

Jews in a Changing South SJHS 33rd Annual Meeting in Atlanta



The Temple-Hebrew Benevolent Congregation

After a memorable conference in our nation's capital in 2007, this year the Southern Jewish Historical Society will re-assemble from November 1-3 in the Jewish capital of the New South. We are hosted in Atlanta by the Tam Institute for Jewish Studies at Emory University, a leading research center whose important work is described later in

this issue of *The Rambler*. Prof. Eric Goldstein, our Conference Chair, has assembled a stellar program packed with highlights.

The theme this year is "Jews in a Changing South," a fitting topic for a city whose vigor and enterprise have driven change in the New South. Jews have long felt at home in Atlanta, a city at the cutting edge of racial and commercial change. Atlanta is home to a prosperous Jewish community that has mushroomed over the last few decades. Yet our conference reminds us of the tensions that often accompany rapid change. Jewish history in Atlanta, after all, was pocked by two traumatic episodes in the twentieth century. Our conference coincides with the anniversaries of these unfortunate events—the murder trial of Leo Frank in 1913, and the bombing of the Temple in 1958—and explores how they have complicated Atlanta's, and indeed America's, Jewish history.

On Saturday night, when conference goers will enjoy an evening at the William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum, they will also have a chance to view the museum's new landmark exhibit, "Seeking Justice: The Leo Frank Case Revisited." Sunday, Clive Webb, whose book *Fight Against Fear* was the first to comprehensively examine Jewish responses to segregation, will describe the wider impact of the bombing of the Temple on the civil rights movement. Ellen Rafshoon, the curator of "The Bomb That Healed: Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild, Civil Rights, and the Temple Bombing of 1958" will then introduce us to the new exhibition appearing at Emory's Woodruff Library. Following dinner at the Temple in the evening, Melissa Fay Greene,

author of the award-winning *The Temple Bombing* will moderate an oral history discussion that addresses social change and interracial relations in Atlanta in the 1950s and 1960s. On Monday afternoon, Matthew Bernstein of Emory University will provide a presentation of film-clips and analysis in a lecture about the depiction of the Leo Frank Case on film and television. In this issue of *The Rambler*, Janice Rothschild Blumberg—who originally coined the phrase "The Bomb that Healed"—reminds us of the impact of these events and gives us a foretaste of the kind of discussion we can look forward to in Atlanta in November.

In addition to these anniversary events, the conference program is also packed with other exciting programs and presentations. On Saturday evening at The Breman, Jenna Weissman Joselit of Princeton University will speak on "The Americanization of the Ten Commandments," a subject of particular interest and relevance given the Supreme Court's recent decision on the public display of the Decalogue. On Sunday, David Geffen will give us a walking tour of Emory University, pointing out the "Jewish highlights" of the campus. On Monday morning, we will have another installment of our popular Meet the Authors program. During lunch, David Ellenson, president of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion will recount some of his own memories of growing up Jewish in the segregated South and describe his path into activism and scholarship. In between, there will be other stimulating sessions, and plenty of time for discussion, debate and catching up with old friends.

For an advanced peek at what to expect, take a look at the preliminary program on page five. Complete details of the program, including the titles of all the papers and sessions, the names of the participants, and news of special deals for local Atlanta residents, will be sent out shortly to all members and will also be posted on our website at www.jewishsouth.org. You can book your hotel room and register for the conference today. Details on the hotel follow below. Please take advantage of the registration coupon on the back page of *The Rambler*.

Look forward to seeing you in Atlanta in November!

Book your Hotel Room for the Conference Now!

The Emory Conference Center Hotel offers us an elegant setting for our conference. Inspired by the architectural design of Frank Lloyd Wright, the Conference Center Hotel is situated on twenty-eight acres of forest preserve and offers an indoor pool, fitness center and other amenities. Conference attendees may also choose to stay at the Emory Inn, which is connected to the Conference Center Hotel by a covered walkway. The adjacent parkland and spectacular landscapes provide tranquil surroundings for a stroll between conference sessions. (Those after more complete relaxation can also take advantage of the hotel spa!)

The Emory Conference Center Hotel is located on the Emory University campus, six miles from downtown Atlanta and fifteen miles from Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport.

Please make reservations directly with the hotel by phone (see contact information below). To receive the special conference rate, you must identify yourself as part of the Southern Jewish Historical Society group and make your reservations no later than October 3.

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A Letter from Our President



Scott Langston, President

As I think about what lies ahead for the Society, one word keeps coming to my mind—opportunity. We have so many opportunities before us. Perhaps the most apparent one is our upcoming annual meeting in Atlanta. As usual, an excellent program has been planned, and we undoubtedly will learn a lot, as well as be challenged and inspired. The annual meeting always motivates me to pursue projects in southern Jewish history that I've been sidetracked from during the past year, or to read further about a certain issue, or even to have a conversation with a scholar or someone who has lived southern Jewish history. To talk with someone who has experienced southern Jewish history—however great or small—is a thrill! People are fascinating, and our annual meeting always reminds me to take time to talk with them about their experiences, whether while attending our meeting or when I get home. This year's meeting coincides with the fiftieth anniversary of the Temple bombing in Atlanta, and I am eager to learn from those who have studied it, and especially those who in some way have personal contact with it. What an opportunity! I hope you can join me and others in taking advantage of it. You can find details about the meeting elsewhere in this issue, but I encourage you to be there if at all possible.

There are many other opportunities, but one is particularly important—preservation of historical artifacts and experiences. I must say that archives are some of my favorite places to visit and archivists are some of my favorite people; they perform such important services. It's great to hold a letter written from another time and place (reading a transcription is good, but seeing the actual handwriting and stationery is even better). Hearing a voice or viewing an object from the past brings life to these people and events. Among the society's purposes is the collection and preservation of materials related to southern Jewish experiences. This is the opportunity we have—preserving the many artifacts and experiences of southern Jews. I've mentioned this before, but I feel a sense of urgency to get to these things before they deteriorate and are gone. I recently was researching in the basement of a local courthouse, touching valuable historic records that were falling apart and fading away. Sadly, the next generation will probably not have access to these records. Many of us may have or know of similar items lying in our homes or synagogues or communities or even stored in people's minds. What an opportunity! Hopefully as individuals and as a Society we can contribute the time and money and raise the awareness necessary to preserve as many southern Jewish artifacts and experiences as possible. I encourage you and the Society to find these artifacts and take steps to preserve them.

Opportunities. We are fortunate to have so many of them. Thanks for all you do to make the most of them.

Scott Langston

Jewish Studies at Emory *Eric Goldstein*

This year's conference is hosted by the Tam Institute for Jewish Studies at Emory University, one of the largest and most vibrant Jewish Studies program in the American South. Although Jewish Studies at Emory dates back to the 1970s, the Institute was formally organized in 1999 to bring together scholars and students from a number of different University departments and programs to engage in the interdisciplinary exploration of Jewish civilization and culture. Twenty distinguished core faculty members offer courses and conduct scholarly research in Jewish religion and thought, history, archaeology, anthropology, language, literature, politics and philosophy. The Institute offers a B.A. and M.A. in Jewish Studies, and the faculty direct Ph.D. students in a number of departmental settings. Lectures, cultural events, and a number of grants available to students at all levels of study are offered by the Institute to enrich the academic experience.

Emory is a growing center of research on and study of the Jewish South. Since arriving on campus in 2000, Professor Eric L. Goldstein, jointly appointed in the Tam Institute and the Department of History,

has regularly taught an undergraduate seminar on "Jews of the American South," where juniors and seniors in the College conduct original research projects on some aspect of Southern Jewish history. In addition, a number of students, both graduate and undergraduate, have undertaken theses and dissertations focusing on the Jewish South. Emory's Robert W. Woodruff Library holds an excellent collection of Southern Judaica, including community histories and microfilm editions of all the major Southern Jewish newspapers and periodicals. Several important Southern Jewish manuscript collections are held in Emory's Manuscript, Archives and Rare Book Library (MARBL), including, among others, the papers of civil rights leader Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild, playwright Alfred Uhry, attorney and Brandeis University president Morris Abram, the Geffen rabbinical family of Atlanta, and department store owner and executive Richard Rich. MARBL also holds a number of Southern Jewish oral histories and a collection of original Leo Frank material.

For more information on Jewish Studies at Emory, visit the Tam Institute's website at www.js.emory.edu.

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Southern Jewish History at the Breman Museum *Sandy Berman*



Entrance to The Breman's core gallery, "Absence of Humanity: The Holocaust Years, 1933-1945."

The Breman Museum would like to welcome the members of the Southern Jewish Historical Society to Atlanta, Georgia. We are so pleased that society members will be spending their first conference evening at The Breman. We hope that you will have the time to view the two permanent galleries, "Creating Community: The Jews of Atlanta, 1845-To The Present" and "Absence of Humanity: The Holocaust Years, 1933-1945," and our special exhibition "Seeking Justice: The Leo Frank Case Revisited."

All three exhibitions, including "Absence of Humanity" which tells the story of the Holocaust through the eyes of those individuals who made their homes in Georgia, draw their content from the collections housed at The Breman. The Ida Pearle and Joseph Cuba Community Archives of The Breman Museum was established in 1985 and holds over 2000 manuscript collections, 25,000 photographs, and 500 oral histories. In addition, The Breman also houses several thousand objects and textiles relating to Jewish life in both Georgia and Alabama.

The manuscript collections and oral histories of The Breman document the growth and development of Jewish life in Georgia, and more recently in Alabama. The Archives holds the papers and records of rabbis and synagogues, families and individuals, and organizations and institutions. Since our inception we have recognized the diverse aspects of Georgia's Jewish community and have concentrated our collecting efforts among the Sephardim, Germans, and Eastern Europeans who chose to move south to make this region of the country their home.

The Archives is well-known by scholars of southern Jewish history who recognize the strength of our collection. Our holdings include Civil War

diaries and letters; a broad and comprehensive collection of photographs, letters, newspapers, court documents and objects relating to the Leo Frank case; material relating to Jewish involvement in the civil rights movement, including the recently accessioned collection of papers and objects from the estate of George Bright, one of the men responsible for the bombing of The Temple in 1958; and a vast number of collections relating to Jewish life in small towns in both Georgia and Alabama.



A confirmation class in Albany, Georgia

We have unearthed outstanding and historically important collections on our travels to small southern towns where Jewish life once flourished. In Macon we discovered the papers of Rabbi Isaac Marcusson of Temple B'nai Israel in the dirt floor basement of the synagogue building. The collection was deposited in this underground storage area in 1952, and had been there, covered in dirt

and debris ever since. The material is now processed, catalogued and available to researchers. In Albany, Georgia, we found an inviting and still vibrant community who led us to a wealth of material including the papers of Rabbi Edmund Landau who officiated in Albany, Bainbridge and Thomasville for over fifty years. His comprehensive recordings of eulogies, speeches, marriages and deaths have already been accessed by countless researchers. In Sylacauga, Alabama, we met the members of the only Jewish family still in residence, and just recently we were contacted by a descendant of Louis Cohen, who in the late 1870s and early 1880s served as the mayor of Sandersville, Georgia. Louis Cohen also established the Banking House of Louis Cohen and was one of Sandersville's most respected citizens. The Louis Cohen Family Papers will be processed and made available to researchers in the next several months.

As guests of the Conference we hope that you enjoy your visit to The Breman. Please come by and delve into the past by visiting our galleries or by making an appointment to access the Archives.

Bornblum Scholars Program in Southern Jewish History: Accepting Applications now!

The Bornblum Foundation of Memphis, Tennessee, has graciously provided \$5,000 to the Southern Jewish Historical Society to administer a pilot, competitive grant program for 2008. The SJHS has determined that the funds will be allocated to two individuals (\$2,500 each) to assist with research and writing outstanding scholarship in southern Jewish history. However, at the committee's discretion, if one proposal stands out as having superior merit and financial requirements, the funds may be awarded disproportionately or in entirety to that applicant. Conversely, if the committee deems all proposals submitted lack sufficient merit, no award will be given.

The competition is open to any individual pursuing a project substantially enhancing knowledge of southern Jewish history. To sow seeds for the future, graduate students, junior faculty pursuing tenure, and junior/ community college faculty who typically lack institutional support are especially encouraged to apply.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. *Cover Letter:* The application should include a cover letter with the applicant's name, address, telephone number, email address, and affiliation. The letter must provide explanations of the use of the funds with a budget indicating total costs as well as any other funding sources.

2. *Additional Documentation:*

A. Please attach a short vita, and a 1-2 page description of the project outlining the topic and theme, primary sources, and significance of the topic in relation to appropriate historiography. A projected time line for completion would also be helpful.

B. Please have a scholar qualified to assess the candidate's project and knowledgeable concerning the applicant's background and ability submit a letter of support addressing the merits of the project and the ability of the individual to successfully complete it. The letter should be sent directly to the chair of the Bornblum Grant Committee via email.

RESULTS:

The proposal should result in successful completion of a thesis or dissertation, presentations at scholarly conferences, and/or scholarly publications.

DEADLINE AND PROCEDURES:

Applications must be submitted via email attachment by August 1, 2008, to Dr. Mark K. Bauman, Chair, Bornblum Grant Committee, markkbauman@aol.com. The other committee members are Marni Davis (Georgia State University), Phyllis Leffler (University of Virginia), David Patterson (University of Memphis), Daniel Puckett (Troy State University), and Lee Shai Weissbach (University of Louisville). Potential applicants should feel free to address any questions to the committee chairperson. The committee will evaluate each proposal based on its scholarly merits, significance, and the likelihood of successful completion. Other factors being equal, financial need may also be considered. The awards will be presented at the Society's annual fall conference, with recipients being notified in advance. Receipt of a Bornblum grant precludes receipt of another SJHS grant for the same project during the identical grant cycle. With acceptance of a grant, the successful applicants agree to submit progress up-dates every six months and two copies of all publications to the chair of the grant committee who will forward such reports and one copy of the publications to the Bornblum Foundation.

The Frank Case and the Temple Bombing *Janice Rothschild Blumberg*



Rabbi Rothschild and Mayor Hartsfield surveying the aftermath of the bombing

When Sandy Berman told me several years ago that she was creating a Leo Frank exhibit for the Breman Museum, I cheered. It was high time for us old Atlantans to get over our fears, high time to wake up and see that in the new Atlanta we are a vestigial minority, none of whom is likely to remember the tragedy firsthand even if he or she is old enough to have been alive when it happened.

So why does the trauma still plague us? Why wasn't it finally purged fifty years ago by the outpouring of support with which our Christian neighbors overwhelmed us when the

Temple was bombed? Why do my contemporaries still cringe at the thought that people will talk about it?

Much as we would like to believe, as our slogan declares, that our home town was always "a city too busy to hate," don't our children and our new neighbors deserve to know Atlanta's history, warts and all? Almost a century later, isn't it time to say, "Yes, poverty, ignorance and demagoguery did prevail here once, and we won't let that happen again."

I find it especially appropriate that the Leo Frank exhibit opens in the year marking the fiftieth anniversary of the Temple bombing. In my mind there has always been a strong connection between them, similarities that go beneath the packaging of bigotry and criminality, contrasts that call attention to the possibilities for good inherent in all people.

Not the least of those contrasts was that of chauvinism, a significant factor in the aftermath of both incidents. In the Frank Case, horror was turned to mass hatred by the thought that moneyed northerners could prevail over justice as decreed by wronged southerners. In response to the bombing, on the other hand, Atlantans were indignant that such a thing could be done "to a church in our city!" Never mind that the "church" was a synagogue. Pride prevailed over prejudice, and people were moved to action against the core cause of the crime rather than to vengeance on the presumed perpetrators.

In neither case did the legal system work to the satisfaction of the victims, but there again the contrast is significant. Unlike the Frank Case, nothing illegal or dishonest was ever implied against police, court officials or attorneys for the accused. That is not to say that those of us who were called to the witness stand did not perceive disreputable behavior on the part of some and incompetence on the part of others. Certainly we were disappointed that the defendant, George Bright, went free. But in sharp contrast to emotions suffered by Jewish Atlantans in 1915, we were not made afraid by the verdict nor suspect that we were surrounded by anti-Semites. On the contrary, the vast majority of our Christian neighbors made it abundantly clear that they shared our feelings of disgust and frustration.

As I ponder these differences, two personal experiences related to me years ago by friends who experienced the Frank Case come to mind. The late Rebecca (Reb) Mathis Gershon recalled that, on the night in 1915 when Governor John Slaton was expected to commute Frank's sentence from death to life imprisonment, she was a teenager living in Chattanooga, visiting her aunt and uncle in Atlanta, and had gone to the movies with her boy friend, Harry Gershon, whom she later married. In the middle of the show, her uncle came down the aisle with a flashlight looking for them. Finding them, he whisked them out of the theater and took them home because, he said, people expected violence and it was no night for Jewish kids to be downtown alone.

The late Joe Heyman, who lived near where Colony Square is today and was somewhat younger than Reb, told me that he was so frightened when he heard the mob coming out Peachtree toward the Slaton home in Buckhead, presumably to lynch the Governor, that he hid in the doghouse until the danger had passed. He said that it sounded like a hurricane, only slower and more ominous.

Both the Frank Case and the Temple bombing involved the congregation's rabbi and his family and is for me another similarity remembered in sharp contrast. To my knowledge, Rabbi David Marx did not record anecdotes about his experiences in connection with the Frank Case, and if he did, they would certainly not be expected to evoke humor. The opposite was true of Rabbi Jacob Rothschild. Not only did he revel in recounting funny absurdities that occurred in the aftermath of the bombing, but he firmly believed—as do I—that they helped preserve his sanity during the ordeal.

My own lingering memories of those days are far from fearful. With a few exceptions, of course, notably the night after the early morning bombing when a telephone caller told me that our house was about to be blown up. The Atlanta police, the FBI and a few hours sleep took the scare out of that. The next morning and during the weeks that followed, both the rabbi and I stayed too busy to look back. But not too busy to laugh, and anyone who remembers his sense of humor will confirm that statement.

My favorite story is about the reporter from a Long Island newspaper who awakened us around four AM the morning after the bombing. I answered and, hoping to get rid of the call without unduly disturbing my husband, I whispered that the rabbi was asleep. The caller persisted, explaining that he had an early deadline. I persisted, explaining that the rabbi had a very trying day and needed his rest. That didn't work, either. Finally Rabbi Rothschild reached for the telephone, identified himself and asked what the caller wanted to know. The first thing he heard was, "Rabbi, was that Mrs. Rothschild I was speaking to?"

By that time fully awake, the rabbi replied, "If it wasn't, do you really think I'd tell you?"



Leo and Lucille Frank

If you watched the PBS documentary "The Jewish Americans" perhaps you remember Alfred Uhry telling of his mother's response when, as a teenager, he heard about the Frank Case for the first time and asked her if she had known about it. Her response, as I recall his quoting it, was exactly the same—the very same words—that I heard from my own mother when I asked her that

question, in my case, as a freshman in college, studying about Leo Frank in a required course called "Contemporary Georgia." Our mothers said, "Of course, darling. You know Miss Lucille."

Of course, Alfred and I did know "Miss Lucille." We had known her from as far back as either of us could remember, but we never thought to ask if she ever had a husband. In those days children perceived nothing unusual about widowhood at her age, and in all the gossip that we overheard from grown-ups, there was never a word about Miss Lucille.

While these memories that combine horror with merrymaking are more appropriate to Purim than to Pesach, the exhibit at the Breman carries for my generation of native Atlantans a message that is truly connected to Pesach. What could be more liberating than to be freed from a trauma that has enslaved our community for the past 95 years?

Preliminary Conference Program

SATURDAY, November 1

- 8:00 PM Bornblum Program: An Evening at The Breman The William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum
- Keynote Speaker: Jenna Weissman Joselit (*Princeton University*)
“When Moses Came Down from the Mountain and Headed South: The Americanization of the Ten Commandments”
- Followed by a dessert reception and time to view two exhibits:
“Seeking Justice: The Leo Frank Case Revisited” and “Creating Community: The Jews of Atlanta from 1845 to the Present”
- Program is Cosponsored by The Breman and generously supported by Bornblum Judaic Studies at the University of Memphis

SUNDAY, November 2

- 8:00 AM Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 Plenary Session: “Atlanta: Jewish Capital of the New South”
- 10:30 Concurrent Sessions (*choose one*):
1. “From Slavery to Jim Crow: Jews in a Changing Racial Order”
2. “Jews in the Southern Economy”
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- 1:30 Keynote Speaker: Clive Webb (*Sussex University*)
“Counterblast: How the Atlanta Temple Bombing Strengthened the Civil Rights Cause”
- 2:30 Presentation of Special Exhibit: Ellen Rafshoon (*Georgia Gwinett College*), curator “The Bomb That Healed: Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild, Civil Rights, and the Temple Bombing of 1958”
- 3:45 Walking tour of Emory University with Jewish Highlights Tour leader: David Geffen, Emory College Class of ‘59

- 6:00 Dinner at The Temple
- 7:30 Oral History Program: Melissa Fay Greene, moderator
“The Bombing and Beyond: A Conversation about Jews, African Americans, and Social Change in Atlanta during the 1950s and 1960s”

MONDAY, November 3:

- 8:00 AM Continental Breakfast and SJHS Business Meeting
- 9:00 Concurrent Panels (*choose one*):
1. The Mixed Fate of Southern Jewish Communities
2. Shifting Terrain: Jews in Post-Civil War Southern Society
- 10:30 “Meet the Authors” Program
Peter Ascoli, *Julius Rosenwald: The Man Who Built Sears, Roebuck and Advanced the Cause of Black Education in the South*
Benjamin Cohen, *My Jesus Year: A Rabbi’s Son Wanders the Bible Belt in Search of His Own Faith*
Hollace Ava Weiner, *The ‘Jewish Junior League’: The Rise and Demise of the Fort Worth Council of Jewish Women*
- 12:00 PM Lunch Program
Keynote Speaker: David Ellenson (*President, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion*), “Devotion and Distance: Autobiographical Reflections on a Southern Jewish Boyhood”
- 2:00 Multimedia Presentation
Matthew Bernstein (*Emory University*), “Screening a Lynching: The Leo Frank Case on Film and Television”
- 3:30 Conference Concludes

Complete details of the program, including all paper titles, names of participants, and news of special deals for local Atlanta residents, will be sent out shortly to all members and will also be posted on our website at www.jewishsouth.org.

Notes & Queries

- Janice Rothschild Blumberg is raising funds to establish an annual lecture at Emory University in memory of Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild. The lecture will illuminate Judaism’s impact on inter-cultural relationships. Because the exhibit “The Bomb that Healed: Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild, Civil Rights and The Temple Bombing of 1958” is scheduled to open at Emory’s Manuscript, Archives and Rare Books Library in September, she would like to reach the goal for the lectureship (\$50,000) in time to announce it then. A few gifts are already in place. Those who give soon will enable Emory to obtain an outstanding speaker for an inaugural lecture during this coming academic year when other events are being held in Atlanta to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Temple bombing. If you have any questions, please call Janice or Katie Busch at Emory (404-727-1521 or 678-778-5283).
- The Fall meeting of the Jewish Historical Society of South Carolina (JHSSC) on October 25-26 will be a Genealogy Workshop. Karen Franklin and Stephen Morse, two noted national experts in researching Jewish family history, will lead the workshop. The meeting will be held at the Sylvia Vlosky Yaschik Jewish Studies Center, 96 Wentworth Street, Charleston SC. The full program is available at www.jhssc.org/Events.html. For more information, email jhssc@cofc.edu.
- The Yaschik/Arnold Jewish Studies program at the College of Charleston has received a \$1 million gift from Norman and Gerry Sue Arnold, distinguished supporters and advisors to the program.
- The generous gift will fund a visiting chair in Jewish studies to be filled by a prominent academic, writer or policymaker with expertise on Jewish heritage and culture. The new visiting chair is one goal of a larger funding campaign intended to establish a new research center focused on Southern Jewish culture, as well as recruit a director of Jewish life to serve Jewish students at the College.
- Former SJHS president Beryl Weiner was honored in January with a lifetime achievement award from the State Bar of Georgia for more than fifty years service as a lawyer. The award recognized Beryl’s distinguished contributions to the development of eminent domain law in Georgia, a field that he first worked on at the start of his career in 1957.
- In anticipation of the bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington is planning an exhibition entitled *Jewish Life in Mr. Lincoln’s City*. The exhibition will recall Jewish life in Washington and Alexandria during the Civil War, capturing the experiences of Jewish soldiers who fought for both armies, as well as daily life on the home front in a city at the center of the war effort. For more information contact info@jhwg.org. The Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington is also seeking venues to exhibit its award-winning exhibition *Jewish Washington: Scrapbook of an American Community*. Please contact Amy Federman at 202-789-0900 or afederman@jhwg.org.

