



## Jewish Identity - a Focus of Federation's Attention

### How Should we Define Jewish Identity?

by Rabbi Raphael Kanter

How should we define Jewish identity? We all wish to preserve this beautiful way of existing in the world called the Jewish way of life. Does the outside world beckon us to give up that identity to be accepted in the world?

It is clear that Jews have "made it" in general society with a vice presidential candidate in Joe Lieberman. Jews are well represented in popular culture, just look at two movies, one by the Coen Brothers, "A Serious Man," and the other by Ben Stiller, "Greenberg". Both are about Jewish men and garner interest as artistic films Jews are interesting to the outside world in a positive sense.

We are not the threat depicted in anti-semitic understandings. We have become interesting to American society in the multifaceted reality that we are as one group of many within American society. This is a radical break with the past and we must ask how we are to navigate this new chapter in Jewish history. New conditions dictate a change in our understanding of ourselves and how we identify as Jews. This modern period in both America and Israel is marked by creativity and amazing output of Jewish scholarship, cultural excellence and economic success. And yet, we still seem to be struggling to preserve what is distinct about being a Jew and we do not agree on what that it is.

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### Jewish Continuity/Jewish Pride

By Rabbi Barry Hartman

Judy Pollack, the President of the Jewish Federation, asked me to pen some of my thoughts on this important topic: "Jewish Continuity/Jewish Pride." This topic has been addressed by Jewish leaders and lay people of all religious stripes. There was a time when this was not an issue in the Jewish community. The Jews until the late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries lived in the shtetl removed from much interaction with the general population because of anti-semitism. The Jews were happy with minimum connection with the non-Jewish world. This lifestyle is brilliantly captured in the writings of Shalom Aleichem and then by Chaim Grade.

But things changed. The Enlightenment occurred beginning in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century in Germany and then continuing eastward to Eastern Europe. Prior to the Haskalah (Enlightenment) Jews observed and lived their Jewish lives by rote without much study or background information of Why, How or When. Professor Morris Raphael Cohen, a son of immigrants, received his Ph.D. in Philosophy from Columbia. He was a professor of philosophy at C.C.N.Y. and was recognized in his field. Professor Cohen made an astute comment about Judaism when he grew up. Whenever he asked a question about the Jewish faith/practice the answer he received was in Yiddish, "Azei tut mehn" – "this is how we do it." To a philosophy professor this answer was meaningless.

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As we approach the end of June, please remember to make your pledge if you have not already done so. Each dollar is important to provide services for local residents in need, support our Jewish brethren all over the world, and to have programs that are of interest to our community.

I have asked Rabbi Hartman and Rabbi Kanter to write down their thoughts on the issue of Jewish identity. In the last Messenger, I started by giving my thoughts. I hope that you will think about this important issue of Jewish Identity, especially in today's times. We would love to hear your take on the subject. That means **you**, whether you are young or older.

Have a nice summer. Please keep Federation in your thoughts.

Judy Pollack

### From the President



May and June have been a very busy time for the Federation and its staff who have not had a quiet moment. From the time Israeli Council General Nadav Tamir came to give us his final briefing, to the Tzedakah Round-Up (it is not too late to bring in your box and be counted), Blood Drive, PJ Library program, and the Israeli Scouts Caravan performance, we have been hard at work to provide programs for all ages. And this was only in a span of less than a month. We hope that you have participated and will come forward to help us out for other events in the coming Federation year. A special thanks to Olga Yorish for all the hard work that she has done.

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I would make some possible suggestions for preserving and enhancing Jewish identity. First, we must move away from a Jewish identity of negation. What I mean is that an identity that was built on anti-semitism or the Holocaust is built around tragedy and trauma - is not going to work anymore. There was a cohesiveness of the Jewish community built around a world that separated us and tried to teach that we were less or not even human.

We knew that we had no choices. It was be Jewish or live without a community. Your choice was the Jewish community and its responsibilities or conversion to another faith (either Islam or Christianity). This identity flows from a set of negative circumstances (anti-semitism and the outside world defining you).

Now we live in a period where we as Jews have many choices about how we define who we are and are free and equal to others in this society. So, we need to build an identity around positives. We are trying to find that path. There are different levels and styles of observance, which makes feeling ourselves part of a specific Jewish identity and unified around it difficult.

What should be the basis for this new identity? I would say that a mission must define Jewish identity.

We speak of being a light unto the nations. We should teach our children that we are part of a grand drama of history that continues to unfold and has important implications for the world around us. Let us understand that we are signatories to a covenant. We have an agreement with God that calls on us to live up to the principles and stipulations contained therein. We are abdicating our responsibility, if we ignore the language of covenant. We must commit ourselves to developing this part of who we are.

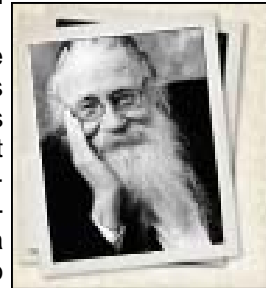
So watch a Jewish movie and talk about it; read a Jewish book; watch Israeli TV. Do Shabbat together with your family. There are a million other ways to "do Jewish." Do it because you wish to identify with the journey and adventure of being Jewish. Also understand that it is a commitment to making the Jewish story a part of your life.

That's an identity I hope each one of us can embrace and I hope it is one on which to build a future.

### Global Day of Jewish Learning to Celebrate Unity and Diversity of the Jewish People

On November 7, 2010, Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz will culminate nearly five decades of groundbreaking work translating the Talmud, making it accessible to all Jewish people. The Global Day of Jewish Learning will honor that achievement by bringing together Jewish communities around the world in a historic, unifying celebration. On that day, Jews all over the world will come together to in their communities to study Jewish texts and teaching and to celebrate their shared culture, texts, and history.

The Jewish Federation brought together the synagogues and other Jewish organizations and a decision was made to participate in this unprecedented event. Co-chairs Dr. Stuart Forman and Cathy Russell are forming a committee to plan the Global Day. The Day's activities will also include a festive lunch and a satellite session with Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz who will address the Jewish communities from Israel.



Classes are being planned for participants of all ages, from elementary to high school students and adults. The PJ Library will hold special programming for families with young children. "We will be studying a wide range of topics ranging from love to ecology, prayer to the land of Israel and more," said Dr. Forman, and he added: "All of the topics for the Global Day will be drawn from tractate Taanit of the Talmud. This rich volume enables communities around the world to engage with the same primary source, even as they study diverse topics and themes. Through our study of this tractate we will be celebrating both our unity and our diversity."

"Why is learning compared to a fire? Just like a fire burns stronger with many chips than with a single chip, So too, the Torah grows stronger when studied by many students together than by one alone." Talmud, Tractate Taanit, 7a

On November 7, 2010, the Jewish people will look to this passage, and the pages in which it is found, to celebrate and strengthen our commitment to our texts and our heritage. The guiding values of the Global Day of Jewish Learning are each exemplified in that passage: the power of community, the right of every Jew to Jewish education, the warmth and light of the texts that define us.

Taanit, the tractate of Talmud that will be among the focuses of the Global Day of Jewish Learning, explores the cycles of the Jewish calendar and its rhythm of commemoration and celebration. It deals, as well, with miracles, marriage and memory, among other compelling issues. Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz's commentary on Taanit has been translated into Hebrew, English, Spanish, French, and Russian. As Tractate Taanit celebrates the triumphs of Jewish unity, the power of devotion, and the bonds between our people, our history, and our texts, so will we.

If you would like to join the Global Day of Jewish Learning planning committee, please contact Olga Yorish at [oyorish@jewishnewbedford.org](mailto:oyorish@jewishnewbedford.org) or at 508-997-7471.

Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz is a world-renowned teacher, philosopher, social critic and prolific author, who has been one of our people's greatest champions for open access to Jewish learning. His life's mission has been to give Jewish texts and learning back to the Jewish people. Rabbi Steinsaltz's mission is based on the conviction that the foundational texts of our heritage belong to us all. It is upon this pillar that the Global Day of Jewish Learning stands: the Day reminds us that - while we may be dispersed across the globe - we are bound together through our sacred sources and values.

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Kosher Nutrition Program is a project of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Bedford in cooperation with Coastline Elderly Services, New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home, and Ahavath Achim Synagogue.

**Message from Ahavath Achim Synagogue**

Dear Friends of Ahavath Achim,  
I am writing to keep you updated on what's happening at the synagogue. As you may have heard our Board recently decided that due to financial shortfalls we are putting the Ahavath Achim County Street property up for sale. Our hopes and plans call for the continuation of Ahavath Achim on a downsized campus. There have been rumors around town that Ahavath Achim is closing and that is not true. We want to reassure you that for the time being and at least through this year all of our programs including the Kosher Nutrition program, Lunch and Learn, High Holiday services, etc. will continue as usual. Now more than ever we are counting on the continued support of the community including dues from our members, Yom Kippur pledges, and the many other forms of Tzedakah we have come to depend on. Please remember that Ahavath Achim is much more than just the buildings on County Street. If you have any specific questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact the synagogue.  
Dr. Jeffrey Horowitz, President

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In an open society, the answer rejected by Professor Cohen will not be acceptable to anyone. There isn't any one formula, but I would like to suggest a few ideas.

*Education* is critical. We are able, in our modern society, to obtain advanced secular degrees. Then our Jewish education must be equal. This education applies to both boys and girls. I will admit this was not always so. Girls and women received very little or no Jewish education. This created a serious problem for the Jewish community. Rabbi Elazar Meir Preil, a European educated rabbi in Elizabeth, New Jersey, wrote, in 1920, a handbook entitled "A Handbook for the Jewish Woman." Rabbi Preil was a pioneer in addressing this serious problem. But he was a lonely voice in the wilderness. Today, the transmission of our Mesorah (Jewish Traditions) needs the support of both educated parents to teach their children in the home to supplement the Jewish education received in Hebrew or Day Schools.

*Shabbat*. Ahad Ha'am, the great Zionist Intellectual wrote: "More than the Jews have kept the Shabbat, the Shabbat has kept the Jews." The Shabbat, Ahad Ha'am is telling us, is central to Jewish existence. But we all know that not everyone has or will be a Shabbat observer.

I share with the readership a suggestion by Dennis Prager, the writer and essayist, regarding Shabbat. Dennis suggests that we turn Friday night into Shabbat by turning off the T.V., computer and all other electronic equipment. Rather, the family has Shabbat dinner together, recites Kiddush and Hamotzi, and talk about what happened this past week. The family can interact with each other. Friday night then becomes different from the other days of the week. Dennis believes this will strengthen a person's attachment to Judaism.

*Israel*. Recently, Michael Steinhart, a leading Jewish philanthropist and founder of "Birthright Israel", in an interview on Shalom TV, discussed the importance of Israel in the life of a Jew to enhance their connection to Judaism. Steinhart explained how the Israel connection helped him personally and why he has put large amounts of money into Birthright because he wants to help young men and women strengthen their commitment to Judaism via the medium of Israel.

As I wrote at the beginning, there is no easy answer or one formula. Hopefully, these three examples can be helpful. Together, the Jews of all stripes and denominations will strengthen Jewish continuity and Jewish pride.



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### New Bedford Honors Departing Consul of Israel to New England

On May 11, 2010, the Jewish Federation brought the departing Consul General of Israel to New England Nadav Tamir to New Bedford for a briefing and a farewell reception. Earlier in the day, Mayor Scott W. Lang had an Israel flag raising ceremony at City Hall, attended by a number of clergy, elected officials, and community leaders. Dr. William Abesh was given the honor of raising the Israel flag. The Mayor spoke about the strong ties between Israel and United States, followed by Rabbis Hartman and Kanter, and Federation President Judy Pollack. Following the ceremony, the Mayor held a reception in honor of Nadav Tamir at Judith Klein Art Gallery. After a brief tour of New Bedford and Dartmouth with Judi and Andrei Klein, Mr. Tamir arrived at the briefing. "The connection between Israel and the Jews in the Diaspora is so important and so necessary, for both. For Israelis, to know and to meet and to learn about Jewish life and culture outside of Israel, and for Jewish Americans to explore what Israel means today and tomorrow, not just what it meant 2000 years ago. The best and most important type of support Jews abroad can do and partake in, is not sympathy or guilt. That time is over. Send us your kids, bring yourself to visit and to live. Jews connecting with Jews is the key," was the message from the Consul General.



Consul General Nadav Tamir with Harriet and Larry Fletcher



Consul General Nadav Tamir with Federation President Judy Pollack



Mayor Scott W. Lang speaks at the flag raising ceremony



### The Jewish Federation Announces the 2010—2011 College Scholarship Recipients

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### Yom HaShoah 2010

By Cynthia Yoken

On April 11, 2010 our annual Yom HaShoah observance was held. This year featured an exhibit of student work on the Holocaust based on the theme chosen for the year, "Propaganda: Then and Now." The exhibits were set up in the small social hall. The participating schools were the Bernard H. Ziskind school, Ahavath Achim, Greater New Bedford Vocational High School, St. Michael's School in Fall River, BCC, and UMass Dartmouth. Several of these students also joined us at our memorial service and evening program.

The memorial service took place at the Holocaust Memorial in Buttonwood Park where Cynthia Yoken, co-chair of the committee, welcomed everyone. Mayor Scott Lang gave remarks and issued a proclamation to the committee. Cantor Schudrich sang the memorial prayer and Rabbi Hartman led us in the Mourners' Kaddish for the Six Million. Rev. Pamela Cole coordinated a very moving, multi-generational candle lighting ceremony led by Nathan Barry, liberator of Dachau Concentration Camp and Bill Abesh representing the Jewish War Veterans.

The candle lighters walked to Tifereth Israel where the program began with each candle lighter carrying his/her candle and placing it on the bimah. After Jim Wilcox welcomed everyone, Stuart Forman gave greetings from the Jewish Federation for President Judy Pollack. Rabbi Kanter spoke as well as Marsha Onufrak, member of the committee, explaining the theme for the year. An excerpt was shown from the project done by the St. Michael School students, explaining what they learned about the Holocaust.

Cindy Yoken with UMass students Dane Charles, Amber Dutra, and Jeffrey Fleurantin

The evening's speaker was Fred Manasse, a child survivor of the Holocaust. His talk focused on how, as a small child in Frankfurt, Germany, he was sent with his older brother on the Kindertransport to Belgium where they lived in an orphanage and then went to southern France where they lived in the Chateau de la Hille. At 10 years old, after losing his father, mother, and little sister, he and his brother came as refugee children to the United States. After living with their foster families, Fred managed to go to college to study engineering. Now retired, he has become an artist, doing works to memorialize his family. At the dessert reception which followed the program, Fred's works were also exhibited along with the students'.

Guest Speaker Fred Manasse

The committee also is working with Spinner Publications to raise money to publish Abe Landau's memoir, entitled *Branded on My Arm and in My Soul*. This book will continue Abe's message of tolerance and the importance of avoiding world apathy in the face of human suffering. We hope that the community will support us in our endeavor to get this important book published. If you would like to make a contribution to help with this project, please send us your check, c/o Spinner Publications as soon as possible.



### Recent Contributions to the Jewish Federation

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Cindy and Melvin Yoken—to the Holocaust Fund

## The PJ Library Finishes a Successful First Year

By Rachael Elmaleh

The PJ Library of Greater New Bedford had a great first year. We are very pleased that it has not only touched the lives of thirty-one local children and their families every month with high-quality, Jewish-themed literature, but has also been a source for local community and fun. The four PJ Library programs we offered this year gave our families the opportunity to celebrate Hanukkah, explore the Jewish value of *Kindness to Animals* at The Buttonwood Zoo, virtually travel the globe for Passover, and participate in *Tikkun Olam* (improving the world) on a local level. There is no doubt that The PJ Library helps to foster positive memories that serve to form a strong Jewish identity for years to come.

This past *Passover*, the South Dartmouth library hosted a special PJ Library program focusing on traditions around the world, inspired by Tami Lehman's *Passover Around the World*. Children, parents, and grandparents literally travelled around the room creating *Seder* plates and finger puppets. The children also chopped and mixed a delicious Sephardi-inspired *charoset* with dates, oranges, and almonds which they smeared onto *matzah* with cream cheese to make a delectable after-program treat.

Our end of year celebration focused on *Tikkun Olam* (improving the world) as referenced in The PJ Library selection, *26 Big Things Small Hands Do* by Colleen Paratore. We applied the *mitzvah* of *Tikkun Olam* to a

local need, Fort Phoenix Beach in Fairhaven, where children and parents participated in a beach cleanup. This good deed did not go unnoticed, as one couple visiting the beach asked to join in on their own. It's no doubt that good deeds are contagious! We summed up this end-of-year program with sundaes and quality time on the beach's playground. This beach cleanup was recently spotlighted in *The New-Bedford Standard Times*.



From our Hanukkah celebration at Baker Books to our spring beach cleanup at Fort Phoenix, it has been my pleasure to connect with Greater New Bedford's PJ Library families. Some faces are "regulars" while others are new, but all in all, I look forward to seeing each and every face at some point at The PJ Library events beginning in fall 2010.

The good news is that The PJ Library has room for expansion! Please do share the joy of Judaism by spreading the word about The PJ Library in the Greater New Bedford Jewish community. It would be our pleasure to connect young families to the resources affiliated with this organization, including specialized programming and monthly, high-quality Jewish children's literature at no cost- truly a treasure to share with others! You may contact Olga Yorish at the Jewish Federation of Greater New Bedford at 508.997.7471, or you may reach me at raachee@msn.com. Enjoy the summer!



The PJ Library brings 12 FREE books and CDs of Jewish content a year to families with young children. Subscriptions to The PJ Library are available to families with children 6 months to 7 years living in the Greater New Bedford area. To sign up for The PJ Library, visit [www.pjlibrary.org](http://www.pjlibrary.org) or call Federation office. Please call or email us if you know a family that may benefit from this program.



### Federation's Tribute Cards are a Great Opportunity to Honor a Loved One and Contribute to a Good Cause

Think of the Jewish Federation when celebrating milestone events or remembering a loved one. A tax-deductible contribution to the Federation's general fund as well as to one of the scholarship or endowment funds or special programs is a great way to celebrate an important event such as a birthday, a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, or an anniversary, to wish a speedy recovery, and to honor the memory of a loved one. Your honoree or his/her family will receive a beautiful tribute card marking the occasion.

## Israeli Scouts Bring the Spirit of Israel to New Bedford

For the past year, the Jewish Federation has been collaborating with the "No Place for Hate" program of the City of New Bedford's Office of Human Services. One aspect of the project consisted of a semester-long multicultural dance apprenticeship at the Normandin Middle School and at the Global Learning Charter School. Tuesday, June 1, 2010 marked the culmination of this year's "No Place for Hate" project. Twenty-five students from Normandin and Global Charter Schools performed an opening act "Dancing for Diversity: Stomping out Hate" for Israeli Scouts Friendship Caravan one-hour non-stop song and dance revue. The Scouts gave two performances that day; one at the Global Learning Charter School for an audience of two hundred middle school students. The second performance was given that night in the New Bedford High School Auditorium in front of one hundred people from the Jewish and general communities.

The Friendship Caravan displays an enormous energy on stage. During the music and dance presentations, the performers quickly change from scouting uniforms to folk dresses of several kinds that would be typical in Israel, and back to their scouting uniforms. Most of the songs are sung in Hebrew, and they are upbeat and danceable. The members of the caravan move out into the audience during the show and invite members of the audience to dance with them. In both places, adults and children were clapping and dancing in the aisles. It was truly a celebration of diversity, friendship, and art.



Israeli Scouts with two members of the "No Place for Hate" dance program.

The Tzofim (Israeli Scouts) have been in existence and coming to the United States for over 30 years, but this was the first time they have come to New Bedford and performed to general audiences. Each caravan consists of 10 Israeli Scouts, 5 boys and 5 girls aged 17 years of age, accompanied by two Scout leaders. During their visit, the Scouts were hosted in four local Jewish homes (see the photo below). Between the performances, they enjoyed a trolley tour of New Bedford, a brief stop at the Whaling Museum, and a visit with the Mayor of New Bedford Scott W. Lang.



Two of the Scouts with host families, Ivy Feuerstadt and Barry Becken, Rabbi Kanter and Cindy Benson and their children, Marsha and John Onufrak, and Judy Pollack, during dinner at the home of Ivy Feuerstadt and Barry Becken.



Israeli Scouts with new friends at the Whaling Museum

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