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NANCY HOFFMAN
Campaign Co-Chair

My involvement in the Federation/United Jewish Appeal and in other community activities was second-nature when I moved to Lexington sixteen years ago. Throughout my adult life I have felt an obligation to participate both financially and with my time because of tradition. This involvement with UJA and the Synagogue is my connection to my parents and grandparent. It shows respect to them for all of the hours and dollars that they contributed in their lives to their congregations and to UJA. More importantly, I believe that we have an obligation to pass this tradition on to our children and to teach our children about tzedakah as our parents taught us-by example.

The election of last November has been a major topic of conversation for many weeks.

While members of the American Jewish community were divided on how they voted, a few things are clear. First of all, the Religious Right was organized and many of their candidates won local and state elections on a platform of being "good Christians" and putting organized prayer back in the schools. This is a threat to people of all religions who believe that religion and prayer are private matters not to be determined by a classroom teacher. For the Jewish community in Lexington there has been ongoing dialogue with the Fayette County School System to provide our children with a school environment where our children are comfortable to be Jewish. Representatives from the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation meet periodically with administrators in the School System to discuss

these issues, but it is a constant battle. A few teachers continue to have tests on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur even though all principals were asked to advise the teachers of these holidays and the school system's policy is not to give tests on these days. It is important that everyone in the Jewish community become aware of what the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation Community Relations Committee is doing so that these situations can be handled in a sensitive manner by a united Jewish community.

Secondly, the newly elected Congress has pledged less involvement by government. This means fewer dollars will be spent on social programs and puts more pressure on private agencies to take care of services that were once provided by government funds. As Jews we must take care of our own. We will continue to send money to Israel and other communities abroad but we must also take care of those less able in Central Kentucky, including our New Americans. As the population of New Americans grows our obligation increases. It is important for us to remember our roots and accept these new families as part of our own families, as our parents and grandparents were taken in as newcomers to this country. Let us also not forget that most of us were newcomers to Lexington at one time. In addition, we are now fortunate to have a Jewish Family Services Agency in Lexington to provide counseling and advice in many areas of concern to our community including death and dying, and care of the elderly. The JFS Agency has a full time social worker who is available to everyone in the Jewish community.

A final message came out of the election. Kentucky had the lowest voter turnout in the nation. We must not let the Jewish community of Central Kentucky be part of this apathetic trend. It is crucial now more than ever before that we make sure that our voices are heard here in Lexington and in Washington.

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MICHAEL L. ADES
Campaign Co-Chair

Over the years the Federation's Camp Shalom has provided a summer camp experience for hundreds of our children and grandchildren within a Jewish framework. Recently, the Federation has established a social service agency which has provided much needed social services to members of our Jewish community in Lexington (to a larger number of community members than many of us probably realized were in need). Over the years, the Federation's Community Relations Committee has actively been involved in constructive reaction to instances of actual anti-semitism and in activities to anticipate and attempt to forestall anti-semitism in our Community involving the school system, media, and other areas, all to the ultimate benefit of our Jewish community. Every other year the Federation has sponsored, with our Rabbis, a forum with Christian Clergy to further their understanding of Jewish issues and better relations between religious leaders in our community. Over the years, the Federation has sponsored speakers, musicians, dancers, and other forum events which have brought noted performers and programs with Jewish content to our community. In recent years, the Federation has provided financial assistance to many of our teenage and college students to travel to Israel for structured programs who would not otherwise have the opportunity.

We have resettled in Lexington several dozen families from the former Soviet Union and most have jobs, homes and are self-supporting.

Think of these and the numerous other Federation activities that are carried which directly benefit all of us in the Central Kentucky Jewish Community.

Beyond the Central Kentucky community, Federation plays a significant role, with other Federations throughout the United States and in other countries, in rescuing Jews from distressed and dangerous countries from the former Soviet Union, Bosnia, Africa, and elsewhere. Federations were principal and important advocates for opening the gates of the Soviet Union to immigration of over 500,000 Jews to Israel, with another 500,000 expected over the next five years. In Israel, the task is to resettle these immigrants (the equivalent of 30,000,000 by the United States), a responsibility of all of the Jewish people to further the dream of Israel as a Jewish homeland, whenever that home is needed. Yes, the economy of Israel over the years has improved dramatically as have living conditions; however, still over 600,000 Israelis live below the poverty level in Israel and need continued assistance to escape poverty and provide opportunities

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I would like to conclude with one final suggestion. Please volunteer and become involved. It is an easy way to meet people and become a part of the community. If you are not a member of a congregation, visit one next Shabbat. The Temple, Synagogue and Havurah always welcome visitors. You might be amazed at how warmly you are greeted. Schedules for services can be found in this newspaper.

As we begin our 1995 Central Kentucky Jewish Federation Campaign let us meet the challenge of helping others by giving time and money. You will find that you receive more than you give.



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for the future. In addition, Federation supports creating a Jewish infrastructure within the former Soviet Union for Jewish education and activities primarily for children. The Joint Distribution Committee provides needed social services in fifty-eight countries for Jews, including Holocaust survivors, the aged and poor, and individuals in extraordinary danger such as in Sarajevo.

All of these activities can be carried on only through continued substantial funding from Jewish Communities like ours, and through Federations like CKJF.

This is what our 1995 Campaign is about. This is why we seek your continued support and generosity.

UJA Missions and Domestic Meetings

The following missions are scheduled by the United Jewish Appeal over the next few months:

- **Follow Your Dollar Mission...**a special one week mission from February 16-23, 1995. Total cost from New York, \$1000.00
- **Homecoming Mission...**June 18-28, 1995. This mission has a post mission extension to Jordan.
- **Maimonides Mission...**for health care providers only. March 7-17, 1995.

As a part of the UJA effort, Central Kentucky participates in the small cities group. This group has two events scheduled and members of the community are encouraged to participate:

- **Small Cities Conference...**May 7, 1995, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM in Chicago.
- **Young Leadership Conference...**March 31-April 2, 1995, at the Ritz Carleton Hotel in Kansas City.

For further information, contact the CKJF office at 268-0672 or 268-0775

Thank You, Philip

On February 1, Philip Goodman, Central Kentucky Jewish Federation Jewish Family Service's social worker will be leaving for another job. Philip joined us in March, 1994 and gave much time and effort in establishing a new agency for the Jewish community of Central Kentucky. We thank him for his dedication to CKJF JFS and wish him well in his new position.

(Editor's Note: As our 1995 Federation/UJA campaign begins, it remains important for us as a Jewish community to understand the many programs your campaign donations support. The following letter from Prime Minister Rabin is but another example of the continuing needs your time and generosity help fulfill.)

Rabbi Brian L. Lurie
Executive Vice President
United Jewish Appeal
99 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10016
U.S.A.

Dear Brian,

There have been some questions in recent months as to whether or not Israel continues to need the funds raised on our behalf by the United Jewish Appeal in the United States. Please, let it be known to all concerned, that the need is serious and that the partnership between us remains crucial and vital.

We all realize that the world has changed. Israel is engaged in a peace process which is bearing fruit, our economy is getting into high gear and we now have many friends and supporters amongst the family of nations.

It is in this very context that the work of UJA and the Federations in America becomes all the more important. I believe, having looked at your 1995 Case For Giving, that the initiatives you have put forward are essential to our future. We have shared the dream and the miracle and the costs of bringing 500,000 Jews home to Israel in just five short years. We believe that at least that many will still come and we count on you to be beside us to complete this task. Nothing will contribute more to Israel's strength in the next century than this wonderful increase in our population, so the need for American support has in no way diminished. In many ways, it is even more important.

It is particularly gratifying to see UJA taking an aggressive role in the "Israel Experience" program. As American communities struggle with the question as to whether their "grandchildren will be Jewish," the Israel Experience offers a marvelous way to build both Jewish commitment and identity in today's younger generation. I know, from having met American youngsters while they were here, of the enormous impact the program has had on them and I would encourage UJA and the Federation to stress the need for raising the money to send as many of your children as you can. Success here will be very good for both countries.

With Partnership 2000 the Jewish Agency has developed and you are bringing to American Jews, a program which I have said can make or break the Aliyah. This people to people program will see real partnership and cooperation between us.

Recent articles in the press and some opinions I have heard expressed about Israel no longer wanting or needing American support or commenting on the notion that Israel is less of a "hot button" than it used to be, fly in the face of realities.

American Jews have worked so hard to help us remain strong. That work has paid off. It has been a success. We are strong. We are secure enough to negotiate peace from strength. Our long-sought dreams are coming true. You helped us shape these dreams, you helped make them come true. You have stood alongside us all the way. We expect you will always do so.

The reasons for American support may be changing, but the need remains. It is in our interest as Jews, no matter where we may live, to work together to ensure a stronger future for us all.

Sincerely yours,

Yitzhak Rabin

Agencies Receive Allocations From CKJF

International, national and local beneficiary agencies of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation annually request and receive a portion of the annual campaign dollars.

This year's allocations, as determined by the allocations committee, includes:

- Camp Young Judea
- Goldman Union Camp Institute
- Lexington Peace Camp
- Hope Center
- Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith
- American Jewish Committee
- Lauren Weinberg Scholarship Fund - National Conference
- Lexington Public Library (purchase of periodical)
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- Jewish Community Centers Association
- Jewish War Veterans
- Jewish Education Service of North America
- Israeli Universities

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The Case for Giving to Israel

There has been much publicity about Yossi Beilins' remarks regarding the relative unimportance of Diaspora philanthropic giving to Israel. The following outlines the imperatives of giving to Israel:

1. Rescuing Jews from distressed countries such as the former Soviet Union, is the highest commandment of "Pidyon Shvuim" or ransoming the captives. When coupled with bringing them to Israel, it should be the highest priority of Jews to help accomplish this important mitzvah.

2. It was through the advocacy of the American Jewish community that the gates were allowed to be opened in the first place. We have a moral obligation to insure that as many leave the former Soviet Union as possible before economic and political conditions worsen. It is projected that at least another 500,000 will be arriving in Israel over the next five years.

3. Responsibilities facing Israel of resettling a population which will be the equivalent of 30 million being resettled by the United States is a mammoth job that is beyond the ability of any one country to accomplish on its own. It is the responsibility of the Jewish people, not only Israel, because Israel is created to be a home for all Jews, those who need it now or who might need it in the future.

4. Although the economy of Israel has been expanding, Israel has not been able to provide employment comparable to the skill levels and professional backgrounds of the olim. There is therefore considerable under employment in Israel which has contributed to lower aliyah levels from the former Soviet Union. More dollars have to be invested in economic development and in social services for those families undergoing dislocation so that more Russian olim will be writing back to relatives to come to Israel as quickly as possible.

5. In 1992 the latest year for which data is available, the absolute number of families living below the poverty level reached a high of 174,000 comprising 616,000 individuals. Of these, 261,600 were children. A family of four is considered below the poverty line if its monthly income is less than \$730, and elderly couples if their combined monthly income did not exceed \$450. There was an increase of 540,300 poor persons in Israel from 1991-92 representing a rise from 15.9% of the population to 17.2%. The statistics are based on data from the National Insurance Institute. Through Youth Aliyah, absorption, economic development and renewal, the Jewish Agency is making substantial inroads in providing additional resources to alleviate poverty and provide new opportunities for children who face uncertain futures.

6. Israel is changing for the better economically. Does this in any way negate the importance of giving tzedakah for Jewish need? Should the same argument be made to negate the giving of tzedakah in America, the wealthiest nation in the world? Why then should this argument be made to helping our fellow Jews in Israel, particularly in light of her demographic explosion and under employment caused by this latest wave of aliyah.

7. UJA is changing and emphasizing partnership. This is manifested by the Project Renewal Campaign, in which there are twinning relationships between Diaspora communities and Israeli neighborhoods, and Partnership 2000, the partnership between the Diaspora and Israeli economic development. In this program Diaspora communities will partner with counterparts in Israel for regional and economic development.

8. Through your UJA dollars we are providing an infrastructure within the former Soviet Union of Jewish education and camping so that there can be some semblance of Jewish life there even as we encourage aliyah. In addition, teenage immigrants are brought to Israel in advance of their parents. They will complete their high school education in Israel and prepare for University study. 2,000 have arrived to date, and 5,000 are expected in 1995.

9. Aliyah 2000 will bring 280 groups of Israeli emissaries to the republics of the former Soviet Union who will offer employment proposals for immigrants to Israel, who take appropriate vocational language training in the former Soviet Union.

10. Through the UJA contributions, the infrastructure has been developed in Israel that will provide an Israel experience for tens of thousands of our teenagers. The Reform, Conservative and Orthodox movements receive subsidies to help enrich and expand their summer programs for Israeli teenagers and college students which creates better bonds between Israel and the Diaspora and strengthens Jewish continuity for our own youth.

11. The Joint Distribution Committee, of course, provides needed social services in fifty-eight countries for Jews, including holocaust survivors, the aged and the poor and individuals undergoing distress in Sarajevo and elsewhere.

12. In addition, a connection with Israel through the UJA campaign provides a sense of affiliation in work on behalf of the Jewish people and promotes a sense of global connection for Jewish families. As Teddy Kollek wrote "We must strengthen ties, not sever them. UJA provides Jews with a relatively easy connection to keep them involved. You may ask why does it have to be through donations? Why can't it be through business investments in Israel? Unfortunately not everyone can be an investor. A person who can afford only \$1,000 a year cannot be an investor, but he can still make an important contribution by helping immigrant absorption. Besides, some of the most urgent and vital cause do not lend themselves to business."

13. Giving to Israel is an important parameter which Congress uses to justify three billion dollars of aid annually to Israel. As Rudy Boschwitz wrote "Undermine the UJA and the American-Israel relationship will be severely jeopardized. The abilities of AIPAC will be dramatically curtailed." Senators are very moved by the great depth of interest in Israel shown by American Jews. They "were amazed by the extraordinary generosity shown by American Jews through the UJA and State of Israel Bonds. There is nothing like it in the United States in any ethnic, religious or other community."

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Camp Shalom is scheduled for two weeks this summer, August 7-18. It will once again be held at the Woodman of the World campsite.

If you are interested in applying, please send a letter explaining your interest and qualifications to:

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Lynn Cooper and Kim Slaton
Camp Shalom Co-Chairs

Book Review

Random Acts of Kindness and More Random Acts of Kindness

Elayne Rae Crystal

After a long week of hearing about problems in our society today (e.g., illness, murder, AIDS, poverty) the last thing I wanted to do was to sit down and read a book about people's misfortunes or one where I had to concentrate on what I was reading and remember details. I longed for a book that would be easy to read and leave me with a positive feeling that there is good in this world. I was so happy to read the book Random Acts of Kindness and want to share it with you. The publishers have since printed More Random Acts of Kindness due to the overwhelming response from

people. I have read both books and this review is about both the books.

These books are a compilation of true stories submitted by people all over the country who experienced kind acts from strangers. The acts varied from being as simple as helping someone change a flat tire, someone anonymously putting money in an expired parking meter, to a man forfeiting his seat on an airplane for another passenger (with no free flight being offered to the man forfeiting his seat). These acts were done NOT because the people felt they were expected to do so, but because they just felt they wanted to--no strings attached. Reading the various stories/recollections made me feel good just seeing what effect these acts of kindness had on the people who told them.

It was interesting to note that all the stories printed were from the point of view of the recipients. These people experienced a very special moment in their lives just knowing that someone cared enough to think about them and/or help them out without being asked to do so. Yes, it's true we tend to respond readily to mass tragedies (like hurricanes, earthquake relief funds, flooding) but how many of us actually think and practice these random acts of kindness on a daily basis? One of the basic themes in Judaism is performing acts of kindness (tzedakah, mitzvah, giving to charity) but how often are we aware of the profound affects such acts may have on others? Perhaps

by becoming more aware of how one small act can help another, readers may be more considerate of others.

The book also had inspirational quotations on the bottom of each page, for example:

"If you want happiness for an hour -- take a nap
If you want happiness for a day -- go fishing
If you want happiness for a month -- get married
If you want happiness for a lifetime -- help someone else"
--Chinese proverb

Another "plus" about these books is the fact that they do not have to be read on one sitting lest you'll forget what is going on. You can read and enjoy a few pages at a time, come back later, and still get the same "warm" feeling from the books.

The publisher, Conari Press, has announced that February 17, 1995, will be "Random Acts of Kindness Day," which is part of National Random Acts of Kindness week recently proclaimed by the U. S. Congress. Readers are welcome to write for a free packet of how groups can participate. For details write to:

Random Acts of Kindness Day
1144 65th Street
Suite B
Emeryville, California 94608
Phone: 1-800-685-9595
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COMMENTARY

The 1994 Elections and the Jewish Community

Howard Ross

The results of the 1994 elections have stimulated a beehive of discussion in the American Jewish community. Concerned with the issues of the religious right, the Jewish community has begun to realize that it is going to be forced to deal with the anti-liberal turn of the country.

It is a well established fact that the American Jewish agenda is traditionally liberal. 1994 showed no deviation from that tradition. We Jews, who make up only 2% of the population, voted, according to best estimates, 80% Democratic. This is obviously opposite the national trend.

Another fact, infrequently addressed, is that Jewish representation in Congress fell by 9 seats; one Senate and eight House seats. We were the only minority group to lose representation.

The country voted for more "traditional" values -- those values which the Jewish community fears the most: anti-abortion, anti-welfare, anti-immigration, anti-gay and for school vouchers and school prayer.

It is crucial today for the American Jewish community to come together to plan its response to the election of 1994. We must become more active in our political efforts; the future of our values are at stake. We must reassess our participation in the American political agenda and then expend every effort to be involved. We must look at the process with Jewish eyes and we must act with Jewish interests.

It will not be easy.

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The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation will hold its annual election in April and would like to know of those members of CKJF who are interested in running for the Board. Board members serve for three-year-terms. Working with CKJF is challenging and rewarding. If you are interested in being placed on the ballot, please contact the CKJF office at 268-0672, or 268-0775, Steve Caller at 266-1314, or Martin Kaplan at 277-3992.

HADASSAH

Hadassah Is More than Hospitals Hadassah Projects: The Youth Aliyah Story

It was 1938, four years after the historic exodus of several thousand German orphans to what was then Palestine. Under the aegis of Youth Aliyah, another group would be joining them. But the children arrived in port too late to travel. Although everyone was weary, Youth Aliyah Director and Hadassah founder Henrietta Szold said, "Prepare a festive meal with oranges and nuts. This is the children's first evening with us, and it will leave an indelible impression of Palestine on every child."

Over dinner, Ms. Szold pulled out a long list of children's names, children whose visas she had personally requested. She matched each name to a face-and remembered each face to her dying day. Henrietta Szold was Youth Aliyah's first director and served in that position until her death in 1945.

Over the years, as the ethnic makeup of the émigrés changed, Youth Aliyah swiftly adapted its facilities and programs to meet each incoming wave's unique needs. When Operation Magic Carpet rescued Yemenite refugee children and brought them to the new state in 1949, Youth Aliyah developed programs initiating them into Western society. Youth Aliyah was instrumental in the successful absorption of Iraqi, Syrian, Iranian, Spanish, French and other Jewish immigrant youth. When it became clear that underprivileged Israeli adolescents needed special programs, Youth Aliyah tackled that challenge, too.

Youth Aliyah is constantly evaluating its programs, consulting with experts in the education, psychology and immigrant absorption fields, innovating new programs as needed. This flexibility is a hallmark of Youth Aliyah.

Youth Aliyah educated youngsters through a system of residential villages and day centers. At the residential schools, both vocational and academic training is offered in a warm and supportive atmosphere. At the day centers, teenagers with learning or behavioral disabilities receive the education and special attention they need to function in society. Both components (vocational training and academic programs) promote self-esteem, build confidence and give students the tools that allow them to break the pattern of poverty and become contributing members of society. A dedicated professional staff gives each youngster personal care and guidance.

Hadassah is the world's largest organizational contributor to Youth Aliyah. Each year Hadassah fulfills a multimillion dollar commitment to Youth Aliyah's maintenance and education budgets. In addition, Hadassah makes extra-budgetary grants to fund scholarships, enrichment programs and renovations to the residential facilities. One such example is Hadassah's \$3 million grant that is facilitating the absorption and integration of Ethiopian teenagers.

Hadassah also contributes to five Youth Aliyah day centers--Carmela Kalmanson Day Center in Rehobot, Frieda Lewis Day Center in Lod, Rose Matzkin Day Center in Tel Aviv, Faye Schenk Day Center in Jerusalem and Bernice S. Tannenbaum Day Center in Herzliya. Each center offers vocational training in such areas as carpentry, hairdressing, auto mechanics, electronics, computers and more.

There is much more to the Youth Aliyah commitment in Israel than can be expressed in this newspaper article. There is no question that Youth Aliyah works--for the youngsters and for Israel which reaps the benefits of the skills these graduates bring to the work force. Help Hadassah support Youth Aliyah so that the challenges of today can become the successes, not the crises, of tomorrow. For more information on Youth Aliyah and/or Hadassah contact Shirley Bryan at 272-1851, or Evelyn Geller at 272-8972.

Upcoming Hadassah Events!!

Event: **Speak Out Lexington**
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Time: 7:30 P.M.
Call Janet at 263-4746
for location

Event: General Meeting
Date: Sunday, February 5
Time: 3:00 P.M.
Place: Temple Adath Israel
Speaker: **Walter Morris,**
Attorney-at-Law
will speak on Living Wills,
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RSVP: Shirley at 272-1851

Event: Women's Discussion
Group
Date: Thursday, February 16
Contact Ginger at 269-4417
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School Prayer Proponents Are Gaining Ground

Samuel Rabinove, Legal Director of the American Jewish Committee

The Radical Right is spearheading a powerful drive to reintroduce organized prayer into public schools, possibly reversing precedent-setting cases that have outlawed school prayer.

More than thirty years ago, in the cases of *Engel v. Vitale* and *Abington School District v. Schempp*, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that, under the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment, it is not the proper business of government either to compose prayers or to sponsor prayers for American children to recite. That principle was reaffirmed and extended by the High Court in June 1992, when it held in the case of *Lee v. Weisman* that a rabbi's invocation and benediction at a public junior high school graduation ceremony also violated the First Amendment "Government involvement with religious activity in this case is pervasive, to the point of creating a state-sponsored and state-directed religious exercise in a public school," wrote Justice Anthony Kennedy for the majority of five.

In November 1992, however, in the Texas case in *Jones v. Clear Creek Independent School District*, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that a public school district's decision to permit high school seniors to deliver nonsectarian, non-proselytizing invocations at graduation ceremonies had a secular purpose and a primary effect of solemnization that did not entangle government with or endorse religion, and did not coerce students' participation in religion. In that court's view, therefore, it did not violate the Establishment Clause.

The court took pains to distinguish this case from the facts in *Lee v. Weisman*. The central thrust of the *Clear Creek* court's reasoning was that the school itself was not sponsoring prayer but merely accommodating the wishes and free speech rights of its students. The court maintained that, in so doing, the public schools were not supporting prayer or dictating its content.

In essence, however, the disputed graduation activities in *Lee v. Weisman* and *Clear Creek* were quite similar. Both schools invited prayers at graduation, with certain guidelines, by someone not employed by the school district. These guidelines could not be properly enforced without having school officials monitor the content of prayers, arguably putting schools in the constitutionally proscribed role of approving or censoring prayers.

In both cases all graduating students who objected to being compelled to be present for the prayer were put to what is seemingly an unconstitutional choice. They could attend their graduation and be present at a religious exercise, or forgo participation in what "in our culture... is one of life's most significant occasions" (Justice Kennedy in *Lee v. Weisman*). Public school graduations, after all, remain school-sponsored events, regardless of who delivers the prayer. Given these similarities, the *Clear Creek* plan would seem no less unconstitutional than the scheme invalidated in *Lee*. However, the Fifth Circuit ruled otherwise. Its decision upholding the plan was appealed to the Supreme Court, which, in June 1993, declined to review it, thereby letting it stand and opening the door to more such prayers--and more litigation--elsewhere in the country.

The High Court's refusal to hear *Clear Creek* has been trumpeted throughout the land by the Rev. Pat Robertson and his cohorts as signaling a "green light" from the Court that student-led graduation prayer is constitutionally permissible. This advice is false. *Jones* is solid law only within the Fifth Circuit--Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi--nowhere else.

The Radical Right aims to impose its religious (and political) agenda in the entire country by Christianizing the public schools along fundamentalist lines. Organized school prayer is merely the major entering wedge (so-called "creation science" is another). They argue that if student-led graduation prayer is not unconstitutional, student-led prayer at a regular assembly or in a public school classroom is permissible, as long as a majority of the students want it. They have been pressuring state legislatures in the "Bible Belt" South, where Supreme Court rulings against organized school-sponsored prayer have never really taken hold, to enact legislation opening the door wide to organized student prayer.

Student-led prayer legislation has either been adopted or is now pending in Florida, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, Louisiana, South Carolina, and Virginia. But this groundswell is not likely to be restricted to the South for very long. School districts elsewhere in the country already have been permitting students to lead prayers at graduation ceremonies.

The school-prayer zealots are using students to bypass the Supreme Court jurisprudence on the ground of "free speech,"

despite the fact that the Supreme Court in *Engel* (1962) ruled that although a school-sponsored prayer may be denominationally neutral and its observance by students may be voluntary, that does not make it permissible under the Establishment Clause. (It must not be forgotten that any individual pupil who wishes to say a prayer in a public school is perfectly free to do so, provided only that classroom activity is not interfered with.)

In Mississippi, impassioned protests following the dismissal of a principal in Jackson who routinely began the school day with prayers read by students on the public address system prompted the principal's reinstatement. The controversy provided powerful impetus for a bill, signed into law by Gov. Kirk Fordice, allowing "nonsectarian and nonproselytizing voluntary benedictions, invocations or prayers, which are initiated by a student volunteer" at public school events. The rationale is that this merely accommodates the will of the majority. In reality, students are taught an erroneous lesson about our Constitution that is, that by majority vote you can nullify a basic constitutional right.

Opinion polls consistently show heavy majorities in favor of restoring "voluntary" prayer in public schools. But the Establishment Clause of the first Amendment is antimajoritarian. The framers of the Constitution clearly intended to place certain fundamental rights and freedoms (like religion) beyond the reach of any transient majority. The First Amendment was designed to protect minorities and dissenters.

The courts that have addressed this issue have not all agreed with the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. In Iowa, New Jersey, and Virginia, federal courts have held that student-initiated prayers are barred by the Establishment Clause. Although the Supreme Court declined to review *Jones*, it may be just a matter of time before another federal circuit court rules clearly the opposite way, thus creating a conflict between the circuits and making it far more likely that the High Court will address the issue.

The pro-prayer forces have been on the offensive in Congress too. Beating back a Republican-led filibuster, the Senate last March passed a \$647 million education bill, minus a school prayer provision proposed by Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.). Helms's amendment to the Goals 2000: Educate America Act would have barred federal funds to any public school that has a policy of "denying or which effectively prevents participation on constitutionally protected prayer in public schools by individuals on a voluntary basis." The Senate had approved the amendment. However, because the House version of Goals 2000 differed from the Senate bill (it had no school-prayer language), a conference committee sought to iron out the differences. Under pressure from civil liberties groups, they removed the fund's cut off language, which easily could have scared school districts into caving in to allegedly "constitutionally protected" prayer demands and replaced it with weaker language that bans schools from using federal funds to stop "voluntary prayer." In its final form, the amendment reads: "No funds authorized to be appropriated under this Act may be used to prevent any state or local education agency from adopting policies permitting voluntary prayer and meditation in the public schools."

A similar battle was waged over another education bill, the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). On July 27, the Senate adopted the less stringent of two school prayer proposals offered as amendments to ESEA. The Senate rejected, 53-47, an amendment offered by Senator Helms that would have cut off funds to schools that fail to safeguard "constitutionally protected" prayer. Instead, the Senate approved, 93-7, an amendment by Sen. Nancy Kassebaum (R-Kans.) that would cut off Education Department funds only if a federal court finds that a state or local school district has "willfully violated" a court order to allow constitutionally protected prayer, and then refused to correct this violation. While neither amendment was necessary--they both "protect" rights already protected--the Kassebaum language clearly is less damaging than the Helms language because of the uncertainty as to the meaning of "constitutionally protected" prayer, which could lead school districts to err on the side of allowing prayer rather than risk loss of federal funds. The problem, however, is that the House version of ESEA contains language very similar to the Helms amendment. As of this writing, the bell awaits Senate-House conference.

In sum, the school-prayer forces have been making headway. Thwarting them is no easy task, but those of us who believe in the constitutional principle of separation of church and state are "not free to desist."

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SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, February 3, 1995
Erev Shabbat Service 8 PM
Torah Portion: Terumah
Exodus: 25:1-27:19
Child Care Available
Candle Blessor: Betsy Wides
Kiddush: Jim Hirsh
Oneg Shabbat Hostesses/Hosts
Cheryl & Craig Jonas
Chas Hite
Betsy Wides

Friday, February 10, 1995
Family Shabbat Service 7:30 PM
Torah Portion: Tetzaveh
Exodus: 27:20-30:10
TAI Makhela will sing
4th Grade Presentation
February Birthday Blessings
Story Sermon
NO Child Care Available
Candle Blessor: Toni Reiss
Kiddush: Emily Fried
Oneg Shabbat Hostesses/Hosts
Marianne & Randy Waldman
Beverly & Jerry Osser
Rosemary & James Levenson
Toni Reiss & Marc Plavin

Saturday, February 11, 1995
Torah Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM

Friday, February 17, 1995
Erev Shabbat Service 8 PM
Torah Portion: Ki Tisa
Exodus: 30:11-34:35
Marilyn Zelcer will sing
Child Care Available
Candle Blessor: Bobbi Shain
Kiddush: Molly McCreary
Oneg Shabbat Hostesses/Hosts
Bobbi & Lou Shain
Evelyn & Milton Gellin

Friday, February 24, 1995
Erev Shabbat Service 8 PM
Torah Portion: Vayakhel
Exodus: 35:1-38:20
Marilyn Zelcer will sing
Child Care Available
Candle Blessor: Janice Neuman
Kiddush: Graham Miller
Oneg Shabbat Hostesses/Hosts
Janice & Larry Neuman
Annette & Tomas Milch

Saturday, February 25, 1995
Torah Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Date Setting Meeting
Wednesday, March 8, 7:30 PM

Temple Book Club to Meet Wednesday, March 15

The Book Club is reading and will review *Who Needs God* by Harold Kushner at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Bloom, 2156 Westmont Court at 7:30 PM. All interested Temple members are welcome.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, February 2, 7:30 PM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Tuesday, February 7, 7:30 PM

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, February 8, 7 PM

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TEACHER'S MEETING
Sunday, February 12, 9 AM

LEADERSHIP ENRICHMENT
Sunday, February 12, 10 AM

LEXTY EXECUTIVE MEETING
Sunday, February 12, 12 noon

SISTERHOOD BOARD MEETING
Monday, February 13, 7:30 PM

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, February 20, 7 PM

LEXTY MEETING
Sunday, February 26, 12 noon

Maxwell St. Presbyterian Church and Temple Adath Israel to Conduct a Special Workshop Titled *Thinking and Working Together*
If you are interested in being a part of this class, contact Rabbi Adland at 269-2979. The dates are February 2, 9, 16 & 23. The classes will be held at the church and Temple.

Mark Simpson to lead Sunday morning adult discussion group beginning February 5th, at 10 AM

Anyone interested in discussing Judaism, Reform Judaism, contemporary Jewish issues, or other subjects should join Mark Simpson on Sunday mornings beginning Feb. 5th. The first meeting will be held in the Conference Room. Subsequent meeting sites will be determined based on space availability.

These discussions will be informal, but informative. Instead of leaving Temple after you bring your child(ren) to Temple, stay and schmooze. The discussion group will meet on the following dates: Feb. 5 & 26; March 5 & 12. Further meetings will be determined by the success of the group.

February 14:
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A HOW TO RUN COURSE ON JEWISH HOME CELEBRATIONS
A program for intermarried couples, Jews-by-Choice, individuals considering a Jewish way of life, and anyone who wishes to learn!
February 5, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
including a pot luck dinner
LEARN ABOUT THE OBSERVANCE OF SHABBAT & HAYDALAH
(A search for our traditions)
Come to TAI, bring your children, and a main course and side-dish. Learn about the beauty of Shabbat & Haydalah. RSVP to the Temple office 269-2979.

UPCOMING PROGRAM:
April 8: Pesach Learning how to do it All programs at 5:30 Families are encouraged to attend

Family Shabbat Service
FEBRUARY 10, 7:30 PM

TAI Makhela will sing
Rabbi Adland will tell a story! February birthday
Vessings will be offered!
The TAI 4th Grade Religious School class will do a presentation.
NEXT FAMILY SHABBAT MARCH 10TH

TAI SISTERHOOD INTERFAITH/INTRAFAITH PROGRAM
February 15, 6:30 pm
Pot Luck Dinner

GUEST SPEAKER:
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FORMER PRESIDENT OF NAACP
CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST DURING THE 1950'S & 60'S

RSVP to Temple Office by February 13, 269-2979

Rosh Chodesh
a Jewish women's spirituality study group
will meet at
T.A.I., at 7:30 PM,
on February 2
"Women of the Holocaust"
Next program: March 2
All women are invited to attend

LEXTY HOPE CENTER

First Monday of each month!!
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Contact Ben Auerback, Social Action VP 277-8005 to schedule your time to work!!
(confirmation students get mitzvah hours this way)

UPCOMING LEXTY PROGRAMS:

FEBRUARY 26TH:
Begin Purim preparations and a social program
MARCH 12th:
preparing for the Purim carnival 8th graders invited to first meeting
MARCH 19th: Purim Carnival for TAI religious school

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Foreign Minister Peres Applauds American Measures Against Terrorism

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres congratulated U.S. President Bill Clinton on the courageous and important steps which he has taken to restrict the activities of those terrorist organizations whose aim is to disrupt the peace process.

The Foreign Minister maintains that the threat of terrorism is an international threat, and it is therefore important that the war against terrorism be waged on the international level. He added that the fact that the Executive Order states that the United States views the disruption of the peace process in the Middle East as a threat to its own national interests, is further proof of the extent of the administration's involvement in and support for the peace process, for which Israel is most grateful.

Defense Ministry Director General Says Israel Is Not Transferring U. S. Technology to China

Defense Ministry Director General David Ivri that Israel is not transferring U.S. technology to China. Ivri was responding to recent media reports that Israel had transferred U. S. technology used in the now dormant Lavi fighter-plane project to China without American permission. Ivri said Israel is prepared to clarify for American officials any questions regarding this matter. He added that Israel has only transferred to China security-related aerospace technology from the Lavi project that was developed solely by Israel.

INTERNATIONAL BRIEFS

Israel's Population 5.46 Million

As Israel begins 1995, the country's population is estimated at 6.46 million residents, including 4.43 million Jews (81.1%), about 777,000 Muslims (14.2%), about 161,000 Christians (3.0%), and 92,000 Druze (1.7%). In 1994, Israel's population grew by about 134,000, an increase of approximately 2.5%, similar to that registered in the previous year.

Of the total growth in 1994, nearly 60% resulted from natural increase (the number of births minus the number of deaths), and the rest from immigration. During the year, almost 80,000 immigrants arrived in Israel, 4% more than in 1993, when about 77,000 immigrants came. In 1994, 85% of all immigrants who arrived in Israel came from the former Soviet Union.

Rabin: Strengthening Ties with Arab World Is a Priority

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said that he intends to visit more Arab countries especially Morocco, Tunisia and the Gulf states, as part of Israel's effort to improve ties with the Arab world. Rabin's comments came during a visit to Nazareth where he extended greetings to the town's Christian community. During his speech, Rabin praised the Gulf states for their recent decision not to adhere to the secondary Arab economic boycott of Israel. In addition, Rabin said that despite the difficulties and opposition on all sides, Israel will move ahead with the peace process.

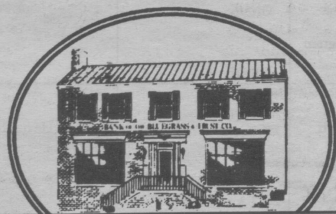
1994: Record Year for Israeli Tourism

The number of tourists visiting Israel topped the two million mark for the first time in 1994. Just released figures show the number of tourists increased eight percent over 1993. Sixty percent arrived from Europe and 21 percent from the United States. Christians represented 63 percent of all tourists, with Jews making up 26 percent. Over 60 percent were first-time visitors. Each tourist spent an average of \$1,250 while in Israel. The country sending the most tourists was the United States, with 381,000. Other countries topping the list were: Germany (200,000), the United Kingdom (192,000) and France (162,000). The past year showed an increase in tourism from Eastern Europe, Asia and Egypt.

Progress Reached at Washington Conference on Middle East Development Bank

Foreign Ministry Director General Uri Savir said an agreement has been reached to establish working groups to discuss the establishment of a regional Middle East development bank. Savir, and Finance Ministry Director General David Brodet, represented Israel at a meeting in January in Washington of 27 countries and organizations involved in the project. According to Savir, the talks in Washington proved that the recent meeting in Alexandria between leaders from Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia did not curb efforts for economic and political cooperation in the region. The leaders met in Alexandria to discuss the peace process and other regional issues. Savir emphasized that there is coordination between Israel, Egypt and the Palestinians on the regional bank initiative.

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Guest Chef of the Month

Norma Allweiss

Arthur and I moved to Lexington from Lincolnwood, Illinois in 1987 to be with our daughter, Pamela Allweiss. I'm a native born Chicagoan, and am a retired teacher. Arthur was born in Harlowton, Montana, which has a population of 900; he is also retired. Because I come from a huge family, eighteen aunts and uncles and over forty cousins, not counting spouses or the next generation of children, my parents always had a great deal of company. Cooking and baking became second nature. The Kreplach recipe was given to my mother by my father's grandmother when they all lived in Chicago, Illinois. This lady would have been Jonathan Herman's great-great-grandmother.

KREPLACH

Ingredients for Kreplach Dough:

2 eggs
1 3/4 cups flour
2 Tbs. water, plus, if needed, enough water to make a soft dough

Method for Kreplach Dough:

Mix the eggs, flour and water together until a smooth dough is formed. Flour a surface and roll out. Cut into two inch squares and fill with the following mixture.

Ingredients for Kreplach Filling:

2 lb. chuck roast
1 large potato
1 sautéed onion
salt and pepper to taste
1 Tb. ketchup

Method for Kreplach Filling:

Cook the chuck roast with the potato and onion. Add the salt, pepper and ketchup. Place the cooked chuck roast in a cuisinart and chop to a medium fine texture or chop medium fine by hand. Do not use ground meat as for hamburger. Add 2 Tb. chicken fat or margarine. Place the meat mixture in the middle of a two inch square of dough, putting two sides together and using the bottom end to form a triangle. Bring the two corners together and connect them. Drop the uncooked kreplach into boiling water and lower the heat so that it gently bubbles for about fifteen minutes; they should rise to the top. Drain the cooked kreplach in cold water. If desired, sauté very lightly in margarine. Refrigerate. Makes about twenty kreplach. This recipe can be doubled.

HAMENTASHEN

Ingredients:

3/4 cup butter or margarine
1 cup sugar
1 egg
3 cups sifted flour
3 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. vanilla

Method:

Cream the butter or margarine and sugar. Add the egg and vanilla. Add the dry ingredients. If necessary add a little water to blend. Roll out to 1/4" thickness. Cut into two inch rounds. Put filling in the center of the rounds. Bring up the sides to form a triangle. Place on a greased baking sheet. Chill for one hour before baking. Bake in the oven at 375° for ten minutes, then lower the heat to 350° for fifteen minutes. Watch carefully.

FILLINGS

Ingredients for Apple Filling:

1 large apple, cored and peeled
raisins
nuts
cinnamon
2 tsp. sugar

Method for Apple Filling:

Chop the apple, raisins and nuts together. Add the cinnamon and sugar. Mix well and use.

Ingredients for Chocolate Chip Filling:

1/2 cup chocolate chips
nuts
cookie crumbs
1 tsp. margarine

Method for Chocolate Chip Filling:

Mix the chocolate chips, nuts, cookie crumbs and margarine well and use.

I also use Solo raspberry filling for some filling.

SUGAR COOKIES for CHANUKAH and PURIM

Ingredients:

1 cup margarine
1 cup sugar
1 egg
1 tsp. vanilla
1/4 tsp. nutmeg
1 tsp. baking soda
3 cups flour

Method:

Cream the margarine, slowly add the sugar, then the egg and vanilla. Sift the dry ingredients together. Add one cup of the flour, baking soda and nutmeg to the creamed mixture; then add the rest of the dry ingredients. Chill the dough for two hours.

Take part of the dough and roll out on a floured surface with a floured rolling pin. Stamp out the cookies using Jewish motif cookie cutters (star, dreidel, candle, etc.) and place on greased cookie sheets. Repeat with the rest of the dough. Chill again for one hour. Preheat the oven to 350° and bake for about twelve minutes. Sprinkle with sugar while hot or make a thin glaze with 4 Tbs. confectioner's sugar and 2 tsp. water or enough water to make a thin glaze.

These cookies and the hamentashen are nice to wrap and give as *Shalach Manot* for Purim.

ADDRESS REQUEST

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SIMCHAS AND SUCH Mazel Tov...

...to Dr Howard Eldot. On November 30, at a luncheon held in his honor the ECU Division of the National Student Speech, Hearing and Language Association and the Dean of Eastern Kentucky University presented a plaque to Dr. Eldot as well as honors in appreciation of his continued contribution toward academic performance in the Communication Disorder Department.

...to Adam J. Miller, who was chosen to represent Sayre School at the People to People Conference held at the University of Kentucky on November 1, 1994. Adam also attended the Fayette County Education Association sponsored Community Leadership Workshop on December 3, 1994. CLEW is an Extension of the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation (HOBY) Leadership Seminar Program.

...to Justin Maxson on his acceptance into Phi Beta Kappa at the University of Kentucky. Justin is the son of Bari Maxson.

...to Tom Stern and Eve Wintroub on their engagement. Tom is the son of Sybil and Irvin Stern. Eve is the daughter of Yael Wintroub and the late General Kalman Wintroub of Herziliya, Israel. The wedding will take place in April.

...to Nancy Scher and Barry Tate on their engagement.

...to Di Sobel and Greg Smith on their engagement. The wedding will be July 9 in Washington, D. C.

...to Alyssa Herman and Barry Levine on their engagement.

...to Beth and Paul Engel as they welcome their new daughter, Elizabeth Lin Engel to their family. Elizabeth was born on May 25, 1994.

...to Sandra Bouzaglou-Archer and Sandy Archer on the birth of their son, Joshua. Joshua was born on November 22, 1994.

...to Carol and Jeff Kaplan on the birth of their daughter, Samatha Brooke Kaplan. Samatha was born on November 29, 1994. The proud grandparents are Judy and Ed Kaplan.

...to Kathye and David Schattner on the birth of their son, Nathaniel Evan Schattner. Nathaniel was born on December 20, 1994.

IN MEMORY Condolences...

...Rabbi Uri and Hanna Smith on the death of Uri's aunt, Deborah Kokhba on November 7, 1994.

...to Dale Brichta on the death of his uncle, George Brooks on November 18, 1994.

...to Bari Maxson, Stuart and Donna Lowenthal on the death of their aunt Helen Lowenthal.

...to Pearl Ann and William Lowenthal on the death of their sister-in-law, Helen Lowenthal.

...to Craig Chasen on the death of his grandmother, Lena Weliky on December 5, 1994.

...to Evelyn Levy on then death of her sister-in-law, Ruth Cole on December 9, 1994.

...Paula and John Harrison on the death of Paula's mother, Frances Bailey on December 17, 1994.

...to Leona and Charles Stern and Sybil and Irvin Stern on the death of Charles' and Irvin's uncle, Carl Starr on December 18, 1994.

...to Susan and Paul Bachner on the death of Paul's mother, Janet Lukkas on December 29, 1994.

...to Simone Salomon, Janice Brock and Lynn Flynn on the death of their mother, Gishie Bloomfield on January 1, 1995.

...to Marcia and David Brown on the death of Marcia's brother, Allan Forman on January 2, 1995.

...to Beverly and Howard Ross on the death of Beverly's father, Milton Shiffman on January 6, 1995.

...to Jo and Bob Belin on the death of Bob's father, Dr. J. Frank Belin on January 19, 1995.

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Scheduled activities for
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At 10 AM Saturday morning, February 4, the Havurah will hold a Shabbat Morning Service at the Lexington Hearing and Speech Center. Jon Berger will lead a discussion on "*Kohen, Levi, Yisrael-The Traditional Jewish Hierarchy: How Does it Fit Our Havurah?*" Jon recently returned from a year of study in Israel.

The Annual Havurah Retreat is scheduled for Sunday February 19. The topic of the retreat will be "*The Religious Right-the Bill of Rights-How Do They Affect Us? Should We Be Concerned?*" The discussion will be led by Claire Lipsman, Ph.D. Dr. Lipsman has worked for a number of federal agencies and presently teaches at Wilmington College in Delaware.

At the Friday evening service scheduled for February 24, Ms. Evelyn Dantzic Geller will lead a discussion on "*Should We Celebrate Purim?*" The topic for this discussion grew out of Ms. Geller's experiences while attending the National Havurah Institute last summer. The service will be held at the Lexington Hearing and Speech Center, beginning at 7:30 PM.

OZ Talmud Study

All are welcome to join us at the synagogue every Thursday morning at 7:30 for Daven, bagels and Talmud.

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February 1995

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February 3-4, I Adar 4
Shabbat Terumah

Bima
Ozeg

Friday Evening 8:00 pm
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Tanya & Uri Eshel
Dale Brichta

Shabbat Morning
Preliminary Service 9:30 am
Shacharit 10:00 am
Bima Janice Brock

February 10-11, I Adar 11
Shabbat Tetzaveh

Bima
Ozeg

Friday Evening 8:00 pm
Evelynne Elias
SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

Shabbat Morning
Preliminary Service 9:30 am
Shacharit 10:00 am
Bima Sue Ezrine

February 17-18, I Adar 18
Shabbat Ki Tissa

Bima
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Friday Evening 8:00 pm
Simone Salomon
Kathy & David Feinberg
Judy & Stanley Saxe

Shabbat Morning
Preliminary Service 9:30 am
Shacharit 10:00 am
Bima Bruce Broudy

February 24-25, I Adar 25
Shabbat Va-Yakhel, Shekalim

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Nancy Hoffman
Judy & Robert Baumann
Rhoda & Neil Kay

Shabbat Morning
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Shacharit 10:00 am
Bima Alan Kirschenbaum

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The Torah This Month

Rabbi Jon Adland

Most of this month's Torah portion includes the detailed description of the building of the Tabernacle by the Israelites in the desert. The Tabernacle or *Mishkan* or *Ohel* was constructed to exact specifications as communicated first by God to Moses, then Moses to the people of Israel, *Adat Yisrael*.

From Exodus 25-31 (portions Terumah, Tetzaveh and the beginning of Ki Tisa) we learn how the people are commanded to bring their gifts for the construction of the Tabernacle including such things as gold, silver, and copper, various types of yarns, fine linen, and goats hair, certain animal skins, and acacia wood. The dimensions of the Tabernacle were described in such exact words that it is possible to construct a model from the verses in the Biblical text. The Tabernacle was to be God's temporary dwelling, the place of the sacrificial altar, the site where God's pillar of cloud would descend to communicate with Moses, the holiest place in the Israelite camp. At the same time, this Tabernacle was made portable as the Israelites continued wandering on their journey to Canaan - the Promised Land. Exodus 35-38, Parshat Vayakhel, continues describing the Tabernacle's construction.

Exodus 32-34, the end of Ki Tisa interrupts the narratives flow. These three chapters offer two of the most profound and important historical events in the life of our people from Abraham until this day. The first occurs in Exodus 32:1-33:6; the story of the Golden Calf. The second is in Exodus 33:7-34:35; the second set of commandments and the nature of God. These two juxtaposed events take us from the lowest depth of our relationship with God up to a moment which rivals the initial revelation of God on Sinai as a moment of spiritual awakening and profound insight into the nature of God.

When I read the story of the building and worshipping of the Golden Calf, I want to find an excuse for the Israelite's behavior. The Midrash also looks to find a perpetrator of this sinful behavior as to direct the

responsibility away from the people.

"And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mount..." (Ex. 32:1)

Some say that Satan came and brought confusion the minds of the people. Satan began by asking, "Where is Moses your teacher?" "He went up on high." "But the sixth hour of the day is here." The people paid no attention to him. "He is dead," [Satan said]. They still paid no attention to him. Finally he showed them a likeness of Moses' bier suspended in the air between heaven and earth. Then the people pointed with their fingers, saying, "This is indeed Moses, a mere man."

Hur stood up and rebuked them: "You stiff-necked people! Do you not remember how many miracles he performed in your behalf?" But the people rose up and slew him.

Then they gathered against Aaron and said, "If you make a god for us, well and good; but if not, we will do to you what we did to Hur."

As we know, Aaron built the calf as the people demanded and the people worshipped this calf. Some rabbis try and divert Aaron's responsibility in this matter. They say that Aaron accepted the democratic determining of the people or that Aaron did everything he could do to delay the calf's creation, but in the end it is evident that Aaron built the calf and the people offered sacrifices of well-being, ate, drank, and danced.

God's punishment through Moses was great and intense. God wanted to entirely destroy this people and begin anew with Moses. The Midrash comments in the following way to Moses' reaction toward God.

But when God said to him (Moses), "Let Me be, that I may destroy them", Moses reasoned: So the outcome depends on me! At once he rose up and prayed vigorously as he pleaded for mercy.

Moses accepted the responsibility that was entrusted to him to lead and protect this people. He knew that this people was not yet ready to enter God's Promised Land. The Israelites had to learn how to be free, how to lead, how to respond to adversity and confusion, and how to be at one with God. God did not intend to destroy the Israelites and start over, nor did he realize that the Israelite community would not wait for Moses' return. God saw an opportunity to test Moses as a leader and to show him why he didn't lead the people to Canaan directly, "by the way of the Philistines" (Exodus 13). Moses responded by challenging God's

decision to destroy, exactly what God wanted him to do and as a result Moses became a great leader whom most of the people followed until his death.

The interruption to the narrative of the tabernacle's construction doesn't end with Moses' successful transition from a great leader to a leader filled with wisdom and courage. Moses must ascend the mountain once again. This time he returns with a greater sense of understanding who he is. His ego at parting the sea, leading a people to freedom, speaking directly to God, and receiving the revelation, is more in check. The responsibility of leadership is understanding one's own humility in the face of adversity and rising to do the best you can for humanity.

Moses sees the need for one more thing in this life. He wants to know God face to face. For all that he has accomplished and all that God knows he will accomplish, the request is nearly accepted. God recognizes and tells Moses that no one can see the face of God and live, but God will give Moses a chance that is never to be offered again to pass before Moses so that he can feel God's glory. Moses' eyes are covered and only opened to see after God.

From the depths of the people turning away from the one God of the universe to Moses sitting in the cleft of the rock feeling God's glory, we move from the lowest to the highest of spiritual and theological moments. At the moment Moses felt God's presence pass through him, God reveals God's nature to Moses:

The Lord! The Lord! a God compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and faithfulness, extending kindness to the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin....

God then makes a covenant to be a God who works wonders and will bring the people to their land.

Moses is an example and inspiration toward leading a life that is filled with the spirit of God and the challenge of God. Each of us in our lives and the lives of our families and friends must seek to live life as if God is challenging us to go out and fix the ills of society, the troubles in our land. When we do respond to the challenge, even if it is only in a small way, as long as it accomplishes something to make the world a better place, then we too, like Moses, will feel the presence of God rush through us and know God as Moses did standing on the rock.



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