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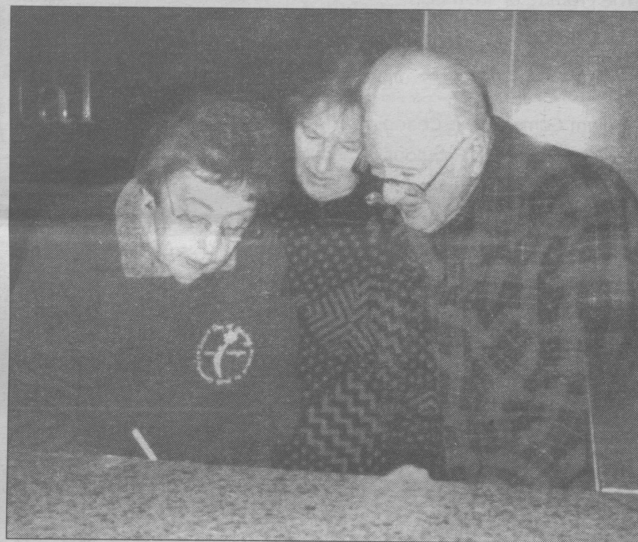
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Super Sunday Set for February 27th

While we just finished a record 2004 UJC/CKJF Community Campaign, we are also gearing up for the 2005 Campaign. It will start on February 27 with our traditional Super Sunday, a day in which we reach out to many Jewish households in Central Kentucky to offer the opportunity to be part of our efforts.

Our Campaign affects lives worldwide in a multitude of ways, from Ethiopian refugees from the Lower Quara in Addis Abbaba, to the new immigrants to Israel from all over the world, to the isolated seniors in Russia, to those in need in our own Central Kentucky Jewish community. We also bring the community together through celebration and common projects, such as Yom HaAtzmaut, the Day of Giving, the Winter Dinner, and so many other programs. We organize and partially underwrite our Summer Day Camp and Camp Shalom, and provide scholarships for Jewish children to attend regional overnight camps at GUCCI, Ramah, Camp Judaea, Camp Livingston, and more.

On Super Sunday you will have your opportunity to help by joining our common efforts. We really are making a big difference. Take Pride—YOU are the Federation. Remember it when you answer the phone on February 27.



Day of Giving volunteers, Barbara Barr and Norman and Adele Potter working St. Joseph Hospital Reception Desk. See page 12 for full story.

A New Voice Joins Editorial Staff

By Mary Helène Rosenbaum

CKJF is pleased to announce that Mary Helene Rosenbaum will be joining the staff part-time as editor/administrator of Shalom. We welcome Mary and are confident she will make a significant contribution to this publication. A brief autobiographical piece appears below.

With the whole country to choose from, my husband and I picked central Kentucky as the place where we wanted to begin the next phase of our lives. We were looking for a state with an Equal Rights Amendment, a region that had four distinct seasons but a relatively moderate climate, affordable land, access to high-quality health care, and proximity to institutions of higher learning and other cultural resources. Above all, we looked for religious, racial, and ethnic diversity; we knew that no place is the Garden of Eden in this regard, but after living for 27 years in Pennsylvania, the state with the largest number of hate groups per capita in the country, we wanted a home

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Mary Helène Rosenbaum joins staff of Shalom as new Editor / Administrator.

Jewish Family Services Has New Social Worker

UK Graduate Joins the CKJF team

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The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation welcomes Stacey Heisler to our team. Stacey graduated with a BA in Social Work at the University of Pittsburgh, where her family lives, and went on to pursue a degree of Master of Science in Counseling Psychology at UK, graduating in 2002.

Since graduating, Stacey has worked as a research assistant at the Markey Cancer Center and as a counselor for the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice.

During the past two years, Stacey worked with some of the most difficult populations in our society, and came up with innovative ways to address problems. One program she chaired was the Adopt-A-Dog program. When she and her supervisor found out that the Humane Society was shooting the excess population of dogs in her Eastern Kentucky home county, they had their juvenile clients foster or adopt the dogs, thus addressing two problems with one program. One of Stacy's dogs, Ellie May, is one of those saved by this program.

Stacey, the granddaughter of Holocaust survivors, grew up in Pittsburgh in a Jewish family, although they were

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- **Ray** and **Colby Cohen Archer** on the death of **Colby's** grandfathers: **Si Mazo** on October 7, 2004, and **Leonard Kozman** on December 11, 2004.
- **Michael** and **Kathy Grossman** and family on the death of **Michael's** mother, **Jeanette Tenner**, on January 24, 2005.

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- **Jeff Newman** for graduating from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York on December 3. **Jeff** is the son of **Larry** and **Janice Newman**. Stop by the Marriott Mansion Restaurant to get a taste of **Jeff's** culinary delights.

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Know Your Board

By Holly Barnhill

Retirement hasn't quite worked out for Marcia Blacker or Ruth Poley. As Marcia says, "It's full time work." On the other hand, Walter Solomon remains firmly ensconced in his career as senior vice president and general manager of the Valvoline Company. All three share common ground: they are members of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation Board.

Walter brings 20 years of community service from Cincinnati to the CKJF. He says, "Working with Federation is a great way for someone new to the community to get a sense of all that's going on 'Jewishly' in the community (taking a survey course, if you will)." Marcia got calls to fill the board seat and to help with the Federation's newspaper at the same time. She rose to the occasion in both instances because she thought it was "important to work on improving the product." Ruth downplays her active CKJF involvement as chair of the Community Activities Committee (CAC) and managing editor of *Shalom* as being motivated by her "meddlesome personality." The CAC plans and executes social and cultural events, including the Winter Dinner (a sell-out at Rossi's in 2004), Yom HaAtzmaut celebration, concerts, wine tastings, and the like.

Walter and his wife Terri stay busy with sons Jake (16), Josh (13), and Mikey (9). The birth of his middle son was a particularly influential event in Walter's life, as it caused him, he says, "to re-evaluate my priorities in life." When not running to keep up with the family's schedule of activities and the traveling involved with his job, Walter likes to read and to follow college basketball and NASCAR, and is a self-proclaimed jazz aficionado. Walter reads mostly fiction, "for the escapist value," and is currently reading *A Salty Piece of Land*, by Jimmy Buffet.

Marcia credits all her teachers for being positive influences throughout her life. Marcia herself is retired from a career in teaching and medical editing. The births of her children—three of them, now grown with children of their own—were Marcia's most significant lifetime events. When not volunteering, she enjoys reading (at the moment she's enjoying *Housekeeping*), playing bridge, and being with family and friends.

Ruth and husband Neil are parents of Philip (38) a resident of Boston, Massachusetts and Sam (35), who with wife Stephanie recently opened a restaurant in their hometown of Durham, North Carolina. Ruth hopes grandchildren will arrive "before I'm too feeble to pick them up." Ruth loves to read, cook (Sam comes by his talents quite naturally), and entertain. She is also talented at knitting and needlepoint. Some Lexingtonians, especially the 10-and-under crowd, have been known to wear her handiwork. Ruth is currently reading *An Amateur Marriage*, by Anne Tyler.

Marcia, Ruth, and Walter all enjoy life in Lexington. Marcia has lived in Lexington for 37 years and finds it "a good place to raise a family and make friends." Ruth arrived in Lexington from North Carolina, via New York. She feels Lexington is just right, "big enough to have a variety of cultural opportunities, people, and reasonable shopping but not so big that it's impersonal or unmanageable." Walter finds Lexington more of a "personal place" than Cincinnati and says everyone here "has been so welcoming and kind to us."

"The Federation is a great concept," says Walter. "Federations have [the] size and scope to be able to fund and staff critical needs in the community (e.g. senior services, college-aged services) that typically fall out of the priority set of religious institutions. Plus, it helps us keep attuned to the considerable needs of Jews outside our community—and around the world." Ruth and Marcia would both like to see more involvement of community members with the Federation. "[I] would like to see many more members of the Jewish community involved in CKJF activities. If 150 people come to the Yom HaAtzmaut party each year, why can't we have 500? It's a great party," says Ruth. Marcia says, "I'd like to see the bright young people on the board step up and provide new leadership; they're a talented group who could give a 'shot' to the Federation."

In the long term, Marcia and Ruth would love to see a Jewish Community Center in Lexington. A JCC has been an unrealized dream for many over the years. With such high-energy volunteers as Walter, Marcia, and Ruth on board, the Federation has a bright future and anything is possible.



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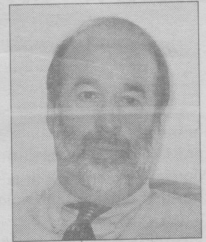


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President's Message

David Feinberg



Got Guilt?

Is mass denial a Jewish problem? Intellectually, we know that there are angry, lonely, sad, and poor people in the world. What we seem to deny is the extent to which these emotional and societal problems affect our community, as well as the rest of the world. Our senior citizens shoulder a disproportionate share of these problems. However, some in need are families that have been emotionally and financially devastated by divorce. Such families are barely making it. Sometimes the lonely person is the one newly arrived to our community. Our young people are no less susceptible to drugs and other perils than children are in the greater community. Believe it or not, being Jewish is no defense against the ravages of societal problems.

Because there is a cultural belief that Jews are above such needs, I believe that we are too reluctant to seek needed services. Maybe there is a

feeling of shame at not being able to handle our own needs. Be honest, when there is an appeal to help the poor, how many of us think that there are Jewish poor people needing assistance? None of us is guaranteed a perfect life; however, we can, as a community, offer programs to assist others in need. The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation is dedicated to creating programs to address the needs of our community. Jewish Family Services was developed specifically to address unmet Jewish needs.

I would like to add a personal note. Several years ago Kathy (my wife) fell and broke her ankle. She required emergency surgery and was unable to drive or even walk on her leg for months. Our sons were still quite young. In all candor, I never thought to call the Federation's Jewish Family

Are you feeling guilty yet? If so, it might be time to turn your guilt to gelt.

Services (JFS) or the Synagogue for help. Our friends pitched in without having to be asked.

Nevertheless, JFS—then directed by Fran Morris*—came to our rescue. She organized meals and helped organize transportation, since Kathy could not drive for three months. At first, I felt a little uneasy about accepting the help. But the wonderful home-cooked meals Jan and many others brought were very helpful as well as highly appreciated. Women from the Synagogue and Havurah, as well as some of our friends from the Temple, also offered assistance. As I write this column I realize that part of the reason I accepted the Board presidency was my need to give back to the community that has helped so many others.

Some people who are helped by CKJF and other organizations are not in a

position to acknowledge publicly the help they received. It may be that the assistance they received was of a more personal and private nature. Have you in some way been helped? Is there some program that moved or aided you? Is there some aspect of your life that has aroused in you the need to give back? Are you feeling guilty yet? If so, it might be time to turn your guilt to gelt. Be generous with your money and time with the organizations that help so much in many ordinary and extraordinary ways. Let us be gracious acceptors when we are in need; conversely let us give back to the community when we are in a position to do so.

* I would like to publicly welcome our new JFS director, Stacey Heisler; you may read more about her elsewhere in this issue of *Shalom*.

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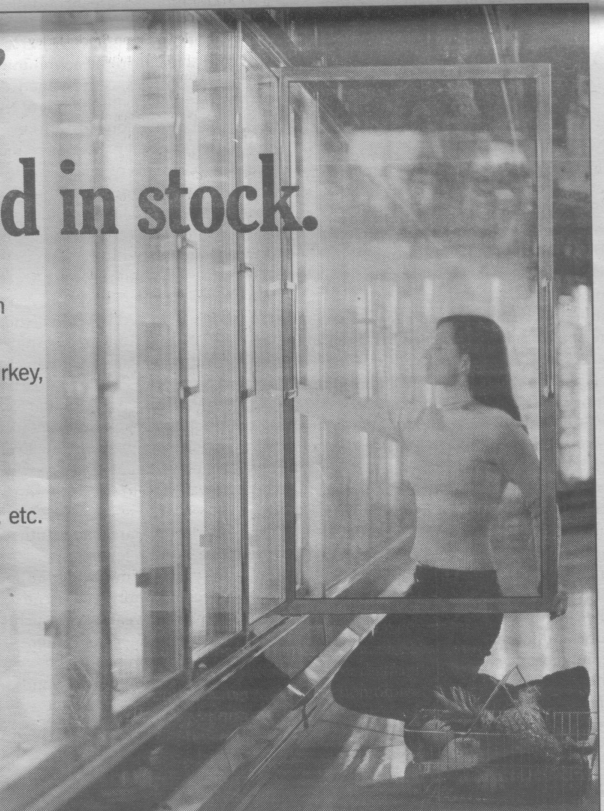
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Our community continues to support the overseas efforts of the American Jewish community through our overseas partners, the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) and the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI). We also enhance Jewish life in Central Kentucky by organizing community-wide programs, providing social services, supporting the local Jewish Student Union/Hillel at UK, and lending a voice to the Jewish community in the public arena.

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Daniel Chejfec



Change

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This was a difficult month for me to pick a subject for my column. Think about it: tsunamis, Palestinian elections, Israeli political realignment, and so on. There is, however, one constant throughout it all, and it is change.

Let's start with the tsunami. As the news started coming out, the first reaction was disbelief and denial. After all, the Talmud teaches us that destroying a single human life is like destroying a whole world. So how can you wrap your mind around the destruction of 157,000 worlds in a couple of hours? After the initial shock, though, the world reacted, pouring out much-needed help for the survivors and economic aid to those who lost everything in the worst natural disaster in recent times. The world today is smaller.

Palestinian Arabs held the first contested elections in the history of the Arab world. The various candidates did indeed represent different alternatives for the political future of Palestinian society. The winner, Mahmoud Abbas aka Abu Mazen, started his campaign calling for an end of the Intifadah and of the attacks on Israelis. Halfway through his campaign, however, he started appearing side by side with known terrorists who are on Israel's Most

Wanted list, changing his rhetoric to the point that he talked in a Gaza gathering about the "Zionist enemy," a code term normally used by Hamas to refer to Israel. While he still insists that the Intifadah must stop, he does not do so on the principle of rejecting violence; rather he made clear that this is a strategic decision. (Abbas, as head of the PLO and the Palestinian Authority, will need the backing of Fatah if he hopes to accomplish anything, but the one who inherited the mantle of Fatah from Arafat is Farouk Kaddumi, a long-time rejectionist who clearly stated a month ago that accepting the existence of Israel is just a step toward replacing it with a Palestinian State.) If this change of heart on the part of Abbas is real, the prognosis for the peace talks is very bad indeed.

More changes: while Ariel Sharon's political shifts in the past year have been nothing short of astounding, including his marginalizing the settler movement in favor of more moderate political forces and pushing for unilateral withdrawal from Gaza even before Arafat's death, the latest changes in the Israeli political landscape are even more

incredible. The incorporation of Labor into a National Unity coalition has already paid dividends with the passage of the new budget that includes an aid package to encourage the settlers in Gaza to leave peacefully. The Gaza withdrawal will

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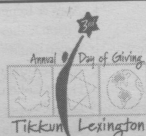
improve Israel's demographic problems as well as its international diplomatic standing. Considering the changes in Abbas's public discourse, however, Israelis would be well advised to speed up construction of the Separation Fence along the West Bank border.

Iraqis will vote for a new government on January 30, and most political analysts believe that after the elections would be the time to announce an American withdrawal, in spite of the fact that several groups have called for a boycott of the elections. Whichever happens—and by the time you read this you will already know which—Iraq will be changed.

Albert Einstein used to say that the only constant in the universe is

change itself, and it seems that particular piece of wisdom is still very much to the point. Judaism teaches us that change is not only to be expected, it is unavoidable. Even those streams within Judaism that promote a strict adherence to the Torah accept that daily life will continue to change, forcing Jews to read the Torah with different eyes; after all, that was the reason for the Talmud itself. Yet in the midst of all this change, some things remain reassuringly the same: we all know that the sound of the Aleinu marks that part of the service where the end begins.

But as much as we come to expect those things that remain the same, we should not take them for granted. The connection with Judaism is always personal and different for each individual, ranging from strict adherence to the letter of the Torah to complete alienation from religious practice yet a strong community commitment. At the same time, each personal connection is always frail, and if we stop working on it, it becomes fossilized and useless, forcing us to start again. So because change is the only constant, working on who we are must be something we do every day. It is the content of our life journey.



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The community is invited to a public awareness and educational program, "The Promise of Stem Cells," presented by the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah, on Wednesday evening, February 2, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at Ohavay Zion Synagogue, 2048 Edgewater Court.

Jonathan Satin, Ph.D., an associate professor in the Department of Physiology at the University of Kentucky, will explore the topic of stem cell research from the scientific perspective. Recently returned from a sabbatical in Israel at the Technion and at Rambam Hospital in Haifa, Dr. Satin worked primarily with Dr. Lior Gepstein, who published the first study on the differentiation of human embryonic stem cells into heart muscle. Dr. Satin joined Dr. Gepstein's team to train personnel in advanced intracellular recording techniques to characterize the embryonic stem cell derived heart cells.

Rabbi Sharon Cohen, spiritual leader of Ohavay Zion Synagogue, will present a Jewish viewpoint on the ethical and moral aspects of stem cell research.

Stem cells hold the potential of curing many illnesses, from Alzheimer's to Parkinson's. With the completion of the human genome mapping project, scientists are free to explore the implications of this research. This past year,

we have seen stem cell research progress at an increasingly rapid rate. It is innovative technology, and advances are occurring on an almost daily basis. At the same time, legislative bodies the world over are debating the issues and seeking ways to regulate stem cell research. Scientists at the Hadassah Medical Organization are proceeding with their efforts to discover new ways to bring hope to millions of suffering patients with life-threatening diseases.

Researchers at the Hadassah Medical Organization Goldyne Savad Institute of Gene Therapy in Jerusalem have concentrated chiefly on generating new stem cell lines and developing human embryonic stem cells for regenerative medicine, transplantation, and gene therapy. They also plan to concentrate on finding solutions to immune rejection—a problem that can be encountered in the transplantation of human embryonic stem cell derived tissues.

The program will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m., with a social hour beginning at 7:00 p.m. A question and discussion period will follow. The entire Jewish community is invited to this challenging and informative program. Guests are welcome.

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By Ruth Poley

One of the ways we get to publish *Shalom* each month is by selling ads to help cover our costs. As of right now, we are not making enough money to pay our expenses, and *Shalom* runs at a deficit. As an incentive to the community, we are offering to pay each person (or group) who sells an ad 20 percent of the income from that ad.

If you would like to earn a few extra dollars, you might consider trying to sell ads to stores where you do business. If your group needs to raise money, this is a good opportunity. Whether it's a youth group, sisterhood, brotherhood, or some club not affiliated with the Jewish community, this is an easy way to fund some special project.

I have been reading newsletters from other Jewish communities around the country and I can see a wealth of untapped sources. For instance, not many physicians or medical groups purchase ads in *Shalom*. I believe that is mostly because no one has presented the opportunity to them. Several bakeries in town sell challah every Friday; has anyone approached them to advertise this fact to the Jewish community? A couple of food purveyors sell either kosher foods or special foods for Jewish holidays and observances. Surely they could increase their sales of these items if we knew of their availability. The opportunities to sell ads are limited only by your imagination.

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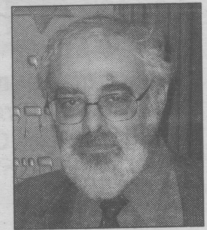
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Rabbi's Corner

Rabbi H. D. Uriel Smith



Standing for Every Kaddish

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In the synagogue I try to stand for every Kaddish. Since this prayer comes around at every major change in the order of service—at the end of *Birkhot ha-Shahar* (the Dawn Blessings), at the end of *P'sukei d'-Zimra* (Verses of Song), at the end of the *Sh'ma* and its blessings, and so on—I stand very often, even though in most cases few others stand. I have been asked what is the custom that I am following? There are several answers.

First, the Conservative synagogue often is flexible in setting a *minhag* (custom). While most of the people remain seated, unless they are reciting the Mourners' Kaddish, a few continue with their ancestral traditions of standing. They may stand silently for every Kaddish, only interjecting "B'rikh Hu" and "Amen" as appropriate. This is what happened when I started serving at Ohavay Zion, with the mavericks usually being the most traditional members of the community. When I retired as communal rabbi and became just one of the congregants, I decided to join the standees for several reasons. First, I come from a community, British Orthodox Jewry, in which everybody stands for the Kaddish. Second, in some of the Reform communities I had served everybody stood to commemorate the Jewish martyrs of the Second World War, for these martyrs had nobody to say Kaddish for them. Third, I wanted to support the traditionalist mavericks, letting everybody know that the Conservative movement accepts and encourages individualism.

Once I joined with the standees, a few others joined for reasons of their own. I do not know whether they have the same reasons for standing. But it really does not matter. The Conservative movement supports individualism.

Most standees sit down for the Mourners' Kaddish, unless they are commemorating personally the anniversary of a member of their own family. I stand for every Kaddish, but always remain silent except for the

interjections of Amen. I do not join the recitation since I honor my parents (may they continue to live long and happily), and I do not want to leave any impression that this honor can be dispensed with.

As time went on, I found myself standing for another reason, a sense of guilt for so many people dying in fighting that I could possibly have hindered.

During the past two years I have had nightmares in which I find myself paralyzed, while television news pictures of torture and mayhem face me showing my futility.

Over 25 years ago I began developing a theory of cultural stages, which could analyze the sophistication of cultures and their readiness to go to war. I finished a paper explaining the theory and sent it to a couple of journals, but the paper was rejected. I did not continue with this endeavor for several reasons. First, my theory was predicting that the Middle East peace negotiations going on at the time would fail. I did not want my paper to be a self-fulfilling prediction of war. Second, as time went on I found the theory's predictions went awry. I had predicted that the cycle of wars would continue until either the

Arabs developed to a more sophisticated stage, ending their psychological need to fight, or until Israel developed a greater sophistication, enabling them to thrash the Arabs decisively. The cycle of wars continued, but the Palestinian intifada replaced the external wars. I did not know how to explain this change, and considered it a failure in prediction. Third, I assumed that the theory of multiple simultaneous discoveries implied that someone else would soon discover my theory. After all, over 95 percent of it was already in the public realm.

When nobody else published anything like it, I considered this silence also a failure in prediction.

I started searching out where I had failed in my analysis. I found, first, that I had not analyzed the relations between individuals and their communities, and in particular their relations with the power elite. Second, I recognized that the multiple discoveries were of items or processes within a single cultural stage, and not discoveries of the stages themselves. The stage analysis involves many more dimensions than a multiply discovered process, making the analysis much more complicated. Third, I discovered further implications of my theory, such as why the West and Japan continued developing from stage to stage, while the Muslim and Chinese civilizations started stagnating, allowing the other civilizations to overtake them.

The explanations of Muslim stagnation were consistent with Huntington's prediction of a major clash between the Muslim and Western cultures (Samuel P. Huntington, *The Clash of Civilizations*). Only an advance into the more sophisticated cultural stages would avert this clash. But because the Muslim culture does not separate religion and politics, the Middle East cannot advance until my theory (or something like it) has been published, and followed up with educational, artistic, and practical activities, which can counteract the ultraconservative religious forces leading again and again to stagnation.

I found that my theory in its corrected state is so complex that it is extremely difficult to describe. (After all, if it were not complex, somebody else would have already described it.) Each time I explain a segment I need examples, and the examples have to be thoroughly correct. Even after extended research, I sense the multiple religious, political, and cultural clashes that cast ridicule on my conclusions. During the past two years I have had nightmares in which I find myself paralyzed, while television news pictures of torture and mayhem face me showing my futility.

I now have to stand mourning the deaths of Israelis, Palestinians, and Iraqis, and of deaths elsewhere, which might have been averted if I had been more assertive in trying to publish my theory. The theory states that it cannot have an immediate effect. Advancing from stage to stage takes decades, even centuries. But with a knowledge of the correct theory, mearfs could be found to hasten the change. If I had been more assertive 25 years ago, possibly some real peaceful changes could have now begun, skirting the pie-in-the-sky Geneva attempt at agreement.

I need now to stand for the Kaddish in order to motivate me. I dare not give up.

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Sunday, February 27, 2005
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Sunday, April 10, 2005
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(Israeli Independence Day)

Sunday, June 26, 2005
Community Picnic



Celebrate 350: "The Russians Are Coming! The Russians Are Coming!"

By Stanley Ned Rosenbaum

Just as the German wave of Jewish immigration swamped the earlier Sephardic community, so the Russian tide drowned the German community, and by the same numerical factor. That is, at the time of the American Revolution there were about 2,500 Jews here (one percent of the population). Germans ultimately numbered 250,000, ten times the earlier Jewish population, while the Russians (or other Eastern Europeans; Poland was not an independent country) who came between 1881 and 1924 totalled 2,500,000, another tenfold increase. Why so many?

For one thing, conditions in the Pale of Settlement in which most Jews had long been compelled to live were much grimmer than what we saw in *Fiddler on the Roof*. (Scholem Aleichem's actual Tevye stories contain a much darker streak.) Then, in 1881, the relatively liberal Czar Alexander I was assassinated. He was succeeded by the much more conservative Alexander II. This unenlightened monarch decided to solve Russia's "Jewish problem" by enacting laws that gave Jews the choice of starving to death, converting to Christian Russian Orthodoxy, or emigrating elsewhere.

As the first two choices were really no choice at all, Jews emigrated in large numbers—mostly to New York, at just about the same time that the Statue of Liberty was making its historic journey here. It should be a cause for much Jewish pride that lines from the Jewish Emma Lazarus's poem "The New Colossus" were inscribed on its base.

But the "huddled masses" of Lazarus's co-religionists didn't spend much time visiting the monument although they settled not far from

Ellis Island. Manhattan's Lower East Side became the initial stopping place for hundreds of thousands. So many Jews came that members of the older German community conceived a scheme for resettling 25,000 in Galveston, Texas. (Ten thousand were eventually moved there, but most didn't stay.)

Just as the Sephardim had tried to discourage immigration of the Germans whom they considered coarse and vulgar, so the Germans tried at least to disperse the Russians so as to speed their acculturation. (Stephen Birmingham's popular histories—*Our Crowd*, about the Germans, *The Grandees*, about the Sephardic community, and *The Rest of Us*, about... the rest of us—are still good and entertaining reads.)

German-American Jews, most of them staunchly Reform by the beginning of the 20th century, had worked hard for what little entree they had in gentile society. They did not wish to be identified with these Orthodox, Yiddish-speaking, superstitious newcomers. In fact, Jewish Theological Seminary was initially founded by Reform Jews to attract and accommodate Easterners who were not happy with Orthodoxy but not ready to embrace the profound changes in belief and practice that the Reform movement had introduced, for instance in its Pittsburgh Platform of 1884.

(If the reader will allow a personal note here. When I was about 8, my mother once overheard me say "Oy!" She stopped what she was doing and admonished me, "We don't use that word." Even at my tender age, I somehow understood what she meant.)

Many Jews of East European origins joined with Italians to form the rank
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Shalom Committee is Changing—Won't You Join Us?

By Ruth Poley

For many years now, the group that prepares *Shalom* each month has been known as the *Shalom* Editorial Committee and has functioned largely in an editorial capacity. Now that we have Mary Rosenbaum, who will be taking on a large share of the editorial duties, on board (see story on cover) we would like to expand our horizons.

A small handful of volunteers decides what material is to go into each issue of *Shalom*. If we had input from a larger cross section of the community, I'm sure we could make our publication even more relevant and interesting to its readers. We are, therefore, changing our name to the *Shalom* Committee and inviting

members of the community at large (no writing or editorial talent or experience needed) to join us. Our goal is to meet once a month and decide what kinds of things should go into future issues of the newspaper, and how we can make it better.

If, on occasion, you've thought of something you'd like to see in *Shalom*, or wondered why you didn't see information you felt should be published, now's the time for you to make yourself heard; join the *Shalom* Committee. Just email me at rgp@insightbb.com and let me know if you're interested.

Social Worker (from page 1)

never very active in the organized Jewish community. She will officially join the staff on February 1, and is looking forward to working with all those in our community who might require her help and with the volunteers who make our Central Kentucky Jewish community a better and more welcoming place for everybody.

You can reach Stacey, starting on February 1, at 859-268-0672 extension 2#, or 859-269-8244, or email her at jfs@jewishlexington.org.



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- The Illustrations of Bonnie Gordon Lucas. Ms Gordon-Lucas is a freelance illustrator from Bloomington, Indiana whose experience in advertising and animation design includes many children's books for Jewish audiences, such as *Uncle Eli's Special For Kids Most Fun Ever*, *Under The Table Passover Haggadah* (a best-selling children's book on the Amazon.com list for several years), *Fun With My First Words*, *All About Rosh Hashanah* and *All About Yom Kippur*. Ms Gordon-Lucas paints with hulls of walnuts, watercolors, colored pencils, gouache, and pastels.
- A selection of touring Jewish art that is part of the Thresholds Spirituality exhibit hosted at Transylvania.

Original paintings and limited edition reproductions will be for sale. Personalized Blessed Event Certificates (for weddings, Bar/Bat Mitzvah invitations, birth and adoption), will be available. For more information call Susan Goldstein at 859-269-0908.

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Jack Sharer, Third Generation Woodcarver

Have you ever seen the Lexington Legends mascot? Well, it looks a bit like Jack Sharer, although he is quick to explain that is just a coincidence. Jack Sharer, who earned a degree in industrial education with a major in architecture at Eastern Kentucky University, is also a third-generation woodcarver.

Jack's family, Huguenots escaping persecution in France, came to America in the 1600s and to Kentucky shortly after. One of his family's claims to fame is that his six-times-great-grandmother lived in Hodgenville, Kentucky, and was the midwife who brought into the world none other than Abraham Lincoln. She was married to the LaRue after whom LaRue County is named.

Jack's grandfather was a woodcarver as was his father, so after graduating from Eastern Kentucky it was natural for Jack to teach woodcarving in high schools, first in Miami—where he met the one who was going to be his wife—and later in Paris, Kentucky for eight years.

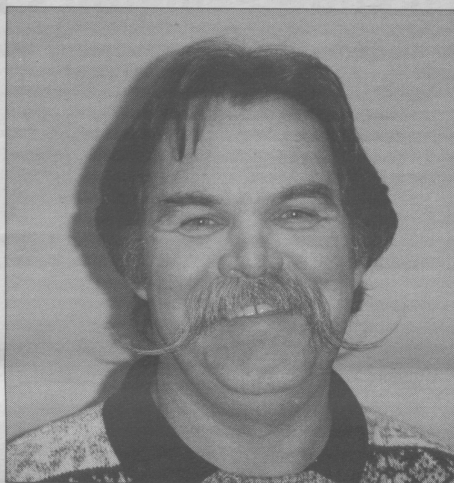
Jack chose to convert to Judaism and became a member of Ohavay Zion Synagogue 24 years ago, before he married Sharyn.

Since then, Jack's wood creations have been numerous. The Trees of Life that list contributors at both the Synagogue and the Temple are his, as is the altar furniture of St. Michael Episcopal Church and the wooden quilt for the Children's Museum. He also designed and carved the base for the Lauren Weinberg NCCJ Award list of recipients, and even wrote and starred in a KET special on woodcarving that was never aired.

And Jack, with his signature handlebar mustache, keeps creating. Last summer, as his children attended Camp Livingston in the Cincinnati area, he was told the camp had lost its entrance sign, so he designed and donated a new one using local woods. Camp directors liked it so much that they actually asked him to do three more.



Camp Livingston sign carved by Jack.



Jack Sharer

Today Jack specializes in antique furniture restoration at his woodshop at 834 Winchester Road. He can be reached at 859-269-9030.

NOTE: We would like to publish an article about a Jewish-owned local business each month. If you would like to see your business featured, please write an article and send it to ckjf@jewishlexington.org. We reserve the right to edit the material submitted.

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Tikkun Lexington's Day of Giving Is Huge Success

December 24th Provided Many Opportunities for Service

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When the Jewish Community came out to volunteer on December 24th, it helped enable our Christian friends to retreat and spend more of their holiday doing what they wanted to do.

The Day of Giving, sponsored by the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, provided the opportunity to show Greater Lexington that the principles of Tikkun Olam, *mitzvot*, and camaraderie are all not merely important but necessary steps in living life as it should be lived. The many options for giving made it easier to do some real clean-up projects. Coordinated from the Giving Tent, this year's Tikkun Lexington volunteers worked at the Catholic Action Center, Meals on Wheels, Saint Joseph Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, and Woodford Humane Society. In addition to physical labor on the day, for the entire month of December items were collected in bulk supply for the Catholic Action Center, Ronald McDonald House, and Woodford Humane Society, so there was something for everyone to do, even if only clearing closets of items no longer useful. Please see the ad on page 6 of *Shalom* listing and thanking the volunteers who participated in this day.

Giving Tent: Angie Ornstein, Coordinator

This year there was a centralized location for volunteers to check into for their task assignments, have some refreshments, and meet with other volunteers. This Giving Tent was a huge success, judging by many volunteers who stopped. The tent was set up in the parking lot in front of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation in the Chinoe Shopping Center. Because of the extreme cold, with temperatures that maxed out in the low teens that day, it was not only fun but necessary to huddle around the kerosene heater inside. Thank you to Angie and Rich Ornstein for securing the heater and coordinating the activities within the tent for all five hours of operation.



Keeping warm in frigid temps.

Catholic Action Center:

Daniel Chefec, Coordinator

When you enter the Catholic Action Center of 5th Street around noon on any given day, you are greeted by a crowd waiting to receive a meal. It was no different when a group of volunteers entered the place on December 24th as part of our Day of Giving. What was different was that we were there. And we made a difference.

Ginny Ramsey, the sparkplug that keeps the place going, was busily distributing tasks to our volunteers, who organized the pantry, put together the breakfast trays for Christmas morning, and cooked and served the food. You see, this center is not like the ones you are used to hearing about, certainly not like the Salvation Army or the Hope Center. In the Catholic Action Center, operating in the heart of the inner city, there are no questions asked if you need a meal. They not only serve those who live in the streets of Lexington, but also those who can barely make ends meet. No large offices, no overhead, just volunteers rolling up their sleeves and getting to work to do the job.

Our group was very well received; one of our volunteers, Ann Graff, was actually asked to say the *Hamotzi* before the meal was served. In addition to our volunteers, the Jewish community brought three full carloads of clothing donated through the collection bins at Ohavay Zion, Adath Israel, and the Federation offices. These clothes were very much appreciated and will be distributed to those in need. Thank you, Jewish Lexington!

Meals on Wheels:

Ruth & Neil Poley, Coordinators

It was such an icy day, all other Meals on Wheels facilities in Lexington had to close. Their services had been cancelled on December 23rd as well. Elderly people expecting lunches and dinners were left to fend for themselves yet another day. However, one location, the Trinity Hill Church on Armstrong Mill, under the supervision of Director Bill Whitt, remained open thanks to the able and reliable volunteers of Tikkun Lexington. He said they were "younger and more agile" than the regular volunteers for the program, and he felt better about their physical safety in delivering the meals.

Plagued by the ice and cold, Mr. Whitt kept constant contact with Jana LaZur, both the night before and the morning of December 24th, and



Loading Meals On Wheels for delivery.

decided that his show must go on. As a result, the Trinity Hill Church on the corner of Armstrong Mill and Tates Creek roads, given our commitment to them, was able to deliver the meals that day. So more than 75 elderly people didn't have to go two days and then a weekend without meals, thanks to our strong and dependable volunteers. Perhaps a paraphrase of the motto of the mail carriers would be appropriate in this case: neither ice, nor rain, nor sleet, nor snow would stop these courageous volunteers from their *mitzvot*. Bill Whitt called many times both before and after the deliveries to thank Tikkun Lexington for their participation.

Saint Joseph Hospital:

Barbara Barr, Coordinator

With all of the new and stringent HEPA requirements and regulations, it has become increasingly difficult to volunteer for just a day at Saint Joseph Hospitals. However, with the help and support of the hospital professional staff conducting a training session in advance with Barbara Barr, it was possible this year for Adele and Norman Potter, Dawn Moore, and Barbara Barr to help out.

Adele and Norman manned the front desk—"the nerve center" as Norman labeled it. They answered questions and gave directions to visitors, delivered flowers to patients, and obtained wheelchairs as needed.

Dawn and Barbara delivered a gift to every patient. The gifts were "puffins"—small stuffed, cute and cuddly animals. Barbara introduced herself and Dawn by name and said that they were from the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation; bringing a small gift to brighten their holiday. Everyone, without an exception, was appreciative. We got smiles, thank yous, God bless yous, a few hugs, and some Happy Hannukkahs.

The hospital staff expressed their thanks for the day of giving.



Inside the Giving Tent.



Abby Miller gives her new friend Sultan some much needed affection at Woodford Humane Society.

Woodford Humane Society: Lori Zimmerman, Coordinator

We arrived at the Woodford Humane Society at 11 a.m., our cars packed full of donated goods that the community had collected throughout the month of December for the animals. Before long, all the volunteers began to visit with the animals, and do some hard labor moving supplies from various storage units, and fixing fences, and such.

Almost all the dogs were vying for attention, barking and jumping, begging for a mere kind word from the visitors. But one dog, Sultan, was scared and unsure. He leaned against the wall of his kennel and shook nervously, not attempting to call attention to himself the way his kennel mates were. An 8-year-old girl said, "Mommy, I want to get in with him." After obtaining permission from shelter personnel, she climbed into the kennel with Sultan, sat upon the cold concrete floor, and began to calm and reassure the distraught pup. She and her mother then took Sultan for a long walk around the shelter grounds. This girl was Abby Miller, and she and all the volunteers came to WHS that day are preeminent examples of doing good for the sake of goodness.

Challah Bakers:

In mid-December, a small group of women came together to make more than 70 mini-loaves of challah (henceforth referred to as "challettes") to be given to each volunteer on the Day of Giving preceding Shabbat, which began later that day at sundown, as a small token of appreciation. These challettes were handed out at the Giving Tent, along with any T-shirts that had not been not picked up already. While the good deed itself is always the reward of a true mitzvah, we hope these treats will remind everyone to participate with even more zest when the event rolls around next year.

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CKJF and Tikkun Lexington would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous donations to the 2004 Day of Giving.

Fauntleroy's Café and Espresso Bar is a newly opened business owned by Jeannie Sherman, daughter of Larry and Nathalie Sherman. It is located at 640 West Maxwell Street in the historic Woodward Heights. Their delicious coffee warmed the volunteers in the unusually cold temperatures. Many thanks not only for the abundance of supplies of three types of coffee, cups, napkins, and so forth, but for the refills of the decanters later in the day.

Panera Bread Company, located on Richmond Road in the French Quarter shopping center, donated ample amounts of bagels and cream cheese. Not only were the bagels delicious, but they were still warm from the oven

when they arrived.

Mondelli's Bakery, located in the Park Hills shopping center, donated more than ten large boxes of doughnuts, which were not only distributed to the Giving Tent but also taken to each volunteer site. Many thanks to the Mondelli family, who always show generosity to Tikkun Lexington projects.

All food donations that remained at the end of the day were taken to the Catholic Action Center by Judy Levey and her three children, Gideon, Ethan, and Nadia.

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Getting refreshments at Giving Tent.



Kathy Feinberg, Samantha Kaplan, Robin Kaplan, Carol Kaplan and Beth Yelowitz prepared challah to give all the volunteers on the Day of Giving.



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Genocide in Sudan — The World's Problem

By Rachel Ezrine

As a young Jewish activist living in New York City, I often face situations that seem difficult, or sometimes even impossible, but I try to challenge myself to tackle these situations head-on instead of hiding behind my fear of failure and using it as an excuse to avoid trying altogether. This applies both to mini challenges I may experience during my work day, and also to larger, global situations that require my attention. I would like to talk today specifically about the current genocide in Darfur, and challenge us all to accept our responsibility to act, even though it may seem like we cannot possibly make a difference. Though we may doubt our ability to be helpful, we cannot use this as an excuse to shy away from every situation that scares us.

There is nothing simple about the current war in Sudan, but I will try to summarize the situation in a straightforward way. The Darfur region of Sudan covers an area roughly the size of Texas. For decades, civil war has raged in Sudan over such issues as religion, economy, government, and control over local resources. This war has taken two million Sudanese lives. At the root of the conflict are tensions between the herders and the farmers.

Since February 2003, the government has been supporting a militia of herders, known as the Janjaweed, to wipe out entire communities of tribal farmers. Villages are being razed. Rape is being used as a systematic weapon against women, girls, and their families. Food and water supplies are being specifically targeted and destroyed. The brutal violence and killings have resulted in over 70,000 deaths and the displacement of as many as two million Darfurians.

The refugees and displaced people are in dire need of emergency health and sanitation assistance, nutritional supplies, and access to clean water. According to the United States Agency for International Development, without humanitarian intervention, as many as one million civilians may die over the coming months. If this happens, the Janjaweed militia will be facilitating genocide by letting famine do the killing for them.

Since July, the US Congress, (former) Secretary of State Colin Powell, and the United Nations have all declared that these atrocities constitute genocide, an organized attempt to do away with one set of people.

As Americans, we are probably familiar with these atrocities from our nightly news broadcasts and short articles in our local newspapers. As Jews, however, it is not enough to be familiar with genocide. We must act. Every year in Sunday School, when I learned about the Holocaust, I was taught two very important words, "never forget." *Zakhor*. Remember. Remember the victims of Auschwitz. Remember Anne Frank and the diary that gives us insight into her thoughts and dreams as she hid from the Nazis. Remember the images of human skeletons marching from camp to camp. Remember your relatives. Remember. Remember. Remember. Never forget.

With these words so ingrained in my mind, and in the minds of most Jews, how can we possibly sit back and allow another people to be destroyed by the horrors of genocide? We read, "*Lo ta'amod al dam ray-ekha*." You shall not stand idly by the shedding of the blood of your fellow man." It does not matter that they are not Jewish. All that matters is that they are

human, and they are being murdered for no reason. The fourteenth Dalai Lama said, "It is not enough to be compassionate. You must act." I am asking you today to heed these words, and the words of my many Sunday School teachers, and act. By exercising our power as citizens of this country that preaches freedom to all, we can bring life to the words, "never forget."

According to Ruth Messenger, president of American Jewish World Service (AJWS), "As Jews who know firsthand the consequences of silence from the international community, we have a special moral obligation to respond to crimes against humanity, regardless of the ethnicity or religion of the people being victimized." The AJWS response to this urgent crisis has been to partner with international humanitarian agencies, support local Sudanese non-governmental organizations, and lead efforts to raise awareness domestically, as well as internationally. It was after attending a Shabbos lunch-and-learn with Ruth Messenger that I decided to give this *d'var Torah*.

Here are six quick and easy ways you can help the people of Darfur:

1. Write letters to the president, the secretary of state, members of Congress, United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan, and the United Nations Security Council. Urge them to denounce the killings in Darfur, put pressure on the government of Sudan to allow humanitarian aid to reach the affected people, invoke US sanctions against Sudan until the government takes responsibility, and insist that the United Nations Security Council deploy international monitors and peacekeeping forces.

Incidentally, this is a great lesson that can apply to many issues, not just the one in Sudan. Picking up the phone and calling your senator or congressman only takes a minute. Elections are not the only time to make your voice heard; speak up and exercise your right as an American all year long.

2. Organize and/or participate in demonstrations and candlelight vigils at the Sudan Embassy in Washington, D.C. and Sudan Mission and/or UN in NYC. If you need a place to stay in New York, my fourth floor Manhattan walk-up always has room for a visitor.

3. Write letters to the editor and Op Ed pieces. Call your cable network and news stations to ask for more coverage about Darfur.

4. Help send humanitarian aid by making a contribution to the American Jewish World Service Sudan Emergency Appeal. AJWS is a powerful and important organization. I have a few friends working there now, and the aid they give to international communities is truly remarkable. (www.ajws.org)

5. Reach out to coalition partners (African-American and interfaith/humanitarian groups) to join forces in raising public awareness. What a great youth group event that would be!

6. Reach out to family and friends and get them to take action.

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel said, "In a free society where terrible wrongs exist, some are guilty, all are responsible." Today, we must be responsible and speak out against the wrongs in Darfur. While taking a step back from a difficult situation can sometimes help us avoid a fear of failure, we learned in this week's parsha how important it is to look past that fear and act. While we sometimes get caught up in the minor annoyances of our lives, it is necessary to take a step back and realize how blessed we truly are. We are more powerful than we give ourselves credit for, and by exercising that power, each and every one of us can make a difference in this world.

I would like to finish with the words of Edward Everett. "I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can still do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do."

This article is printed from a d'var Torah presented by Rachel at a Friday night service at Ohavey Zion Synagogue.

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Hillel Happenings

Leah Craft, Hillel President

In an effort to celebrate Hanukkah on campus in December 2004, the University of Kentucky's JSO /Hillel organized a university-wide program discussing the story of Hanukkah and other basic facts about Judaism. The speakers, Dr. Sandy Goldberg and Dr. Ned Rosenbaum, eloquently presented an enlightening and knowledgeable program to the audience of more than 40 students of diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds, then led an open discussion.

After an approximately 90-minute rousing question-and-answer session, the crowd was treated to yummy challah, baklava, and latkes made in bulk at the Craft family kitchen. Even given the Jewish tradition of feeding others, combined with perennially starving college students, it is my belief that this group would have had a good time even without the bribe of food.

After a somewhat slow start to the 2004-2005 school year, we are very enthusiastic about several activities planned for the spring semester. Be sure to check the ad on page 19 of *Shalom* to see what is going on and how you can become involved. It is the mission of JSO/Hillel to provide students with social, educational, spiritual, and affiliational benefits of Judaism, while having a little fun as well.

At this time we must sadly say goodbye to Dr. Austin Cantor. He has graciously served as director and advisor of JSO/Hillel for many years. His leadership has helped Hillel maintain itself as a campus religious organization even during times when few students participated, and we thank him for continuing and helping through the end of the spring semester on May 8th. Dr. Cantor will be missed. Dr. Ned Rosenbaum has graciously offered to help out with Hillel, and brings with him the experience of running a Hillel program out of Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Unfortunately, he is an adjunct professor at UK, so we still need a full-time faculty advisor for Hillel to be registered with the University as a legitimate group. If you work full time at UK and would like to help shape this program and offer guidance to students, please contact Jana LaZur at 859-268-0672, extension 4#, or email jana@jewishlexington.org.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY HEBREW/JUDAIC STUDIES SCHEDULE SPRING 2005

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From the Expulsion from Spain to the Present TR 9:30-10:45 am Leaman
HJS 425: Topics in Judaic Studies TBA Frank
HJS 323: The Holocaust TR 2-3:15 pm Popkin

CKJF Appeals to Youth

Office Helpers Gain Community Service Credits While Giving Time

By Jana LaZur

The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation is a volunteer-driven organization. While we do have four professional staff positions, none of our work would be possible without our volunteers serving on committees and helping to raise our campaign funds. And we have a special kind of volunteer that is often overlooked: those who come to the office to help with the day-to-day small tasks necessary to support all the work we do.

A number of youth volunteers have stepped up to the plate to help us, earning in the process much-needed community service hours. Some of them come to us to find a Bar/Bat Mitzvah project, others to earn Community Service hours for the Beta Club or other organizations, and others just to help. However they have come, they have left their mark and helped our office to meet other community needs.

Over the past year, among our office volunteers have been Rachel Heller, Robyn Kaplan, Jessica Foster, and Ryan LaZur. All of them gave us invaluable help with tasks that otherwise would have been left undone. If you are looking for a Bar/Bat Mitzvah project, or want community hours, or you just want to help, contact Jana at 859-268-0672 extension 4#.



Preparing mini-challahs for Day of Giving volunteers.



Youth volunteer Jessica Foster.

Jewish Community Participates in MLK Day March of Freedom



CKJF President, David Feinberg and Rabbi Uri Smith carry the Federation banner at the march.



Members of OZS and TAI youth groups participate together at the MLK March of Freedom.

Jewish Student Organization/ Hillel Foundation

Our mission is to reach out to students on the UK Campus as well as those at all of the other institutions of higher education in the Central Kentucky area and provide an avenue to social, educational, spiritual and affiliational aspects of Judaism.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 28:
Shabbat Dinner at the Crafts'

January 31:
Israeli Speakers in Louisville

February 18:
Shabbat Dinner at the Feinbergs'

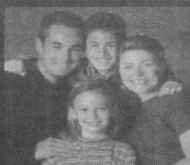
March 18:
Shabbat Pizza Party at Pazzo's

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New Voice (from page 1)

where various people—Jews and Christians, blacks and whites, gays and straights—lived together in reasonable harmony and positive interaction. Drawing circles with a compass on a map of the United States, we discovered that the triangle roughly bounded by Louisville, Lexington, and Elizabethtown was the only area in the country that fit all our criteria. Fifteen years ago we bought land in southern Nelson County and began to spend vacations there; six years ago we moved there full-time. We have never had second thoughts about our choice.

Back when we were making our decision, we assumed that we would affiliate with a synagogue in Louisville. Then my husband, Ned, who has a Ph.D. in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies from Brandeis, got an adjunct position teaching Hebrew at the University of Kentucky, which drew our eyes toward Lexington's Jewish communities. We had also assumed that, although I am a Roman Catholic, we would have little or nothing to do with Gethsemani, the Trappist monastery a few miles from our little farm. Then Ned was asked to tutor some of the monks and we were invited to join the monthly discussion of Thomas Merton's writings. At one of these meetings, Sister Jo Gagnon-Taddy said to us, "Oh, you should go to my Torah discussion group at Adath Israel." We duly visited, introducing ourselves by saying, "Sister Jo sent us."

"Oh, Sister Jo!" they cried, and welcomed us warmly. We found a similarly friendly reception at Ohavay Zion, of which we were members for a couple of years (we share a similarly conservative liturgical bent). But we found our most congenial home with the Lexington Havurah—and even discovered that one of its members, Bob Baumann, was a high school friend of Ned's.

This may seem to be an odd comparison, but I have not felt as comfortably part of a community since we lived in Israel for three years. Now, in joining the *Shalom* team, I will have a professional connection as well. I have been a free-lance writer and editor since 1970. I have edited books, magazine articles, and newsletters—and I have written all three, as well. Most of my work has been done on the interface between Christianity and Judaism. Ned and I co-authored a book, *Celebrating Our Differences: Living Two Faiths in One Marriage*. For the past six years I have been executive director of the Dovetail Institute for Interfaith Family Resources, a non-profit, non-denominational organization that publishes *Dovetail: A Journal by and for Jewish/Christian Families*, of which I have also been editor.

Ned and I have three grown children, Sarah, William, and Ephraim. Sarah and her husband, Yukio Tezuka, recently presented us with our fourth grandchild, Benjamin-Yoshito Rosenbaum Tezuka. At his bris, we honored the people for whom he is named: his late Japanese grandfather, and our godson Benjamin Blutstein (Z"l), who was killed at the Hebrew University cafeteria bombing two years to the day before Ben-Yoshi's bris. Our son William lives in a log house here on our farm with his three children, Elijah, Hannah, and Zane. Our son Ephraim is single and lives in Manhattan (anyone know a nice Jewish girl...?). So our personal lives as well as our professional ones are blessed with a rich and varied wealth of connections and influences.

I am grateful to be embarking on this job with *Shalom* that will add yet another strand to our ties with the community, and a new opportunity to learn and grow with you.

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Russians Coming (from page 9)

and file of newly formed American labor unions. Samuel Gompers (in Hungary it was Gomperz) came by way of England and eventually became the first president of the A. F. of L. German-American Jews were often management, a situation portrayed by Abraham Cahan in the first nationally successful Jewish-themed novel, *The Rise of David Levinsky*.

Levinsky was the *Portnoy* of its day. That is, it created the same kind of stir among those Jews who felt we shouldn't exhibit our shortcomings before the (gentile) public. In this case it was the underhanded methods the title character used to unseat his competition that caused the furor. Rather tame by today's standards, but *Levinsky* came out in 1917.

The German Jews who had immigrated earlier were reluctant to mix with their eastern cousins, but this changed over time, especially as communities were formed in the hinterland, where partners of the "right" background might be harder to find. In suburban Chicago in the late 50s, I went with a Jewish girl whose grandparents had come from Russia around 1917. Blonde-haired, blue-eyed, she looked like Barbra Streisand. But my German-Jewish grandmother did not approve. As it happened, Judy and I split. Later, I brought home a gentile girl from New Orleans where she lived and we both went

to school. Grandmother sniffed, "What was wrong with the other one? At least she was Jewish." Classic.

These days one's particular stripe of Jewish ethnicity is more a matter of historical curiosity than (false) pride. We have succeeded, again, in largely overcoming the tribalism that too often divides people. This is true in Israel, too, where "intermarriage"—that is, union between Ashkenazi and Sephardi Jews—is on the rise.

Our cosmopolitanism, so roundly ridiculed by Marx and other critics, has greatly aided our survival as a people. And many other peoples—one thinks of the Shiites, Sunnis, and Kurds of Iraq—could profit from our example.

(* See S.N. Rosenbaum and Rabbi Allen Secher, *Strange Wives: The Paradox of Biblical Intermarriage*, soon to be published by someone, we hope.)

Tenth Annual Winter Dinner Surpasses Expectations

By Ruth Poley

About 180 of us gathered at Rossi's restaurant in Lexington on Sunday, December 12 to celebrate Hanukkah, socialize with each other, and enjoy some great food. The party was a success on all counts.

"It's great being with the community on Hanukkah," said Ruth Baker, who, along with her husband, Ben, was attending for the first time. Marilyn Lieber, who has been to all ten of the Winter Dinners, said, "It's always enjoyable." She must mean it, as she and Art do keep coming back.

The celebration of Hanukkah, on the sixth night this year, was a high point of the evening. Rabbis Marc Kline and Sharon Cohen called up Emily Miller and Katrina Knight to help light the big hanukiah, and the entire room was aglow as each table lit at least one set of candles. Aviva Bowling played her guitar and led us in singing a few traditional songs before we got down to the serious business of eating.

Stuart and Lydia Grist have lived here for ten years, but this was their first time at this event. They said the food

was terrific and they really enjoyed the socializing. Norman Potter said, "This was wonderful, and the food was good." Ken Mayer loved the food: "I eat here all the time, so I knew the food was going to be good."

When questioned about whether he had a good time, Max Kaufman, 6, said that he had a pretty good time

and he liked the food, but "dessert was my favorite part." His sister, Lily, 5, said "eating my ice cream" was her favorite part as well.

There's definitely a theme here. The food was terrific. And Rossi's staff did a great job of seeing that everyone was attended to. We collected 72 pounds of food and \$125 for God's Pantry. Thanks to all of you who came and helped to make this such a successful evening. And our apologies to those whom we had to turn away for lack of space—reserve early next year!



Marty Barr and David Wekstein



Jo, Rachel and Sarah Belin enjoy with new friends.



Rabbi Cohen and Rabbi Kline light the menorah.



Leah Craft helps the kids make ice cream sundaes.

One World Films

By Annette Mayer

This year again, the One World Film Festival series will include one film of Jewish content. Organizers also plan to bring another special film for community viewing. The film already scheduled, *Monsieur Ibrahim*, will be shown Tuesday evening, February 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the theater in Central Library (downtown, 140 E. Main St.). The film is in French with English subtitles, and stars Omar Sharif as Ibrahim. It takes place in Paris, in the early 1960's, in a working-class neighborhood, and is the story of two unlikely characters—a young Jew and an elderly Muslim (Sharif) developing a friendship that will change their lives forever. The film is rated R. As are all One World Film Showings, it is free and open to the public.

CKJF is among the many community sponsors of One World Films. Hadassah will sponsor a reception following the film.

The 2005 One World Film Festival officially opens Sunday, February 13,

at 2:00 p.m. in the theater in Central Library with a documentary, *The Story of the Weeping Camel*. This film, in Mongolian with English subtitles, is rated PG. It is the story of a camel that gives birth to a white calf. The camel refuses to nurse the calf despite the efforts of the herders in the community. Finally, they send two young boys to another village to bring back musicians, who play ancient ritual music said to heal a rift between mother and child. The camel hears the music and begins to weep. The filmmakers use a combination of documentary footage and reenacted scenes to create this quiet and moving film.

Among the films to be shown in February is *Complaints of a Dutiful Daughter*, on Sunday afternoon, February 27, at 2:00 p.m. in the Central Library Theatre. This documentary chronicles the stages of a mother's Alzheimer's disease, and a daughter's reaction to the painful situation. A panel discussion on Alzheimer's will follow.

One World Films plans to bring the Miramax documentary *Paperclips* for a showing in early March. The film is the story of students in a middle school in Tennessee who are studying the Holocaust and wonder, "What is six million like?" See next month's *Shalom* for details.

For a brochure on the entire One World Film Festival schedule, contact Annette Mayer, chair of the festival, at 859-266-6073. This is the seventh year for the festival, which aims to show films that stimulate discussion, explore ideas, and increase understanding of human diversity.

Community Hanukkah Celebrations



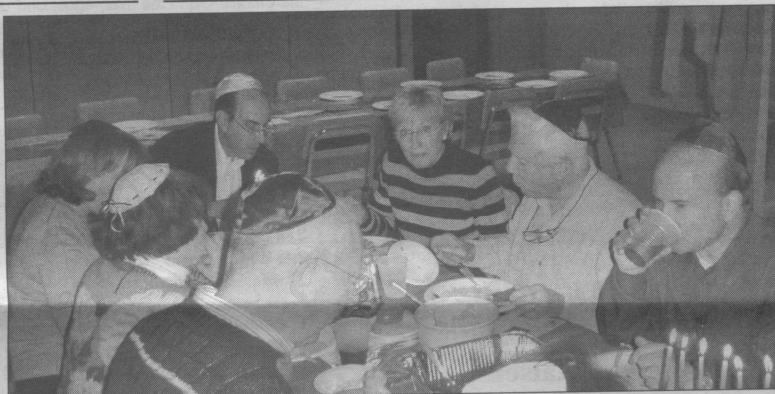
Generations enjoy the latkes at the OZS celebration.



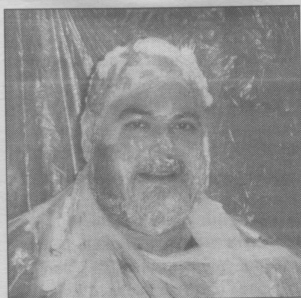
Lexington Havurah celebrates Hanukkah.



Leisure Club preparing latkes....



...and eating them.



Children were able to "cream pie" Rabbi Marc at the Temple's Hanukkah carnival.



Pat Shraberg serving up latkes at the TAI Hanukkah carnival.

Tikkun Lexington Celebrates Hanukkah at the Stewart Home

By Jana LaZur

In early December a small group of Central Kentucky Jewish Federation Tikkun volunteers drove to Frankfort to spread Hanukkah cheer among the residents at the Stewart Home School. The Stewart Home is a residence facility for the developmentally disabled, and a large number of these students have strong ties to Judaism. Tikkun Lexington volunteers were delighted by the invitation to join in their Hanukkah party, an evening complete with Hanukkah decorations, a full course dinner—including corned beef and swiss cheese sandwiches, vegetables, chips, potato latkes, apple sauce, and dessert—and Hanukkah gifts passed among the residents at the end of the evening. We also brought some gifts: dreidels, Hanukkah gelt, and some baklava for the resi-

dents to have on another occasion and think of their Lexington friends.

Many thanks to the volunteers who came: Barbara Barr, Dawn Moore, Ruth Moser, and Jana, Ryan, and Kevin LaZur.

Our next scheduled visit is March 24 during Purim. Rabbi Kline will accompany us on this trip, read the Megillah, and bring much fun and festivity to the visit. We are looking for new faces and Hamentashen bakers, so please join us on our mission. As usual, we will meet at the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation office in the Chinoe Shopping Center at 5:15 and caravan to Frankfort. If you would like more information, plan on accompanying us, or need a ride, please call Jana at 268-0672 extension 4#, or email jana@jewishlexington.org.

B'tay Avon (Hearty Appetite)

Ruth Poley



Chopped Liver: Variations on a Theme

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Whenever I serve my home-made chopped liver, people (those who like chopped liver, anyway) are thrilled to have it and act as if I've performed some magic act because I made it myself. Listen up, people: chopped liver is easy to make. There's no great mystique, there are no exotic ingredients, it's not a great investment of your time. My recipe (from my mother, who got it from her mother, who got it...) appears below. Since the food police are all over us about eating chopped liver nowadays (small quantities prepared the traditional way will kill you, or at least slow down your arteries for several days), I've made some adjustments to make it a bit healthier. Also, since there's no way to make chicken liver itself healthier (it has the second highest cholesterol content of any food, and most of us will *never* eat the first), I've also included two recipes that don't even contain any liver. The first of these, Mock Liver with Cashews, is from the book *1,000 Jewish Recipes*, by Faye Levy. The second, Mock Chopped Liver (which tastes remarkably like real chopped liver), comes from my friend Judy Cohen in Kingston, New York, who hasn't published any books, but is, nonetheless, a terrific cook.

Chopped Liver

1 pound chicken livers
2 hard cooked eggs
1 small onion
salt and pepper, to taste
2 tablespoons light mayonnaise (here's where bubbe would have used schmaltz), optional

Wash the livers and remove any fat and veins (the least fun part of making this recipe). Sauté the onions in a small amount of olive oil (bubbe would have used schmaltz here, too) until soft but not brown. Place the livers on a baking sheet lined with aluminum foil and broil them until they are no longer pink, but do not burn. Alternatively, you can sauté them in olive oil in the same pan in which you do the onions. Grind the liver, eggs, and onions in a meat grinder, add salt and pepper, and mix it all together. If it seems too dry, you can add some of the mayonnaise or just some water to moisten it. Refrigerate until ready to serve. That's all there is to it.

Now, if that's too unhealthy for you, try this.

Mock Liver with Cashews

3/4 pound green beans, ends removed, halved
3 to 4 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 large onions, chopped
one 15-ounce can peas, drained
1/4 cup walnuts, toasted or raw
1/4 cup pecans, toasted or raw
1/3 cup toasted cashews plus 15 or 20 more for garnish
1 or 2 large hard boiled eggs, chopped
salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste

Cook green beans in a large pan of boiling salted water about 10 minutes or until very tender. (They should be more tender than usual so you can chop them easily.) Rinse beans with cold water and drain well.

Heat 3 tablespoons oil in a large, heavy skillet, add onions, and sauté over medium heat, stirring often, for 10 minutes or until golden brown.

Chop green beans in a food processor. Then add peas, walnuts, pecans, 1/3 cup cashews, and sautéed onions with their oil. Process until smooth. If you would like the pâté to be more moist, add a little more oil and process until blended. Transfer to a bowl. Lightly stir in chopped hard boiled eggs. Season with salt and pepper. Serve garnished with extra cashews.

And if that one is too much trouble for you, try this.

Mock Chopped Liver

3/4 cup walnuts, finely chopped
*1 can LeSeuer peas with onions and mushrooms
1 onion, chopped

Sauté onion in a little olive oil. Put all ingredients in a food processor and process until well chopped and blended but not pasty. Serve with crackers. Cook green beans in a large pan of boiling salted water about 10 minutes or until very tender. (They should be more tender than usual so you can chop them easily.) Rinse beans with cold water and drain well.

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*LeSeuer peas with onions and mushrooms are very difficult to find in Lexington. You can substitute a can of baby peas and some canned onions and mushrooms.

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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.

Tu B'Shevat Seder

The Lexington Havurah held its annual Tu B'Shevat Seder and ushered in the Sabbath on Friday January 21 at the Lexington Theological Seminary. Tu B'Shevat is the "New Year of The Trees." In Israel, this festival is celebrated by the planting of trees. For many years it has been the tradition of the Havurah to mark the holiday in a special way.

During the course of the seder, participants sampled at least fifteen kinds of fruits and nuts, many of which grow in the land of Israel. This feast was accompanied by the drinking of wine (or grape juice), the singing of songs, and the reading of psalms and poetry, all appropriate to the season.

In December our president, Gail Cohen, had an opportunity to plant a tree in Israel with her own hands. She shared the story of this experience, along with other details of her trip.

Francie Chassen-Lopez and Judy Goldsmith planned and led the seder. The hosts for the evening were Vicki Doukas, Judy Goldsmith, Jeremy Popkin, and Eve Podet.

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

On Friday February 18 at 8:00 p.m. the Lexington Havurah will conduct a Kabbalat Shabbat service, planned and led by Judy Saxe and Ann Baker. The service will take place at the Lexington Theological Seminary.

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For more information, please call President Gail Cohen at 859-272-1459.

THE LEXINGTON CHAPTER OF HADASSAH NEWS

Elise Mandel, President

As we enter the new year, we try to maintain hope and high expectations. Hadassah has a proud past and a bright future, with an impressive agenda ahead of us.

Our February 2 meeting at TAI will feature the importance of advancing medical research and advocating for government funding for stem cell research. Hadassah continues to press for legislation that will strengthen our individual rights and freedoms to preserve the first amendment and maintain the wall of separation of church and state, which has helped sustain our people here in the United States for 350 years.

We stand firm on a woman's right to reproductive freedom; we advocate for legislation to protect women and their families from domestic abuse and for the health and well-being of all people; we continue in our efforts to pass legislation that will prevent genetics-based discrimination in health insurance and employment. For over 50 years, the U.S.-Israel

relationship has developed into an economic, strategic, and political partnership that advances peace and security for our nations. We will continue to advocate for the preservation of all our commitments.

Our dedication to these and many more priorities is integral to our work in Israel. We have clearly become a global community; we have learned to balance the individual and larger communities in which we live. Our work in the United States helps to preserve the health and well-being of our people in Israel through healthcare, education, and research.

We recognize that we face challenges. We are not deterred because we understand that whatever we are able to accomplish as we improve our own lives and the lives of those we love, we leave a rich and valuable legacy for future generations.

In addition, our local Hadassah chapter is proud to continue the tradition of education and participation. See page 10 of this issue of *Shalom* for more information on the One World Film Series presentation on February 15. And get ready for the *Shuq*—the Hadassah Auction on March 5.

Best wishes to all.

BAR/BAT MITZVAHS

OUR B'NAI MITZVAH

By Evelyn Dantzic Geller



Joshua Solomon - OZS

On February 26, 2005, Josh Solomon, son of Walter and Terri Solomon, will be called to the Torah at Ohavay Zion Synagogue in honor of his becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Joining in the celebration will be his older brother, Jake, and his younger brother, Mikey.

Josh is a seventh grade student at Sayre School, where his favorite subject—and the one in which he does best—is science. His extracurricular activities include playing on the school's lacrosse, basketball, and soccer teams. He also plays the guitar.

Josh's mitzvah project involved making ribbons for The Prevention of Child Abuse in Kentucky. In addition, he was involved in fundraising to fight cancer.

Upcoming Hadassah Events:

FEBRUARY 2

State of Stem Cell Research Program
at TAI 7:00, program starts at 7:30

FEBRUARY 15

Film M. Ibrahim at the Central Library
at 7:30, reception following

MARCH 2

One World Film Festival

MARCH 5

Hadassah Auction at TAI

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Brotherhood Texas Holdem Poker Tournament

Saturday, February 5 – 7:00 p.m.
Open to members and friends. \$50 buy in, no rebuys. We need 50 or more players so more money will be paid out in prizes. BYOB. Proceeds benefit Brotherhood. Must be 18 to play. Bring a friend. Have some fun.

RSVP with check to Bill Spickard: mail to 3391 Mantilla Dr., 40513, or call Bill at 859-223-8489 for more info or bspickard48@yahoo.com or Brian Hershinow at 264-8588 or hbrian@hershinow.com.

Brotherhood Meeting

Sunday, February 13, 10:00 a.m.
This is an open meeting for all guys and gals. Bring your friends. The agenda will be to discuss a possible Golf League. Be sure to attend, join Brotherhood and have some fun.

Torah Study

February schedule is 2/5 and 2/19.
Rabbi Kline conducts Torah Study in the TAI library Saturdays at 9:00 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.

Kollel Study Group

February schedule is 2/12 and 2/26.
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, and 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.

Finding A Jewish Path While the Ground Shifts Beneath Us

The class takes place on the following dates: 2/13/05, 3/20/05, 4/17/05, and 5/22/05. This is an adult discussion group led by Larry Kant that

studies traditional Jewish sources in novel ways as we seek to reclaim a modern Jewish path. As in previous years, times are on selected Sundays from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. This year our theme will be "Difficult Bible Passages."

Rabbi Kline Offers Wednesday A.E. Classes at 7:00 p.m. & 12:15 p.m.

These classes cover varied topics that relate to Judaism and are of interest to the Lexington community. They are free and open to all. Please come join us for an informative discussion of topics.

February 9 – 7:00 p.m.

Israel and Peace

February 16 – 12:00 p.m.

The Prophetic Call: Jews as Citizens

February 23 – 12:15 p.m.

Famous Jews in American History

December 22 – 12:15 p.m.

What's Jewish About Winter?

Coming February 13, 20, 27, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Hebrew Marathon

This is a great way to learn basic Hebrew in just three classes. If you are interested in taking this course, please contact the Temple office at 269-2979. Materials must be ordered for all participants, so don't delay, sign up today!

Monsieur Ibrahim to be shown by One World Film Festival

The 2005 One World Film Festival has again this year scheduled a film of "Jewish" content. It will show the film, *Monsieur Ibrahim*, on Tuesday evening, Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the theater in the Central Public Library (downtown, 140 E. Main St.). The showing is free of charge, and is open to the public. The Hadassah Organization will sponsor a reception following the film. The film, rated R, is in French with English subtitles, and stars Omar Sharif as Ibrahim. It takes place in Paris, in the early 1960's, in a working class neighborhood, and is the story of two unlikely characters — a young Jew and an elderly Muslim (Sharif) developing a friendship that will change their lives forever.

For a complete listing of films, contact Annette Mayer, chair of the festival, at 266-6073. As soon as a complete schedule is available, a copy will be posted in the Temple.

Purim Ball

**March 19, 2005 — Save the date
Watch your mail for your invitation**

Adopt A School – Ashland Elementary

Homework Help: Math and reading tutors needed

Spring semester has arrived, and Ashland Elementary School's teachers and students hope that we will continue and expand our tutoring in letters/reading (9:00 to 10:00 or 10:30, 10:30 to 11:00) and mathematics (12:45 to 1:45) any day of the week. Volunteers to help develop science fair projects are needed Fridays from 1:30 to 2:30.

To volunteer for math and reading, call Dianne Bazell at 278-3042. To help with the science fair, call Deb Kratzer at 223-8601.

TAI Israel Tour: Led by Rabbi Marc Kline

May 30 – June 10, 2005

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TRYB News

TRYB will be selling Passover Candy this month on Sunday mornings! So, remember to get your annual supply of yummy chocolates and candy.



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Adult Education at OZS

The next class session of "350 Years of Jews in America: Our History and Literature," facilitated by Prof. Sandy Goldberg and Rabbi Sharon Cohen, is scheduled to meet on Sunday evening, February 13 at 7:00 p.m. The class will begin discussion on *The Adventures Of Augie March* (1949), by Saul Bellow, placing it in the context of early to mid 20th century Jewish American history with Jonathan Sarna's *American Judaism* as background reading. The books are available at Joseph Beth (you can ask for the book club rate, using Sandy Goldberg's name). Everyone is invited to join this exciting opportunity for learning, even if you haven't made it to previous class meetings. Those interested in a complete book list or who have other questions should contact Sandy Goldberg by email at scgold@uky.edu or call the OZS office.

The Adult B'nai Mitzva Class is made up of a group of dedicated individuals who have been studying Jewish liturgy and learning Torah Trope, Haftara Trope, and prayer skills in preparation for affirming their roles as adult B'nai Mitzva—as Jewish adults dedicated to mitzvot. They will celebrate together this special moment in their lives during our Shabbat services on June 3 and 4. Each participant will read from the Torah and chant a portion of the Haftara as well as leading parts of the service. In addition, each member of the class will present a d'var Torah during a Shabbat morning service in the next few months. This month, Sue Ezrine will present her d'var Torah on parashat Teruma, on Saturday, February 12.

OZS Religious School News

As a response to the tsunami disaster, the Religious School will be donating all tzedaka collected through the school during the semester to agencies involved in tsunami disaster relief in Southeast Asia. If you would

like to contribute, please direct your donation to Simone Salomon. If you would like to make a donation directly to tsunami relief agencies, there are several Jewish organizations collecting money on behalf of the national and international Jewish community. For a list of organizations (MAZON, JDC, etc.) contact the OZS office or stop by and pick up a flyer from the information rack outside the office.

The next Religious School service will be on Friday evening, February 11, at 7:30 p.m. Our Junior Congregation program continues on Saturday, February 5 at 10:30 a.m. in the Music Room. The program is coordinated by Steve Davis-Rosenbaum and led by Heidi Zimmerman with help from our Religious School aides. We encourage parents to attend with their kids.

Our OZS and TAI Jewish study program for 11th and 12th graders, **Senior Chai**, will meet this month on February 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Daily Minyan

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

Youth Group News

Last month was an especially busy month for our youth program. On January 7, USYers led the Friday evening service, followed by Shabbat dinner (which they cooked themselves) and Ruah (spirited singing). We thank them for making our OZS Shabbat service special. In addition, while parents learned about Kadima program activities, USYers hosted a pizza dinner and Ruah session for the Kadima youth (6th through 8th grades) on January 4. Several USYers attended the USY Specialty Kinnus in Pittsburgh, January 27 to 30. This month, February 11 through February 13, members of Kadima will attend the CRUSY Regional Kadima Kinnus in Pittsburgh.

Both Kadima and USY participated in the Martin Luther King, Jr. March downtown on January 17. Before the morning march, Kadima held its 9th Annual MLK Weekend Lock-In on Sunday evening, which this year included members of the TAI youth group and Kadima members from Louisville. During the evening, which included food, movies, games, and fun, the youth also learned about the teachings

and accomplishments of Dr. King and the historic struggle for civil rights in America, and discussed ways we still need to work for equality in America today. USY joined the TAI youth for a similar lock-in at the Temple Sunday evening before joining the march in the morning. We are proud of all of our Jewish youth in Lexington as they form a link in the chain of the generations working to make the world one based on the values of justice and peace.

Shabbat at OZS

Celebrating Shabbat is always the focus of our weekly events here at OZS. We welcome in Shabbat during the Kabbalat Shabbat service on the first and third Friday nights of the month at 6:00 p.m. (February 4 and February 18). You are welcome to come "as-is" from work or other activities and join us for the spirited evening service before heading home for your Shabbat dinner. On the second and fourth Fridays of the month the Shabbat Evening Service begins at 7:30 p.m. with Oneg following (February 11). On Friday February 25, the Shabbat Evening Service will be held at the special time of 6:00 p.m. (not 7:30 p.m.) as Josh Solomon celebrates becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Josh will participate in the Shabbat morning service on February 26, beginning at 9:45 a.m., and will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah during the morning's celebration. Mazal Tov, Josh!

The Friday evening service on February 11 will be led by our Religious School students, and the Stewart Home will be here for their monthly Shabbat at OZS on Friday,

February 4. Join us for our spirited Shabbat Morning Service each Saturday morning at 9:45 a.m. Kiddush lunch follows each week.

Community Opportunities

Don't forget that the One World Film Festival begins this month at the Central Library downtown. Of particular interest is the French film *Monsieur Ibrahim*, which will be shown on Tuesday evening, February 15 at 7:30. Hadassah will be sponsoring a reception following the film. Check with the Library, CKJE, or OZS for more information.

As OZS celebrates the 350th Anniversary of Jews in America this year we are thrilled to learn that Stephen Whitfield, the Max Richter Professor of American Civilization at Brandeis University, will be speaking as a part of the Franklin B. Moosnick Lecture Program at the Lexington Theological Seminary. Professor Whitfield will speak on Jews and Judaism in America. His first lecture, "Why America Has Not Seemed Like Exile," will take place on Thursday February 24 at 11:00 a.m., at the LTS Fellowship Hall. Later that evening, Professor Whitfield will discuss "The American Jew in Politics" at 7:30 p.m., at Temple Adath Israel. The lecture program will conclude on Friday, February 25, at 11:00 a.m., again at LTS Fellowship Hall, as Professor Whitfield discusses "Jews in the Making of American Music." For more information contact the Lexington Theological Seminary.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		• OZS Board Meeting • TAI Board Meeting	KET airs Auschwitz: Inside the Nazi State 9p.m.			TAI Brotherhood Texas Hold'em Poker 7p.m.
30	31	February 1	2	3	4	5
6	7	• Chabad-Rabbi Litvin visits • Camp Shalom Meeting 8 p.m. CKJF	• Rosh Chodesh Adar I • JFS Meeting 6:30 p.m. • Community Women Seder Meeting 7 p.m.	• Rosh Chodesh Adar I • Shalom Deadline		
		One World Film Festival - Monsieur Ibrahim Downtown Library 7:30 p.m.		Leisure Club 12 p.m. Polo's at Hilton Suites	Havurah Shabbath Program 8 p.m.	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	• Purim Katan • CKJF Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. • CKJF Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	23	24	25
Super Sunday 9-2 p.m. CKJF		• OZS Board Meeting • TAI Board Meeting			Josh Solomon Bar Mitzvah - OZS	Josh Solomon Bar Mitzvah - OZS
27	28	March 1	2	3	4	5
6	7	Chabad-Rabbi Litvin visits	JFS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	Shalom Deadline	Rosh Chodesh Adar II	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19