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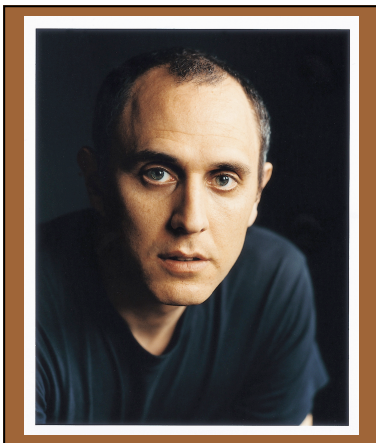
“Lincoln’s Melancholy” Author to Speak in Cincinnati

*Joshua Wolf Shenk says that though Abraham Lincoln suffered from
depression, it fueled his greatness*

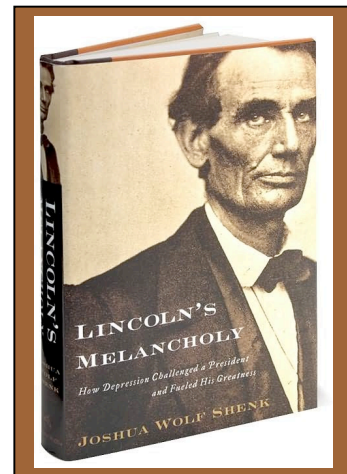
CINCINNATI, OH:--- The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives and Adath Israel Congregation will present **An Evening with Joshua Wolf Shenk**, author of *Lincoln’s Melancholy, How Depression Challenged a President and Fueled His Greatness*. Following Mr. Shenk’s remarks, respondents will offer their perspectives on this enlightening and important book. Respondents include **Rabbi Irvin M. Wise** of Adath Israel Congregation and Dr. Marcia Kaplan of the Cincinnati Center for Psychoanalysis.

The event will take place **Monday, February 23, 2009 from 7:30–9:30 p.m. at Adath Israel Congregation, 3201 E. Galbraith Road , Cincinnati, Ohio 45236. The event is free and open to the public. RSVPs are requested. Please contact Stacey Roper at the American Jewish Archives: 513-487-3000 or by e-mail at: sroper@huc.edu.**

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Author
Joshua Wolf Shenk



Lincoln's Melancholy tells — for the first time — the full story of Abraham Lincoln's lifelong depression, how he managed it, and how it came to fuel his epic work. Drawing on seven years of research, Joshua Wolf Shenk shows how the science and literature on depression offer insight into Lincoln's remarkable journey, and how Lincoln's story challenges and enriches our understanding of depression.

Shenk is an essayist and independent scholar whose work has appeared in numerous magazines and in the national bestseller *Unholy Ghost: Writers on Depression*. He has written for *The New Yorker*, *Harper's Magazine*, the *Atlantic Monthly*, the *New York Times*, *Mother Jones*, and other publications. He has been a correspondent for the *New Republic*, the *Economist*, and *U.S. News & World Report*. A contributing editor to the *Washington Monthly* and a faculty member at New School University, Shenk serves on the advisory council of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and consulted on the History Channel's film *Lincoln*. Joshua Wolf Shenk grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio; he currently lives in Brooklyn, New York.

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