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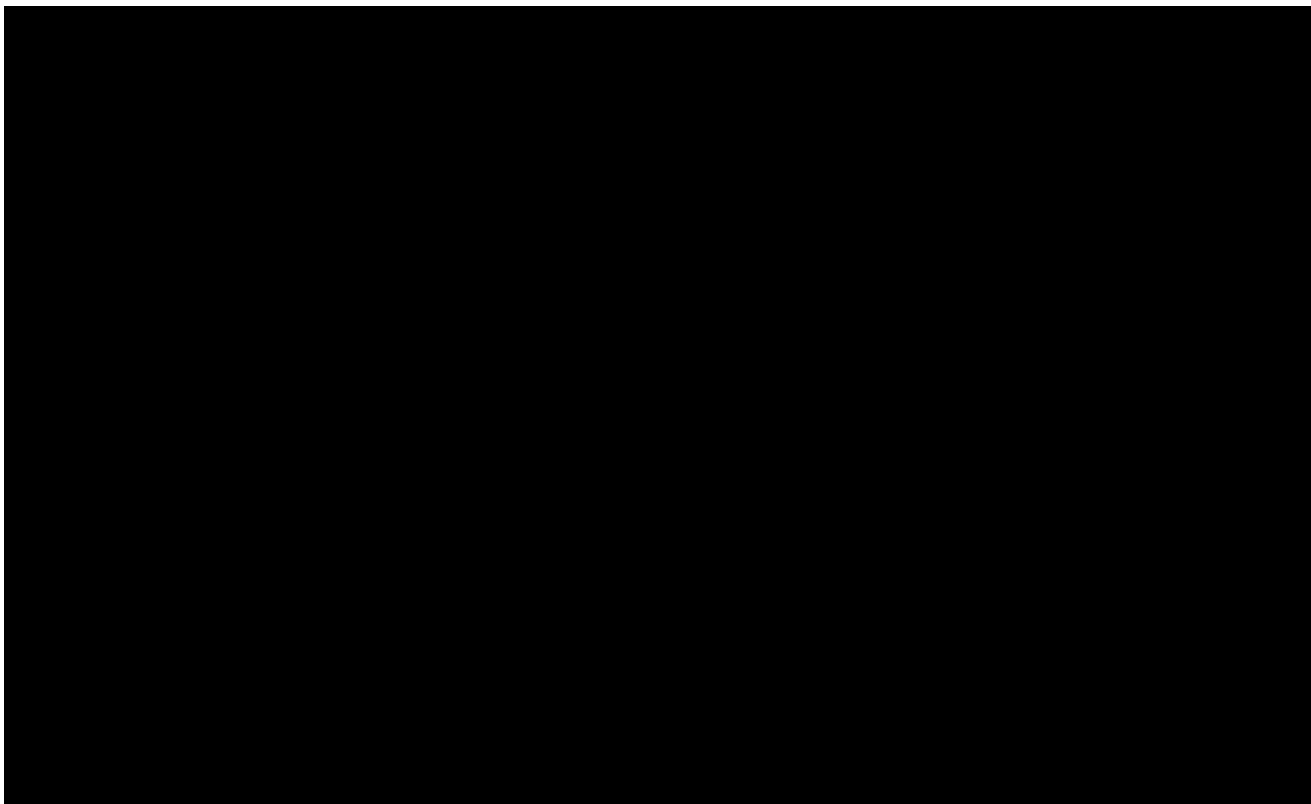
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**PIKESVILLE, Md.** — A 46-year-old Pikesville man has been sentenced for receiving and possessing child pornography.

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Baltimore County police said they've arrested a



synagogue employee who they determined was sharing child pornography from his home in Baltimore.

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Officials said Jonathan J. Lewin, was sentenced Wednesday to five years in federal prison, followed by 12 years of supervised release, for receiving and possessing child pornography.

Lewin must register as a sex offender after his release from prison.

Officials said Lewin admitted that before May 16, 2014, he received child pornography from a file-sharing network and that on May 16, 2014, he made child pornography publicly available to other users of a file-sharing network using an internet account assigned to his home.



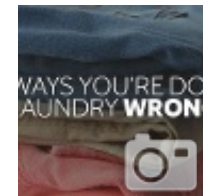
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An undercover detective on May 26, 2014, found a device used by Lewin that was accessing the internet, and downloaded several files that Lewin was sharing over the internet that depicted sexually explicit images of nude prepubescent girls.

Police executed a search warrant at Lewin's home on June 12, 2014, and recovered numerous electronic devices, including an external hard drive, two thumb drives, a tablet computer, a custom-built desktop computer and several cloud accounts. A forensic examination of items revealed thousands of images of child pornography, including the images downloaded by the undercover officer, officials said.

Authorities also learned that Lewin used his cellphone camera to take hundreds of voyeuristic images of young females in public places, including the zoo, grocery stores and parks.

Many of the images included zoomed-in images of prepubescent female children's buttocks and appeared to be taken while Lewin was following the children around a park or store. Lewin added sexually explicit text banners to some of these voyeur images. It is clear from the images that the subjects were unaware that they were being followed or photographed, officials said. The images were stored on Lewin's computer and other devices and sorted into individual folders, often by location, officials said.

Officials said one recurring subject of Lewin's voyeuristic photographs was a prepubescent 14-year-old girl with whom Lewin was acquainted. Lewin had photographs of the girl that were taken from the social media accounts of the girl and her mother without their knowledge and were cropped and zoomed so that the girl was the focus of the image.

Lewin also had photographs of the girl taken from inside her home and photographs of her getting out of a vehicle that Lewin was driving which focused on her backside and buttocks, officials said. Lewin saved the images of the child on his computer and other devices in a folder titled with her name, officials said.

According to a federal court officer, the voyeurism photos prompted prosecutors to seek a longer



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sentence, arguing it makes Lewin a risk for recidivism. A court officer said the judge stated he believed Lewin deserved a lesser sentence, but couldn't impose one because of sentencing guidelines.

Lewin had been doing odd jobs for the Nair-Tomid Synagogue when authorities arrested him in 2014. At the time, the congregation's rabbi and its Montessori school president sent a letter to congregants and parents. It said, in part, "authorities have assured us they do not believe that the safety of our children was at any point compromised."

Lewin's father emailed WBAL-TV 11 News saying, in part, "... our son was over medicated by a prescribed drug which induced him to abnormal behavior during one three-week period." He adds, "Our son did wrong. Our son is a good person. He made a terrible mistake and for reasons understood if not spoken. He reacted badly to a drug prescribed to him."

*WBAL-TV 11 News I-Team reporter David Collins contributed to this story.*

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