depend a lot on animal therapy. There are 4 counselors for 13 children. Then we participated with an enthusiastic group of young children in a crafts program where we all had a great time. These students were part of the Youth Futures program. We were able to see the Youth Orchestra perform. We met with a group of young artists who established a residence in Afula for the purpose of trying to improve the city through art, music and education. They have recruited others to do the same in other communities. There are now 400 artists in different communities.

And lastly, I hope to convey the feelings, gratefulness and impact that your dollars to the Federation have on others. One of the people who is a beneficiary of our support is Vladimir. He is from the former Soviet Union. While going to school there, the school was attacked constantly with rocks thrown by skinheads. In 1991, Vladimir decided as a teenager that Russia was no longer his home, but that he belonged in Israel. He was poor, but he applied to the Jewish Agency to come to Israel to go to a university. He was accepted, but decided to enter the Army. After a few years, his commander told him that the next day, the Jewish Agency had arranged for the mothers of the "lone soldiers" (soldiers who did not have any family in Israel) to come to visit their children. Vladimir could not thank us enough for all the help that we provided through the Jewish Agency. He asked to have the opportunity to come to speak to us and see us in person. It made each of us feel so proud that there was a face and meaningful purpose in our giving. It brought tears to our eyes. I wish you could have been there.



Mission participants in front of a replica of the ancient Menorah at the Knesset



Briefing at the Knesset

### News from the Center for Jewish Culture

By Rabbi Jacqueline Romm Satlow

The CJC is pleased to announce that Joanna Korman has joined the staff as the new part-time Student Outreach Coordinator for UMass Dartmouth Hillel. Joanna is a graduate of Williams College and Oxford University and is currently a PhD student in Psychology at Brown University. She has been active in Hillel at all of the institutions she has attended. She is also a recent participant in Birthright Israel. Joanna looks forward to sharing her enthusiasm for Judaism and for Israel with students at UMass Dartmouth.

Upcoming programs:

**Tuesday, November 15, 2011, from 2-3:15 Bruce Feiler will present "America's Prophet: How Moses shaped America". Campus Center 2nd floor Conference Room.** Bruce Feiler is the author of five consecutive New York Times bestsellers including *Walking the Bible* and *Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths*. He is one of America's most popular voices on faith and community, religion and politics, and shared values. A frequent commentator on NPR, Fox News, and CNN, he is a dynamic personality who offers inspiration and insight on how we live.



Dr. Maud Kozodoy lectures on Magic, Medieval Medicine and the Jews on October 6, 2011.

**Monday, December 12, 2011, from 3-4:30 Dr. Peter Mark will present "The Forgotten Diaspora: Jewish Communities in West Africa and the Making of the Atlantic World." Board of Trustees Room, Foster Building, 3rd floor.** This lecture will trace the history of early seventeenth-century Portuguese Sephardic traders who settled

in two communities on Senegal's Petite Côte. There, they lived as public Jews, under the spiritual guidance of a rabbi sent to them by the newly established Portuguese Jewish community in Amsterdam. In Senegal, the Jews were protected from agents of the Inquisition by local Muslim rulers. Peter Mark is Professor of Art History at Wesleyan University. This lecture is presented with the support of the Department of Portuguese, The Center for Portuguese Studies and Culture, The Portuguese-American Archives, and the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Crime and Justice Studies.

### Beit Singer is a Safe Haven for Children at Risk

Beit Singer, a home for children at risk situated in K'far Yehezkel in the Jezreel Valley, provides a home to children and youth who have suffered abandonment, neglect, and abuse from an early age. The children are organized into small, intimate groups where they receive intensive attention from a range of professionals including educational staff; social workers; psychologists; and movement, art and animal therapists. Here are some of these children's stories. A 9 year-old third grader especially loves the "Animal Corner." "I love to visit the animal corner because I love to feed the animals. Every week there is a "going to bed" activity at the animal corner. In our activities we learn about animals and play games about animals. We also see movies. I love the lemurs most of all because I love feeding them. Come see the animal corner, because it is a lot of fun! You can pet the animals, see movies, enter the cages and play with them too!"

A 10 year-old fifth grader loves the Krav Maga (hand-to-hand combat) Club. "I joined the Krav Maga club mid-year. It is held every Tuesday. There are younger and older children's groups, but I'm in the middle. My coach is Daniel Yiflach, and I think he is really good. He trains us gradually and not too fast, is very patient and really nice. We start each session by closing our eyes and doing an exercise where we breathe in through our noses and breathe out from the mouth. We also listen very carefully to what

the coach says and then open our eyes, and Danny tells us about what we will be doing that session. [...] At the end of the session we once again close our eyes and that's how we finish. During the session, the coach corrects and comments on our progress so that we can advance further. For me, this is a really good club that can advance me. Also, I really enjoy the friends I have there, Eddie and Dima. Finally, I think that if I have the opportunity next year, I will join the club again."



Judy Pollack with students at Youth Futures program.

### Hoping for a Sweet Year for the PJ Library

By Robin Kauffman

The fall festivals are a time when we focus on hope, optimism, and best wishes for the coming New Year. For our children, it is a time to learn about their Jewish heritage, steeped in both tradition and mitzvot.

We would like to thank Rabbi Barry Hartman for extending his hospitality to the PJ Library families. Rabbi Hartman welcomed us to his Sukkah on October 10, 2011 to celebrate the PJ Library's first program of the New Year 5772. How fitting to follow one who leads by example; Sukkot happens to be the perfect opportunity to teach our children about *hachnasat orchim*, welcoming guests.

Participants listened to the story *Tikvah Means Hope* by Patricia Polacco and made decorations that were hung in the sukkah. The program was not without a sweet

treat, as those who attended, both children and adults, made their very own edible "Sukkah." A good time was had by all.



PL Library Coordinator Robin Kauffman inspects the Lulav with Talya Zion. Photos by Abrah Zion of Miss Z Photography.

Please save the date for the next PJ Library program. On Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> we are planning a Pajamarama highlighting Jewish Bedtime Rituals. The program will include a special story for the children as well as a craft and bedtime milk and cookies! Children are invited to attend in the pajamas! Additional information to follow.



An edible "Sukkah" made of graham crackers, marshmallow creme, and pretzel sticks

To learn more about the program visit our website at [www.jewishnewbedford.org](http://www.jewishnewbedford.org) or call 508-997-7471. Please stop by and visit with us at our table on Saturday night December 3, during the Evening of Jewish Global Learning to be held at Tifereth Israel.

**The PJ Library program is made possible through the generosity of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater New Bedford.**



Lorraine Rudnick



Mali Lim



Cindy Yoken and Jim Wilcox

# Ta Sh'ma – Come and Listen: An Evening of Jewish Experience

Saturday December 3, 2011 5:30 - 10 p.m.

## SCHEDULE

Saturday December 3, 2011

Evening Prayers and Havdallah 4 p.m.

Art & Crafts Fair Opens	5:30 p.m.
Registration	5:30 - 7 p.m.
Introduction	7 p.m.
First Session	7:10 – 8 p.m.
Break	8 – 8:10 p.m.
Second Session	8:10 – 9 p.m.
Art and Crafts Fair and Dessert Reception	9 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Raffle Drawing	9:30 p.m.

### SESSION ONE: 7:10 – 8 p.m.

- Dr. Janet Freedman. Jewish and Feminist: Twice Blessed.** A discussion of how Jewish ideals influenced the women's liberation movement and how feminism has changed Jewish life.
- Wendy Garf-Lipp. Midrash.** All serious books raise more questions than they answer, and the Bible is no exception. Jews have always tried to answer these questions by studying the book itself, looking for the possible hidden meanings within the text. Midrash is the Hebrew word for search or investigate. The explanations found through this method are called midrashim. The rabbis of old used *Midrash Agadah*, stories that teach, to illustrate important points in the Bible. Come explore the vast collection of *Midrash Agadah*.
- Rabbi Raphael Kanter. Love and the Bible.** What kind of ethics are to be learned from the Bible's depictions of human love? We will look at love in the context of the garden of Eden, the story of Dina and Shechem, and the *Song of Songs* to glean some insights into the idea of love in the Bible.
- Dr. Michele Koppelman. The Musical Traditions of the Synagogue Service:** A basic introduction to Nusach and cantillation.
- Alice Nussbaum. Hiddur Mitzvah.** Enhancing Jewish observances with custom-designed ritual objects.
- Dr. Ronald Weisberger. Arthur, Michael, and Arthur: The Legacy of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel.** The influence of Rabbi Heschel on theologies and social practices of three contemporary rabbis and social activists Arthur Green, Michael Lerner, and Arthur Waskow.

### SESSION TWO: 8:10 – 9 p.m.

- Dr. Stuart Forman. Jewish thinking.** Is there a unique Jewish manner of thinking? How is that thought process different from other forms of thought? How has the Jewish thinking contributed to modern society?
- Rabbi Barry Hartman. German Enlightenment meets Eastern European Judaism.** Two case studies: Rabbi Dr. Abraham Y. Kaplan and Rabbi Dr. Y.Y. Weinberg.
- Meredith Hoffman (Plymouth, MA). How to find your Jewish Great-Grandparents, even though you know it's impossible.** Genealogical research for beginners and those who want to go further. A survey of basic strategies for researching your Jewish (and other) ancestors. Discover the variety of records that are available and learn where to find these records using both online and local resources.
- Cantor Nathaniel Schudrich. An exploration of the Tanakh through cantillation and music.**
- Rabbi Lawrence Silverman (Congregation Beth Jacob, Plymouth MA.) The Akedah in the Fine Arts.** Images of Abraham's near-sacrifice of Isaac (Genesis: 22) can be found in some of the great art of Western cul-

## Art & Crafts Fair

Judaica, art, ceramics, quilts, textiles, soaps, jewelry  
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