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Global Day of Jewish Learning returns Lexington Goes Global, the sequel

By Tamara Ohayon

Global Day locally and around the world

The Aleph Society and world-renowned Rabbi Adin Even-Israel Steinsaltz have announced the third annual "Global Day of Jewish Learning" to be held on Sunday, November 18, 2012. This event brings Jews of diverse backgrounds, from around the world, together for a day to study Jewish ideas. Our second year of participation in this international momentous occasion broadens our community in central Kentucky, and strengthens the global Jewish community as a whole.

Individuals in more than 300 communities, in over 40 countries, across 6 continents will collaborate in a day of celebration and learning. Events will take place in communities throughout the United States from New York to California, Texas to Florida and across the globe from South America to Europe, Canada to Israel as well as in the Middle East, Asia, Africa, Australia and the Former Soviet Union.



Our Lexington program will begin at 3:00 pm on November 18th at Ohavay Zion Synagogue. This year's event will focus on the themes of blessings and gratitude. The afternoon will be structured similarly to last year's Global Day at Temple Adath Israel; we will again learn from each other as community members lead two blocks of 45-minute sessions with a break

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Habitat for Humanity

By Lisa Satin

On October 7, Temple and Synagogue members enjoyed spending part of Sukkot working on a permanent dwelling for a family (although the roof is still open to the stars)! There were about 10-15 members of each congregation working on the project today!

Many of the participants eagerly accepted this opportunity to hammer nails and use power tools! Several people continued working with the Temple during the second shift from 12:30 to 3:30. Special thanks to Ray Archer for providing ample snacks and a nice lunch for everyone!

Thanks to the following Synagogue

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CAMPAIGN NEWS

Campaign News: Tzedakah in another form

Our community is blessed to have so many donors who contribute generously to the Federation annual campaign, to their congregations, to Hadassah, B'nai B'rith, and other charitable organizations. We are grateful that because of your contributions, we are able to make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters locally and overseas. We are also grateful that many of our community members contribute in another way – with their precious time in addition to their monetary support.

highlight volunteerism in our community. On November 18th we will join hundreds of Jewish communities around the world by participating in the Global Day of Jewish Learning. Volunteers in our community will again be offering classes and workshops dealing with Jewish concepts about gratitude and blessings. As last year, classes will include text study, arts, Jewish Family Life Education, and a PJ Library musical program. The Global Day will be held at Ohavay Zion Synagogue at 3 pm.

Two Federation events coming up

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The PJ Library is a national program offered locally, which mails free, high-quality and age appropriate Jewish children's literature and music to families on a monthly basis.

All families raising Jewish children ages six months to eight years are welcome to enroll. JFB is proud to offer your family, through our partnership with local donors and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, this opportunity to explore the timeless core values of Judaism through books and music.

Enroll your children or grandchildren today! Call us at 859.268.0672 or visit www.pjlibrary.com and visit our Lexington community page.



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SAVE THE DATE 12/15/12
YBJ HANUKKAH PARTY

YBJ is a gathering of local Jewish adults, ages 21 to "40-ish" (about 45), who get together monthly for social events. Join our mailing list. Contact Tamara Ohayon at tamara@jewishlexington.org, (859) 268-0672, or find us on Facebook!

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Shalom Deadline

Deadline for articles for the December *Shalom* is November 10.
Email articles to shalom@jewishlexington.org

President's Message

Bob Grossman, JFB President

I'm writing this message from Breaks Interstate Park, on the border of south-eastern Kentucky and southwestern Virginia. Barbara and I took a walk in the woods this afternoon. The leaves have started to fall, although there's not much color in them yet. There's a beautiful, steep canyon here, carved by the Russell Fork of the Big Sandy River, and we saw kayakers enjoying the river.

We're here because we needed a short respite from the hurly-burly of our lives in Lexington. Jewish tradition, of course, already knows the value of that respite, hence Shabbat and the cycle of holidays. And, just as taking time out from our busy lives to mark time the Jewish way is sometimes inconvenient and even jarring, the isolation here at the state park is a little more than I bargained for: no Internet connection in the rooms, only in the middle of the parking lot! Nevertheless, I'm glad Barbara and I came out here this weekend to enjoy the natural beauty, just as I'm always glad when I take the time to celebrate the Jewish holidays.

The Jewish holidays have both religious and cultural aspects. Here at JFB, we view our role as fostering the cultural side of Jewish life, leaving the religious side to our congregations. As part of our efforts to foster Jewish culture, your Federation has begun a few new programs in the past few years that have seen increasing success. We are in the third year of our Jewish Film Festival, and attendance continues to climb, which pleases us greatly. At the same time, we have reduced the cost of presenting the films by showing them at UK and making them free to students. Also last year, due to a very generous group of local donors and the equally generous support of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, we started the PJ Library program in Lexington, which provides a free Jewish-themed book every month to Jewish children ages 6 months to 8 years. We are very proud of these new programs, and we hope the community will continue to support them.

A JFB program with greater longevity

than these is the annual Hanukkah Winter Dinner, which this year will be held on December 9 at Panda Cuisine restaurant. We hope very much to see you there. This December, we will also hold our annual Tzeason of Tzedakah, when we will match Jewish volunteers with service opportunities in Lexington. The Tzeason of Tzedakah has grown tremendously in recent years, and we think its popularity says a lot about the generous nature of our community and its desire to help make our world a better place for both us and our neighbors.

Just as the Jewish holidays mark the cycle of the Earth's orbit around the sun, so do life events mark our travel through life. We wish a very fond farewell to our JFS director, Talia Smolkin, as she and Rabbi Moshe become new parents. Don't be a stranger, Talia! "Mazel tov" is also due to Tamara Ohayon, who has recently been promoted to Director of Marketing, Outreach, and Engagement. Tammy will also be taking over as Camp Shalom Director from Kathy Feinberg, who has decided to resign after many years of dedicated service in this position. Thank you for all you have done, Kathy, and don't be a stranger, either!

As American Jews, we mark the cycle not only of the Jewish year, but also the secular year. As we approach the end of JFB's fiscal year, I would like to remind you that all of your Federation's programs can happen only if you support them financially. If you have not already made your pledge for the 2012 Campaign, we respectfully ask that you do so now; if you have already made your pledge, we encourage you to pay it as soon as possible; and if you have already paid it, thank you so much, and please consider JFB again as you make your end-of-2012 charitable contributions.

Barbara and I wish all of you a very happy Thanksgiving and a happy Hanukkah. ☆



Jewish Federations Call for Fair Solution to Situation at Kotel

While JFNA fully respects decisions of Israel's courts and judicial system, we urge government, together with other parties, to work out a fair solution to the problematic situation that exists at the Kotel. Such an outcome must uphold Israel's guarantee to grant full freedom of worship for all in Jerusalem, including rights of all Jews to

pray in their own traditions at our holy sites. Further, JFNA is very concerned over allegations of mistreatment of Anat Hoffman at the hands of the Israel Police. If media reports as to this mistreatment are correct, we call on the Israel Police to provide answers as to how and why such actions occurred. ☆

Notice of Cleaning of the gravestone monuments of the Lexington Cemetery

To enhance the beauty and dignity of Sections E-J and E-2 of the Spinoza Society sections in The Lexington Cemetery Company, the Spinoza Society has authorized the Lexington Cemetery Company to clean all of the monuments in Sections E-J and E-2. The entire expense for cleaning the monuments will be paid by the Spinoza Society. Cleaning of the monuments has begun in Section E-J (the older section) and will continue while weather

permits. Cleaning of the monuments in Section E-2 (the newer section) will begin after Section E-J cleaning has been finished.

If you have any questions about this Notice, you may contact Mr. Scalf, President of the Cemetery (255-5522), or any of the Trustees of the Spinoza Society: Michael Ades, Ben Baker, Joe Rosenberg, or Simone Solomon. ☆

Hanukkah Winter Dinner to be held on December 9th

The Winter Dinner will be held on Sunday, December 9th, the second night of Hanukkah at 5:30pm. This year it will be held at Panda Cuisine, 2358 Nicholasville Road. A delicious vegetarian buffet will be served. The cost for adults is \$18. The buffet for children will cost \$5. As always, participants are asked to bring a can of food for God's Pantry or to make a contribution. Please bring your Hanukkiah (Hanukkah menorah) and candles so that we can all celebrate together. Please call the office to make reservations (268-0672) or send an e-mail to jfb@jewishlexington.org. The deadline for reservations is December 5th.

Access showcases Cincinnati and Plum Street Temple in its new United States of Shabbat Series

Access' Got Shabbat Dinner Series is a popular way for Jewish Young Professionals to wind down their work week together

It's an all-American celebration with a traditional Jewish twist... introducing The United States of Shabbat, Access' newest "Got Shabbat" Dinner series, showcasing the best regional culture and cuisine our country has to offer... from sea to shining sea! Naturally, the first city to be featured will be the Queen City! And where better to hold a Cincinnati-Style Shabbat than the magnificent, historic Plum Street Temple, considered to be one of the most iconic buildings in Cincinnati, and in the country for that matter!

This event is free with advance reservations and will take place on Friday, November 9th. It is open to Jewish young professionals, 21-35 from around the region. The evening will begin at 6:15pm with a brief and engaging Shabbat service just for Access' participants. It will be led by Rabbi Lewis Kamrass, with musical accompaniment from Wise Temple's own Shir Chadash Band. Guests will also have the chance to learn more about the significance of Plum Street Temple at this time.

"We are delighted to share the history and the story of Plum Street Temple with the Access community, and to celebrate Shabbat with them in a service in our beautiful sanctuary," says Rabbi Lewis Kamrass. "I look forward to this being the first of many opportunities for us to welcome our young adult community and to giving them access not only to our history, but to the personal meaning of Shabbat and of prayer."

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Following the service, guests will have the chance to mix and mingle with other young professionals from Greater Cincinnati and around the region while enjoying a sit down Shabbat dinner with all the trimmings, including Montgomery Inn's famous barbecued chicken and brisket (vegetarian options are also available), and desserts from other popular Cincinnati establishments such as Busken Bakery and more. Complimentary beer and wine and other beverages will also be served.

Cincinnati-Style Shabbat is the first in the new United States of Shabbat, dinner series and will focus on the iconic tastes and traditions of our own country's many unique cities and regions. Like Access' past International Got Shabbat dinner series, which included, Indian Summer Shabbat, Mexican-Style Shabbat, CelebRussian, Tuscan Summer Shabbat, Mid-East Feast and others, Cincinnati Shabbat will offer the perfect chance for guests to wind down their work week with other Jewish YPs while they enjoy a taste of what makes our own city so unique and interesting.

"For the past two years I have attended Yom Kippur services at Plum Street Temple, thanks to Access' free High Holiday ticket program and the generosity of Wise Temple. The sanctuary is so amazing, and even though I'm not a very religious person, being there makes me feel more spiritual somehow," explains Jeremy Fine. "I am really looking forward to participating in a Shabbat service there and appreciate that they are doing all of this just for us!"

see *Cincinnati*, page 7

JFS: At Your Service

Giving a "Shout Out" to Leisure Club

By Janice Newman, member of Jewish Family Services Advisory Committee

Give me an F for FUN
Give me an F for FOOD
Give me an F for FRIENDSHIP
What do you have? LEISURE CLUB

Now I know you want the scoop about Leisure Club and what there is to cheer about. Just ask those who come to the monthly events: the men and women ages 60 and over in our community.

The FUN is in having Harriett Rose talk about her life, growing up in Lexington and its many changes over the years; visiting our beautiful Arboretum; participating in book reviews at Joseph-Beth Booksellers; hearing a beautiful presentation by James Clark, President & CEO of LexArts Inc, and Scott Terrell, Music Director and Conductor of The Lexington Philharmonic; celebrating holidays at Leisure Club parties, and much more!

FOOD is always something to cheer about: latkes at Chanukah time; restaurant outings or lunch at meeting spots like Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass, Ohavay Zion Synagogue, and Temple Adath Israel. Most events are without charge. Our periodic restaurant outings entail a dutch treat (everyone pays for her or his own).

FRIENDSHIP is really the focal point of your involvement in Leisure Club. Being new to town or a longtime resident; making new friends or seeing some you already know—Leisure

Club is your avenue to experience new things, have fun, laugh, socialize, be involved in your community.

Please come and join in! If you are not receiving monthly notices in your mailbox about Leisure Club, please call Jewish Family Services at 269-8244 or the main Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass number at 268-0672. And, if you want to help Barbara Barr, Annette Milch, and Ann Buckholtz on the fantastic planning committee, call the office right away. (Many thanks to Bob and Sheila Orbach for their years of service on the committee, and to our beloved Ruth Moser, may she rest in peace).

On a personal note, every time I see the monthly notice of a Leisure Club activity, I kvell and cheer, for I am proud to have organized the Leisure Club many years ago. It is definitely one of the longest running successful programs going on here in our community. Please be a part of it. There are many unexplored arenas that would be so much fun to explore together!

NEXT MONTH.....

Join friends from Leisure Club at our community-wide Global Day of Jewish Learning. This is a great opportunity to learn from our peers on a variety of subjects, ranging from text study to the arts.

This year, Global Day will take place Sunday, November 18 at 3 pm at Ohavay Zion Synagogue. See you there! ☆

ATTENTION proud grandparents, parents, and students

We want to publish any original writing produced by our community's elementary- and high-school-age children. If you're proud of something written by one of our kids, either fiction or non-fiction, please email it to

shalom@jewishlexington.org

Global Day of Jewish Learning (from page 1)

in between and an oneg following. Workshops will include text studies, a visual art program, yoga, a youth learning lounge for ages 9 to 18, a PJ Library music program and child care for young children, and a Jewish Family Life Education program.

Blessings and Gratitude

Rabbi Steinsaltz said, "the structure of giving thanks on a regular basis, even in hard times, encourages us to focus on the positive side of life. It does not mean that we forget the dark side, just that we keep a true perspective, giving the positive side its due. Sorrow and anxiety should not extinguish our ability to say 'thank you' for our blessings, even when they are obscured by pain, and these blessings are what ultimately have the ability to guard us against taking our most basic gifts for granted."

The mission of the Global Day is to bring the Jewish people together once a year to celebrate our foundational Jewish texts through community based learning. As a small but vibrant Jewish community, let us join together to share in those blessings we have as one Jewish family, to learn from each other,

discover or re-discover the joy and richness of our heritage, and celebrate those traditions and ideas we have in common and new traditions we are building toward collectively.

Let us also offer our thanks to those Jewish organizations sponsoring the program locally: Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass, Jewish Family Services, Temple Adath Israel, and our host Ohavay Zion Synagogue. We would also like to thank our other local Jewish organization and their leadership and volunteers for their continued support and participation. Internationally, the Aleph Society's organizing partners for Global Day of Jewish Learning include Jewish Education Service of North America (JESNA), Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, and the Shefa Institute in Israel.

For more information about the local program, visit www.jewishlexington.org or contact the Jewish Federation staff at 859-268-0672. Additional information can be found at www.TheGlobalDay.com. We look forward to seeing you on November 18. ☆

Habitat (from page 1)

members who eagerly participated: Jared Bryan, Marty Luftman, Bruce Broudy, Bennett Bayer, The Bourne Family, Jon Satin, Mike and Kathy Grossman, Bob Grossman, Michael Ades, and Mark Klar. And thank you to the invaluable Temple members who participated: Dale Schermer, Bruce Engel, Julie Lauderback, Alvin Goldman, Wayne Graff, Trevor Creamer, Bob Rosenberg, Mark Swanson, Ben Swanson, Mike Burrell, Micah Kaufman, Zach Kratzer, Mickey Hernandez, and Ray Archer.

Other Congregations involved, but not there on October 7 with the Temple and Synagogue, include: Central Baptist, Southside Church of Christ, Meadowthorpe Presbyterian and Lutheran Group. The work is being done for Mie Makola and Madeline Bomboma,



from the Democratic Republic of Congo, who had to flee to the United States because of the war in their country. They have four children here, ranging in age from 4 1/2 to 7 months. They have two other children who they are still working to bring here from Africa. Mie works at UK full time as a cleaner and floor technician and Madeline works at Krispy Kreme, part time.

The next build date is on December 2 from 12:30 to 3:30 (626 Breckenridge). ☆



Job Openings at JFB

Full Service Bookkeeper

JFB is seeking applicants for a 16 hour per week position which will include data entry, reporting, budgeting, AP/AR/PR, tax support for the accountant, fundraising campaign support, and phone support. Candidates must be at a minimum proficient in Quickbooks Nonprofit 2011, Microsoft Office Suite 2007. Additionally, candidate will need to learn new donor software and assist software company with implementation of data. Flexible schedule. Apply to Judy Wortman, Executive Director by mail or by emailing resume and cover letter to jfb@jewishlexington.org

Graphic Designer

JFB is seeking creative and disciplined individual(s) to work on marketing materials including, but not limited to, flyers, web graphics, html emails, invitations, and brochures. Applicants must have access to, and experience using, Adobe Creative Suite 5.0 or newer software. Work will be compensated by hourly wages. Submit resume and a portfolio of your work to Tamara Ohayon at tamara@jewishlexington.org, in person by appointment, or by mail to the JFB office. In addition to portfolio and resume, applicants are asked to submit a test project which is outlined on the Jewish Federation website.

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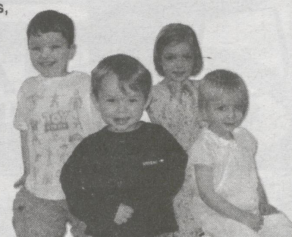
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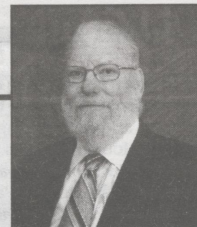
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Ask A Rabbi

Rabbi David Wortman



Q: When my rabbi speaks of "rabbinic literature," what does s/he mean?

A: "Rabbinic literature" is a general term that refers to documents written by (or transcribed by) rabbis from the 2nd century B.C.E. through the present day.

The period from the 2nd century B.C.E. – 2nd century C.E. is known as the Mishnaic. It was during this time frame that the Mishnah was compiled, ultimately by Judah the Prince. The Mishnah is work by rabbis (or their students) arranged by subject, rather than by the order of the biblical text. There are six major divisions, known as "orders." These orders are further broken down into tractates. The Mishnah is a written compilation of oral traditions of the early rabbis.

From the 2nd-4th C.E. centuries, another body of literature was written down. It is known as the Gemarah. It is

basically commentary on the Mishnah. When taken together, the Mishnah and the Gemarah constitute the Talmud. This was completed by the 4th century C.E. The Talmud retains the order of the Mishnah itself and has 63 tractates. The literature itself can be subdivided into two types: halachic (legal) and aggadic (stories and parables). Each is interwoven with the other.

The 1st century B.C.E. – 1st century C.E. witnessed the introduction of another kind of rabbinic literature. In the writing of the Dead Sea Scrolls, the rabbis added commentaries to some of the traditional text. This was accomplished sometimes through the wording of the text, other times through a more explicit commentary form.

Then came the Midrash. Midrash is largely a collection of rabbinic sermons, again either in legal terms or as stories and parables. Most often, Midrash follows the biblical order.

By the end of the 1st millennium, two more types of rabbinic literature appeared. First is the traditional biblical commentary, best exemplified by Rashi (11th century) and Maimonides (12th century). Earlier, during Gaonic times, responsa literature was born. Responsa refers to writings like this column. Someone would ask a rabbi a question and the rabbi would answer (respond).

Another type that was engendered during the Middle Ages, was the Law code. The most famous of these legal compilations was the Shulchan Aruch (16th century). This remains one of the most authoritative legal compilations in rabbinic literature.

With the exception of the Talmud and the Dead Sea Scrolls, these literary forms continue to this day. In fact, there are now commentaries on almost all of the prior literature. Commentaries, Midrash, law codes, and responsa

are still being written. The process is endless and will keep enlightening us for many more years. ☆

Have a question? Ask a rabbi

The rabbis write columns in response to questions submitted by the readers. We encourage you—whether you are a member of the Jewish community or not—to submit your queries on theology, morality, ethics, religious observances, etc. for response by one of our rabbis. If you have an issue you would like to see addressed, please email it to shalom@jewishlexington.com and put "Ask a Rabbi" in the subject line of your email. (It may take quite a while until your question is answered or it may never be answered, if no rabbi selects it.) You will not be identified as the writer of the question to either rabbis or readers, nor will you be asked to specify which rabbi should answer.

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Hadassah Chanukkah Party
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Kentucky Children's Hospital
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Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012
7:00 to 9:00 pm
at the home of Evalyn Block

For our traditional gift exchange, bring a wrapped or bagged gift valued at \$10 and a snack or dessert to share (vegetarian, dairy or parve)

MITZVAH PROJECT:
Bring items for babies or adolescents who are patients at the Ky Children's Hospital. Bring unwrapped, new items only.

RSVP by Dec. 7, 2012 to Gayle Bourne at 312-0359 or lexhadassah@yahoo.com

Rosa Behar, una mujer fascinante

By Elisa Mandel

Being useful and giving her all to the Cuban Jewish community in many ways are the lessons that Rosa Behar was taught by her parents, who always tried to be of use and who believed that Jews carry responsibility for every other Jew.

What a complicated and fascinating international life story!

Rosa, born in Lille, France, is now living in Cuba. Rosa's father Moshe, a Sephardic Jew from Turkey, married her mother, Rivke, also Turkish, in France. Her brother, a retired pharmacist, has lived in Israel since 1962. Her husband, Aleop Gutierrez, is in the Cuban Merchant Marines, an engineer who has visited 64 countries. A son, Aleop, was born in Havana, lived in Italy, now lives in the Dominican Republic. Her daughter Rebeca, a member of the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah and TAI, is a pharmacist. She is formerly of Israel and is now living in Lexington with her husband and two children.

Rosa has lived in Cuba since 1938, when her family left France because the Nazis were coming to power. Her family sailed to Cuba on a refugee vessel. Her father needed to finish just one more year of medical school, but started working at an American insurance company, later becoming president of the company. Her parents made Aliyah to Israel in 1959, fearful of changes in Cuba. Rosa stayed in Cuba and did her medical training there, where these studies are free. Part of medical training in Cuba was to be a family doctor before becoming a specialist. Dr. Rosa was a family doctor in a small town, seeing children in the mornings and adults in the afternoons. In her 20 months there, she delivered 300 babies and performed minor surgeries. She then studied six more years to become a gastroenterologist.

Talking with Rosa in Lexington in July was a fascinating lesson in history, politics, international family back-

grounds – and mainly a story of this energetic woman's commitment to Judaism and her community in Cuba. Now retired (2006), she continues to serve as head of Hadassah in Cuba. She continues to work in a hospital one day a week. She is the Director of the Jewish Community Pharmacy in Cuba and deeply involved in Project Baby Bottom, which donates supplies and medicines to mothers of newborns. This organization delivers clothes, diapers, formula, vitamins, and Tylenol to 37 families in need. Pampers and baby wipes are very expensive in Cuba. Rosa also helps an organization that aids children with chronic illnesses...last year she was able to donate \$250 to each of five families.

In addition, since 1990, Rosa has coordinated efforts with the Jewish Council of Canada, which sends much-needed supplies of Passover meals and matzoh to Cuban families. Rosa is also involved in a Social Assistance program for those who cannot travel to a pharmacy. Members of a youth organization deliver prescriptions to the elderly. Rosa also assists the Jewish community in Cuba in strengthening social, religious, and Hebrew school programs. All this made more complicated by a blockade and limited internet (one must pay to go to a special office to be online for an hour a day). Life in Cuba can be very challenging but rewarding. There is no illiteracy in Cuba. Schools are free and open to all. Individual Cubans can now receive gifts of goods and clothing from America. Guns are not legal in Cuba for regular citizens and Cuba is one of the safest countries in the world. There is not much deep poverty. There is no anti-Semitism in Cuba. As professionals, Rosa and her husband could have cars. President Raul Castro even accepted an invitation to light a candle with the Jewish community last year. Downsides include some difficulties in travel. Rosa could not leave permanently because she was a valued doctor, but she is able to visit her family in Kentucky now that she is retired. She has also traveled quite a

bit: In 1959 she went to New York for the wedding of her cousin. In 1982 she was invited to an International Gastroenterology Congress in Switzerland, representing Cuba. In 1989 she was able to go to Israel to see her father for the first time in 28 years. In the late 1980s and in the 1990s she traveled widely as a Hadassah International president. (Until the 90s Hadassah only had members in the U.S.) To accept travel invitations, religious leaders simply need to present letters of invitation to the government office for religious affairs. All religious leaders can travel.

Rosa Behar is full of passion, commitment, humor, and dedication. It was a treat to be able to spend time with her. Hopefully she will be here again next summer! ☆

Cincinnati (from page 4)

Space for the Cincinnati-Style Shabbat is limited to the first 200 people and is already filling up quickly. The event is FREE and open to Jewish young professionals, 21-35 from around the region. Non-Jewish significant others are always welcome. Reservations are mandatory and will be given on a first come, first served basis. A block of hotel rooms has been reserved at a discounted rate at a downtown hotel for anyone who is interested in staying overnight. Access, an initiative of The Mayerson Foundation, and offers 4-6 programs a month designed to help Jewish young professionals get connected to one another and to the Jewish community. Most programs are completely FREE or very deeply subsidized. To RSVP, or to learn more about this event, please contact Rachel Plowden at info@jypaccess.org or 513-373-0300 or www.jypaccess.org. ☆

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A Jewish Educational Manifesto, Part Two: Dreaming Large

By Aryeh Ben David

Imagine: a diverse Jewish community whose individuals -

- feel confident, passionate and whole in their unique qualities
- believe in their God-given roles to create a better world
- work in harmony with others to reach a larger goal

Imagine this community of individuals collaborating like a symphony - each playing a different instrument in harmony with others.

How do we build this Jewish orchestra?

It cannot happen until we change our vision for the Jewish community. Until we cease being content with the small dream of 'Jewish continuity' and start dreaming large.

Today, Jewish educators are in panic mode, panicked over assimilation, the growing absence of continuity and the temptations that society offers to our kids. That panic breeds a shortness of breath and a shortness of vision. At best, our visibility is a year or two beyond our kids' adolescence. Our dreams have shrunk to a shortsighted "if only she'll marry Jewish, if only he'll keep (some) mitzvot, if only they'll raise their kids Jewish."

This stunted vision is perceived by our kids. We've become expert at transmitting our panic and fear about micro issues at the expense of large ones. We're so apprehensive about what they'll see on the Internet, how they dress or what they eat that we deny them the larger "why" of Judaism: *the great message that they are bequeathed with a unique soul to fulfill a distinct and necessary role in this world. That there is meaning and purpose to their lives.* Our kids sense the smallness of our vision and it turns them off. They think, "That's all that Judaism has to offer?"

So why don't we put aside the panic, fears, and nightmares for a moment and run with our imaginations. What kind of Jewish adults would we ideally like our children to become?

I'll take the plunge and go first.

This is my dream for my children: that they live their own authentic Jewish paths with passion and dedication to improve this world, both physically and spiritually. And that they do so differently than their parents because every generation is faced with different opportunities, hopes and challenges.

I contend that this should be the goal of religious education: helping our children to find and clarify the unique voice of their souls.

This is not a narcissistic indulgence. We did not create our uniqueness - God did. We did not create the singular mandate our soul was given to better this world - God did. God gave us particular qualities and a unique life-mission in this world. It is heresy not to listen to the voice of the soul that God gave us. It is heresy not to clarify our God - given unique purpose in this world.

And while we - parents, teachers, rabbis, professionals - try to educate our children with the wisdom of our tradition and experience, there is only one voice which can truly help them achieve this goal of fulfilling their God-given uniqueness and purpose in this world. There is only one voice which truly knows them - and it is the voice of their own soul.

I recently visited several elite high schools in the US with devoted teachers and talented students. I asked the students: "Where in high school do you have an opportunity to personally explore your own unique spiritual path? When do you have the opportunity to listen to your own voice?" The vast majority of them answered clearly and emphatically: "Nowhere. Zero opportunity. We always have to listen. No one is listening to us. No one gives us the opportunity to listen to ourselves. It's as if they are afraid of it."

For four of the most formative - and turbulent - years of their lives, high school kids have no opportunity to tune into their own voice and begin

exploring the purpose of their souls. No opportunity to begin mapping out their own authentic personal Jewish journey.

And we wonder why so many kids are disconnected from their Jewish identities! And we are dismayed about a lack of passion. Passion comes naturally when we hear our calling and live according to the wisdom of our inner voice.

We can ask the same questions of ourselves, as adults and as educators: When do we stop to listen to our own inner voice? While we boldly imagine this passionate exploration for our children, do we remain behind as mere links in the chain of Jewish continuity? Do we realize that 'going through the motions' moves us nowhere?

We must dare to dream a larger Jewish dream, for our children and for ourselves. And we must awaken from this dream with the conviction that developing the uniqueness of each soul is a Godly imperative. As well as with the passion and resolve to blend each of them into the magnificent orchestra that is the Jewish people.

That'll be one beautiful piece of music. ☆

Aryeh Ben David is the Founder and Director of Ayeka: Center for Soulful Education. Ayeka developed a unique educational approach and curriculum to enable adults to personalize Jewish wisdom and enhance their lives.



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Rosh Hashanah in Ukraine: A Personal Reflection

By Zhanna Veyts
Posted on the JDC field blog on 9/25/12

My dad tells me that when he was a kid in Kiev and went with his grandmother to get matzah for Passover at today's Brodsky synagogue, there were policemen on either side of the distribution line keeping an angry eye out for young people. He remembers one of them telling him to scam before he got himself more problems than he'd know what to do with. And despite being a Jew, he managed to make it through the Russian army, get into university, and find his first job so he could start a family.

But when my dad returned to that very same place 24 years after emigrating from Ukraine, and saw young people spilling out of the synagogue where a lively Rosh Hashanah service was under way (with similar-looking guards now posted to ensure their safety rather than jeopardize it), he couldn't believe his eyes. It's true; Jewish life is thriving in today's Kiev: Three synagogues actively sustain communities of varying religiosity, while numerous others can be spotted around the city, adding to its overall beauty. There's a Jewish Community Center that has educational, creative, and social programs for Jews of all ages who are interested in learning about Jewish traditions. Supported by JDC, it welcomes children to a Jewish kindergarten, families to camping and holiday programs, and the elderly to a day center where Yiddish songs make the heart swell with joy. When I paid a visit to the local Hillel house, I was blown away by the contagious enthusiasm and energy of the group of young adults who had come together to brainstorm about ways to reach out and get even more young people involved in non-denominational Shabbat celebrations and other programs.

Clearly, they're shaping their own future in a place where Jewish life was nearly obliterated under Nazism and Communism, and further weakened by massive waves of emigra-



Zhanna's father, Ilya Veyts, in front of the Brodsky Synagogue in Kiev, Ukraine.

tion. What's more, when we traveled about 100 km outside the capital to Belaya Tserkov—the much smaller city where I was born—we saw remarkable examples of Jewish life there, too. This town once had a very large Jewish community because it was just beyond the line of settlement permitted by the czar. And despite today's modest Jewish population figures, we paid a visit there to a local Jewish day school that is better-maintained than most of the buildings I'd seen until then. The school has some 130 students from kindergarten through grade 11, 70% of them Jewish and 30% enrolled because the standard of education is so solid.

The kids here learn Hebrew, Israel's history, and Jewish traditions. In fact, this school is the center of the community, and it's where parents, grandparents, and children come together to celebrate every major Jewish holiday. While there, we got to watch a classroom full of 5th graders learn about the symbols of Rosh Hashanah—in Ukrainian! For my dad, hearing Hebrew being translated into Ukrainian and repeated back by 10-year-olds was something beyond belief. For me, seeing kids learning the same traditions I once studied in an American-style Jewish day school on the other side of the world reassured me that there is indeed a new kind of hope at work here in Ukraine. ✧

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Faith Communities and People with Disabilities

By Hanna B. Smith

On October 5, 2012, I attended training called "Faith Communities and People with Disabilities: Responding to the Call for Inclusion." The University of Kentucky's Human Development Institute provided the training. Presenters were U.K. professors from the Department of Special Education and the director of the U.K. Supported Employment Training Project. According to the trainers, the faith community lags behind the field of education and the workplace in including children and adults with disabilities. Including people with disabilities goes beyond installing wheelchair ramps and accessible bathrooms - though that is very important - and the faith community lacks knowledge of how to be helpful.

The trainers warned against "special" activities because they only serve to isolate people with disabilities. Instead, children, youths, and adults with disabilities need to be included into age-appropriate activities for the same reasons as their able-bodied peers. People of all ages and abilities need to know what society expects of them at different stages in their lives. These skills cannot be learned in isolation. People with disabilities frequently find themselves in a no-win situation: living in isolation from their peers, they may appear naïve and clumsy when joining social groups. In the past people with disabilities were viewed as forever children, yet experience has shown that needs change with age, and that each person is an individual. People should not be identified solely by a disability but ac-

cepted as a complete person, and with talents that will benefit their communities if developed.

Families of people with disabilities will not join faith communities who make it difficult for their loved ones to participate. The presenters cited an example of a parent who was ready to change religion because he felt that his faith group disrespected his autistic son. This causes faith communities to lose as members not only disabled persons but also their able-bodied family and friends.

The presenters gave detailed information of how faith communities can include people with disabilities. They addressed intellectual and behavioral as well as physical issues. Most important was to include the individual as part of the planning and decision-making process. Also, many faith communities already have members with experience, professional and/or experiential, in how to work with various disabilities. These members can be tapped to develop means to integrate members with disabilities, without extra cost to the community.

The Human Development Institute plans to make a video of the training available for the use of faith communities. Also, the presenters are available for consultation. These are Milt Tyree, Project Director, U.K. Human Development Institute, mtyree@uky.edu; Dr. Belva C. Collins, Professor and Department Chair of Special Education, U.K. College of Education, belva.collins@uky.edu; Dr. Melinda Jones Ault, Assistant Professor, Department of Special Education, U.K. College of Education, mjault@uky.edu. ✧

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11:11

By Gary Yarus

How many of you have had the 11:11 experience? In case you have not, let me tell you of my own 11:11 initiation. Prior to moving to Lexington, I had heard nothing of the planetary awakening of consciousness, or The Shift, or the Mayan calendar and the December 21, 2012 prophesy. Then, after I moved here, I met Bernie Rosenthal who told me about the Mayan calendar and what he thought was going to happen on December 21, 2012. What he told me was interesting and entertaining to hear, nonetheless, I did not pay any attention to it until now.

For the past several weeks, I found myself just happening to glance at the clock at 11:11 a.m. or p.m. I'm not a clock-watcher, I don't even wear a watch, and so this coincidence struck me as odd.

Time rolled on, and it began happening with increasing frequency. I found it strange my initiation to the 'The Shift' occurred during the 2012 Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot holidays.

During this period it has happened on the clock in my car, the digital clock in my bedroom, my microwave and DVR clock and most recently on October 11 (10/11/12) on my cell phone. Finally, it had my full attention and I wondered what the heck was going on? When I am curious about something and need an answer I always turn to Google. So I googled 11:11. Go ahead and try it. Pretty impressive!

Turns out I was in good company and hardly alone in having this experience. Uri Geller comments on his 11:11 experience drew my attention. He wrote: "I started experiencing this rather bizarre occurrence when I was forty years old; at first I thought they were coincidences. I would stand with my back to a digital clock and something made me turn around, and I would notice that the time would be 11:11. I started noticing these digits

on computers, microwave ovens, cars, etc. I decided to write about it on my website. I was immediately inundated by hundreds of emails from all around the world. Individuals were telling me their own 11:11 stories, almost always saying, "I thought it only happened to me." It is difficult for me to decipher what this is all about, but my intuition tells me it's positive." I also learned from my Google search, this phenomenon was called 'planetary awakening'.

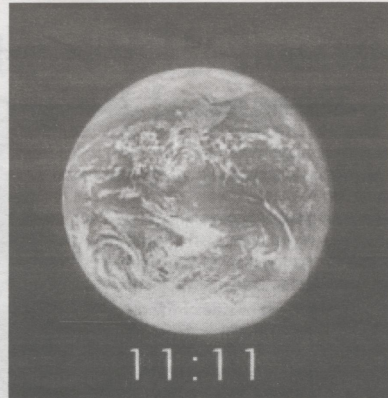
But what did it mean, why was it happening to me? Some said it was a precursor or indicator of something in the future? Exploring further, I found the Wake Up World website and a recent article written by Linda Lubin who provides her explanation: "What had started out seeming to be a mere coincidence, evolved into something that proved to be a trigger, an activation of sorts? My consciousness began to awaken and take in the information that I had been oblivious to prior to my 11:11 experiences. And this is what frequently happens, when you begin seeing these numbers: something shifts within..." "If you are one who has been seeing 11:11 for weeks, months or years, know that you have been receiving a download whenever this happens. You have been evolving faster than the speed of light?"

Do you look back at the person you were a year ago, two years ago, five ... and think to yourself: 'who the heck was that person?' You have evolved so much you barely recognize the old you anymore... Not only are you as an individual evolving at warp speed, the entire planet is doing the same... In recent years, many of you have experienced life-altering changes, however, even if you did not, you probably felt the seismic energetic shifts that were occurring on the planet... You felt it on a visceral level, as the energy shifts were having a huge impact on us physically. And you felt it emotionally as well. Your perspective changed on many aspects of life, and this change was so thorough that you may not even realize it - you may have so fully let go of the old beliefs that you don't remember having held them just a short time ago... The process has been one of pushing all that no longer serves us to the surface, and then

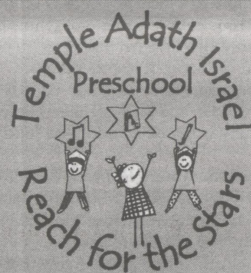
clearing it out to make way for that which is built on a solid foundation. This is true on the personal level, and on the planetary level. Look at your own life, and take a note of all that is happening around the globe... this process will continue for many years.

It has taken a millennium for all of this darkness to be created, so we cannot expect it to move out overnight... However, as this deconstruction continues, the construction of the new will pick up speed and begin to grab our attention, giving us a heightened sense of hope, and an enlightened awareness of the potential for the creation of our new earth... We are now coming to the tipping point in this process. In the past decade the focus has been on the deconstruction of all that no longer serves us.

And while this will continue for many years, the construction of the new will begin to dominate in 2013... These are exciting and fascinating times we are



moving through. Know that you chose to be alive at this time, to experience this Shift. You are participating in it, and the more conscious you are of that, the more you will be able to effectively contribute to this process... We are individually and collectively creating the New Earth. Doesn't get more exciting than that... Have any of you experienced this phenomenon? If so, welcome to 'The Shift.' ☆



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Sunday, September 23



Restoration (Boker Tov Adon Fidelman) A Film By Joseph Madmony

70 year old Yaakov Fidelman (Sasson Gabai, The Band's Visit) hangs on with all his might to the antique restoration workshop which has been his life's work. After his long-time business partner passes away, Fidelman rejects his son Noah's idea to close the business and build an apartment complex on the site. He believes that with the help of his new apprentice Anton, he'll find a way to save his workshop, his world and his solitary way of life. When Anton falls in love with Hava, Noah's pregnant wife, the two young men compete not only over a father, but also over a woman and the baby she carries. Will the old man understand that his only hope for redemption is to learn to let go, admit and accept his weaknesses and the dictate of time? Country of origin: Israel. Spoken language: Hebrew with English subtitles. Runtime: 105 minutes.

Sunday, October 14



Father's Footsteps (Comme ton Père) A Film By Marco Carmel

In the early 1970s, the Maimons, a rambunctious but tight knit Tunisian-Israeli family, settle in Paris seeking adventure and fortune. Felix (Gad Elmaleh), Mireille (Yael Abecassis) and their two young sons rely on each other, especially when Felix's minor crimes escalate to bank robbery after he meets Serge (Richard Berry), a local Jewish gangster. Eleven-year-old Michael, who always thought of his father as a "super hero," discovers that maybe his definition of hero needs to change. Drawing on events and characters from his own childhood in this unusual coming of age story, Israeli-French filmmaker Marco Carmel offers a tender and emotional portrait of a son whose allegiance to his father is tested and a fiercely protective mother trying to shield her children from the truth. Country of origin: France. Spoken languages: French and Hebrew with English subtitles. Runtime: 95 minutes.

Sunday, October 28



My Dad is Baryshnikov (Мой Папа Барышников) A Film By Dmitry Povolotsky & Mark Drugoi

Russia in the time of Perestroika the borders are opening up and rock music is hitting the alleyways of Moscow. It's 1986 and blackmarket jeans are the quickest way to get you into the cool crowd. For Borya, the clumsiest pupil at the infamous Bolshoi Theater Ballet Academy, supplying these jeans to his classmates is his ticket into popularity, along with his claim to be the son of Russia's most famous ballet dancer, Mikhail Baryshnikov, an idea fed to him by his mother. It is only a matter of time before these claims catch-up to Borya. In a place where decorum and conformity rule, Borya's dreams are met head on in a hilarious and heart-warming way, that takes us back to the 80s when the world was starting to rumble under the headphones of the portable walkman. Country of origin: Russia. Spoken language: Russian with English subtitles. Runtime: 88 minutes.

Sunday, November 11



Gruber's Journey (Călătoria lui Gruber) A Film By Radu Gabrea

In June 1941, Curzio Malaparte, an Italian journalist and member of the Fascist party, arrives in the Romanian city of Iasi on the way to cover the Russian front for an Italian newspaper. Suffering from severe allergies, he is referred to Josef Gruber, a local Jewish doctor. Desperate to find the missing doctor, Malaparte must navigate the outrageous and increasingly sinister bureaucracy of Nazi-occupied Romania. What begins as an absurdist wild goose chase leads directly to the heart of the final solution, and the disastrous fate of the local Jews. This film is the first Romanian fiction feature to explore the Holocaust and the murder of the Romanian Jews. Based on Curzio Malaparte's real wartime experiences chronicled in his 1944 novel *Kaputt*. Country of origin: Romania. Spoken languages: Romanian, German, and Italian with English subtitles. Runtime: 100 minutes.

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Israel 21c: Diets give long-term health benefits, even if you gain back weight

By Abigail Klein Leichman

Staying on a Mediterranean or low-carb diet gives long-lasting health benefits even if some weight is gained back, according to a new Israeli study.

If you stick with a Mediterranean or low-carbohydrate diet, you'll be healthier in the long run even if you regain a few pounds after years on the plan, according to a follow-up study by Israel's Nuclear Research Center and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU).

The results of the study, published last week in a peer-reviewed letter in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, updated the findings from the landmark 24-month Dietary Intervention Ran-

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In the DIRECT study, 322 moderately obese subjects were randomly assigned to one of three diets available at home and in their workplace cafeteria: low fat, restricted-calorie; Mediterranean,

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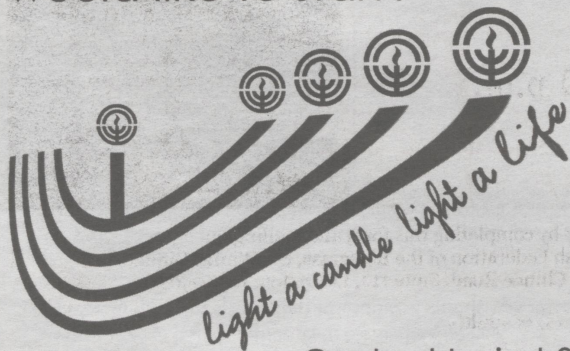
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Israel 21c: Diets give health benefits (from page 12)

restricted-calorie; or low-carbohydrate, non-restricted-calorie.

The Mediterranean diet is based on traditional eating habits of Greeks, Israelis and other Mediterranean-area nations. It emphasizes fruits and vegetables, whole grains, legumes, seeds and nuts, olive oil, herbs and spices instead of salt, and moderate amounts of red wine. Fish and poultry are included in meals at least twice a week, while red meat is limited to no more than a few times a month.

While all three approaches led to a healthy reduction of blood pressure, the low-carb and Mediterranean diets showed especially beneficial metabolic effects of lower cholesterol, triglycerides and arteriosclerosis. Apparently, these results weren't just temporary.

Looking beyond initial results

"Our follow up subsequent data shows lasting, positive effects of Mediterranean and low-carbohydrate diets six years later," said Dr. Dan Schwartz from the Nuclear Research Center in Dimona, where the research on 259 of the original participants was conducted.

The significance of the Israeli follow-up study is that data from trials comparing the effectiveness of weight-loss diets rarely go beyond the initial intervention period, explained BGU researcher Iris Shai, a registered dietitian.

In the four-year post-intervention, each DIRECT participant regained nearly six pounds. During the entire six-year period, including the initial study, participants lost approximately six-and-a-half pounds on the Mediterranean diet and 3.7 pounds on a low-carb diet. More than two-thirds of the participants continued with their original assigned diet.

The researchers also found that after six years, the HDL/LDL cholesterol ratio remained significantly lower only in people on the low-carbohydrate diet, while triglyceride levels remained significantly lower in both the Mediterranean and low-carbohydrate diets.

The researchers are now performing a new long-term dietary intervention trial to trigger weight-loss mechanisms using a range of dietary strategies and novel techniques. ☆

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B'tayavon (Hearty Appetite)

By Ruth Poley

I cut this recipe out of the New York Times about a month ago; last night I decided to make it. I changed it some, and I'm giving it to you as I adapted it as I think it works better the way I made it. It's vegetarian (vegan, if you leave out the yogurt) and would work equally well as a main dish or a side dish accompanying lamb or chicken. We used it for an entrée and we really enjoyed it. The flavors are decidedly Middle Eastern, so it's a bit different from what you're used to, but it's well worth trying. I used plain molasses rather than pomegranate, so it's probably not as authentic, but I'm not sweating it. I also used a lot less oil than it calls for. In fact, I sprayed one side of the eggplant with canola cooking spray and then used some olive oil on the other side.

Roasted Eggplant With Spiced Chickpeas (8-12 servings)

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| 3 large eggplants, peeled and sliced lengthwise (½ inch thick) | 1 teaspoon allspice |
| ¼ cup and 2 tablespoons olive oil, plus extra for pans | 1 teaspoon cinnamon |
| ¼ cup peanut oil | 1 tablespoon pomegranate molasses |
| 1 onion, minced | Salt and black pepper |
| 6 garlic cloves, minced | 1 15-ounce can chickpeas, drained and rinsed (about 1 cup) |
| 1 28-ounce can fire-roasted diced tomatoes | ½ cup pine nuts, toasted |
| | Fresh mint leaves, for garnish |
| | Thick yogurt for serving, optional |

Heat oven to 450 degrees and lightly oil two baking sheets (or use nonstick). Combine the ¼ cup olive oil and the peanut oil. Brush eggplant slices on both sides with the mixture, then place on pans. Roast, flipping once, until golden brown on both sides, about 15 minutes total. Set aside. Since this is a very hot oven, you really don't want to leave the eggplant in there more than 15 minutes. It does, however, need to be soft. If you think it's not soft enough, just turn the oven off and leave the tray in there for another half hour. The eggplant will cook through but will not burn.

In a large skillet, heat the 2 tablespoons olive oil over medium heat. Add onion and garlic, and cook, stirring, until soft and translucent, about 10 minutes. Add tomatoes, spices and molasses, and bring to a simmer. Add sugar, salt and pepper to taste. (The amount of sugar will depend on the tomatoes' sweetness; there should be a hint of sweetness in the mixture.) Simmer until slightly thickened, about 15 minutes. Add chickpeas and cook until thick, 5 to 10 minutes more. Stir in half the pine nuts and set aside.

Spray a 9 x 13-inch pan with cooking spray. Make a layer of eggplant on the bottom, spread half of the chickpea mixture on top, then repeat, ending with the chickpeas unless you have so much eggplant you need to add a layer on top. Sprinkle the remaining pine nuts over the top. Cover with foil and bake at 350° for 30 to 45 minutes. Pass the yogurt in a bowl if you are using it. You can assemble the dish, refrigerate it, and then bake it later. If it's been refrigerated, it will certainly take 45 minutes or longer to heat through. ☆

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



Sim Shalom news

By Jesse Weil, from Budapest, Hungary

Things are happening again, with the High Holidays just passed. Attendance was very good for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, especially the latter, considering that it was on a weekday, when the socialist habit is still strong here that one must go to work every day. More people turned out for the daytime services and programs than ever before! Old habits die slowly, but we are making progress.

But the big new thing for this year was that we had a weeklong public celebration of Sukkot. It took place in St. Istvan Park, overlooking the Danube, and in the middle of one of the strongest Jewish districts in Budapest. There was a program every night of Sukkot. We built a sukkah that seats about 40-50 people with a reed matting roof, through which one can see the stars, and fabric walls decorated by our children.

On Sunday afternoon there was an "Ask the Rabbi" session where many people were curious about the differences between Reform and the more traditional movements of Judaism. This was followed by a family program, especially for those with young children. Then in the evening there was an opening service for Sukkot, then a potluck supper in the sukkah, and finally a big songfest with our Cantor, Miki Budai, playing his guitar.

The program on Monday night was a presentation on teaching tolerance in the public schools, especially toward the most transient people of Central Europe. Tuesday was an interfaith round table discussion between four clerics, Jewish, Christian, Muslim, and Buddhist, about the different religions' points of view on the relative importance of life here on earth and in the hereafter, with a starting point of the text on Vanity of Vanities in Ecclesiastes. Wednesday was a musical program with a famous Armenian accordion player, and also a new Progressive Jewish choral group, Shir Chadash, formed by one of our Board members. On Thursday were some improvisational theatre performances, Friday were Kabbalat Shabbat services, and on Saturday there was Havdalah and dancing led by our youth group. And every day before the main program, there is shaking of the lulav, and the singing of Hallel psalms.

People come from all over the city, but especially from the neighborhood of the park which has many young families, as well as retirees. Some are showing an interest in coming more regularly to Sim Shalom, which of course is one of our motivations. But it's just great to have a place to be outside in the Indian summer weather (well, there was rain one evening, so things had to be moved inside a local cafe!). ☆

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The Lexington Havurah

Stan Saxe, President

The Lexington Havurah, founded in 1978, is a network of diverse people dedicated to Jewish learning and renewal, community building, and tikkun olam (repairing the world). A havurah is defined as a gathering or community of friends. The Lexington Havurah is affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the National Havurah Committee. Members plan, conduct, and share responsibility for all services. For additional information about services or membership in the Havurah, please contact me at sabastanley@insightbb.com.

By Judy Goldsmith

I've been thinking a lot about group decision-making. The election and its hoopla, and the Havurah board decision-making. In one case, the decision-making process seems to be decreasing civility and civic engagement. In the other, while we may disagree, we share a common goal of engaging Havurah members, partners, and friends. If only elections were as good for society.

There are many ways for groups to make decisions, even many voting schemes. There are schemes where voters distribute points, and the candidates with the most votes win. There are ones where voters compare candidates pair-wise. Voting rules can get arbitrarily complex. There are instant runoff schemes. One scheme that the Reverend Charles Dodgson invented to stymie a particular vote

- it was proved, in the 1990s, that it is very hard to compute who actually won a Dodgson election. (You might remember Dodgson as Lewis Carroll, the author of Alice in Wonderland. His day job was as a mathematician.) I study the complexity of changing group decisions. This includes looking for efficient algorithms to manipulate elections (no fieldwork!), and to try to bring a group to consensus. Hard, fascinating stuff. But this doesn't make me better at bringing people around to a decision.

There's a famous result in voting theory, Arrow's Theorem, which says that there is no election that has all of a collection of nice properties, including non-dictatorship. Another property is unanimity: if everyone prefers X to Y, then Y shouldn't end up preferred to X—if there's only one winner, it shouldn't be Y.

What Arrow's theorem tells us is that there is no ideal voting scheme. And yet, we manage (sometimes with the help of the Supreme Court) to make decisions. This is so much better, I think, than throwing up our hands and walking away. Sometimes we secretly want to be the dictator—especially when we're in the minority. But mostly, we engage in the democratic process.

I've been thinking about group events, about not bowling alone as it were. Many of us are engaged in political activities, charitable activities, social groups through work and neighborhood. And, within the Jewish community: we go to services, organize or attend events, get together with friends for Shabbat meals. We make decisions in a variety of ways, including serial dictatorships and consensus building, and some are imperfect. But we go on

working together, sharing decisions about everything from how to run the world to what to have for dinner. The Havurah is defined by shared responsibilities and decision-making. One way I like to make participation easier is to add a dash of playfulness. By the time this issue of Shalom comes out, the Havurah will have had its first "Zombies and Golems and Dybbuks, Oh My!" event, a participatory reading of Tony Kushner's adaptation of S. Ansky's play, *The Dybbuk*. ☆

For information about the next social/educational/playful event, contact me (goldsmi@cs.uky.edu). I'm open to suggestions. For information about services, contact Stan Saxe.

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Jane Chaput, President

With the coming of fall and the celebration of the High Holidays also comes Hadassah's Donor Campaign. Letters were sent in late August and the annual phone-a-thon took place on October 4.

Thank you to all who have donated or pledged. Hadassah appreciates your support, which, in turn, helps to support our programs. We here in the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah are very fortunate to have so many active and dedicated members. For a small city, we are very blessed with women and men who believe in our mission and support us with their time, talent, and treasure.

Our mission:

Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc., is a volunteer woman's organization, whose members are motivated and inspired to strengthen their partnership with Israel, ensure Jewish continuity, and realize their potential as a dynamic force in American Society.

Founded in 1912, Hadassah retains the passion and timeless values of its founder Henrietta Szold, Jewish scholar and activist, dedicated to Judaism, Zionism and the American ideal.

Committed to the centrality of Israel based on the renaissance of the Jewish people in its historic homeland, Hadassah promotes the unity of the Jewish people. In Israel, Hadassah initiates and supports pace-setting health care, education, and youth

institutions, and land development to meet the country's changing needs.

In the United States, Hadassah enhances the quality of American and Jewish life through its education and Zionist youth programs, promotes health awareness, and provides personal enrichment and growth for its members.

If you look closely, you will understand that all funds raised by the Lexington Chapter go to further the mission. We enthusiastically support both Hadassah Hospitals in Jerusalem, Youth Aliyah Villages in Israel, Young Judaea both here in the US and in Israel, JNF, Hadassah College in Jerusalem, and many other programs designed to help meet Israel's changing needs. Our programming here in Lexington is planned to enhance our quality of life, our health, and our position as leaders in our community.

This year, the Lexington Chapter has initiated the Chai Club, which will honor members who donate to the Donor Campaign in multiples of Chai: \$180, \$360, and \$540. Members who increase their donations to those levels will be recognized at a luncheon on January 13, 2013. I encourage you to try to increase your donation to one of those levels if you are close.

Of course, all donations are welcome and all donors appreciated. Many thanks go to the members of our community who have supported Hadassah in the past and who will support us again this year and in the future. ☆

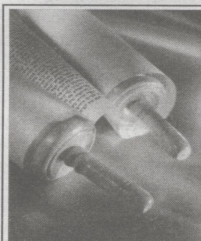
Campaign (from page 1)

In December, we will celebrate volunteerism with our annual Tzeason of Tzedakah and we invite you to join more than a hundred volunteers who will assist the general community by working in a number of agencies such as the Catholic Action Center, The

Stewart Home and School, and Meals on Wheels. This year the program is being staffed by a special volunteer, David Wekstein. Todah Rabbah to so many of you who continue to devote your time and energies to the service of others. ☆

Hadassah announces new contacts for 2012-2013

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Co-Book Club Chair - Peggy Leep & Vivian Bitensky



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KIDS' SHABBAT AND PJ LIBRARY

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Kids Shabbat is our monthly Shabbat Service for children. We light candles, drink grape juice, eat pizza, sit together on beautiful carpets, sing songs, and read amazing stories from the PJ Library. Newcomers and friends are always welcome.

This year's Kids' Shabbat services will be held Fridays at 5:30pm at Ohavay Zion Synagogue on the following dates.

November 16
December 14
January 4
March 15
April 26
May 17

For more information or to RSVP, email Rabbi.Smolkin@gmail.com.

YOUTH SHABBAT AND STEWART HOME

Youth Shabbat is geared for ages 8 through 18. We begin by welcoming in our friends from Stewart Home with a pizza dinner. Then we all celebrate Shabbat with our students helping to lead services. This is a wonderful

Shabbat Program filled with music and joy.

Please join us for another exciting year of Youth Shabbat and Stewart Home Services, Fridays at 5:30pm at Ohavay Zion Synagogue!

November 2
December 14
January 11
February 1
March 8
April 12
May 10

For more information or to RSVP, email Rabbi.Smolkin@gmail.com.

YOUNG OZS-ERS' SHABBAT

Join in as Jews in their 20's and 30's celebrate Shabbat with Fabulous Friday Nights Filled with Food, Fun and Festivities. This is a great way to meet other young Jews and celebrate Shabbat. Newcomers and friends are always welcome!

Please join us for another exciting year of Young OZS-ers, Fridays at 6:00pm at Ohavay Zion Synagogue!

November 30 (held at the home of Shani & David Bardach)

December 21
January 25
February 15

March 22
April 5
May 3

For more information or to RSVP, email Rabbi.Smolkin@gmail.com.

OHAVAY ZION SYNAGOGUE SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

Please join us any Saturday morning of the year, as Ohavay Zion Synagogue celebrates Shabbat. Our worship is filled with joyous song and fascinating Torah discussions. All are invited to schmooze over lunch after the service. This is a wonderful way to celebrate Shabbat and to meet some nice Jewish folks here in Lexington. Newcomers and friends are always welcome!

TUESDAY MINYAN

Tuesday Minyan is a special time at OZS. During this brief service, students and adults both pray and learn together. There is a warm atmosphere and something for everyone. Please join us Tuesday afternoons from 5:45pm to 6:15pm.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

For parents of young children—Sunday mornings, October 28 thru December 2, 10:30 to 11:45 AM

PARENTING AS A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

by Rabbi Nancy Fuchs-Kreimer

Everyone is welcome to come at any time during the series. This particular book selection will be more relevant for open-minded Jewish, interfaith, and agnostic parents of children from birth to 12. Marilyn Robie (mom, psychologist, and multiple religious tradition-juggler) will facilitate the discussion.

FRIDAY MORNING TALMUD STUDY

The Talmud Study group meets each Friday morning for prayer, food, and study. The morning begins with a brief Shacharit service at 7:30am followed by a light breakfast and study. Newcomers are always welcome!

INTERESTED IN OHAVAY ZION SYNAGOGUE?

Ohavay Zion Synagogue is a warm and welcoming Jewish community. If you are interested, or if you know someone who may be interested in learning more about Ohavay Zion Synagogue, please call our membership chairs Ricki Rosenberg at 221-2121 or Harriet Cooper at 269-1136, or email Rabbi Smolkin at Rabbi.Smolkin@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you!

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Our Shabbat services for November 2, 16, 23, & 30 are at 7 PM. On November 9, service will be at 6:30 PM

Our lively Family Shabbat takes place on the second Friday of each month at 7 PM. Our Youth Choir (Kol Adit) sings, our Religious School classes participate in services, we sing songs, and enjoy great stories. This year we will have a Potluck dinner at 6 PM immediately preceding services. Join us! November 9 (no potluck)
December 14 (Hanukkah potluck and service around the table)
January 11 (Chinese Potluck dinner)
February 8
March 8
April 12

Our Tot Shabbat Friday night service is held on the last Friday of each month. It is a wonderful way for families with young children to celebrate Shabbat with song, stories, dancing, and pizza. The service begins at 5:45 PM followed by our Shabbat service at 7 PM. The upcoming dates are:
November 30
December 28
January 25
February 22
March 29
April 26

November 2
Shabbat Service 7 PM

November 3
Kollet Study 9 AM
Parsha 11 AM
Vayeira—Genesis: 18:1-22:24

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November 9
Family Shabbat 6:30 PM
Lily Kaufman Bat Mitzvah

November 10
Torah Study 9 AM
Lily Kaufman Bat Mitzvah 10:30 AM
Chayei—Genesis: 23:1-25:18

November 16
Shabbat Circle 7 PM
Followed by Shabbat in the Sanctuary

November 17
Kollet Study 9 AM
Parsha with worship 11 AM
Tolodot—Genesis: 25:19-28:9

November 23
Shabbat Service 7 PM

November 24
Torah Study 9 AM
Vayetze —Genesis: 28:10-32:3
November 30
Tot Shabbat 5:45 PM
Shabbat Service 7 PM

December 1
Kollet Study 9 AM
Parsha 11 AM
Vayishlach—Genesis: 32:4-36:43

December 7
Shabbat Service 7 PM

IMPORTANT NOTICE: NEW FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE TIME IN NOVEMBER

Many people had trouble keeping track of our varying Friday evening service times. In response to this problem, the Worship Committee decided to change our worship time to 7 PM every Friday evening starting in November.

There will be an Oneg after each service that will be a combination of nosh-like refreshments and some sweets. Let's try it. It will be simpler, easier to remember and still leave time to go out to dinner afterwards.

BODY RECALL CLASSES

Class time will continue to be 10:30-11:30 AM. Classes will be taught by Paula, Lauren and Anne. November class dates will be 2, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23, 26, 28, and 30.

ADULT JEWISH GROWTH

Is there a topic related to Judaism or Jewish culture or history in which you are interested and which you'd like to share or explore your interest with the Temple community? If so, the Temple's Adult Education committee would like to help you set up a place/time (e.g. a Friday night after a service, but other days and times are also possible) to meet with others who may be interested in learning or sharing this interest. Please contact Joe Brill (jwbrill@uky.edu).

CHAVURAT CHOCHMA PROGRAM

No meeting in November. We will meet again on December 7, 2012 at 11:30 AM in the social hall for an interesting program following lunch. Cost is \$6 per person. While this program was designed for those sixty and over, anyone may attend. RSVP to Sandee by December 5, 2012 at 269-2979.

KOLLET STUDY GROUP

Kollet meets at 9 AM every two weeks in the TAI Library. The group explores cultural, ethical, and historical aspects of our 4000-year tradition. Its emphasis is on dialogue and exploration. Please join us any time. November 3 & 17

TORAH STUDY

Rabbi Kline conducts the study of the Tanakh (Bible) using the Jewish Study Bible on alternate Saturdays at 9 a.m. in the Library. The discussion is always lively and informative and you can join the group at any time. November 10 & 24

PARSHA

Join us each Saturday morning at 11 AM to take a look at the Torah portion for each week. Rabbi will lead some discussions and everyone will take turns. We will join the celebration of a Bat Mitzvah on November 10, 2012

10:30 AM and join us on November 3, 17, & 24 at 11 AM. We will have Parsha with worship on November 17. See you in the library!

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Rebecca Young, President

Thanks Again

Our thanks goes out to Mary Engel for coordinating the congregational Break-the-Fast. Mary, Erin DuBose and Linda Gerall filled the kitchen with the delicious smells of Rosie's kugel. Betty Nigoff, Leona Stern and Julie McKee, we couldn't have done it without your help. Thank you ladies, and thanks to everyone who helped in various ways to make our Break-the-Fast a wonderful end to the day. We need everyone's help to make it a success.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jonathan Miller will speak about his new book, *The Liberal Case for Israel: Debunking Eight Crazy Lies* about the Jewish State Sunday, November 11 at Temple Adath Israel. Join us for a buffet dinner at 6:00pm, cost is \$12 or you may come at 7:00pm to hear Jonathan without attending the dinner. Please RSVP by 11/7 to Sandee at 269-2979 to make sure there is enough food and seating. This is a joint event sponsored by the Temple Sisterhood and Brotherhood.

Wednesday, Dec. 12 at noon Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Kline, details to follow Sisterhood stronger together. For membership information, please contact Christy Roth at 219-3238 or crickie21@gmail.com

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Eleanor Benblatt
 Patricia Francis
 Fran & Ted (z"l) Friedman
 Lois & Ken Germain
 Kimberly & Kevin Maines
 Kathy Nelsen & Larry Bitensky
 Roberta & Louis Shain

Three Times Chai

Susan Cobin & Randall Roorda
 Lynn & Jim Furness
 Cathy Grinstead
 Janet Zusman & Ben Kaufman

**In memory of Ned Rosenbaum—for the enjoyment he provided in his Shalom articles.*

Two Times Chai

Judy & Bob Baumann*
 Flora Guter
 Marilyn & Arthur Lieber
 Lucinda C. Masterton
 Judy & Nat Sandler
 Marjorie Weiss
 Vicky & Mike Welch
 Judy Worell

Gibor

Judy & Lou Hersh
 Sheila & Robert Orbach
 Rob Seibert

***In honor of her father, Ernest Guter.
 ***In memory of Isabel Rusoffto.*

**First and third Sundays of the month
 Yiddish Drop-in!**

10:30 a.m. at the JFB office. An hour of Yiddish with Refoyl Finkel (Rafi Finkel). Beginners welcome, fluent speakers welcome, and those who remember "a por verter fun der heym" also welcome. We'll adjust what we do to the levels of those who come. No long-term commitment necessary. No charge. Worth every cent, at least!



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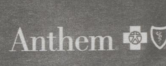
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Around the Community

Please note: Information for Around the Community comes to us from a variety of individuals and Jewish institutions. It's a pretty haphazard arrangement; except for b'nai mitzvah, we do not have the resources or staff to collect information or research each item. If you would like to see an event or life passage in your family acknowledged here, please be sure we get the full and correct information as you would like to see it printed. Send notices to shalom@jewishlexington.org. Remember, we welcome photos too!

Mazal tov to:

Michael and Jill Rappoport-Genovese on the birth of their son, **Max Asher**.

Dale Brichta for winning a Blue Ribbon in the Textile Category at the Kentucky State Fair.

The Beck family on the Bar Mitzvah of **Andrew Robert Harry Beck**.

Ryan Michael Siegel for becoming an Eagle Scout. Ryan is the son of **Renee M. Siegel and William A. Siegel**.

Micah and Mimi Kaufman on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Lily Ann Kaufman**.

Jenn Garlin and Marcelo Guzman on the birth of their son **Ephraim Nathaniel**.

Condolences to:

The **Steinberg and Crane/Perel** families on the death of **Sidney Steinberg**.

Fran Friedman and family on the death of **Ted Friedman**.

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RECENT TRAGEDIES AFFECT US ALL

In light of the recent weather affecting the East Coast which resulted in the death of over 38 people, the Disaster Relief Committee of the Jewish Federations of North America has established a donation fund for anyone who is interested in contributing financially to recovery efforts. Hurricane Sandy has directly affected several Jewish Federations and the populations they serve. If you are interested in learning more or you would like donation information, please visit <http://bit.ly/PINnID>.

Overseas, Israel is in a very serious predicament as the regional instability has resulted in missile attacks on the Jewish state. In the last couple of weeks, Palestinian terrorists have launched over 80 rockets into Southern Israel, some even after an Egyptian brokered cease-fire between Hamas and Israel. Over one million people were forced into their designated bomb shelters last week, and schools were closed for days on end. This includes the southern Israel city of Beersheva, where dangerous anti-personnel missiles were used for the first time. Israel has responded with precision air strikes against terrorist infrastructure and rocket launchers in Gaza.

So far this year, there have been over 750 increasingly sophisticated rockets launched at southern Israel. I will keep updates coming on this situation, particularly if the security situation deteriorates.

For more information see The Israel Project at <http://bitly.com/X0Klek>.

I welcome any and all feedback.

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Taste it.

Certain Jewish foods have magical powers. For some, it's a piece of egg challah. For others, some flaky rugelach, a sweet noodle kugel, or a savory brisket. Magical foods might taste good, but they get their power from the memories they bring us — memories of home, community, heritage, and love. When you leave a Jewish legacy, you're setting a table for the future, ensuring that what you cherish about Jewish life continues to sustain, nurture, and delight the generations to come. To learn more about leaving a legacy gift, contact Judy Wortman at (859) 268-0672 or jfb@jewishlexington.org.

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- **JFB - Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass - www.jewishlexington.org**
- 1050 Chinoe Road, Suite 112 • 268-0672 • Robert Grossman, President
- **OZS - Ohavay Zion Synagogue - www.ozs.org**
- 2048 Edgewater Court • 266-8050 • Jonathan Glixon, President
- Minyan Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:45 p.m. Tuesdays are D'vine Minyan: wine at 5:00 p.m., service follows. Friday evening rotating Kabbalat
- Shabbat 5:45 p.m., Kids' Shabbat 5:15 p.m., Shabbat dinners 6:00 p.m., Young OZS-ers' Shabbat dinners 6:00 p.m. Check OZS Google calendar for
- monthly schedules. Shabbat Services Saturdays 9:30 a.m.
- **TAI - Temple Adath Israel - www.lextai.org**
- 124 N. Ashland Avenue • 269-2979 • Judy Engelberg, President
- Shabbat Services first & second Friday at 6:30 p.m., remaining Fridays 7:30 p.m.; Worship Service Saturday 10:30 a.m.
- **HAD - The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah - www.centralstates.hadassah.org**
- Jane Chaput, President • chaput1@windstream.net
- **HAV - The Lexington Havurah - www.lexhavurah.uscjhst.net**
- 338-5725 • Stanley Saxe, President • sabastanley@insightbb.com • Shabbat Services monthly, call for schedule.
- **BB - B'nai B'rith Mid-America Region, Stanley Rose Lodge #0289**
- 1050 Chinoe Road, Suite 112 • Leon Cooper, President • leon@gedisit.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Hadassah Book Club		Lunch and Learn with our local rabbis				Hadassah Progressive Dinner
Lexington Jewish Film Series						
28	29	30	31	November 1	2	3
B'nai B'rith Brunch		JFS Advisory Committee Meeting (Members only)			TAI Bat Mitzvah	Hadassah Fall Conference
JFB Yiddish Class		Election Day				TAI Bat Mitzvah
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Hadassah Fall Conference		Chabad-Rabbi visits				
Lexington Jewish Film Series						
TAI Sisterhood/Brotherhood Dinner						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Global Day of Jewish Learning						
JFB Yiddish Class						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Hadassah Book Club		Lunch and Learn with our local rabbis	JFB Board Mtgs			
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
JFB Yiddish Class		JFS Advisory Committee Meeting (Members only)		JFS/JFB Leisure Club		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8