

## Chabad Breaks Ground on Center for Jewish Living

After many years of thinking, seeking, and talking, Chabad Lubavitch of New Hampshire has begun construction of the Chabad Center for Jewish Living. The first shovel of earth was lifted and the foundation stone laid for the center on Lag B'Omer, May 22, 2011.

The Chabad Center for Jewish Living will be situated on five acres of land on River Road and Bicentennial in the North End of Manchester, across from the Derryfield School and down the road from Southern New Hampshire University. The design of the center blends into the natural wooded surroundings. The structure will include a sanctuary, administrative offices, Judaic library with a stone fireplace, rooms to host Camp Gan Israel, Sukkah patio, playground, and New Hampshire's only state of the art

mikvah. The Center will retain the warm and intimate atmosphere that has attracted many to Chabad Lubavitch of New Hampshire.

Chabad Lubavitch of New Hampshire envisions the Chabad Center for Jewish Living as a place where Judaism will always be vibrantly alive and filled with joy, love and awe. They say it will be a place where children play and learn and develop their Jewish identities, where senior adults share their wisdom, and where parents learn how to transmit the joy and beauty of Judaism to the next generation.

Lag B'Omer was chosen as the date of the groundbreaking because it expresses the important theme of Jewish unity, the day when Jews are enjoined to love their fellow as themselves. The groundbreaking featured guest rabbis, dignitaries, live music, delicious food,



*Shternie Krinsky, Rabbi Levi Krinsky, Rabbi Yehuda Krinsky, Stephen Singer, and Steven Freeman break ground for the Chabad Center for Jewish Living in Manchester*

and a BMX and skateboard presentation by the Northeast Trickstars. According to Chabad, the event was a celebration of the growth and unity of the Jewish community.

## Annual Meeting Is June 12

### *Shem Tov winners to be honored*

Twenty-one outstanding community volunteers from 15 Jewish organizations in New Hampshire will be honored with Shem Tov awards at this year's annual meeting of the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire. The Federation created the "Shem Tov" (good name) Awards to honor outstanding service to the Jewish community. This year's annual meeting will take place at 10 AM on Sunday June 12, at the JFNH building in Manchester.

At that meeting, foreign policy analyst and author Mitchell Bard will give the keynote address, speaking about the Arab Spring and its implications for Israel. Bard is the Executive Director of the nonprofit American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise and the author of more than 20 books.

The annual meeting will also feature a complimentary brunch and the presentation of the slate of new officers and board members for the Federation including new board president Lou Schwartz. The winner of this year's Irma and Gary Wallin Young Leadership Award will be announced. This individual receives an expenses-paid trip to the Jewish Federations of North America General Assembly. Please see the back page of this issue

for a complete list of incoming officers and board members. **Lou Schwartz has been nominated as the next JFNH president.**

A silent auction at the annual meeting will benefit the PJ Library and the grant program and features a myriad of items, including Red Sox tickets, tickets to museums and shows, art, jewelry, sports memorabilia, restaurant and other gift certificates, boating outings, and much more. The program opens at 10 AM with the silent auction and a brunch of lox, bagels and more. The business portion of the meeting begins at 11 AM. Advance RSVP is strongly requested to 627-7679 or office@Jewishnh.org.

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## Temple Israel of Dover to Honor Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol

Temple Israel of Dover will honor Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol for their five years with the congregation with a special service and Oneg Shabbat on Friday, June 10. The service, which will begin at 7:30 PM, will also mark the 30th anniversary of Rabbi Karol's ordination as a rabbi.

As of July 1, Rabbi Karol will begin his service as rabbi of Temple Beth El in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Karols moved to New Hampshire from Topeka, Kansas, where Rabbi Karol had served as rabbi of

Temple Beth Sholom for 22 years, and where Rhonda was active in congregational education and programming and also worked in early childhood education.



*Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol*

In his five years in the New Hampshire Seacoast, Rabbi Karol served for three years as convenor of the Dover Area Religious Leaders Association and served on the board of the Seacoast United Jewish Appeal. He recently received the Spiritual Care Award from Wentworth-Douglass Hospital. Rhonda

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## My Bat Mitzvah at Masada

By Talia Grodman

Becoming a Bat Mitzvah has been important for me because I learned Hebrew, how to read from the Torah, and some Jewish history. In addition to celebrating becoming a Bat Mitzvah in New Hampshire, I went to Israel during April vacation. I went with my brother, Adam, my father and Charlotte Crockett. As always, I enjoyed spending time with my 10 Israeli cousins. My Dad had arranged for a Bat Mitzvah ceremony on top of Masada. All my Israeli family was there and also my grandparents. There was even a rabbi from Jerusalem who was very nice and funny. His

name is Shlomo Tucker. He was full of joy and included everybody in the service. It felt very special. The top of Masada is rocky and very high. There is a lot of old history on this mountain. This was very different from my ceremony and party in Manchester. In Manchester, I had



both my brothers come from New Zealand and Israel. I also had other family and friends come from Switzerland and many parts of North America. It was also fun having so many friends from camp and school. Many people who were invited donated money and supplies to help the Animal Rescue League to contribute to my mitzvah project. Almost 200 were at my



Talia Grodman and Rabbi Shlomo Tucker

first ceremony at Temple Adath Yeshurun and only 23 at Masada. I really loved both days. They were very different. I think more people from here should visit Israel. It is ours.



Talia Grodman on the heights of Masada, above the Dead Sea

Talia Grodman is a 7th grader and lives in Manchester.

## TBI's Young and Lieberman to Compete in National History Competition

Matthew Young and Cole Lieberman, both Gilford Middle School students and active members of Temple B'nai Israel in Laconia, will represent the state of New Hampshire at the National History Week finals in the Washington, D.C., area during the week of June 12 to 16. This year's theme is Debate and Diplomacy: Failures, Successes and Consequences. The New Hampshire competition took place at Plymouth State University and was judged by a panel of professionals and educators. Social studies teacher Robert Meyers coached the program at Gilford High School.



Matthew Young Cole Lieberman

Cole Lieberman and his partner, Sophie Czerwinski, researched the Japanese internment camps in this country during the Second World War. They too created a documentary film on their subject. Cole learned that although we as a country tried to do the right thing, we committed a terrible atrocity with the Japanese internment camps and that we still don't seem to know how to avoid creating atrocities.

The goals of the National History program are to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills as well as to evoke a sense of responsibility and involvement in the democratic process. Cole and Matthew continue to develop these skills and demonstrate them at TBI as well as in the community. Cole acts as madrichim, helping students in Hebrew classes. Matthew blows the Shofar for TBI and keeps the cameras churning for temple activities and events.

Matthew Young and his partner, David McCutcheon, chose to debate freedom of the press, producing a documentary on the subject. They chose the topic after they learned of the WikiLeaks controversy. Their research led them to review three important court cases, each of which addressed issues of freedom of the press. History demonstrates that our right of freedom of the press has lost and gained power throughout the history of the nation. Matthew says that the most important lesson he learned from this project is that each case dealing with our constitutional rights contributes to the creation of our modern interpretation of these rights.

## Book Review Reviewed by Merle Carrus

### The Double Life of Alfred Buber by David Schmahmann

This is David Schmahmann's second novel, a story of obsession, loneliness, folly, and heartache. Right from the beginning of this novel, you question the common sense, savvy, and social skills of the main character, Alfred Buber. Could it be just a coincidence that the author used a name that sounds to this reviewer very similar to boob? The definition of boob in the American dictionary is "a foolish or ignorant person," and the British definition is "to blunder," both accurate descriptions of Buber. He has made a mess of his life, and he opens his journals so we can see the chronology of his mistakes.

"These are the chronicles of the starship Buber," he writes, "noted bibliophile, late night television addict, keeper of sordid little secrets so appalling he dares not breathe a word of them to a soul." Thus begins the "memoir" as written by Alfred Buber. Born in Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe, he is 13 when the country declares itself independent of Britain. His parents send him to America to live with his uncle, and he grows up and becomes a respectable lawyer with an expensive house in Boston. But, all is not as it seems, for Buber leads a double life.

A respected citizen in the community, Buber has a dark and ugly secret, which sends him traveling to find the Bangkok bar girl he is sure he is in love with. However, he cannot decide whether or not he should bring her to Boston and make her a part of his life. Will it ruin his reputation at work? Will it make him happier than he is now? Buber's passion for women is undone by his ineptitude in relating to them. As you read through his story, the line between reality and fantasy becomes blurred.

Schmahmann was born and raised in South Africa and eventually settled in Boston, where he practices law. His first novel, *Empire Settings*, won the SUNY John Gardner Book Award.

