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Community Picnic slated for June 26

Exciting activities await attendees

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By Ruth Poley

Save the date—Sunday, June 26. We'll be at Veteran's Park from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. for fun, food, and festivities. Your Central Kentucky Jewish Federation is planning a summer picnic and we want YOU. This will be a great opportunity to mingle with old friends, make some new friends, shmooze, play, *fress* a little, and generally have a good time.

This picnic will be the easiest one you'll ever do. Just bring the food; we'll provide the rest. There'll be no schlepping of drinks, ice, plates, cups, and so forth. CKJF will provide all of that plus dessert.

We're planning games, relay races, and crafts for the youngsters. Barbara Barr has agreed to share her storytelling talents, which will provide some nice quiet time in the midst of all the activities, and we'll have a

coed softball game for the interested teenagers and adults. As a special treat, our own homegrown musical group, The Jewgrass Boys (Seth Noar, Ziggy Rifkin-Fish, and Neil Kash. The fourth member of the group, Jonathan Miller, is unavailable on June 26), will perform and lead a variety of musical activities.

Veteran's Park is located off Clearwater Way, adjacent to Pinnacle Subdivision and just down the road from Veteran's Park Elementary School. We'll be at Shelter #3; just follow the signs.

In order for us to plan properly (we wouldn't want to run out of ice, plates or goodies), you need to let us

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CKJF Annual Meeting will be June 22

Uriel Palti, Consul General of Israel in Philadelphia, to be keynote speaker

Program is open to the whole Jewish Community
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Finishing another cycle is always an opportunity to reflect and to take stock of accomplishments and unmet goals. On June 22 at 7 p.m. at Temple Adath Israel, the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation will mark the end of another year.

As it is already traditional, there will be a special recognition of outgoing Board members and officers, and the election and induction of new ones. We will also present the three traditional leadership awards:

- The President's Award, presented to an individual who has demonstrated a long-term commitment to the goals and activities of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation. Past recipients have been Leon Cooper and Ellie Goldman (2000), Sue Ezrine and Judy Levine (2001), Rabbi Uriel H. D. Smith (2002), David Wekstein (2003), and Marty Barr (2004).
- The Cookie Wencker Volunteer of the Year Award, recognizing a volunteer who over the past twelve months has made a significant contribution of time and dedication to the programs and/or services provided by CKJF. The newly renamed award honors the memory of Cookie Wencker, a longtime volunteer and activist of CKJF, with a special dedication to our Jewish Family Services. Past recipients have been Aviva Bowling and Ruth Poley (2001), Lowell Nigoff (2002), Evelyn Dantzie Geller (2003), and Vinnie Dubilier (2004).
- The Young Leadership Award, presented to a member of the Jewish community between the ages of 25 and 45 who has "stepped up to the plate" and promoted the goals and ideals of the organization. Past recipients have been Bret Caller (2002), Lisa Miller (2003), and Rachel Belin (2004).

At the meeting we will also recognize outgoing President David Feinberg. The nominating committee, chaired by Ray Archer, includes Gail Cohen, Rachel Belin, Lisa Satin, and Mimi Kaufman. They will be presenting the list of nominees to replace one third of the Board of Trustees.

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Kol Israel arevim ze b'ze

All Israel is responsible for one another
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Being part of the Jewish people is being part of a "mishpocha" and everything that comes with it. We yell at each other; we get mad at each other; we are sure we are right and everybody else is wrong. But when push comes to shove, we support each other. The United Jewish Communities and its overseas partners, the Jewish Agency for Israel and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), are

magnificent examples of these efforts. The JDC maintains facilities in Ethiopia to help those Jews left behind, and the Jewish Agency (JAFI) is already busy planning for the next operation bringing the remaining Beta Israel from Ethiopia to Israel over the next two and a half years. In the meantime, medical clinics and feeding programs are in place to care for them.

Switch to Eastern Europe: Many of the immigrants from the former Soviet Union left behind elderly parents or relatives forced to subsist on a government pension of \$20 a month; the JDC ensured that those living at a subsistence level would receive special food packages every month. In this way, JDC assisted 240,000 needy Jewish elderly in 2,980 cities, towns, and villages across

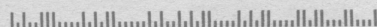
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Looking for Simchas, etc.?

We've rearranged. Please see page 21 for B'ruchim LaChayim, information about life cycle events.

Mark Your Calendars for Sunday August 7

To go to Camp Shalom Night at the Lexington Legends ballpark. Campers can run the bases before the 6:05 p.m. start of the game. Get your tickets now, while they last.

Share Your Simchas with Shalom

SEND IN PHOTOS

Have you celebrated a special event lately? Did you take pictures? Would you like to share those pictures? Are you getting where these questions are leading?

The editorial staff of *Shalom* would like to publish pictures of you and your family/friends. We especially want parents to provide the paper with pictures of their bar or bat mitzvah. Photos of other happy events are welcome, too, as are memorial pictures. Either electronic files (send to DI-IFR@Bardstown.com) or prints (bring to CKJF office) will do.

Don't be shy. You will be helping to enhance the look of *Shalom* and helping the community get to know you and your family. The goal of this paper is, in part, to bring the Central Kentucky Jewish community closer together. Getting to know each other through stories and pictures is a good way to reach that goal.

Let us hear from you!



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Second annual Emilie Szekely Holocaust Awareness Award

Essay Project winner announced

Ashlyn Swihart, a 6th grade student at Crawford Middle School, was awarded first prize for middle school essays and Laura Derrickson, a 9th grade student at Henry Clay High School, won first prize in the high school division of the annual Emilie Szekely Holocaust Awareness Essay Project. Ashlyn, a student of Mrs. Sheila DeVary, wrote a wonderful contemporary-style poem and Laura a thoughtful and moving essay, according to a distinguished panel of judges. Laura Derrickson is the student of Mrs. Pat Hale. Each student received a cash prize (Laura Derrickson donated hers back to the fund), an award certificate, and a CD of Emilie Szekely's interview with Steven Spielberg's Shoah Foundation. The award ceremony took place on May 4, 2005, at the Holocaust Remembrance Service held at Temple Adath Israel, where the students read their works.

Daniel Chejfec, director, said that the CKJF is proud to sponsor the essay project as an annual event in the

Central Kentucky schools. The goal of the project is to promote the study and understanding of the Jewish Holocaust during WWII and its lessons and implications for the world in which our children live today. This year, three times the number of schools and students participated compared to last year, submitting remarkable essays and poetry.

Ms. DeVary of Crawford Middle School, when notified of the award, said, "I loved Mrs. Szekely and the memorable times we spent together during her many visits with the children at Crawford." Emilie Szekely, one of the two remaining local survivors of the Holocaust, was in the death camps of Auschwitz and Bergenbelsen. She was a quiet woman who spent her retirement conducting over one hundred Holocaust lectures and presentations in schools across the state. Many school children, college students, and church groups heard her story from her birth in Budapest, through an escape from Communist Hungary, to her experiences under the Nazi horror.



George Szekely presents award to Ashlyn Swihart; Laura Derrickson looks on at right.

Daniel Chejfec and Dr. George Szekely, Emilie's son, started the essay project with the help of generous contributors to the CKJF essay fund. "We learned a great deal about running a successful essay project the first time around," said Szekely. "We had excellent co-operation from Fayette County schools, and enthusiastic support from many teachers such as Ms. DeVary, Ms. Hale, and Mr. Mark Russell of Morton Middle School. Mr.

Russell's student Charlotte Burchett received an honorable mention in the contest. We will be expanding the contest next year to the entire Bluegrass Region. Next year we will start to compile the many fine essays into an illustrated publication. Brochures about next year's contest will be mailed to schools in September. To honor Emilie Szekely's work, we hope the essay contest will be a lasting program of education against racism and discrimination." ☆

6th Grade Essay Winner

Who Are You...

Who are you to judge
Who is cool
And who is not?
Who are you to say
Who is right
And who is wrong?
Who are you to decide
Who is in
And who is out?
Who are you, Hitler,
To kill people
You don't even know?
You are cruel
You are hurtful
You are heartless
And you, Hitler,
Are evil.
So
Everyone
Stop judging
Stop deciding
For others
Stop now
Before you
Become evil
Too.

Ashlyn Swihart

9th Grade Essay Winner

Contemporary Lessons of the Holocaust...

I've studied the Holocaust in several of my classes in the past. I've learned facts about the concentration camps at Auschwitz and Birkneau, and about famous survivors such as Anne Frank and Elie Weisel. I have studied the Holocaust to the extent that I thought I knew almost everything I needed to know and didn't need to learn anymore about it. This was my outlook on the subject whenever it was mentioned until recently, when all of that changed.

As a freshman at Henry Clay High School, it is part of our curriculum to study the Holocaust. To fulfill that requirement, our class read the book *Night*, by Elie Weisel. We were assigned to read the book over winter break and then we would discuss it in class when the break was over. I read a little bit of the book each night, going to bed uneasy, more aware of the awful events that took place during this terrible time. Of course I had heard of the gas chambers and ovens, but Elie Weisel told about that babies that were thrown in the air and used for target practice and the irrational beatings of prisoners. I heard about the public hangings and horrible tests and experiments the refugees were put through. Considering the conditions they were subjected to, I have no idea

how anyone could survive. Imagine waking up every morning, starving and sick without anyone left in the world you love because they've been murdered, not knowing what awful thing is going to happen to you that day, or if you will even live until the next. There was no way to predict the Nazi's killings because they killed at random. All you could hope for was a sudden stroke of luck to save your life. It was very hard to maintain any hope of survival.

After reading this book I suddenly had a whole new outlook on the Holocaust. Sure, I had previously thought it was horrible, one of the worse things that has happened in history. However, I never really took into consideration what the refugees went through and how they felt. I had sympathy, but no empathy. I had studied facts and events but never really got to learn about the feelings of the prisoners.

So now with my eyes opened to the Holocaust, they were soon opened even wider. Our class watched the movie, *War and Remembrance*, which truly affected me. I know some may think just watching a movie can't affect you that much. After all, the actors are just acting. But seeing the group of

prisoners being shoved into the gas chambers is something that a person can never forget, even if it is just on TV.

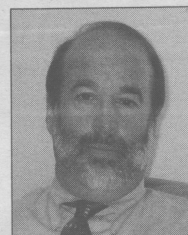
I think the reason that I have never really been truly affected by reading about the Holocaust is because what I was reading was so horrible it almost didn't seem real. I would never think that something like that could happen in our world today. But after seeing that movie, it became real to me and I could then comprehend what the prisoners went through.

I don't understand why the Holocaust had to happen. What did Hitler have against Jews and all other people that were killed? I have no idea and I don't think we will ever know. What I do know is that for me studying the Holocaust changed my outlook on life as well as our world's history. I think that everyone should learn about this devastating event so that it might be prevented from ever happening again. The Holocaust was one of the worst events that has ever happened in the history of mankind. Reading one small book, watching a movie, or just talking to someone about this event can enrich your life and make the world a better place.

Laura Derrickson

President's Message

David Feinberg



Reflections



I am at the end of my two-year term as CKJF Board president. While I certainly plan to continue my involvement with the Board, it is a natural time to look back and reflect. The first order of business is to thank the people who have done much of the heavy lifting for the Federation. I wish to thank our executive director, Daniel Chefec, for his tireless work, his enthusiasm, his strong commitment to Jewish causes, and his sense of humor. He has made my term a wonderful experience. Also, I need to acknowledge Jana Lazur and Lori Zimmerman for their behind-the-scenes hard work. Individuals working with them in the committees know how hard they work to implement the programs developed by the Board. Our community does not see how much they accomplish and how committed they are to the Board's programs. Our Jewish Family Service director, Stacey Heisler (like Fran Morris before her), is to be commended for

her quiet and confidential professional work.

I have to say that this experience has not been anything like what I expected. There was the normal growing process while getting used to the job. I had old hands like Stan Saxe and Marty Barr to mentor my early efforts. I have had the benefit of the support and direction of the Board and the executive Board to a level I had not anticipated. People have been welcoming and helpful. I always knew there was plenty of talent in the community. Seldom when I (or the Board) went to an individual and asked for help were we denied. The cooperativeness and helpfulness were very gratifying.

I cannot say that I am completely satisfied by what I have been able to accomplish. It is wonderful that our campaign is strong and that our programs are so well attended. I am appreciative that we have more volunteers than ever before. I must confess a particular excitement at people attending and participating who were not previously at all

involved in the Jewish community. Inevitably, there are goals yet to be attained. We can always improve and grow. I am delighted that we are fully staffed. I would like us to think more widely and have a bigger vision of our corner of the Jewish world. We have gotten good at what we know and what is tried and true; it is time we move to the next level. Much of that next level will involve grants and innovative programming.

To paraphrase Lou Gehrig, I feel that I am the luckiest man in the world. My experience as Board president was wonderful; thank you all very much. ☆

Penny Miller receives award

Martin School of Public Policy & Administration
and the Department of Political Science
host event



On May 5, Penny Miller received a very special public service award from the Martin School of Public Policy & Administration and the Department of Political Science. The award is presented annually to a person associated with UK who has contributed significantly to the university, the community, and/or the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The ceremony, which was attended by her husband, Stuart Harris, her children, and her grandchildren, was, she said, "a delightful event. The Lyons Award is especially meaningful to me since it is in memory of a very dear colleague."

Miller added, "My career at UK is coming to a close. The semester has ended, and I have begun packing up my office. I will miss the teaching, advising, and supervising of interns. But I look forward to my new life endeavors. Stuart and I have wonderful plans, including an exciting trip to Japan and China this summer."

The text of the pamphlet accompanying the ceremony follows:

Of all of the honors Dr. Penny M. Miller has received in her distinguished career, none is more fitting than the William E. Lyons Award. Public service is the very essence of Penny Miller's vision and character.

A transplant to Kentucky upon marriage to a native Lexingtonian, Penny Miller immediately immersed herself in community and civic affairs. As a young

woman, she founded the Metro Group Homes, served on the board of the Baby Health Service, and devoted countless hours of service as a "professional volunteer." Most importantly, Penny and the late Robert S. Miller raised two children, Jonathan and Jennifer, taught them the importance of public service, and felt rewarded that both pursued it as a career.

When her children were nearly grown, Miller threw herself back into her passion for inspiring future community leaders. Having earned her B.A. and M.A. in political science from the University of Kentucky, Miller returned to the department to earn her PhD in 1986. After three years teaching at Temple University, Miller returned to UK in 1990, ultimately becoming the political science department's Director of Undergraduate Studies in 1993.

As a respected professor, Miller made her mark on the community, the Commonwealth and the nation. The author of several books on Kentucky politics, Miller became active in the process. She served on the Mayor's Local Government Ethics Advisory Committee, chaired the state's Commission on Women, and was a member of the Kentucky Long Term Policy Research Board and the Kentucky Center for Public Issues. She is a

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JEWLS UNDERGROUND

*JewLS will be going to Mammoth Cave
for a 2 hour tour.*

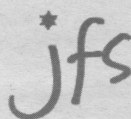


Sunday, July 17, 2005

Everyone is to bring a dish to share for the picnic
which follows the tour.

We will leave Lexington at 8 a.m.

Please RSVP to Stacey at 859.269.8244



Harold and Anita Baker

Living—and serving—the good life in Lexington

By Marilyn Moosnick

It was love at first sight. At least, that's the way he tells it. Not quite that way for her, she says. But anyway you look at it, it's a true hometown love story. And, 59 years later, the reel is still in play on Adair Road, Lexington.

Harold Baker was 16 when he first laid eyes on a newly moved-in neighbor on Irvine Road. "No question about it. From the very beginning, she got under my skin." Quite a "looker," Anita Roos was 14 and not too interested in romance yet. She would go on to graduate from Henry Clay High School, get her degree in public school music education from the University of Kentucky in 1944, sing in the University Choristers, become active in the Phi Beta music and dance fraternity, and ultimately go to New York City to study vocal music before our story would start to look like a tale of "happily ever after."

Sometimes love stories reinforce the absence-makes-the-heart-grow-fonder theory. "Harold was away in service (during World War II) when I knew he was the one," Anita said recently in her attractive kitchen, sitting near a view of the garden and mobile outdoor sculpture. Having graduated from the University of Kentucky in its ROTC program, Harold had entered the Air Force. By the time he was ready to court Anita in Manhattan, his rank made it possible for him to fly cross-country to take her out on the town. Picture a dashing young captain with a beautiful young singer on his arm, strolling down Broadway and dancing in the Starlight Room at the Waldorf. On his fourth trip East, she said "Yes." Vintage World War II romance storyline.

They were married on February 3, 1946, Harold in his captain's uniform, at Anita's family home on Hart Road, several blocks from the street where they first met and several from the home they built together in 1959 on Adair Road and still call home. Rabbi Milton Grafman returned to Lexington from his Birmingham rabbinate to perform the ceremony before a small gathering of friends and family including the two then-rabbis of Temple Adath Israel and Ohavay Zion Synagogue. Also there was Anita's first cousin and lifelong best

friend, Barbara Winters of Paris, Ky., who married Eugene Straus the following year. Anita and Barbara through their youth traded visits between Lexington and Paris on the Interurban streetcar or caught rides with family friend Jay Weil when he visited the Paris stockyards.

The role of their Jewish root and their devotion to Judaism and its institutions loom large in both Bakers' lives. "I grew up in the Temple (Adath Israel)," declared Anita. The facts bear it out: she taught Sunday School there beginning after her confirmation and during her high school and college years, teaching Phyllis (Straus) Scher, Charles Stern, Dolly Urbach, and several others for five years; her salary during those years was \$1.00 per Sunday. She sang in the Temple choir, beginning in high school and continuing until 1985, including many years as mezzo soprano soloist. After her marriage, she became a lifelong leader in the Temple Adath Israel Sisterhood, serving as secretary, treasurer, parliamentarian, and—after terms in all vice-presidential offices—as president. She didn't stop there; she became president, after many vice-presidential stints, of the Ohio Valley Federation of Temple sisterhoods (1960-1963). She remains active and Sisterhood and she is still a regular at Adath Israel Shabbat services.

Harold's personal history in the Jewish community is a different one. His grandmother, Bella Wides, gave Torah crowns for one of the first Torahs at Ohavay Zion Synagogue, after its beginnings in 1913. And his parents, Idah and Morris Baker, were strong lifelong members of Ohavay Zion. Harold became Bar Mitzvah under the tutelage of Rabbi Jacob Danziger in 1934. In a move similar to that in a number of synagogue families in roughly the same time period, the Bakers, at the urging of Harold's sister, Evelyn Hymson, also joined the Temple so Evelyn



Harold and Anita Baker



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could attend services with her closest Jewish girlfriends. Here is the beginning of double membership in Lexington.

Harold candidly credits the popularity of a young, personable, energetic rabbi, Milton Grafman, a graduate of Hebrew Union College and newly appointed rabbi of Adath Israel in 1933, as a major catalyst for

this phenomenon. He elaborated, in a conversation at his kitchen table, on the lure of a spanking new Temple building, opening in 1925, and actually beginning the paradigm of local Synagogue youths attending Temple Sunday School. He believes Jewish newlyweds, moving to Lexington immediately after World War II and finding permanent jobs here with the University and new businesses, were drawn to Adath Israel because Rabbi Grafman imbued the Temple Board of Directors with the desire to relinquish leadership in Temple affairs to young, recently acquired members. President of Adath Israel's Board of Directors from 1961 to 1963, Harold had already served the board as secretary, treasurer, and vice-president. He had been president of the Lexington Chapter of B'nai Brith and a member of the Regional Board of the Anti-Defamation League by the time he served on a committee of Jewish leaders to organize what has become the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation.

Thirteen days after the newlyweds arrived home from their New Orleans honeymoon, in early 1946, Morris Baker died, leaving his only

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From the Executive Director

Daniel Chejfec



This model came down to us by the hand of Moses

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It is a self-evident truth that the quintessential model for leadership in Jewish tradition is the figure of Moses. We don't know whether this figure is the actual historical Moses, or even if such a historical figure did indeed exist, but it exists in our literature and in our tradition so, in a sense, is more real than the historical fact. The figure of Moses as described in our texts has become a model of behavior. It stands to reason, therefore, that if we want to understand Jewish leadership we need to understand the Moses of the text.

Who was this man? He came, not from a family of princes, but from an offshoot of the tribe of Levi, as it is written, "A Levite man took for a wife a Levite woman." His origins were humble, from which we could conclude that you don't have to be special to become a leader. Anybody can take on the mantle of leadership.

How was he chosen to be a leader? Against his wishes. When Moses confronted the burning bush, he was not thrilled about taking on the task God asked of him. He tried to find a thousand and one pretexts why he should not be the one: "I am slow of speech," "How would I get the people to listen?" and so on. One by one, God destroyed his excuses to the point where Moses was left with no options but to take the role. We could interpret this to mean that true leaders do not take on the role for personal benefit, rather the role is bestowed upon them to perform whatever tasks are needed. Moses

was a reluctant leader, but he accepted the burden.

God told Moses what to do. He told him that he would have to go to Pharaoh and demand the freedom of the Israelites. Moses had a vision in the sense that he had a goal. He knew where he was supposed to go and what he was supposed to achieve. We could conclude that leaders are not mere leaders, but leaders for a purpose. We learn from the end of Moses' story that, while he was the appropriate leader to free the slaves and lead them in the desert, he was not considered the appropriate one to lead them into Canaan. From

One inescapable conclusion from the story of Moses is that being a leader is not about knowing or about having power, but about being responsive to the needs of those under our leadership, while making sure we stay on track to the goals we have set.

this we can learn that for each stage of a process we might need different kind of leaders.

In the 40 years of leading the people in the desert, the people betrayed Moses' trust and God's more than once. They were a complaining, obstinate lot, rebelling again and again against Moses' leadership and God's expectations. Yet Moses stuck with it. He was patient to the extreme, and when he ran out of patience—at Mas'a u'Meribah—he did something that made him unfit to go into the Promised Land. In other words, the text appears to be telling us that patience is one of the most important virtues of a leader.

Moses was also fond of listening to the people, as it is described that people would come to him at his tent to have their conflicts resolved. By listening to the people he stayed in touch with the common folk. He was so strongly passionate about it that he had difficulty keeping a distance. It took an admonition from his father-in-law, Jethro, to make him understand that he could not go on like that. Yet confronted with the truth in Jethro's statement, he accepted the need to delegate and appointed what we would call today "lower court judges"; he renounced a part of that which he felt passionate about in order to make sure the system worked appropriately.

Moses also believed in the rule of law. He is seen as the lawgiver. The text makes it plain that this ideal Moses considered the rule of law to be central to the functioning of Israelite society, to the point that to this day at the Torah service we say, "This is the Torah (Law) put forth by Moses to the children to Israel from the mouth of God by the hand of Moses." Not even his nephews, Aaron's children Nadab and Abiu, were above the law, and they paid for their disobedience with their lives after siding with Korah against Moses.

One relatively obscure episode, during the distribution of land among the Israelites on the eastern side of the Jordan River, illuminates another aspect of Moses' leadership. One particular man, Zelophead, was entitled to a piece of land—yet according to the law at that point, only males were able to inherit the land. Zelophead passed away and left only daughters, who came to Moses to complain about the unfairness of the situation. Moses showed

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Camp Shalom Night at the Lexington Legends Ball Park

Sunday, August 7th at 6:05 p.m.

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Camp Shalom: Enroll before it's too late

Something for everyone

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By Beth Yelowitz

The 2005 Camp Shalom season kicks off in August and has something to offer every camper. From sports to storytelling to astronomy, a qualified and experienced staff is sure to make this year's camp experience one of the best yet. Once again Camp Shalom will enjoy the knowledgeable leadership of director Kathy Feinberg and the creativity of Elissa Brown as co-director. Several CITs (counselors-in-training) will also begin to learn what it takes to be a great camp counselor.

Although basketball is a favorite sport of the region, it's just one of the many that will be presented at Camp Shalom. Lacrosse, shot put, hurdles, and rugby will be sure to get any camper in the athletic spirit. Campers will also have the opportunity to participate in relay races.

A new addition to camp this year is the Starlab planetarium. The mobile planetarium will visit camp in the second week and showcase many stars, planets, and constellations, as well as scanning the skies of the Bluegrass. Recently many Fayette county students enjoyed this mobile exhibit. "I wish everyone in the second grade could see this," said Matthew Feinberg, age 8.

This year, campers will also have the opportunity to express their creativity by making sports mobiles and other sculptures out of sports equipment. The Ofarim, Camp Shalom's youngest group, will create sports dolls.

Also new to Camp this year is Camp *Gesher*. This group is for 10 to 13 year olds and is aimed at the mature camp experience of a sleepaway camp without leaving Lexington. There will be field trips including a hike at Raven's Run and the Lexington Legends ballpark. A closing highlight includes an overnight on Friday, August 12, for any *Gesher* week 1 or 2 camper who is interested.

And of course camp wouldn't be camp without such traditional core activities as singing, swimming, and storytelling. Camp Shalom will welcome back talented musician Jennifer Diamond, who will perform

original music. There is also a treat in store for any camper who gets to enjoy the storytelling of our numerous volunteers.

Campers will be encouraged to prepare for Shabbat through song and prayer and will also bake challah. Most important, camp will continue to focus on cultivating Jewish pride and heritage for each individual camper. There is something for everyone this year, so don't miss out! ☆

Hand of Moses (from page 6)

flexibility and compassion by interpreting the rights of the daughters of Zelophehad and making room for a flexible application of the law, giving the daughters the right to the land. In this part of the story, our ideal Moses-leader showed adaptability to changing conditions: the understanding that what worked under yesterday's conditions might need to be revisited when conditions change.

Finally, confronted with the reality that he was not to go into Canaan leading the people, he facilitated the succession by investing Joshua before his own death. He helped the people stay on course to their goals by renouncing his power. He put the welfare of the people above his own wishes, for he certainly must have been frustrated by the fact that after 40 years of trials and tribulations, he was not to see the conclusion of the dream. Yet he understood that he was not the one to lead them in the new phase, that a new generation had to take over. Therefore, he facilitated the change.

While it is evident that no human being—probably not even the historical Moses—can live up to the high standards set by the Moses of the text, that ideal can serve as a model for leadership, a standard to strive for. As in other aspects of Jewish tradition, we know we might not always be on target, and that we might "miss the mark," but we also know that being a leader is accepting this fact, as Moses did with the daughters of Zelophehad.

One inescapable conclusion from the story of Moses is that being a leader is not about knowing or about having power, but about being responsive to the needs of those under our leadership, while making sure we stay on track to the goals we have set. The text tells us that in 40 years Moses confronted rebellion, disobedience, despair, and even a coup d'état. But he stayed on course and molded Israelite society into what it was meant to become.

In the past couple of months and in the month to come, our local Jewish organizations are going through their annual meetings, choosing new leadership, and reviewing their goals. May the example of the ideal Moses illuminate our path. ☆

Hadassah welcomes new president

Odette Kaplan brings enthusiasm and knowledge to task

♦ ♦ ♦
By Marcia Blacker

Sit across from Odette Kaplan and listen to her story of growing up in Rabat, Morocco, coming to America as a young bride, and learning what it means to live in a country where freedom of speech is guaranteed, and you'll understand why she says, "I want people to appreciate what they have in this country."

Odette, who grew up speaking French and Arabic, was aware as a child that she lived in a totally Jewish section of Rabat, and while she and her family were free to practice their religion, they were not free to speak of Israel. It was against government policy and those who were caught mentioning Israel or attempting to emigrate there could be imprisoned. Zionist organizations existed, but they were disguised as businesses. So, while Odette had a sense, even as a young girl, that she wanted to do "something for Israel," she also knew that she couldn't do it in Rabat.

Fast forward a few years to 1981, when, after living in Hartford, Conn. and Rochester, N.Y. for a few years, and after the birth of her three children, Odette moved to Lexington.

In 1996, Odette married Martin Kaplan, who is a long-time member and past president of Temple Adath Israel and served six years on the board of CKJE. Now Odette had her chance to participate in the activities of the Jewish community. She served on the Community Activities Committee of CKJE, and currently serves on the Federation board; she served on the Temple board, and remains active in Temple events; and she has been an active member of Hadassah.



Odette Kaplan

As the incoming president of Hadassah, Odette says, "I have a strong passion for Israel"—her whole family now lives there—"and I admire the commitment Hadassah has made to promote unity for the Jewish people through education in human values, especially its medical contributions." She believes Hadassah is here to "heal the world."

Odette's plans for her tenure as president include increasing membership and continuing to promote the values of Hadassah. Listen to this committed and enthusiastic woman talk about her past, present, and future, and you will be convinced of her sincere desire to educate everyone she knows about Hadassah. ☆



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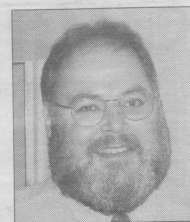
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Rabbi's Corner

Rabbi Marc Aaron Kline



Last time I wrote this column, I had just returned from Israel. I was there at the historic moment when Mr. Abbas and Mr. Sharon agreed to a renewed push to peace. As you read this, I will be back in Israel, and though we will meet with some political people, we are on track to enjoy the fruits of a festive journey through history. Many expressed an interest in going on this trip, but feared for their safety, as a result of the news with which they are inundated. If the news were our only source of information, it would be reasonable to think that all of Israel is a war zone, and that the only safe answer is to avoid the region completely. What we do not see is the real story of what happens in the country. We do not get to see the children going to school, the people going to work, or the normal operations that maintain daily life. We are trained to think only of the violence, and we do so at the expense of realizing that in and around the watershed moments remembered in the history books, life continues as normal for most people in the world. So, in a sense, making this trip also makes a bold statement. Amidst the struggle for safety and freedom, there will be a number of tourists proving to the world that the terrorists have not taken over, that the people still live normal lives, and that the media should form but one voice in the building of our world perspective.

When we separate ourselves from the voice of the community, we are stuck sleeping in a bed someone else made.

Giving in to our fears only perpetuates our misperception of how most people live. If we rely on someone else to make our minds up for us, we have abdicated our rights as citizens. Making up our minds having listened to only one voice on any matter is tantamount to removing ourselves from the community. In *Pirke Avot*, Hillel reminds us not to do this. In fact, it is a precept from Talmud that the law of the land we live in is the law we live by. Being Jewish requires us to be good citizens of our communities.

If this standard applies to the macrocosm of our national community, then certainly it should apply to the microcosm of our own Jewish

community. Where we do not affiliate or actively participate in the place where we do affiliate, we abdicate our right to imbue the Jewish community with our values, and at the same time leave ourselves

open to credit or criticism from the larger community based on decisions others make. We have all felt the collective guilt when a famous Jewish person does something wrong, just as we vicariously share in the credit when someone or something Jewish is celebrated in the public arena. When we separate ourselves from the voice of the community, we are stuck sleeping in a bed someone else made.

Affiliate with a congregation. My experience here is that no one gets turned away over money. Where an offering is made from the heart, it is to be accepted. This community offers three congregational bodies, with a wide variety of takes on Judaism. The Havurah, Ohavay Zion, and Adath Israel are congregations of warmth, with growing dynamic leadership.

If you are already affiliated, become more active. The congregations are not the leadership. Rather, the leadership is blessed to be asked to help run your congregation. What needs to be discussed? The future of Judaism. In the same sense that the media cannot drive our views about life in Israel, we cannot allow the voices of a few dictate the future for us all. For whatever reasons we may have become disaffected, our voices should be heard. Whenever we celebrate what our communities do, we should let our voices be heard there, as well. Judaism is about showing up—not necessarily at this event or that, but it is about showing up. We would love to welcome you, as you do so. ☆

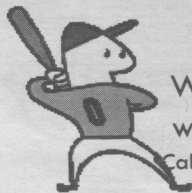
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Lexington JFS represented at national conference

By Stacey Heisler

This year's Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies (AJFCA) was held in Baltimore, Maryland from April 17 through 19, 2005. This was my first opportunity to network and meet other professionals and lay people from around the country and Canada. This was the 33rd annual conference of AJFCA. The theme for this year's conference was "Creative Service Initiative." Which to me was a timely theme considering this is the start of my first year as the JFS Director and I am looking for more ways JFS can serve and be involved in the Lexington Jewish Community.

For the past eight or so years, I have been working with at-risk youth, so I took this opportunity to learn more about the needs and programs for the elderly community. I attended several sessions dedicated to this area. One of my favorite sessions, presented by the recipient of this year's Goodman Award was "Second Wind Dreams: Remember, Relive, Rejoice!" Val Bracey of JFS in Calgary has started a program very similar to the United Way's Make a

Wish program. Seniors who are living in nursing homes or assisted living facilities are granted a wish. One story that was particularly touching was of a woman in her 90s. She lives in Calgary and had never seen her great-grandson, living in the Washington D.C. area. Val with the help of the Shell Corporation, was able to set up a video conference that enabled her to talk and see her great-grandson. This was just one of the many wishes that the JFS in Calgary was able to fulfill.

This and other seminars that I attended are helping me to think of many new and creative ways for JFS to reach out to the community. This opportunity has really helped me better understand JFS and all that can be done. It was also wonderful to meet professionals who have been in the Jewish communal services for many years. I have made some good contacts and know that I am not alone; help is only a phone call or email away. If anyone is interested in learning more about JFS or my conference experience, please do not hesitate to call me at (859) 269-8244 or email me at jfs@jewishlexington.org. ✱

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Lexington History Museum opens Holocaust exhibit

Program features local survivors

By Ken Slepian, PhD

"This is Home Now: Kentucky's Holocaust Survivors," a new multi-media exhibit at the Lexington History Museum, opened on Thursday, May 12. The exhibit focuses on a little-known but very important aspect of the Holocaust: the post-war lives of its survivors. Approximately 140,000 survivors emigrated to the United States, including 40 who settled in Kentucky. Each survivor had to rebuild his or her life after the war, in an alien environment, often without the support of family and friends. The exhibit depicts the experiences of nine Holocaust survivors currently living in Kentucky in their words and voices, and in photographs.

"This is Home Now" is the creation of Arwen Donahue and Rebecca Howell. After moving to Kentucky in 1997, Ms. Donahue—former program coordinator for the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's Oral History Department and former director of the Museum's Post-Holocaust Interview Project—became interested in how Kentucky survivors, located far away from the more usual centers of American Jewish life, rebuilt their lives after the war. Beginning in 1999, and supported by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and the Kentucky Oral History Commission, Ms. Donahue conducted oral history interviews with fourteen survivors. Of those fourteen, nine were photographed by Ms. Howell, a documentary

photographer and the director of the Kentucky Women Writers Conference.

The survivors' stories are told through a variety of media. Wall-mounted texts, including a biography and survivor interview excerpts, tell viewers the life stories of the survivors. Accompanying black and white photographic portraits provide further insights into the survivors' postwar lives. An audio station enables listeners to hear excerpts of the interviews in the survivors' own voices.

The exhibit's opening was marked by a panel of six of the survivors, who spoke before a standing-room-only audience. As the survivors made clear, there was no single Holocaust experience, nor was there a single post-war experience. Some, such as John Rosenberg, escaped the Holocaust relatively early, while others, such as Sylvia Green, Abe Jakubowicz, and Ann Klein, survived the camps. Still others, such as Oscar Haber and Robert Holczer, managed to evade capture with the help of gentiles. After the war some came

directly to the United States, while others stayed in Europe or emigrated to other countries before finally arriving in America. Although most survivors in Kentucky settled in the major urban centers of Lexington and Louisville, others settled in smaller towns such as Paris, Prestonsburg, and Winchester. They engaged in a variety of pursuits after the war, in such fields as the law, the military, education, optometry, homemaking, and civic volunteerism. As Ms. Donahue put it, "if [the survivors] share a common trait, it may be their resourcefulness and adaptability, their readiness to call a place where little was familiar, home." Yet while the survivors became active and productive citizens in their new country, they still carried with them the knowledge and burdens of the past. As Abe Jakubowicz told the audience, "We must never take for granted what we have in the United States, and we must never forget."

The exhibit will run until January 2006. A number of additional Holocaust-related events will take place during this time. On Saturday, May 14, a staged reading of the play *Judgement at Nuremberg* was performed at the History Museum. On November 11, 2005 the Kentucky Historical Society will sponsor a symposium on Kentucky's Holocaust survivors and their post-war lives. Anyone interested in these and other upcoming events should visit the Lexington History Museum's web site at www.lexingtonhistorymuseum.org. ✱

Third annual Ken Freedman Award presented on April 22

Joseph Pollock is 2005 recipient

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Ken Freedman was a member of our community with a passion for social justice and a passion for Judaism; he was also a psychology professor. So what better way to honor his memory than to acknowledge every year a Jewish student at UK distinguished for community involvement and dedication to *tikkun olam*?

In late 2002, the family and friends of Ken Freedman established the Kenneth Freedman Community Involvement Award to honor his memory in precisely that way. Past winners have been Andrew Grossman (2003) and Leah Craft (2004). Selecting a winner every year is difficult, for it means choosing among very good candidates, but the choice needed to be made, and the selection committee-chaired by Ken's widow Marcia Risk selected Joseph Pollock as the 2005 recipient.

Joe is extremely active and in his own words, he "work(s) hard to incorporate the principles of *tzedakah* and *tikkun olam* into (his) everyday life." Joe is an active volunteer at the Shriners' Children Hospital, where he works with hospitalized children in the recreational therapy department, helping to bring smiles to those children awaiting surgery or recovering from it. He is also a

volunteer at Ashland Elementary School in the after-school program with children in need of mentoring and enjoys helping the students.

In his spare time, after doing his college workload and his volunteering, Joe finds time to be active at the Jewish Student Union/Hillel at the University of Kentucky and was recently elected (after he won the award) to be its 2005 president. But even before becoming president, Joe had promoted the active involvement of the group in social action projects, spearheading the participation of Hillel's preparing and serving food to the homeless at the Catholic Action Center.

But Joe did not stop there. He is currently planning a special project with Hillel to remove unsightly and potentially dangerous litter from Lexington's public parks. There is no doubt that Joseph Pollock is a winner Ken Freedman would be proud of. ♦

Shalom committee formed

Aim is to improve newspaper

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By Ruth Poley

Working on the theory that there's always room for improvement, CKJF has formed a committee whose sole function is to make this a better newspaper. We would like to be more responsive to the needs of this community, provide more information about what is going on here, highlight interesting residents

in our area, and generally make this newspaper a better vehicle for community involvement.

The following eleven people are the members of the new Shalom Committee: Marcia Blacker, Elissa Brown, Gail Cohen, Judy Levine, Angie Ornstein, Ruth Poley, Steve Pollack, Janet Scheeline, Mark Schneider, Rose Rita Wurmser, and Heidi Zimmerman. They represent a cross-section of our community. Some are newcomers, some have been here for decades; they are seniors and teenagers and all ages in between; they are members of Temple, Synagogue, Havurah, and unaffiliated; and they are here to serve you. If you have ideas about things you would like to see published here, if you have news to share with the community, if you know of someone the rest of us would be interested to hear about, just talk to any one of us. We'd love to hear from you. ♦

Annual Meeting (from page 1)

The keynote speaker will be Uriel Palti, Consul General of Israel in Philadelphia, who will give us an update on the situation in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and Israeli society. Mr. Palti inherited the gift of diplomacy from his parents George and Hannah Palti, who in 1948 became part of the first diplomatic corps of the new State. Major Palti served as commander of the Israel Defense Forces' information network during the Lebanon War in 1982. In 1983, after earning a law degree from Hebrew University, Mr. Palti became Israel's representative on the UN General Assembly's Legal Committee. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1984. He served as consul for information at the Consulate General of Israel in New York between 1988 and 1993; as deputy consul general of Los Angeles between 1995 and 2000, and as deputy

consul general in New York in 2004, taking his current position as consul general of Israel in Philadelphia in September of 2004.

In 1993 he was spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and in 1994 he became coordinator of the peace talks between Israel and Jordan. He is married to Ayelet and has two children, Shira and Itai.

The whole community is invited to join us in the evening. Light refreshments will be served. ♦

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Harold & Anita (from page 5)

son to take over president-CEO duties of both Baker Iron and Metal Company and a gasoline wholesale business that was soon sold to Ashland Oil. Harold, as a student, had worked in the office of the company his father established with Morris Wides in 1920. But he had to learn to be a business executive in a hurry; his military experience helped him, he said. His younger son, Ben, joined the business in 1972, and of his own career Harold said, "I really always enjoyed it. It was something of a game. It was a challenge to make the company succeed." The business was sold in 2003 but still is operating under its original name, at the new owners' request.

Anita and Harold have been role models for parenting. They have four children: Michael, Ben, Gloria, and Bobbie. Today Michael is an attorney in San Francisco, with three children; Ben, the only lifetime Lexingtonian, retired from his CEO years at Baker Iron, is married to lifetime Lexingtonian Ruth Gordon and they have two of his parents' grandchildren; Gloria is an art photographer and former photographic art gallery owner in Kansas City, with two children; Bobbie, with a daughter in Seattle, is a former public television producer and currently an artist working in oils. All four are married and all the siblings, with families, gather often in a variety of settings.

Anita and Harold visit each of the four family units too frequently to count and they relish having periodic visits from one or more to their home, for which they, as "Neetz" and "Pawpaw," plan excursions to favorite Kentucky places. A Baker operative method for family fun, togetherness, and experiential learning: TRIPS. In 1966 Anita and Harold took the children (ranging in age then from 7 to 19) on a five-week, full-tilt grand tour of Europe. With six travelers and twelve pieces of luggage, the rented station wagon broke down and many ensuing adventures are now family lore. "I remember the girls wore their best outfits and white gloves on the airplane," said Harold. "That was the way it was then." But Europe

see Harold & Anita, page 14

The Lexington Human Rights Commission serves our Jewish community

By Gloria B. Rie

This past December I accepted the challenge of serving as chair of the Lexington Fayette Urban County Human Rights Commission. While acting as a commissioner for the past four years, I had become convinced that very few Lexingtonians were aware of the history, role, and importance of this chartered enforcement agency. I thought I would start spreading awareness first with my own community through the medium of *Shalom*. The "business" of the LFUCHRC is really the heart of my own rather secular Jewish belief system: a commitment to bettering the life of each and every person. I believe that once our Jewish community becomes aware of the importance of the local Human Rights Commission, incidents of discrimination and bigotry may be reported and acted upon more often.

First, a little history: January 1963: Chicago, Illinois, a National Conference on Religion and Race was convened. For the first time, top religious leaders of the three major American faiths, Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish, came together to discuss racial discrimination. Out of this conference came the recommendation that delegates return to their individual communities throughout the nation and work toward the establishment of local inter-faith, interracial committees to achieve equal human rights for all Americans.

March 1963: The Lexington Committee on Religion and Human Rights (LCRHR) was organized. A

Protestant minister (the Rev. James W. Angell), a Catholic priest (Father Leo Wilson), and a rabbi (Rabbi Robert Rothman) were elected co-chairmen of the organization. Several subcommittees were formed to work in the areas of education, employment, public accommodations, housing, legislation, and church liaison.

Spring 1963: A proposal for an ordinance to create an official Lexington Commission on Human Rights was drafted. Robert S. Miller was one of the people responsible for drafting the ordinance. The members of the board of city commissioners adopted the proposal and agreed to consider the matter. On June 20, 1963, with Mayor Richard J. Colbert abstaining, Resolution 1484 creating the Lexington Commission on Human Rights was passed.

June 1963: Resolution 14-4 was published on June 22, 1963, and Mayor Colbert made the first appointments to the Commission on August 8, 1963. The original fifteen members of the Commission were Robert Babbage, George Barker, William Caulder, Jr., Mrs. A. Lee Coleman, Ted Grizzard, Ovan Haskins, Julian T. Hutchinson, Maurice H. Hymson, Dr. J. C. Lee, William McCann, Justin McCarthy, Patrick Molloy, Garland O'Neill, Zirl Palmer, and S. T. Roach.

The Jewish community of Lexington has a rich history with its Human Rights Commission. Two of the earliest commissioners were Maurice H. Hymson and Sherman E. Miller (twice chair and treasurer). Other Jewish commissioners (this listing might not be complete) include

David Bolotin, Paul Engel (past treasurer and currently serving), Steve Kocen (past treasurer), Robert S. Miller, Samye N. Miller (past secretary, vice-chair, chair, and current personnel chair), Gloria Rie (past vice-chair, current chair), Simone Salomon, Barbara Straus, and Vivian Weill.

We, the Commission, fight hate and bias and educate about equality. Our laws are not just for minorities. Though Governor Ernie Fletcher, in his recent attempts to reorganize and possibly change the State Commission on Human Rights, proposed to "determine what, if any, changes should be made to better enable the commission to root out discrimination, racism, hate crimes, and other despicable acts against minorities [emphasis added]," it is imperative to point out that the commission does not work on issues just for minorities. These civil rights

laws protect people of all races, sexes, and religions from employment, housing, and public accommodations discrimination. To paraphrase my fellow commissioner Jeff Jones, they protect women (the majority) and men (the minority). They protect whites as well as Asians and African-Americans. Our laws seek equality for Christians as well as Jews, Muslims, and Buddhists. In fact, every single person in Kentucky is protected by these laws.

Individuals in the majority in some characteristics have filed rights complaints.

Let me again encourage you to participate in this civic endeavor. If you feel that you would like to serve our community in this way, please let your wishes be known. Contact me at (859) 254-5055 or Gloria.Rie@insightbb.com. ✧

Penny Miller (from page 4)

founding board member of Kids Voting Kentucky, which provides essential civic education to elementary and secondary students. Local and national news media have relied on Miller's expert commentary, and Governor Brereton Jones selected her to edit his official papers. President Bill Clinton appointed Miller to serve for eight years on the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars.

But all of these public service accomplishments take a back seat in Penny Miller's mind to her true mission as a teacher, mentor, advisor and friend to thousands of UK students and alumni. Passionate about students, she believes from the bottom of her heart that the undergraduate is the heart and soul of the university. It is a rare occasion to be among a group of Kentucky's young elected officials, government policy staff, or community activists and not find a UK alumnus whose life has been touched in a profound way by Penny Miller.

Her devotion to her students extended well beyond the classroom walls. Miller has encouraged and supervised hundreds of majors in political, governmental and legal

internships. She advised thousands of students and also served as a leader of the Freshman Discovery Program. For twelve years, Miller directed the university's process of nominating students for the nationally prestigious Harry S Truman Scholarships, for which UK has had remarkable success.

Her dedication and results have not gone unnoticed. Miller has won dozens of awards, including the Provost's Award for Outstanding Teaching (2004) and the Ken Freedman Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award (2002). Most telling, she has often been chosen by UK students for the annual "Top Ten Teacher" award.

Raised to value public service, Penny Miller has shared her passion with thousands of students, giving them opportunities to shape public policy and help change the world. She has also led them by example, dedicating her boundless energy and talents to UK and the political process. Miller's achievements can never be quantified, and they will continue as long as her students carry forward her devotion to undergraduate enrichment and community service. She has changed the Commonwealth for the better, forever. ✧

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Growing up Jewish in Bardstown

By Steve Auslander

My story begins in 1943, when my dad, David Auslander—fresh out of the U.S. Army and working as a pipe fitter at Westinghouse in Louisville—married my mom, Lilo Behr Auslander. To save money, they lived with my maternal grandparents in Louisville.

Shortly thereafter, my maternal grandfather, Frederick Behr, and his two brothers, all newly expatriated German refugees who'd fled the Nazis in 1939, decided to open a five-and-ten-cent store in Bardstown, about 35 miles south of Louisville and 60 southwest of Lexington. Since the brothers already had stores in Louisville, they needed a manager for this new store. My father, fortunately for them, was available. My mom and dad moved to Bardstown in 1945, when I was eight months old, and set up housekeeping. My dad became a quarter partner by buying into the business, and our life in Bardstown began.

In 1945 Bardstown was a rural community accessible only by KY Highway 31E, a two-lane, curvy road that required an hour of careful driving from Louisville. Since this was immediately after World War II, peacetime industry was just beginning to produce automobiles for private use again, and they were hard to come by. My dad was able, with some maneuvering, to purchase

a 1946 Chrysler that arrived with wooden bumpers because of the postwar steel shortage. (The steel bumpers eventually arrived, but they always rattled.) Another postwar shortage, of refrigerators and other appliances, meant a daily trip to the ice plant to keep the old-fashioned icebox cold.

Still, growing up in Bardstown in the '50s and early '60s was idyllic. At our peak we had six Jewish families, but usually the Jewish community comprised only three families: another merchant family, a plant manager's family, and ours. Schools were good, with many dedicated teachers and very little discrimination against Jewish children, but we knew we were "different." We were expected to be "smart," hence we received excellent teaching. I never really encountered much overt anti-Semitism. What I did experience sprang primarily from ignorance rather than malice. A conversation I had many times while working in my dad's store:

Customer: Where are you from?

Me: Bardstown.

Customer: No, where were you born?

Me: Louisville.

Customer: Where were your parents born?

Me: My dad was born in Czechoslovakia and my mother in Germany.

Customer: Well, what's your nationality?

Me: American.

Customer: Well, what is your religion?

Me: Jewish.

Of course, that was the response they'd been fishing for all along but did not quite know how to go about getting. At least I was going to make them work for it. It was just a little game we played.

A humorous example of the attitude toward Jews occurred when as an adult I visited a former family babysitter. Bessie was African American. I was always afraid of this diminutive woman, because she frequently



David and Lilo Auslander, the author's parents.

spanked me for beating up on my younger brother, Mickey, who was her favorite. (My younger sister, Gail, had not yet been born.)

Bessie wanted to know all about Mickey: was he married, did he have children, and so on. When I told her that he was married, she asked whether he had married "in his race." I knew what that meant, and I replied that his wife was a Methodist. Bessie said, "Oh, he married a white girl!" Since my wife, Janine, was also raised Methodist, my brother and I now refer to our wives as "two little white girls."

Ironically, I found the most discrimination and humiliation among "my own." As children, we made the weekly trek in Louisville for Sunday School. The congregation we belonged to was relatively affluent, and many of my classmates were young snobs. They went to school together and belonged to social clubs at the Jewish Community Center, and I was an outsider. They ostracized me as the "country kid." Children are notoriously cruel to their peers, but even the teachers were somewhat patronizing. The high point of my Sunday School days was lunch at my grandparents' house, seeing my aunts, uncles, and cousins coming by all afternoon for coffee, cake, and socializing.

I find that even as adults, city dwellers can be narrow-minded in their view of people who live in rural areas. For my part, I cannot envision living in a big city. I chose a vocation—dentistry—that would allow me to return to my small semi-Southern town and be of service to my community. I was indeed fortunate to have realized at a young age what a good life I had enjoyed. My daughter, Sheila, grew up here too, but found life in a small town stifling; she now lives in Chicago. I think her experience differed from mine partly because she left Bardstown at age 7 when I divorced, and lived in Louisville and Los Angeles with her mother before returning, at age 14 to attend Bardstown high school.

Bardstown's population when I was a child and for about 25 years was approximately 4500. In recent years it has grown substantially, partly because of the construction of Interstate 65 and improvements to 31E connecting Bardstown to Louisville, and the Bluegrass Parkway leading to Lexington in one direction and Elizabethtown in the other. The population of Bardstown in 2005 is about

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Yom HaShoah observed

By Daniel Cheffec

On May 4, the Central Kentucky Jewish community came together at Temple Adath Israel to mark Holocaust Remembrance Day, Yom HaShoah. Why do we keep remembering it year after year? Let me give you some reasons.

The Hebrew word *shoah* does not mean "holocaust" or even "genocide." It means "catastrophe." The Shoah was, indeed, a catastrophe for European Jewry. Not only were six million Jews—one out of every three Jews alive in the world in those days—killed, but complete villages were razed and Jewish life destroyed. This was compounded by the onset

of Communist rule in Eastern Europe which brought about 70 years of repression of Jewish life. That today there are Jews in Eastern Europe is probably nothing short of a miracle and a testimony to the strength and richness of our heritage.

Commemorating Yom HaShoah is therefore a tribute to and an embracing of our people's will to survive.

The day chosen to commemorate the Shoah is arbitrary; after all, people were killed year round. Europeans mark it on the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. So why do we American Jews mark it on Nisan 25? Nisan 25 was the day of the beginning of the Warsaw Ghetto rebellion against the Nazis. It marks

a point in one of the darkest moments of Jewish life when the Jewish people stood straight and said, "Enough." It became a reminder that it is important to know when to act, when to stand up and be counted. Nisan 25 represents a tribute to the bravery of those in the Warsaw Ghetto who decided, against the odds, to oppose the tyranny and cruelty of the Nazi regime.

And the Shoah is about those who were killed for being what they were: Jews, Gypsies, handicapped, mentally disabled, and any other category considered "unfit" by the Reich. We remember the dead who should not have died.

And we remember the Shoah because if we forget our history, we are bound to repeat it. We say "Never again" to the destruction of Jewish life; we say "Never again" to passivity in the face of injustice; we say "Never again" to the wanton destruction of human life.

It was in that spirit that the program featured the "Foxtale Camerata," a local group of talented young musicians led by Margie Karp and Debbie Sogin. They told us of the meaning of the day with music: "Anatevka," the song from *Fiddler on the Roof* that serves as the

background for the expulsion of the story's Jews from their village, told us of the loss and the dispossession; "Dona, Dona," a popular Yiddish song that tells the story of a kid bound to a stake and condemned forever to look at the birds flying in the sky, told us of the yearning for freedom of those who were imprisoned behind the barbed wire. Thank you to Aron Frank, Joseph Frank, Miriam Frank, Maja Fus, Aaron Karp, Jonathan Karp, Ari Sogin, and David Sogin for a wonderful and moving performance.

Margie Karp and Debbie Sogin, in addition to directing the Foxtale Camerata, played a selection of music from *Schindler's List* connecting the Shoah with our modern experience.

A particularly moving part of the program was the presentation of the second annual Emilie Szekely Award to the winners of the essay contest "Contemporary lessons of the Holocaust." (See article on page 3.)

In addition to those mentioned, thank you to Rabbi Sharon Cohen, Rabbi Marc Kline, David Feinberg, Hannah and Uri Smith, and most of all to all those who came, for their participation in the program. ✽

Yom Ha'Atzmaut



Israeli dancing makes Yom Ha'atzmaut special each year.



Eileen Keplinger, Corrie Smith, Di Sobel, Nadia Goldberg, and Judy Goldberg enjoyed the festivities.

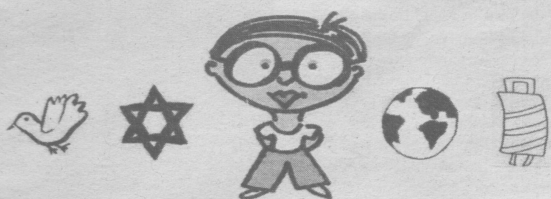


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Harold & Anita (from page 10)

was only one of the major tours; the entire clan went to Russia, Canada, Hawaii, on four Caribbean cruises, and down the Colorado River on a raft. "One of the children counted fifteen family trips since their marriages began in 1970," reported Anita.

The Bakers are poster people for volunteerism in their community. Anita has been a member of the board of directors of 26 diverse Lexington service, health, and cultural organizations. She is board secretary or treasurer or both of nine of them, including United Community Fund, Council of the Arts, Lexington Musical Theatre, Lexington Speech and Hearing Center, and Mental Health Association of Central Kentucky. She has been board president of Good Samaritan Hospital Auxiliary, Ashland Terrace Retirement Home, Lexington PTA city council, Florence Crittenton Home, and American Cancer Society. As an active member of Phi Beta fraternity, Anita has continued her commitment to music through the years by giving voice lessons in a Phi Beta education program, by serving as president of the Pi Omicron Chapter of Phi Beta in New York City, and by long-time board service, as treasurer and historian, of Friends of Music. Beyond community positions, Anita's work has taken her to board positions in the Kentucky division of the American Cancer Society, National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, and the Midwest Council of the Union of Hebrew Congregations.

Harold has not been too busy with career and family to leave volunteering to Anita. In addition to his many volunteer commitments, he served as vice president of the Lexington Chamber of Commerce in the 1980s, and has held board of directors positions in the forerunner of the Kentucky Conference for Community and Justice, the Emerson Center, CKJE, Lexington-Fayette Junior Achievement, Lexington Speech and Hearing Center, and, not surprisingly, Good Samaritan Hospital.

The Bakers are examples of people who make and keep good friends. Of all the things they enjoy talking about, one of the most enthusiastic conversations is about the circles of friends they have been part of through the years. There were, in the early years of marriage and child rearing, the Poker Club (in which the men would play poker and the wives played Mah Jong) and the "Hardly

Evers" (in which group the men played bridge and the women played, what else, Mah Jong). The group got its colorful name because the member couples could hardly ever find meeting dates to suit everyone. The membership list of these groups reads like "Who's Who of early young Temple couples": Bakers, Harry Millers, Marvin Meyers, Bob Micklers, David Bolotins, Stan Roses, Stan Schers, Charlie Schwartzes, and Eugene Strauses. These couples, with others too, watched the Cincinnati Reds, saw Louisville's Actors Theater plays, but most of all, in restaurants and each others' homes, met for food and friendship. A bit later—actually in December 1958—the Couples Investors, Inc. came into being with twelve couples, later expanded by four more couples. It met monthly in member homes for dinner and investment decisions, a social gathering that remained intact until August 1995. That was 37 years of friendship with a goal oriented focus. "We did our homework and learned, but we certainly had fun."

Reminiscing, Anita says of her early years: "You could drive down Main Street and from Rose Street to Broadway; many stores had signs which read, "Closed for observance of Religious Holiday." She ticked off some of the names: Barney Millers, Wolf-Wiles, Lowenthal's, Wennekers, Hymsons Tots and Teens, Kaufman's, Meyers. The list included her father's (Ben Roos) store, Hammels at Main and Mill. "Now the signs are gone and the stores are gone." Harold remembers another part of the Lexington change: "In 1956 IBM came to town, and we had a transforming change in the entire community and in the Jewish community. New families included many Jewish ones, and they brought new ideas." Anita misses

going to Joyland and to Springhurst Night Club for some great bands and dancing, to the Canary Cottage, to the Ben Ali and the Strand movie theatres, and on to Sagesers' or McAdam-Morford's drugstores for full fountain service. Harold misses the Golden Horseshoe and the Little Inn.

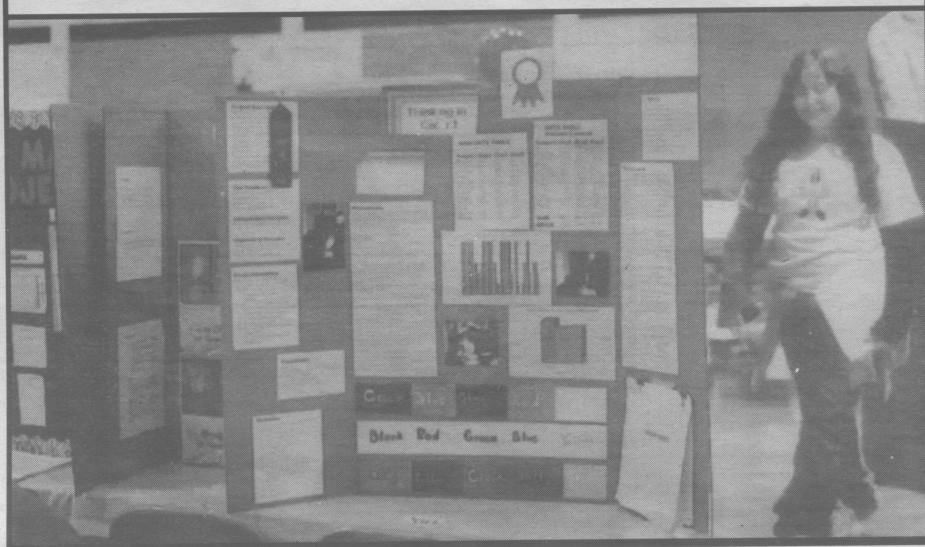
Both Bakers still see Lexington as the ideal American town. "We talk about it and we can't think of any place where our lives would be so good." They think many things have improved. Harold thinks Lexington is far more tolerant of minorities now. Medical services, which were always good, have kept up with medical technology and are outstanding here now. He thinks the Temple and Synagogue cooperate so much more now and sees a day when the two will have to come together for economic reasons.

"Traffic is terrible," says Anita. "But we've managed to preserve the green and the horse farms." The couple still continues life-long attendance at UK basketball and football games. She speaks a bit wistfully about never acting on a chance to join Lexington Singers, since weekly rehearsals and UK ball games were regularly on Mondays. They still go to Keeneland races, "once in the spring and once in the fall." They still take in many art events as Harold's mother taught him, especially favoring Anita's beloved musical performances.

So, there they are, the Bakers of Chevy Chase, of Temple Adath Israel, of a musical, health-conscious, livable Lexington. It's the old love story of "happily ever after." Who says it never happens in real life? ☆

About Kids...

Haley Stein, 11-year-old daughter of Dr. Linda Dwoskin and Mr. Bennett Stein of Lexington, competed in the Kentucky State Science and Engineering Fair in March. Haley was one of only five fifth grade students who presented projects along with the top middle and high schoolers throughout the state. She first entered her project at the Maxwell Elementary School Science Fair, then proceeded on to the county and regional competitions, where she was awarded the Most Outstanding Psychology Award. The purpose of Haley's project, Thinking in Color, was to research how well 5th grade girls would remember the names of the five basic colors based on various color combinations of the letters of each word and the backgrounds highlighting the words. Mazel tov Haley, keep up the great work!



Camp Shalom is a day camp sponsored by the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation. Activities are geared to encourage unity, fun, and learning for children 4 through 13 years of age. Jewish themes are incorporated into the daily program through music, games, drama, and arts and crafts. At the end of each fun-filled week we will welcome the Sabbath together with candles, blessings, songs, and Shabbat observance. Children of all denominations are invited to attend. Our camp is led by a group of experienced and talented individuals dedicated to Judaism and the care of Camp Shalom campers.

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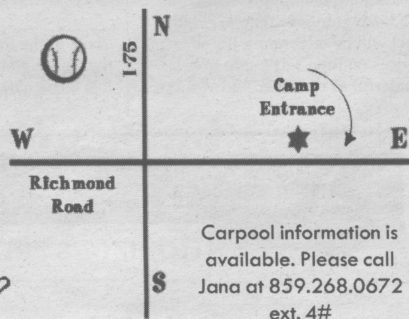
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Jewish Family Services Celebrated

By Stacey Heisler

For the fourth year, JFS has taken part in the national Jewish Family Services Shabbat Program. Although this year the three congregations of the Lexington area were not able to participate at the same time, JFS was integrated into services.

Ohavay Zion Synagogue and the Lexington Havurah have already celebrated JFS. These service were very well received. Member of the JFS advisory board gave an overview of the wonderful work that takes place under JFS, while also emphasizing the uniqueness of our own Lexington JFS. Temple Adath Israel will be celebrating JFS at services on June 3. It's sure to be as wonderful as the other two services.

JFS Shabbat is sponsored by the Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies (AJFCA). This association, serves as an umbrella linking more than 145 Jewish agencies that specialize in working with families and children across the United States and Canada. AJFCA headquarters are in East Brunswick, New Jersey. Not only do they help link Jewish family and children agencies, they provide information and consultation services to all member agencies, as well as help advocate legislation on behalf of its members all over North America. ☆

Picnic (from page 1)

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Book Review

Vivian Bitensky

Rich textures enhance reading experience

There are several book groups in the Lexington Jewish Community. One that might be of interest to these dedicated readers in *In the Image*, written when author Dara Horn was only 24 years old [W.W. Norton, 2002].

One can read this book on many levels; it rewards reading more than once. It is the story of a young Jewish woman just beginning her life and an elderly Austrian refugee. Bill Landsmann and Leora are drawn together by the accidental death of Naomi, who was Leora's best friend and Bill's granddaughter. After Naomi's death, Leora stops talking but finds solace visiting the Landsmanns' and viewing the slides Bill has gathered that depict places in the Bible and biblical themes.

Leora eventually regains her voice and subsequently tires of the slides. As she begins her journey through life she looks at events as though she were a visitor rather than engaging in life herself. Although she stops visiting Bill Landsmann, her life remains linked to his by accidents of fate that the reader comprehends but of which Leora is completely unaware. We find that Leora's life is connected to Naomi's family history in ways that become more apparent as we read and reread this thoroughly enjoyable book.

The images we see of Leora's life are amusing as well as poignant. We learn about her family's Friday night dinners and the movies they rented to watch later. We shop with her at Costco in New Jersey, and travel to Manhattan to find out how to judge a diamond. We read about the tefillin found at the bottom of New York Harbor, and about her visits to the art museums of Europe. All these incidents are part of the coincidences and accidents of fate that link them to a world that is formed in the image of God.

A good book for a summer after noon, or to discuss in a reading circle. Give it a try! ☆

Auslander (from page 12)

8,500; the county population is over 35,000. But the Auslanders and now the Rosenbaums are the only Jewish families in Nelson County, as far as I know.

Many of the small mom-and-pop stores, including my dad's, are gone now. A restaurant occupied our store for a while recently; the food was good, but my enjoyment of the place was tempered by the fact that whenever I looked at the tile floor (the entryway still has the old store name in the mosaic) I remembered having to sweep it as a kid.

I opened a dental practice in Bardstown in 1972. Though the town has changed, as life has everywhere, I have never regretted returning. It is possible to go home again even for a Jewish boy from a Southern small town.

Editor's note: A man (Catholic) whose family has lived in Nelson County since colonial times once said to me, "When we were kids we all stopped at Auslander's store after school for candy. Mr. Auslander always talked to us, and we'd ask for his advice. Everything he said was good. I still remember some of the things he told us, and think as highly of them now as I did then." ☆

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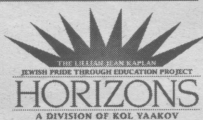
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Celebrate 350

By Stanley Ned Rosenbaum, PhD

Two turbulent decades: The Sixties and Seventies

In 1960 John F. Kennedy became the first non-Protestant to be elected president. He had more than 90 percent of the Jewish vote. The following year was the Bay of Pigs fiasco, and in 1962 we were embroiled in the Cuban Missile Crisis. Two years after that the Beatles, under the clever managership of one Brian Epstein, invaded America.

It was about this time that the "better" colleges and universities quietly stopped imposing quotas on the number of Jewish students they admitted, a practice that had been in place since the Twenties. (I was told that my long-time employer, Dickinson College, had had a seven percent quota, generous by the day's standards.)

Viet Nam was still a name few people knew, while over here it was the beginning of the Civil Rights Movement. Who hasn't seen the photo of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, z"l, marching next to Martin Luther King, Jr., z"l, at Selma? And who doesn't know the story of the three young men, Goodman, Schwerner, and Chaney, murdered in Mississippi for the "crime" of assisting black people to register to vote? But for those of us old enough to remember that decade, the Six Day War (1967) was the dominant event of the Sixties. (Yes, I know, President Kennedy was assassinated.)

The War of Independence (1948) had produced an armistice so, though technically the warring sides never made peace, they weren't continuously at war, either. However, when Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser declared the Straits of Tiran closed to Israeli shipping, even U Thant, the Secretary General of the UN, considered it an act of war. Of course, it was his precipitous withdrawal of UN peacekeepers from the Sinai at Nasser's request that had made the action possible.

Egypt and its Syrian partner were convinced that Israel wouldn't fight, or would quickly lose a two-front war if it did. (Jordan's participation wasn't certain.) But on the morning

of June 5, 1967, a Sunday, the Israeli Air Force destroyed the air forces of all its enemies before they could get off the ground. Given this air superiority, the outcome was never in doubt, but the fight wasn't easy. Israeli tanks went straight up the Golan Heights against entrenched positions firing down on them. Gen. Mordecai Gur, commanding the Central Front, wouldn't allow his artillery to shell Jerusalem so the city had to be taken by hand, accounting for many of Israel's 777 dead.

Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren was outraged, saying that all the buildings in the city weren't worth a single human life. But if Israel paid a price for its respect of Jerusalem's monuments, losses on the Arab side were catastrophic: 15,000 casualties and more than 2,500 taken prisoner (figures from the *Encyclopedia Judaica*). And it was all over in time for Shabbat.

The day after the war ended, Arab civilians with medical cards that had been issued before 1948 showed up at Hadassah Hospital. They were admitted. In the nineteen years before 1967 only 4 percent of Arab women had had their children in a hospital; in the year after 1967 the figure climbed to 80 percent.

Many Americans had tried to get to Israel to fight in the war, but it was over too soon. Still, a Strange Thing Happened Here. American Jews, and their Gentile neighbors, learned once and for all that Jews could and would fight. Suddenly, it was "cool" to be Jewish, if only for a little while.

My wife and I and our two small children sailed from Boston to Haifa less than a year later, arriving in a Jerusalem in which the euphoria of peace still hung in the air. We found a small house in Geula, right next door to Orthodox neighborhood of Mea Shearim, and ended up staying for two years. We had a third child born there at the old Hadassah Hospital, but the peace we all thought would come proved elusive.

And by the time we returned, in 1970, Viet Nam was an ugly phrase that everybody knew.

The election of 1972 was "Jewishly" significant for one reason. George McGovern, the Democratic candidate, was seen as so radical that

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Stewart Home holds Parents Weekend

By Ruth Moser

As activities director for CKJF, Jana LaZur conducts programs for the Jewish students at the Stewart Home School in Frankfort. There are between 25 and 40 Jewish students, who come from all over the country to live in this renowned facility for developmental disabilities. Once a month a group of students comes to Ohavay Zion for Friday evening Shabbat service, and once a month another group comes to Temple Adath Israel. In between, students have Shabbat services at the Stewart Home under the direction of Brenda Spencer, Jewish Services coordinator for the Stewart Home.

Jana and a group of us visited at Hanukkah, bringing games, crafts, and stories to share. For Purim, Barbara Barr and Annette Milch made dozens of hamantashen, and we all went to celebrate with the students. On May 13, Dawn Moore, Jana, and I went to the Stewart Home School for the opening of Parents Weekend, with Rabbi Kline conducting the Friday evening Shabbat service. I don't remember when I have seen so many smiling faces. I went prepared to see the regulars—those students who come to the synagogue once a month—thinking that they would be there all alone on Parents Weekend. But I was in for a pleasant surprise.

First of all, there was George (I've changed the names here) who is almost 70, sitting there with a big smile on his face. Why was he smiling? His parents weren't there, they are gone. But his brother had flown up from Florida just to be with him.

Then there's little Gloria, who is so sweet, and is probably the youngest in the group. Her parents and big brother were there; she was sitting with her head on his shoulder, and kvelling. And her brother sat there, just as happy to be with her as she was to be with him.

Of course, on such an occasion, what does one do but play "Jewish Geography." We asked Judy's mom from New Orleans if she knew someone from here who had moved down there, but New Orleans is a big city, and she didn't. Found out that little Josh's grandma is a former Hadassah president from Cincinnati, and Josh's parents live right near someone from here who recently moved to Cincinnati. So, it was like Old Home Week.

Finally, a lot of parents and students mentioned—to use a real name—Gary, who is now living with his mom, Teddy, back in Florida, and is in a day program. Gary made quite an impression on the residents, and they really miss him. Several of the parents from Florida know Teddy, so we were able to send regards.

I truly believe this was a mitzvah for both sides: for us visitors because it made us feel good, and for the students and their families because they were glad we were there. You, too, can be part of the Stewart Home Committee. Just give Jana a call at (859) 268-0672 ext. 4#, and she will let you know when the next visit will be. ☆

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(LtoR) Judy Levine, Kathy Feinberg and Jo Belin



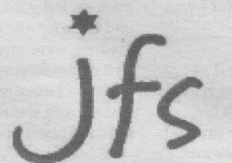
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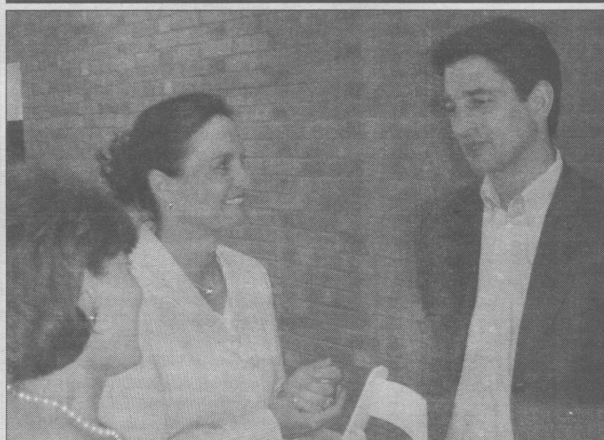
There is a group of Jewish inmates that would like to meet once a week but they need someone there to help facilitate.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call Stacey Heisler at the JFS Office at 859-269-8244.


Jewish Family Services



(LtoR) Ricki Rosenberg and guest speaker Alina Gerlovina Spaulding



(LtoR) Ricki Rosenberg, Terri Solomon and Walter Solomon

B'tayavon (Hearty Appetite)

Ruth Poley



Side dishes suitable for a picnic

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Are you coming to the community picnic? You know, the one I wrote about on the front page of this issue. Sure, you can stop at KFC and pick up some chicken, or you can bring a Subway, but it's nice to have a few side dishes to round out the meal, and a change from the ubiquitous potato salad or coleslaw is always welcome. Whether you're picking up something from the nearest chain, or preparing something from scratch, I've got a couple of salads for you that are easy, tasty, and a little different. Both of these recipes use olive oil, a healthy alternative to mayonnaise. One provides a new way to use an old favorite; the second introduces a vegetable many of us may not be familiar with. Fennel has a nice, crunchy texture and a slight licorice flavor; it's very refreshing on a hot day. And, while it's always wise to keep picnic food cold, these two won't suffer if they get a bit warm. (I am **not** recommending you leave them out in the sun, however.)

The carrot salad is one I've been making for years. Nowadays I just make it up as I go along as I no longer have the recipe and can't remember where it came from originally. The second is a Florence Fabricant dish from the *New York Times Jewish Cookbook*.

Chickpea and Olive Salad with Fennel

3 cups chickpeas, freshly cooked or canned, rinsed and drained
1 large clove garlic, finely minced
18 European style olives (try the olive bar at Liquor Barn), pitted and halved
2/3 cup finely diced fresh fennel
2 tablespoons minced scallions
2 tablespoons chopped flat-leaf parsley
1/3 cup fresh lemon juice
1 tablespoon black olive paste (available in fancy food shops, or mash up a few olives that you've bought)
5 tablespoons fruity extra-virgin olive oil
salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Place the chickpeas in a bowl and gently mix in the garlic, olives, fennel, scallions, and parsley. In a separate bowl mix the lemon juice with the olive paste and olive oil. Pour over the chickpea mixture and toss gently. Season with salt and pepper and mix again.

Israeli Carrot Salad

1 pound carrots
1 clove garlic (or more, to taste)
3 tablespoons lemon juice
6 tablespoons olive oil
salt and pepper to taste

Wash and scrape the carrots. Shred them, either on the shredding holes of a box grater or in a food processor with a medium shredding blade. Chop the garlic fine. Combine the lemon juice, olive oil, garlic, salt, and pepper and whisk to blend. Immediately pour over carrots and toss to coat. Refrigerate for several hours or overnight to allow flavors to blend before eating.

NOTE: If you have an appropriate food story you'd like to share, or a recipe you think others in the Jewish community might enjoy, please email me at rgp@insightbb.com.

Ohavay Zion showcases adult b'nai mitzvah

By Sue Ezrine

Six adult members of Ohavay Zion Synagogue have been meeting almost weekly for eighteen months for the adult B'nai Mitzvah class led by Rabbi Sharon Cohen. We consider our meetings part of a journey. We will celebrate this journey together on June 3 and 4—leading services, reading Torah, and chanting Haftorah. We each began this journey for a different reason. We will each continue our journey in a different way. We have each been challenged. We have each learned new things along way. We have each helped each other. That's the beauty of this journey.

Sue Ezrine, Jacquelyn Johnson, Jeff Kaplan, Ellen Leichtman, Vlad Sefer, and Di Sobel are the current class members. Initially, the group studied the foundations of Judaism: text and commentary. We discussed definitions of spirituality and reasons why we pray, the language of structured and spontaneous prayer, and the development of the synagogue and the siddur, as well as the general structure of the prayer service. We learned trope for Torah and Haftorah. Through the course of the year, we each did an intensive study of one *parashah* and presented a *D'var Torah*; and together we discussed the portions for *B'Midbar*. On Shabbat morning June 4, we each will chant a Torah portion and together will chant the Haftorah.

Throughout our lifetimes our individual paths take many different directions. We're grateful for having traveled together for this leg of our journey. ☆

Celebrate 350 (from page 17)

he frightened 30 percent of Jewish voters to go Republican, thus breaking the historic lock on the Jewish vote by the Democrats. Of course, it is also true that many Jewish voters were now the economically successful grandchildren of those hardy immigrants who had come between 1880 and 1924. That the offspring have become increasingly conservative is not a surprise.

Also in 1972, Mark Spitz became the first Jew to win seven gold medals at an Olympics, but his feat was put in shadow by the deaths of eleven Israeli athletes at the hands of Palestinian terrorists.

In 1973, Egypt launched the Yom Kippur War. This time the Arabs had some initial success and inflicted casualties on Israel that the country recoiled from, but the IDF rebounded and gave the Egyptians another pasting. It would have been worse—30,000 Egyptian soldiers were surrounded and could have been slaughtered or captured—but Henry Kissinger, Nixon's secretary of state, forced Israel to back off.

Maybe it was the right thing to do. Israel later made a real peace with Egypt and gave back the Sinai, an area bigger than Israel itself. This was the first time in history that a victor had willingly given back territory to the vanquished. Ironically, the Israeli side was represented by Prime Minister Menachem Begin, who had begun his career as a... well, one might have said "terrorist" before the Palestinians gave that label such a bad stink. For his efforts, Begin shared the Nobel Peace Prize with Egypt's Anwar Sadat (later assassinated by Islamists) and US President Jimmy Carter. ☆

Israel's population stands at 6.9 million

According to Central Bureau of Statistics census figures published in April, before Israel Independence Day, 5.5 million Israelis are listed as Jews and the rest — 20 percent of the population — as Arabs. But the first category includes around 300,000 immigrants from the former Soviet Union who are not Jewish under rabbinical law.

Israeli airport technology detects intent of terrorists

By David Brinn (abridged from JTS)

Not many terrorists walk into an airport waving a banner announcing who they are. They don't carry handguns or try to conceal explosives as they debark from an international flight into the United States. And just as rarely do they have police records.

So how can US officials go about identifying potential terrorists? A new solution is Israel's Suspect Detection Systems (SDS) - a company that has developed an advance automated filtering tool for identifying potential suspects with hostile intentions among masses of tens of thousands visitors.

Consider it a personal polygraph machine that will make air travelers infinitely safer, says SDS CEO Shabtai Shoval, a former division manager at Comverse Technology who founded SDS along with former head of the Israel Police's polygraph division Yeshayahu Horowitz and former deputy Mossad chief Amiram Levin.

"Our system makes an initial assessment within three minutes. If the system identifies a suspect, he can be sent to a personal agent to complete the investigation," Shoval said.

After 9-11, we said to ourselves, maybe we should change direction toward the field of homeland security. 'What's the major problem that 9-11 has presented to the world,' we asked?

"Our conclusion was the fundamental issue that international terrorism has gotten sophisticated enough to enable terrorists to get into the target country without any weapons and with their own identity. Therefore, they can then create a strategic terror attack from within, without carrying in any means with them," he said.

Built to replace human selectors or random check ups of visitors, the SDS-VR-1000 is a device based on the assumption that sophisticated terrorists might not be included in suspect lists and will not carry weapon or explosives when they approach a checkpoint.

According to Shoval, there are two basic ways to combat this threat - either through good intelligence, or through being able to detect them when they try to enter a country.

"If only you could have each person trying to enter the US go through a polygraph test with a specialist, you could prevent terrorists from entering - but of course that's not realistic. But, can we create a machine - that uses the basics of polygraph technology - that works

automatically without the specialist, and takes only three minutes?"

The SDS system does just about that. It is based on the belief that the terrorist's fear will be reflected in measurable psycho-physiological parameters.

"As they say in the movies, we have the technology to do this - to use artificial intelligence in software to imitate polygraph capabilities. It took a long time - two years - and lots of trial and error through tests conducted in Israel. But we've achieved a success rate of 95%," said Shoval.



The way it works is that the passengers approach the machine - they put their passport on a scanner and their other hand on a sensor. They are then presented with an array of written questions in the language indicated by the passport (or in an audio mode with earphones if requested). A special detector then measures physiological responses.

"What is done is collect objective data out of the passenger's ID - and it analyzes the data compared to the subjective data it collects while the passenger is asked different questions," said Shoval. "The process takes approximately three minutes, and the passenger either receives a transfer printout authorizing him to advance to the next stage of entry to the country, or an announcement that he is required for further questioning. A monitoring official will then escort the passenger to another area for further questioning."

The system has been approved by the Israeli security apparatus, and an experimental version is going to be tested this year in an American airport. ✧



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Ask JFS

Stacey Heisler

Ask JFS is a monthly advice column with questions from members of the community requiring assistance with a wide range of issues. If you have a problem or a concern that you would like addressed in this Shalom column, please send your queries to Ask JFS c/o Jewish Family Services, 1050 Chinoe Road, Suite 203, Lexington, KY 40502. You can also call in your confidential questions at 269-8244 or email them to us at JFS@JewishLexington.org.

Thanking God for Miracles

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Have you ever thanked God for the sun rising? For rain? For that beautiful summer day? I would venture to say most of us have not. These things in themselves are miracles that we all take for granted. There is a Hebrew translation for this: *ein ba'al hanes machir b'niso*, a person to whom a miracle has happened and does not recognize it. People don't acknowledge their own good fortune. Today in America, people don't just stop and smell the roses, so to say, to thank God for the things we have and the miracles happening around us every day. Working in the social services has helped me do this more often, because I see so many people in unfortunate circumstances. I've started to think that if all of us just took the time to realize how God has helped us, we might take the time to help out another person. Many times lending a hand to others is not that hard and may provide a miracle for them. For instance, just last month JFS provided clothing for an inmate who was released from the Federal Medical Center. This individual had no clothing to wear back home. By spending a nearly insignificant amount of money, JFS has given her the first steps to a new life. I don't know about you, but I would call that a miracle, since all too often we don't get second chances.

I hope this helps readers notice even the smallest of miracles. Remember that there are numerous ways in which one can receive a miracle. Wouldn't it be nice if you were the one carrying out God's work? As Jews, it is part of our job: *tikkun olam*, to repair the world. ✧

Hope Center hosts feast

On Sunday, May 1, several members of Temple Adath Israel's Social Action Committee teamed up to prepare and serve a yummy meal to about 200 clients of the Hope Center. The menu consisted of hotdogs and hamburgers, salad, corn, beans, apples or oranges, and a perennial favorite, Moon Pies. Thanks to Mary and Bruce Engle for assisting with the shopping and to the Kratzer family for their generous donation of 200 apples and oranges. Bruce Engle, Mark Swanson, Ray Archer, Amy Fugate, and Nancy Schoenberg also chopped, sliced, flipped, and then dished out the food to some very hungry guys. A special thanks goes to Rachel and Ben Swanson, who washed and dried fruit, arranged Moon Pies, and cheerfully asked in English or Spanish whether folks wanted apples or oranges. We had a great time and are always looking for additional folks to assist us in shopping, making the meal, and serving. You get to wear those good looking hairnets and work with very, very appreciative people. Let's make our next meal a Jewish Community effort! Call Nancy Schoenberg, (859) 323-8175, for more information about an autumn date. ✧

B'ruchim LaChayim (Blessings for Life)

B'nai Mitzvah

Joseph Frank

On June 25, 2005, Joseph "Joey" Frank, son of Daniel and Vivian Frank, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah at Ohavay Zion Synagogue. Joey's two older brothers, Joshua and Aron, and his younger sister, Miriam, will join in the celebration of this important rite of passage.

Joey is a seventh grade student at SCAPA, where he plays cello in the orchestra and carries a minor in piano. His favorite academic subject is math. Joey is on the Premier Lexington Soccer Team and also plays tennis and basketball.

Joey, who soon will be moving to Indiana with his family, will miss all of his Lexington friends a great deal. He has yet to select a mitzvah project.

Congratulations to our High School Graduates

Temple Adath Israel

Eric Ellsworth
Leah Martin
Dennis Masters
Lindsey Waldman

Ohavay Zion Synagogue

Ben Shechet

TAI students to be confirmed

The annual Erev Shavuot/Confirmation Service will be held this year on June 12 at 7 p.m. There are nine members in this class. The entire Temple community celebrates with them on this special day in their lives. The members of the Confirmation Class are:

Molly Dunn

daughter of Cindy Dunn & Gary Dunn

Rachel Simon

daughter of Mark & Mary Simon

Daniel Engel

son of Bruce & Mary Engel

Theodore Simpson

son of Mark & Tina Simpson

Daniel Friedman

son of Martin & Diane Friedman

Celia Sogin

daughter of David & Debbie Sogin

Jessica Schumacher

daughter of Scott & Beth Schumacher

Mandy Stein

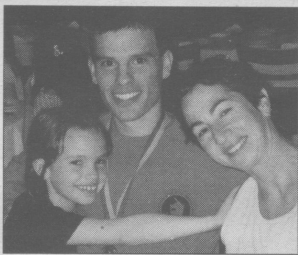
daughter of Linda Dwoskin

Matthew Waldman

son of Randy & Marianne Waldman

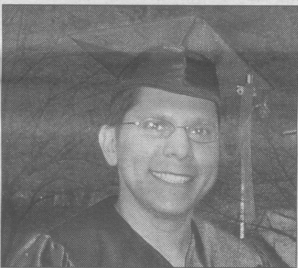
Mazel Tov to...

Judy and Stanley Saxe upon the graduation of their son, Neal, from medical school at the University of Vermont.



Neal, Tova, and Hila Saxe

Stephen Baumann and his parents, Judy and Bob Baumann, upon Stephen's graduation from Central Kentucky Technical College with an associate's degree in applied science and a diploma in industrial electricity.



Steve Baumann

Alexis Roth on earning her Bachelor of Arts degree, magna cum laude, in film and television from New York University.

Freda Miller on the birth of grandson Simon Eli Warner on May 11.

Simon's parents are Shayna and Seth Warner of New Orleans.

Steven and Jan Fischer on the birth of their granddaughter, and Jack and Frances Goldenberg on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Emma Rose Lacy, on May 3, 2005. The proud parents are Julie and Mark Lacy.

Rachel Heller, who was selected as a Governor's Scholar and was inducted into the National Honor Society at Henry Clay High School. Rachel is the daughter of Mindy Heller and Jeff Heller, and the granddaughter of David and Jan Doctrow.

Share your family's events with your Federation family

We have decided to consolidate our various life-passage and milestone notices into one page, and to expand the content of those notices. But we can't do that without your input. So please send us information and photos about:

- Births
- Awards
- Illnesses
- Deaths
- Welcoming/Bris Ceremonies
- B'nai Mitzvah and Confirmations
- Graduations and higher degrees
- Engagements and Weddings
- Professional achievements and publications

You needn't write up the information in article form; just send us the facts and we'll take it from there. Please email your information to Mary Rosenbaum at DI-IFR@Bardstown.com, along with any digital photos (if you only have regular prints, you may mail them to or drop them off at the Federation office) or call Mary at (502) 549-5440.

Alan Stein on receipt of a gold award from United Way's Volunteer Appreciation recognition program.

Barry and Linda Gerall on the wedding of their son, Carl, to Stephanie Brasfield, daughter of Steve and Janet Brasfield, on May 28, 2005.

David and Merle Wekstein on the birth of their grandson, Jeremy Asher Kravitz, on May 11. The proud parents are David and Debbie Kravitz.

David Mandel-Anthony graduated from the Plan II Honors Program at the University of Texas in Austin on May 21.

He was selected as a Dean's Distinguished Graduate and wrote a 135-page thesis on Guatemalans working in chicken factories in Mississippi. After graduation, David is the guest of Humanity in Action and will study human rights, the Holocaust, minority issues, and resistance movements. He starts his program in DC at the Holocaust Museum and will be in Amsterdam for six weeks. Then he travels around Europe for a few weeks.

Condolences to...

Jeremy Popkin on the loss of his father, Dr. Richard Popkin, in April.

Dr. Popkin was a well-known professor who specialized in the history of philosophy and made many contributions to the history of Jewish thought, especially the interactions between Jewish and Christian thinkers during the early modern period. He continued to work steadily until his final illness, despite blindness and emphysema so severe that he was confined to a wheelchair during the past several years. At the time of his death, Professor Popkin was nearly finished with a book on a 16th century Karaite figure, Rabbi Isaac of Troki, in which he showed how the rabbi's anti-Christian polemics circulated in manuscript in the Age of Enlightenment and influenced such thinkers as Voltaire and Gibbon.

Our further heartfelt condolences go to Jeremy on the death of his sister, Maggi Popkin, who passed away after cardiac surgery just before press time. Maggi was an attorney specializing in human rights. She left a 16-year-old son.

The family of Myer Godhelff. May his memory be a blessing.

Refuah Shlema to...

- Louis Dubilier
- Marcia Risk
- Steve Goldstein
- Barbara Reiss

Judy and Stan Saxe, of Lexington, Ky, recently traveled to Israel for the dedication of the Judy and Sidney Swartz Center for Emergency Medicine at the Hadassah Medical Center in Ein Kerem. The Hadassah Medical Organization has been nominated for the 2005 Nobel Peace Prize.

TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL

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Temple Adath Israel welcomes everyone to Shabbat

Haven't been to Shabbat services in a while? Could it be that by Friday night you just don't feel that you can take another step? Well, Friday nights can be uplifting and fun. Come and greet friends old and new. Celebrate Shabbat with a variety of music! Experience the calm of Shabbat, the joy of each other, and the great treats at our Oneg. Engage our rabbi, and know that we appreciate you making our Shabbat grander, even more holy, by sharing your time with us. Services are Friday nights at 7:30 p.m.

Conversation on spirituality

Spirituality is one of the latest religious "buzz words" we see over-used. We throw the word into conversations but remain unsure of what the term really means. How can one define spirituality? Perhaps it is the path to the Divine Waltz on God's dance floor. Perhaps it is nothing more than clearing the noise to hear the still small voice that calls from the source of our conscience. What we know for sure is that spirituality is a unique journey for each one of us. Martin Buber said that each of us possesses an I-Thou relationship with God. Rabbi Solomon Freehoff wrote that where there are six million Jews, there are six million Judaism's. What is the basis of your spirituality? Do you accept responsibility for your own, or is it dependant upon the practice of another? Stay tuned next month, as we unfold an ongoing dialogue on how we approach God. Feel free to prepare to weigh in on the conversation.

Lesson from our sages

"Among the many things that religious tradition holds in store for us is a legacy of wonder. The surest way to suppress our ability to understand the meaning of God and the importance of worship is to take things for granted. Indifference to the sublime wonder of living is the root of sin. Wonder is the chief characteristic of the religious man's attitude toward history and nature." Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel

Torah study

Rabbi Kline conducts Torah Study in the TAI library, Saturdays at 9 a.m. on alternate weeks. He is joined by a congenial group that brings together members of TAI and others, who, following the ancient tradition of Judaism, love study and matters of the mind. If you enjoy wrestling with problems of life and faith, join this friendly group.

June/July schedule is 6/11, 6/25, 7/9, and 7/23

**Come to Keeneland
Race Track on
June 4 and Walk
for the American
Diabetes Association**

Kollel study group

Joe Engelberg leads this study of fundamental ideas of Jewish life and thought. Among these are spirituality, the nature of God, a critique of Biblical and traditional injunctions and laws, Jewish history, principles of the Reform movement, the relation of Judaism to Christianity, Islam, and Buddhism. The purpose of the Kollel group's study is not to assert these principles as eternal truths, nor to refute them, but to discover the wisdom there is in them and to expand upon them. Drop in any time and join in the provocative and friendly discussion.

June/July schedule is 6/4, 6/18, 7/2, 7/16, & 7/30

"Finding a Jewish path while the ground shifts beneath us"
The class will continue in the fall. Watch the bulletin for next year's schedule and theme.

A special mitzvah project

Ben Liebman, an Adath Israel member who has Type I diabetes, is forming a team of walkers from Temple Adath Israel to participate in the 2005 American Diabetes Association's annual America's Walk for Diabetes. This year's walk will be held June 4 at Keeneland. The 12-year-old Bar Mitzvah student will make the formation and management of this team his mitzvah project. The team name is Ben's Bunch. He is excited about the task because he knows that we can both support this vital cause AND forge a stronger Temple community as we spend the morning walking together and getting to know one another better. Another Temple member, who is sponsoring Ben's project, has suggested that a different bar or bat mitzvah student take on this project in subsequent years. He has also challenged Ben to set a "stretch" team goal of more than \$20,000. Ben was diagnosed last May, and with just a few weeks to raise funds from family and friends for last year's walk, surpassed \$2,000, so he is confident that WE can achieve this target.

If you wish to become a walker, email Ben Liebman at benbug412@hotmail.com or call him at (502) 875-4864. To contribute by mail, make your check payable to the American Diabetes Association and mail to: Ben Liebman, 1244 Meadow Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601. To contribute online, where you can use a credit card, go to Ben's personal web site at http://maindiabetes.org/siteTR?pg=personal&fr_id=2382&px=1772331

OR follow the following steps:

- Log on to www.diabetes.org/walk.
- On the home page, select the "Sponsor a Walk" button.
- Select Kentucky from the list of states and then click on Lexington.
- Enter Ben's name in the walker search box.
- Click on his name to access his personal page.
- Click on the "Click Here to Sponsor Me" button
- Complete the donation information form.

You will receive a confirmation page once your credit card has been approved. Online transactions are secure; your credit card number is not stored on the site.

Please contact Ben or go to the web site listed above to join the team and come out for a fun time in June.

Kol Israel (from page 1)

the former Soviet Union. Also, the JDC—in partnership with JAFI and funded by our Campaign dollars—is helping to rebuild Jewish life and reconnect Jews to our heritage.

In Argentina, JDC and JAFI are active partners with the Argentinean Jewish community in retraining the unemployed, supporting the needy and making sure the Jewish community is able to maintain its structure after the economic collapse in 2002. JAFI is also supporting special Jewish education programs in 55 educational centers in Argentina.

In Israel, JDC, JAFI, and the Israel Office of UJC continue to work after absorption with those who have difficulty integrating into Israeli society, those who fall on the sidelines, and the poor and disadvantaged; these agencies also promote programs bringing together Jews and Israeli Arabs to promote coexistence.

Nationally, the UJC partnership, including 155 communities, created and maintains "Birthright Israel/Taglit," a special program providing free trips for Jewish youth ages 18 to 25 to Israel. The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation is an active contributor to the program. The participants can choose any of the Taglit-approved programs, ranging from religious studies, kibbutz life, and those organized by a wide variety of American Jewish groups including the religious and secular movements.

In Kentucky we try to live up to the same standards. We help our own needy Jewish elderly and families; we provide camps for children to attend Jewish summer camps; we offer scholarships to those who do not qualify under the Birthright guidelines so they can participate in Israel programs; we enhance Jewish life in Central Kentucky by organizing joint community events and programs; we promote Holocaust education to help promote prejudice reduction and tolerance. In short, we interpret the interests of our community in the general community.

Our active participation in all this good work is possible because of the CKJF/UJC Annual Community Campaign. This helps us to be a part of something larger than ourselves. The incredible work done by our people here at home, in Israel and around the world is nothing short of commendable.

Take pride. YOU are the Federation. ✪

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Adult B'nai Mitzvah celebration

Members of the OZS Adult B'nai Mitzvah class have been working hard as they prepare to celebrate together this unique moment in their lives during Shabbat services June 3 and 4. Each participant learned a variety of bima skills as well as preparing a *d'var Torah*. The community is invited to join in this special celebration of our adult B'nai Mitzvah on Friday, June 3 at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 4 at 9:45 a.m. Members of the Adult B'nai Mitzvah class will lead the Friday evening service and parts of the Saturday morning service, read from the Torah, chant the Haftara, and deliver a *d'var Torah*. We congratulate our adult B'nai Mitzvah: Sue Ezrine, Jacquelyn Johnson, Jeff Kaplan, Ellen Leichtman, Vlad Sefer, and Di Sobel. Mazal Tov!

OZS Congregational Annual Meeting and Dessert

Ohavay Zion's Annual Meeting and Congregational Dessert will be held on Sunday, June 5 at 7:30 p.m. The evening will include the installation of new officers and the presentation of special recognitions, awards, and honors to those who have made outstanding contributions to the OZS community. We extend our thanks to those board members completing their tenure. A special note of appreciation goes to Nancy Hoffman who has given so much of her time and effort as president of Ohavay Zion Synagogue the past two years. Join us as we welcome in the new board and Sandy Goldberg as the new president of OZS.

Shavuot at OZS

The holiday of Shavuot celebrates the revelation at Sinai and the receiving of the Torah. In addition to worship services that parallel the other two Pilgrimage Festivals (Passover and Sukkot) on our calendar, we observe Shavuot through studying (and yes, eating dairy foods as the custom goes!). Our annual Tikkun L'ayl Shavuot—all-night study session—which begins the holiday will be led by Rabbi Smith on Sunday evening, June 12 at 9:00 p.m. in the OZS social hall. Light refreshments will be served and you are welcome to come stay all night or only for a short time. On Monday June 13, the study will conclude with a sunrise minyan. (Note there will be NO late Festival Morning Service on Monday.) For those of you who can't attend on Sunday evening, or are awake enough for more studying, we will have a special Shavuot Day Lunch and Learn on Monday June 13 at 11:30 a.m. at OZS. Bring your own dairy or veggie lunch or snack. Weather permitting, we will meet outside so you are encouraged to bring a blanket to sit on. The Festival Minhah/Ma'ariv service will follow later in the day at 5:45 p.m. Our Festival Morning Service for the second day of Shavuot will be on Tuesday, June 14 at 9:45 a.m. Yizkor will be recited.

OZS Religious School News

In May we celebrated the culmination of the school year and gave thanks to our teachers and aides during a very special Teacher Appreciation Shabbaton. We extend our appreciation to all of our teachers, aides, members of the education committee, and others who supported the

Religious School this year. An extra special *todah raba* goes to Simone Salomon, whose hard work and dedication to our children and to creating a meaningful experience for them is truly unending. Although our students are off until August, plans are already being made for the upcoming school year.

Daily Minyan

Our daily minyan continues to meet each afternoon throughout the summer Monday through Thursday at 5:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please come and help make a minyan.

Shabbat at OZS

Celebrating Shabbat is always the focus of our weekly events here at OZS, and the summer is no exception. Through the month of June, we will run our alternating schedule on Friday evenings. On the 1st and 3rd Fridays (June 3, 17) the service will be at 6:00 p.m. On the 2nd and 4th Fridays (June 10, 24), the Friday evening service is at 7:30 p.m. with an oneg following. In July, as we do each year, the Friday evening service will shift to 6:00 p.m. each week.

THE LEXINGTON HAVURAH

President, Gail Cohen • (859) 272-1459

The Lexington Havurah, founded in 1978, is a diverse network of people dedicated to Jewish learning and renewal, community building and Tikkun Olam (repairing the world). It is affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the National Havurah Committee. Members plan, conduct and share responsibilities for all services. For more information, please call Gail Cohen, President, at (859) 272-1459.

Service honored two Havurah members

On May 1, 2005, Jennie Wilson and Kiki Freedman were honored by the Lexington Havurah for their steadfast support. Both women were born and raised in Brooklyn, NY. Jennie came to Lexington about thirteen years ago and her sister, Kiki, followed a year later. Jennie had enjoyed a 32-year career as a public school teacher. Kiki had been a bookkeeper. They chose Lexington because it was the home of Jennie's son and Kiki's nephew, Terry Wilson, and his wife, Carole.

Both women have participated in CKJF's Leisure Club. They also enjoy "Book Buddies," a program of the Lexington Public Library. They love to eat out, shop with friends, and keep up with family around the country. The Havurah is most grateful for their participation and support.

The Sunday morning service, held on the last day of Passover, was led by Judy and Stanley Saxe. The host families were the Wilsons and Evelyn Geller.

Shabbat morning service held

The Havurah scheduled a Shabbat morning service for Saturday, May 21, to be led by David Wekstein, with the Torah service conducted by Ned Rosenbaum. Assigned

hosts were Mary and Ned Rosenbaum and Karen and Steve Shedlofsky.

Annual meeting, pot-luck supper, and Shavuot evening service to be conducted Sunday evening, June 12

The Lexington Havurah will gather for its annual meeting on the evening of June 12 at the Lexington Theological Seminary, Fellowship Hall, 631 South Limestone. The meeting will include a review of the year's activities and the annual installation of officers. Plans will also be discussed for the coming year.

Following the meeting, the group will enjoy a traditional dairy pot-luck supper, leading to a service welcoming the holiday of Shavuot.

Havdalah under the stars, July 9

On Saturday, July 9 the Havurah will celebrate "Havdalah Under the Stars." This special evening has become an annual event for the Havurah. This year it will take place at the home of Judy and Stanley Saxe. It will begin at 7:30 p.m. with a pot-luck supper. The Havdalah service will begin once three stars are seen. The Saxes and Mimi Siegel will be hosts for the evening.



Kiki Freedman (left) and Jennie Wilson (right) with the certificates they received honoring them for their support of the Lexington Havurah.



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Daily Minyan Mon.-Thurs. at 5:45 p.m.; Kabbalat Services on the 1st and 3rd Friday evenings at 6:00 p.m.,
on the 2nd and 4th Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. • Shabbat Services Saturday at 9:45 a.m.

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29	30	31	June 1	2	3	4
OZS Annual Meeting 7:30 p.m. 5	Yom Yerushalayim - Jerusalem Reunification Day 6	• OZS Board Meeting • TAI Board Meeting 7	• Rosh Chodesh Sivan • JFS Meeting 6:30 p.m. 8	9	Tot Shabbat Pot Luck Dinner TAI 10	• Hevra Kadisha - OZS • Torah Study - TAI 11
• Havurah Services • Confirmation Service - TAI • Erev Shavuot Tikkun • All Night Study - OZS 12	Shavuot 13	• Shavuot • Chabad-Rabbi Litvin visits • Camp Shalom Meeting 8:00 p.m. 14	15	16	17	Kollel - TAI 18
19	TAI Sisterhood Board 20	21	CKJF Annual Meeting 7:00 p.m. at TAI 22	23	24	• Frank Bar Mitzvah - OZS • Torah Study - TAI 25
Community Picnic Veteran's Park 26	27	28	TAI Executive Meeting 7:30 p.m. 29	30	July 1	Kollel - TAI 2
3	4	• OZS Board Meeting • TAI Board Meeting 5	6	Rosh Chodesh Tammuz 7	Rosh Chodesh Tammuz 8	Torah Study - TAI 9
Shalom Deadline 10	11	• Chabad-Rabbi Litvin visits • Camp Shalom Meeting 8:00 p.m. 12	JFS Meeting 6:30 p.m. 13	14	15	Kollel - TAI 16
JewLS Trip to Mammoth Cave 17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Fast of Shiva Asar B'Tammuz 24	25	26	27	28	29	30