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Community celebration this year will involve three venues

To celebrate Israeli independence this year, we have three great activities for the community during the week of the holiday. We offer something for everyone: great food and music, a lecture and a film, plus a community celebration for everyone. We hope you will come to one or all of the events.

Natasha's Café, Wednesday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m.: Dinner will be followed at 7:30 by Israeli music from our community band, Ha-Tizmoret, featuring Lew and Aviva Bowling. For your preferred seating reservation at \$10 per seat, call Jana at CKJF, (859) 268-0672, or go to www.jewishlexington.org to reserve online.

UK's E.G. Good Barn, Thursday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m.: showing of Israeli film "Kazablan," followed by a panel discussion of the film and the future of Israel. Oliver Leaman, of the UK Judaic Studies program, Judy Saxe, and Rabbi Marc Kline, will participate in a discussion

moderated by Karen Petrone. This is a free event.

Sunday, May 3: The Temple Adath Israel community celebration will include great Israeli food and dancing, contests including competitions for best photos of Israel and best hummus (see the registration form on page 20 of *Shalom* to enter), booths, and so much more. Bring the kids and a picnic lunch to complement the falafel, hummus and pita, Israeli salad, and other Israeli delicacies. CKJF is putting together a Jewish calendar with photos from our own community members. Please email or bring your photos to the office; we



Pat Shraberg, Mimi Kaufman, and other participants "Walk the Land," Yom Ha'atzmaut, 2008.

will scan and return them to you. We will display them at the celebration, which is a free event.

We hope that you will consider coming to any or all three of these special activities. To volunteer, contact Jana LaZur at (859) 268.0672 or jana@jewishlexington.org. ☆

Yom Hashoah observance slated

The Lexington Jewish community's annual observance of Yom Hashoah will be held at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, April 19, at Temple Adath Israel (124 N. Ashland Avenue). This year's keynote speaker will be Fred Gross, author of *One Step Ahead of Hitler: A Jewish Child's Journey Through Hitler's France*, recently published by Mercer University Press. Gross, a retired journalist, is a resident of Louisville.

The Yom Hashoah ceremony will also include the lighting of memorial candles for the six million victims of the Holocaust and the presentation of the annual Emilie Szekely Essay awards to local school students who have written about the meaning of the event.

The annual Yom Hashoah observance is organized by the CKJF Community Relations Committee, with the participation of other Jewish community organizations. All members of the Lexington community are invited to participate in this solemn occasion.

For more information: Jeremy D. Popkin, (859) 335-6254 or popkin@uky.edu. ☆

— CAMPAIGN NEWS —

CKJF budget is balanced—for now

Increased community support essential

By Robert B. Grossman

The Board of CKJF recently passed its 2009 budget. Here are some details about the source of most of CKJF's income.

Income

We plan each year's budget based on the previous year's income. The lion's share of CKJF's income comes from Campaign. In 2008, we raised about \$311,000 in Campaign contributions. This amount represents a very steep decline from our 2007 Campaign income, which was \$380,000.

CKJF has a few other, smaller sources of funding. In 2008, Camp Shalom raised approximately \$17,300 in fees, an amount that only partly defrayed its cost of about

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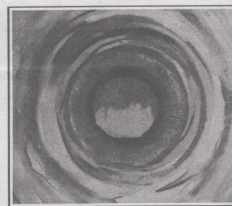
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An infrequent holiday

Birkat HaHammah: Bless the Sun

And God said: Let there be lights in the vastness of sky to separate day from night... And they shall serve as lights in the vastness of space, to shine upon the earth. And it was so. (Genesis 1:14 -15) Every 28 years, the Jewish community celebrates the return of the sun to its original place in the heavens at the precise time and day of its creation. This celebration is called Birkat Hahammah—blessing of the sun. The next date on which we mark this moment is April 8, 2009.

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Deadline for articles for the May *Shalom* is April 10.

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Reflection: One feminist's experience in Israel

By Judith Worell

What is it like to give a lecture on one of your favorite topics to 200 eager listeners at an overseas university? A few months ago I was privileged to find this out for myself. During the past summer, I received an email from someone I did not know at Ben Gurion University of the Negev, in the southern part of Israel. She asked if I would be willing to give the keynote lecture on Feminist Therapy at the Third National Conference on Promoting Mental Health Among Women.

What an exciting prospect indeed. Of course there was no hesitation on my part and I arranged for a two-day visit to the university toward the end of September. Since I had never been to Israel, I took the opportunity to go a week earlier and arrange a tour. A woman named Yocci was recommended, a "Certified Tour Guide, Specializing in desert tours." Yocci and I traveled mainly in Old Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Yocci was well versed in the ancient history of this land and navigated us through 5000-plus years of the peoples and cultures that had lived here. Each culture built its own towns and temples, leaving traces that were excavated, one on top of the other over time. Coming from the U.S., a nation that is only 200 years young, it was overwhelming to experience how ancient is the history of the land of Israel.

As a feminist visitor, there were some things I was not prepared to experience.

In Jerusalem

Almost all the women I saw in the streets were clothed in ultra-Orthodox dress, mostly black, and covered from neck to feet, with only hands and face showing. Some women wore head scarves, other women's heads were uncovered but they wore obvious wigs under which, I was told, their heads were totally shaven clean. I was surprised; I had thought it was a secular city.

Arab or Muslim women also appeared in the streets but only in groups, wearing black burkas that covered them completely, only the eyes showing behind a mesh veil. Reminded me of the times of the Taliban occupation.

Security officers, mainly males, were stationed at entrances to stores, malls, restaurants, many with loaded machine guns held in readiness across their chest. Any restaurant with such security protection added a fee to the meal, usually \$2 or \$3,

There were no visible Israeli women in military uniform. I understood that all those of age had to serve in the military for at least two years. Apparently the women tend to be assigned to desk jobs and are not given combat duty. Is this sexism or protectionism?

to cover the cost of hiring security. People here live like this under constant threat of external violence or even suicide bombers.

I am told that some Arabic women have become suicide bombers, blowing up themselves and others in crowded places like markets. I wonder who puts them up to it? A recent story tells that some of them are systematically raped, then told they can erase their shame and dishonor to their families by volunteering as a suicide bomber. A sad story if true. But there are fewer suicide bombers now, since the high wall was built by Israelis separating Israel from the West Bank. More evidence of the drastic means the Israelis must take for self-protection.

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The unexpected panoramic beauty of Hadassah College Jerusalem was overwhelming. It was totally funded by the Hadassah women of the United States of America, most of whom will never see it. As a Hadassah member, I felt such pride in the strength and commitment of women giving to others in the service of a dream.

In Tel Aviv

It was like a different country. In the more modern city, young women were dressed in skimpy colorful outfits, lots of skin showing, and there were no black-clothed Orthodox women to be seen.

On the road south toward the Negev

We traveled on roads that were Palestinian- or Jordanian-controlled on one side and Israeli on the other side. The proximity of the two factions was amazing.

On the road from Jerusalem south to the Negev, the ruins of cars are left on the roadside as a reminder of the 1948 siege of Jerusalem by Jordan. The cars were bringing food to the Israelis but were attacked on both sides of the road by the Jordanians. I could see bullet holes throughout the hulks.

Road signs everywhere are in three languages—Hebrew, Arabic, and English, all on the same sign.

View of the Dead Sea along the way. Up on the rocky hills above, numerous caves are visible, in which the famous Dead Sea Scrolls were found.

Apparently scholars are still trying to decipher them.

At Ben Gurion University of the Negev

The first day of my visit was devoted to my lecture, followed by discussion and responding to questions and comments. The second day consisted of conversations with anyone who wished to raise a relevant topic with me either in a group or individually. Both days were easily filled with interesting dialogue and exchange of ideas. Conference attendees responded with an intense interest in how feminist principles, which I covered in my lecture, can be effectively applied in specific clinical or applied situations and with particular types of clients.

For my own information in turn, I asked about the status of feminist practice in Israel and was surprised to learn about the widespread acceptance and extent of feminist clinical and training sites throughout the country. Although I heard a number of explanations for the popularity

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President's Message

Linda Rawlin



It is that time of year again: we've adjusted our clocks, we expect 70 degrees with rain instead of snow and ice, and my dog is spending more and more time outside chasing invaders (squirrels and chipmunks) from our property. Spring is the season of renewal, hope, and eternal optimism.

We will be celebrating the wonderful holiday of Passover soon, a holiday that signifies so many things to the Jewish people. It represents freedom from slavery, G-d's covenant with the Almighty's children, the promise of the Holy Land, and continuity from generation to generation. We retell the story—our story—every year, and we are instructed specifically to include children and strangers at our tables. It is vitally important to be inclusive and instructional, at the same time that we enjoy both the celebration and the special foods prepared for the occasion. The holiday, as emphasized during the seder, is different from any other. It encompasses a period of history in which our ancestors were tested over and over, overcoming obstacles as they sought freedom and a homeland.

Almost immediately following the end of Passover we will observe, as a community, Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Memorial Day, on Sunday, April 19. It seems very fitting to me that the day to remember the struggles of our people in modern times comes so soon after we recall those ancient struggles. We lost almost an entire generation to the evils of Hitler and his followers; in ancient times, we wandered in the

desert until an entire generation had passed. Were Hitler's motives that much different from Pharaoh's? Both were intent on the slavery and eventual eradication of Jews. Both events called for immense faith in G-d, despite the almost

overwhelming circumstances. Both resulted in a triumph: one in the establishment of ancient Israel, the other in the establishment of the modern State. Our people survived and prosper and we honor the memories of those who went before us, paving our way and sacrificing on our behalf.

Soon after we observe and remember the Holocaust, we again have cause to honor those who have sacrificed on our behalf. Yom HaZikaron is the Israeli Memorial Day. In the State of Israel, all movement stops throughout the country when the sirens sound at sunset on the evening before and again at 11:00 a.m. The entire day is one to reflect on those whose lives were sacrificed both as fighters and defenders of the State or were victims of terrorism. Both official ceremonies and private remembrances take place everywhere, beginning at the Western Wall where the flag is lowered to half mast, and ending on Mount Herzl, when the flag is returned to full mast.

The day after Yom HaZikaron is Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day. The start of Yom Ha'Atzmaut is

the very same flagraising on Mount Herzl that marks the end of Yom HaZikaron. As in so many of our observances and celebrations, there is a mix of sadness and joy, of remembrance and jubilation. Our community's main celebration of Israel's birthday will take place shortly after Yom Hashoah, on Sunday, May 3.

The holiday, as emphasized during the seder, is different from any other. It encompasses a period of history in which our ancestors were tested over and over, overcoming obstacles as they sought freedom and a homeland.

In a period of less than one month, we have gone from remembrance to joy, to remembrance, to remembrance, and once again to joy. We, as a people, seem to embody the eternal optimism that I associate with spring. We struggled throughout many times in our long history; we suffered abuse, misunderstanding,

and persecution. However, we persevere and thrive, constantly renewing our connection to Judaism and our contribution to the worldwide community. We are renewed by our recognition of those who have come before us and we strive to continue and strengthen from generation to generation. ✧

Reflection (from page 3)

of feminist perspectives, the most cogent seemed related to the broadly devalued place of women in that society, not much different from that of women in the U.S. (Anyone wishing to challenge this last statement can take a look at the average gender discrepancy in salaries across a range of occupations). However, because this is a relatively small country, perhaps the recognized status of feminist practice was clearly more apparent in proportion to their population than would be evident in a larger nation.

Back in the USA

Having returned home to Lexington, I was eager to talk about my Israel

trip. But in a recent conversation about my experience I used the term "feminist therapy," and a university professor friend said to me "What's that?" Perhaps the puzzled reaction here in Kentucky to anything associated with feminism reflects a generally conservative southern social norm. I think it more likely that Americans in general have difficulty with what feminism seems to represent and tend to regard it as something subversive. When I was teaching at the university, some students would still misrepresent in talk or writing the term "feminist" even after it was carefully defined and discussed in class. Apparently, stereotypes die hard. ✧



The Officers and Board of Directors of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, and all its constituent organizations, wish all members of the Central Kentucky Jewish community a Happy Passover. We hope that this Festival of Freedom will bring peace and tranquility for Israel and her neighbors. May the light of freedom expressed by this Festival be spread throughout the world.

The CKJF staff would like to wish all members of the Jewish community a Happy and Kosher Passover.

Mini fashion show to highlight meeting at Temple

TAI Sisterhood and Christ the King Women's Guild to hold third annual joint meeting

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Don't miss it—Wednesday, April 15, at 7:00 p.m. the women of Christ the King will join the TAI Sisterhood for a joint April meeting. This year we'll be treated to a small spring fashion show and a talk about accessorizing and updating your wardrobe. Apparel Outlet will furnish the fashions and lead the discussion. This program promises to be both enjoyable and instructional.

Refreshments, both savory and sweet, will be served, and there will be door prizes. Please mark your calendar and make every effort to join us as we host the Women's Guild at the Temple. ✧

Temple Adath Israel to field team in Heart Walk

Participation is in memory of Cindy Kline

By Sylvia Cerel-Suhl

Temple Adath Israel will be a team participant in the 2009 Central Kentucky Heart Walk and Tailgate Party at Commonwealth Stadium on April 25. We are walking and/or contributing this year as a tribute to Cindy Kline, the wife of Rabbi Kline, with the support of her family.

Cardiovascular Disease is the #1 killer of Kentuckians and Americans. More than 30 people die in our state alone every day from heart disease and stroke; this is more than from all of the cancers combined. More women than men die from cardiovascular diseases. The American Heart Association is battling this major health issue in three ways—education programs, advocacy work, and research.

We are reaching out to the Jewish community for donations for AHA. Please go to the link listed below to

reach our donation page and help in the fight against heart disease and stroke. Use your credit card through the AHA secure site or send checks made out to "The American Heart Association" to Temple Adath Israel. In these difficult times, even small contributions can be very important when we all join together to show support for improved health for ourselves and our community.

Go to the following site: www.heartwalk.kintera.org/lexingtonky and then to the corporate section on the right. Scroll down to the "Temple Adath Israel" sign up spot. ☆

Campaign (from page 1)

\$26,500. Shalom newspaper brought in \$10,900 last year from advertising income, which only partly defrayed its annual cost of about \$22,100. (CKJF now has an advertising salesperson, working on commission, who has already increased our advertising income substantially.) We also have several small endowment funds that can support limited initiatives such as the Israel writing contest and the Holocaust Memorial Essay contest. Nevertheless, as you can see from the numbers, Campaign is by far the most important source of our income.

Expenses

CKJF's largest expenses are the salaries of our four staff members (including the currently vacant position of executive director) and office expenses. In 2008, these expenses totaled just shy of \$200,000. To balance our 2008 budget, we made the difficult decision to reduce the time of our Jewish Family Services social worker by 50 percent, and we reduced the time of another staff member to 60 percent. When the executive director position became vacant at the beginning of October, we were able to restore the latter staff member to 100 percent, and, since our search for a new executive director is taking longer than we expected, we have even been able to give token raises to the staff in 2009. Assuming we fill the executive director position starting June 1 at a salary somewhat lower than national norms, we will

have a balanced budget in 2009—maybe even a small surplus.

Aside from the expenses associated with publishing Shalom newspaper and running Camp Shalom, our largest outlays are associated with our membership in the larger Jewish community. In 2008, we sent \$10,000 to Ben Yakir (about 50 percent of the amount raised by the Equine Division) and \$50,000 to Net@, a program run by Hadassah Neurim to provide computer education to disadvantaged children. We also sent \$15,300 to the national UJC organization. Our commitment to send \$50,000 annually to Net@ expires this spring, so in 2009 we are free to reduce the level of our contribution to Israeli charities to reflect our poorer financial standing. The Board has approved an expenditure of \$25,000 in 2009, although we have not yet decided how this money will be directed. We are currently negotiating with UJC to reduce our annual contribution to them, as well. We will continue to send donations to Ben Yakir that reflect 50 percent of the contributions of the Equine Division.

In 2009, our only other budget category that exceeds \$10,000 is for Jewish Family Services. Unfortunately, the aging Jewish population and the difficult economic times mean that the demands on JFS have increased substantially. As a result, the CKJF Board increased JFS's budget from about \$8000 in 2008 to \$13,000 in 2009.

To help reduce expenses in our other areas, the Community Activities Board and the Campaign Committee have decided that CKJF will charge enough to cover the costs of all community events such as the Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration and donor dinners. We simply cannot afford to subsidize them any longer. The fact that the 2008 Winter Dinner was so successful, despite the fees being large enough to cover the cost, bodes well for the community's support of this approach.

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Outlook

Again, our 2008 and 2009 budgets are balanced because the executive director position has been vacant since October 2008 and will remain so until sometime late this spring. However, our new executive director, the CKJF Board, and the Lexington Jewish community will face stark challenges in late 2009. We have already cut our overseas contributions substantially. If Campaign income does not recover in 2009, we may have no choice but to cut staff again, and we cannot offer programs without staff. If you value this newspaper, Jewish Family Services, Camp Shalom, celebrations such as the Winter Dinner and Yom Ha'Atzmaut, and our community's support of social development in Israel and other Jewish communities around the world, please give generously this year. ☆

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Camp Shalom finds new site for first week

Sign up now and reserve your spot

By Jana LaZur

With the ice storm of 2009 still fresh in our minds, it's hard to think about playing outside and having fun at Camp Shalom and Camp Geshet, but you'd be surprised how much has already been done to ensure another great summer of Jewish camping. We have hired staff and procured sites. All that is left is to get our campers and count the days. **Receive an early bird discount if you sign up before June 1.**

Camp Shalom and Camp Geshet is proud to report that sixteen of our nineteen counselors will return for another summer of fun. We also have many new Counselors in Training coming on board. The camp theme this year is "Going Green"; campers will learn ways of conserving the environment and simplifying life to be more responsible consumers.

We have a new site for Camp Shalom for our first week. Because of the schools staying open later in the year to make up for the lost storm days, we couldn't rent the Bluegrass Christian Camp for both weeks this summer. Instead, we will use Camp Kearney, which is owned and operated by the Lexington Fayette County government

and located at the back of Jacobson Park. Budgetary constraints caused the county to change its policy and rent this beautiful campsite to us for the first time. We will enjoy archery, song, drama, nature study, games, arts and crafts, sports, and cooking. While there is no swimming pool at Camp Kearney, we will have canoeing, paddle boating, and other forms of water play; we might even schedule a trip to a pool. Week one will run from **July 27 to July 31, 2009.**

The second week of camp, **August 3 to 7**, will be at the Bluegrass Christian Camp as usual, including time every day at the beautiful swimming pool.

Please sign up for camp. As always, no matter where we are you can expect the same values, the fun, and the enrichment that come from more than 40 years of operation. We love our campers and look forward to another summer together! Please contact Jana LaZur at (859) 268-0672 or jana@jewishlexington.org with any questions. You can register online at www.jewishlexington.org. We hope to see all our Lexington kids between the ages of 4 and 13 at either Camp Shalom or Camp Geshet. ☆



Maccabiah red group on last day of Camp 2008.

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Third Opinion

Stanley Ned Rosenbaum, PhD



Jews and money

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Karl Marx jeered, "What is the secular cult of the Jew? Hagglng. What is his secular god? Money" (*Karl Marx: Selected Writings*, ed. D. McLellan, Oxford, 1977, p. 58). Marx, of Jewish heritage himself, was not the first and will certainly not be the last self-appointed critic to make this charge. We have been called a lot of things, of course, but one has to ask why this particular charge has followed us down the centuries.

For one thing, European Jews achieved notable successes in amassing wealth during the centuries in which Christians forbade themselves to engage in money-lending. Even after the field became competitive, Mordechai Meisel of Prague (d. 1601) acquired a fortune in excess of 500,000 florins.

The bulk of this money escheated to the crown. Well, to be more accurate, he left 45,000 to the government. The government, unsatisfied, robbed his widow and nephews of the rest, despite their earlier promise to Meisel that they would not seize it. (See J. R. Marcus, *The Jew in the Medieval World*, Atheneum 1972 (1938) 323ff.)

Had Meisel's heirs foreseen this outcome, they might have filled a few bags with some of Uncle Mordecai's 200,000 coins and fled for the border. The attraction of actual money, you see, is that if you're not dead you do have a chance of taking it with you. So with the approach of April 15, I'm doing what I consider a very patriotic duty (*pace* Governor Palin).

Many European Jews had gravitated toward "portable" professions, everything from medicine to tailoring and music to butchering, because when forced to leave home and country these professions travel with you; your house, your farm and your factory do not. But it wasn't until candidate Barack Obama mused on rural people "bitterly clinging to their guns and religion" that I made a similar connection between Jews and money.

In parlous times, people tend to hold fast that which gives them a sense of security. Well, for Jews all times are parlous times. (Even the grants of citizenship that we got only in the 19th century were put aside in the 20th.) So we cling to religion and money. They are our security.

Marx also called us "rootless urban cosmopolites": this, like the other charge, was not entirely fair. Some Jews had inhabited Rhenish cities for 1,000 years

and suffered many expulsions before finally being murdered by the Nazis; other Jews moved to Hungary before there were any Hungarians (Magyars) in it, without ensuring their right of residence.

Being resettled into ghettos was a fact of life in civilized Europe for 300 years (1500 to 1800), while being confined to the Pale of Settlement in Czarist Russia lasted until 1915. Sholem Aleichem nostalgized the Russian experience in his Tevye the Milkman stories. Most of us know them from the sanitized stage and film version, *Fiddler on the Roof*. People whose parents or grandparents fled Russia probably don't find the stories all that amusing. And six million of our people were murdered in Europe before I was 6 years old.

In 1938 my parents moved from Chicago to a suburb 25 miles north. Their friends thought they were crazy to leave the safety of the city's Jewish community. Two years later my mother actually arranged with a neighbor, a Presbyterian, to take her two circumcised sons and pretend they were Christians "if Hitler came." I wonder how well that would have worked.

Money is not our god; God is. But if you need to bribe Swiss border officials or Polish partisans or buy food for your children or things to peddle in a country you never thought to go to and whose language you do not speak, money helps. ☆

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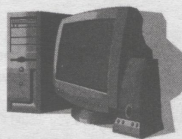
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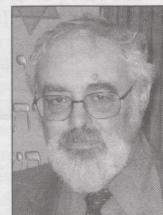
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Q : What has matzah (unleavened bread) to do with a festival of freedom?

A : Pesah is called *z'man herutenu*, "the season of our freedom." So why do we surround it with so many restrictions, forcing us to do extra work, cleaning the house—especially the kitchen—changing dishes, getting special foods with no smidgeon of leaven? Why do we work like slaves to prepare for the festival? Why do we use matzah instead of extra-tasty bread, matzah which has the nickname *lehem oni*, "bread of poverty" or "bread of affliction" (Deuteronomy 16:3)? Is this freedom?

Actually, this is freedom. I know, because since I have retired I am busier than ever. I choose what to do, and these choices are taking up all my time. On Pesah, we choose to fulfill the mitzvot of Pesah. And we have known for thousands of years that freedom is not really free. From the very beginning we have known that we have to work hard to keep our identity, to remain what we want

to be rather than fit the confines that others want to impose upon us.

Our demand for freedom was made against the forces of Pharaoh. The earliest archeological evidence of

what yeast was. But they knew that if they would take a bit of old sourdough and mix it thoroughly with the new dough, it would cause the latter to rise, ready for baking. Each time before baking, they would snip off a bit, keeping the fragment as the starter for the next batch of dough. In spring they wished to start com-

pletely anew. So, everybody in the village would knead new unleavened batches of dough, and leave fragments outside their houses with the hope that some wild yeast would float in and turn their batch into the starter sourdough for the village. They believed that the lucky baker would have good fortune through the rest of the year.

The Israelites turned this custom of starting the year with a clean slate into the symbol of a new start as free people. It was claimed that the Israelites in Egypt did not have time to let the bread rise, so they had to carry the still-unleavened bread

with them. Actually, even today, the bread baked in Bedouin camps is flat bread, pita. However, the Israelite rituals demanded that for Pesah the bread had to be still flatter, unleavened. We still demand today that the matzah must be made from the newest batch of grain. Check your boxes of matzah to see that they have the date "2009" printed on them. Matzah from previous years is not kosher for this year's Passover.

The Bible ruled that, while outside the Temple leavened bread could be eaten for the rest of the year, no leaven was allowed in the Temple (Exodus 23:18; 34:25; Leviticus 2:11; 6:10 [Eng 6:17]). However, something strange occurred at the end of the fifty days, after counting the Omer. During the whole year the shewbread in the Temple was matzah, unleavened bread. But for Shavuot they brought in leavened bread, and waved it before the altar (Leviticus 23:17).

Jewish tradition likens sourdough to the human id, the inclination to evil, always wanting more, always trying to grow. For Passover we are told that freedom demands self-control. Freedom means that we set limits for ourselves. So we limit the power of our id by eating unleavened bread. However, life demands that we involve both id and superego, both the evil and the good inclinations, governing both with the ego. Therefore, we have to restore the id into our lives by the end of the Omer.

There is a story from the Middle Ages of a saintly rabbi, Isaac dela Rena. He wanted to hasten bringing the Messiah. So he decided to destroy our inclinations to evil. After many fasts and penances, supported by two saintly disciples, he managed to capture the demon of the evil inclination. He was about to kill it when the Archangel Gabriel came and stopped him. Perplexed, Rabbi Isaac asked him, "Why?" Gabriel told him, "Keep the demon captive for a few days, and you will see why." A couple of days later a neighbor fell sick, and they searched for a fresh egg to make some medicine. They were shocked to find that the hens had stopped laying eggs. Rabbi Isaac realized that by keeping the demon captive he had blocked the sexual urge everywhere. So, in order to keep all species alive until the Messiah arrives he had to release the demon. We need the id to power our lives. It just has to be controlled.

Happy Pesah. ☆

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the people Israel is the record of our being in Canaan the center of resistance to Pharaoh Merneptah, who ruled Egypt from 1213 to 1203 BCE. In his paean of victory he claimed, "Israel is utterly destroyed, its seed is no more." He had it slightly wrong. He and his descendants have been mummified for thousands of years. But we are still around.

It was the custom thousands of years ago to start the year with a clean slate. This was symbolized by getting a new sourdough starter as the bread source. People did not know exactly

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Reflection: Time and the meaning of Purim

Rabbi Marc A. Kline

Last month we celebrated Purim, the most festive holiday on our religious calendar. According to the Jewish calendar, this year's Purim was the first anniversary of my late wife's passing. The day before, I heard of a dear friend who just learned she has cancer. The mother of another person very close to me is battling cancer, as is the wife of a colleague, and many people with whom I am blessed to have contact. As I looked at celebrating this holiday, while giving honor to Cindy's memory—and at the same time praying for the healing and well being of all who battle and who suffer from horrible illnesses—I came to understand a new nuance in the value of this day.

Purim is based on the plot of the Book of Esther, and while the holiday celebrates the redemption of our people from a governmental decree of death, this year I found a message greatly more profound. This is a story about survival, and even more than that, a story about appreciating life. The difference between our destruction and our salvation was found in the moment that Esther turned from complacency and uninterest to passion and justice. It took realizing that even as queen, she was still one with this people destined for destruction. Having "overcome" her status as an outsider and becoming queen, perhaps she felt complacent and removed from any threat against the people she "left behind." Mordechai convinced her, though, that there is no leaving people behind, that her life was at risk, like those of all other Jews, and that life was precious. "Perhaps it was for this purpose (saving the Jews) that you were put into this role."

And then I remember the story of a teacher who asked his students for the value of time. The students were

not convinced of his point until he reminded them that the difference between a gold and silver medal at the Olympics is often a matter of a fraction of a second. It was that fraction of a moment that placed one athlete on the top podium over another.

When each of my children came into this world, there was a fraction of a heartbeat spent waiting to hear the first cry. The timing of an anecdote is the success or failure of the comedian. The first steps, the last breath, and the "Kodak moments" in between; these are the "split seconds" that make life sacred. There are no superfluous moments. In some of them, we find ourselves in heroic moments. In all other moments, we find ourselves ... just being. One may seem more exciting than the other, but both are equally sacred. Too often, it is not until we face not having the next moment that we come to value and appreciate the blessings that really are attached to each breath. Esther learned this lesson at the moment her world came to the edge of falling into the abyss. She altered the course of history. So many people never learn this lesson in time to accomplish anything beyond the experience of pain. Somehow, we need to find ourselves able to appreciate these blessings before a moment of dramatic truth interrupts lives that we too often take for granted. Somehow, we need to know that Esther's importance is not found in the redemption with which tradition gives her credit. Her importance in our lives is dependent upon her failure to appreciate her blessings until the moment they were threatened. May it be that we cherish each breath we take, and each breath taken by all whom we hold dear. ☆

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Memoir: That Year in Jerusalem

Felix
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By Mary Helène Rosenbaum

I've mentioned our friend Felix; Ned met him at ulpan, the language-immersion course for newcomers to Israel. It's where we acquired most of our international circle of hangers-on and fellow travelers, but Felix was different from the start.

For one thing, he's super-polite. The first few times he stopped by we always seemed to be about to sit down to eat. We'd invite him to stay, he'd decline and leave. Finally he asked what our mealtimes were so he could avoid them. I countered by asking what we could do to make him share a meal with us. He was stymied for an explanation, but finally seemed to believe we really didn't mind spontaneous drop-ins.

For another thing, he's German, and a German Catholic to boot—a fairly rare bird at Hebrew University. He's here studying rabbinic literature in hopes of becoming a professor. He's a very pious and traditional Catholic in some ways, but in others his thinking is progressive. He's considering entering a monastery, but thinks most Vatican pronouncements are theologically irrelevant. He's also very sensitive to his status here in Israel—avoiding speaking German in public, for instance.

He had a hard time finding anyone in Jerusalem who would rent to him; that's why he's living at the hostel at St. Joseph. When I expressed some indignation at this prejudice against someone who, after all, was only a baby at the end of the war, he said, "No, Mary, they're right to remind me. I should never forget."

I told our indomitable old lady friend, T'chia, about him, sure that she would swing into action and bring her extensive connections and formidable powers of persuasion (bullying) into play on his behalf. But she said, "Mary, I cannot help him. So he is a good person, fine. But if I am in your house and this German is coming in, I am going out of your house. My mother died in Babi Yar. You know what means Babi Yar? No,

you do not, it is impossible." So, recognizing that in fact I can't really know what it means to have had one's mother plowed into a mass grave in a ravine, I held my peace.

But two things happened this spring that brought these two powerful personalities together. Felix and our son Will have the same birthday, so we decided to hold a joint celebration—and Ned went into the hospital for an emergency appendectomy, so retired surgical nurse T'chia came up from Tel Aviv to visit him, chivvy the medical staff, and bring me a fresh supply of her preserves.

So she arrives at our door unannounced in the middle of our rather subdued party. Our motley collection of longhaired hippie friends in scruffy jeans clearly does not impress her favorably. On far the end of the couch is Felix: neat haircut, pleated slacks, sweater vest, and tie. She has her eye on him. But she is methodical and begins interrogating the group from left to right. She is also convinced that a) all our friends are American, and b) no Americans speak Hebrew, so she questions them in English: where are you from, how long are you here, why aren't you making aliyah and staying here permanently?

She's not impressed with their answers, either.

Finally, she gets to Felix. I'm in the kitchen, chewing my fingernails, waiting for the explosion as the Russian accent meets the German accent.

"Where were you born?"

"In Mannheim."

Short silence. "When did your parents move to the States?"

"My parents are still in Manheim."

Long silence. Then she shifts into Hebrew: "Atta Yehudi?" ("You're a Jew?")

"Lo, ani Nozri." ("No, I'm a Christian.")

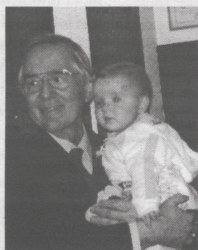
Very long silence. Then she shifts over onto the couch beside him and proceeds to monopolize his attention for the rest of the afternoon. Later she says to me, "This German I would give a room in my own house."

But Felix's strong sense of propriety was outraged by her intrusiveness and overbearing manner. "This is a bad woman, Mary," he earnestly said to me later. Ah, well. Once again, cultural differences trump interfaith understanding. ☆

Note: Herr Dr. Prof. Felix Böhl, after a distinguished career as a rabbinics scholar at the University of Freiburg, died in August, 2005. His wife, children, grandchildren and friends in many countries mourn his passing. May his memory be for a blessing.



Felix at Rosenbaums on Jonah St., Jerusalem, 1968.



Felix with his granddaughter Noemi, May 2005.



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Reflection: Passover Thoughts

By Evelyn Block

Of all my Jewish holiday memories, my fondest are of Passover. I remember thinking as a child how much fun it was to look for chametz and change our dishes and pots and pans. To this day I can close my eyes and remember the wonderful aromas coming from my mother's kitchen or taste my Bubbie's homemade gefilte fish. But there is something else that stands out vividly in my memory: my father's talks during our seders. He always had words of wisdom to impart to us or something relevant to say in relation to world events.

Passover is a time to remember when we were slaves in Egypt and our lives hung in a balance dependent on the next decree from Pharaoh. But like my father of blessed memory, I believe that Passover is also a time for making events of the past relevant by incorporating meaningful events of the day into the ritual dinner. Therefore I ask, "What do you talk about at the Passover seder when you consider freedom?"

I, like you, have had the good fortune to live in a country that allows me religious freedom. I can live openly as a Jew and celebrate my holidays without the fear of reprisals. Unfortunately, there are people who are not permitted to practice their faith, either fully or partially. In that, they are slaves. There are those who live in war-torn countries, who see their world devastated day by day. In that, they are slaves. There are those who cannot find work and so cannot obtain food and are living in poverty or perhaps are even homeless. In that, they are slaves. And there are those who are kept from speaking their minds and, in order to survive, must live a lie. In that, too, they are slaves.

Freedom is a precious gift and comes with great responsibility. Those who have advantages and can enjoy the fruits of their labor need to find a way to assist those who are disadvantaged. It isn't enough just to hope and pray that things will get better. We have to make these things happen. We have to

attempt to end the different kinds of slavery that still exist in the world. Until that happens and as long as anyone in the world suffers, no one is truly free.

I also ask, "What do you talk about at the Passover seder when you consider the plagues?" In light of what is happening in the world today it's not hard to imagine a list of today's plagues, which are visited not only on our enemies in the tradition of Passover, but potentially on us all: war, terrorism, famine, dependency on oil, incurable illnesses, loss of employment, repressive governments, bankruptcy, foreclosure, genocide ... and the list goes on. Until the problems and evils that plague all societies are eradicated, can any of us truly be free?

Finally, there are the Four Questions. Perhaps it is time to ask some real questions, to think outside the box in our approach to the seder. If we are truly grateful to G-d for having delivered us from slavery to freedom, shouldn't we address the following questions: What can I do to make a difference? Who can I help? Where can I give of my time and money? What can I do to repair the world?

As you sit down at your Passover seders I challenge you to take a different approach. Along with the traditional readings and rituals incorporate a little something new. Open a dialogue with your family and friends and discuss what it truly means to be free. ☆

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Each contestant is to submit an essay on the topic of "What Israel Means to Me." The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation hopes that this contest will further strengthen the ties between our students and the State of Israel.

The contest is open to all Jewish middle and high school students. The high school winner will receive \$250 and the middle school winner \$150. Both winning essays will be read at the community-wide celebration on Sunday, May 3, where prizes will be presented; the essays will be published in the June/July issue of Shalom.

Essays submitted by middle school students must be under 500 words while high school submissions must be no more than 750 words. All entries must be typed and double-spaced, or legibly hand-written and double-spaced. The name of the writer should not be on the essay. Mail the entry with a cover letter indicating the name and school grade of the writer.

Send your sealed envelope with entry to the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, c/o Israel Essay Contest at 1050 Chinoe Road, Suite 302, Lexington, Ky 40502 no later than April 20, 2009.

Judging will be done by the Shalom editorial staff and winning essays will be selected by April 24. The authors of the winning essays will be notified within three days.

All award and promotional monies have been privately funded.

History of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict — Part XXXVI

The 1980s

By Daniel Cheffec

As we have seen, the 1970s ended with a grim picture: Mujahedeen at war with American support against the Soviet invaders, an Islamic Republic establishing a repressive Islamic regime in Iran and promoting unrest in other parts of the Muslim world, an Iraqi dictator receiving American support on his war against Iran, rise of Islamism around the Arab world, Arab Oil embargo against the West, growing dependency of Europe on Arab laborers from northern Africa, diplomatic isolation of Egypt after its peace agreement with Israel, growing power of Arafat's PLO in southern Lebanon, and the Israeli political landscape in turmoil in the aftershocks of the Yom Kippur war. In the midst of all these factors, it is remarkable that in Palestinian society in the territories, this was a time of growth—new universities, increased education, and improved economy. Part of the reason for this was the dismal situation before the Israeli occupation. Israel's policy of

"benign neglect" constituted more freedom than the Arabs in the West Bank and Gaza had had to that point. But as grim as the picture was at the end of the 1970s, in the Middle East each decade is more peaceful than the next. The 1980s would bring Arabs and Israelis to new highs of violence.

Since Arafat resettled in southern Lebanon after his expulsion from Jordan, he had gained concessions from the Lebanese government to the point that the area under his control was a veritable state within a state, often dubbed "Fatahland" and comprising Lebanese territory south of the Litani River and the Bekaa Valley on the Syrian border. The growing confrontation between the PLO and the Shiites, Druzes and Christians eventually destabilized the Lebanese system and plunged the country into a civil war. It would not be accurate to say that Arafat provoked the war—it was coming anyway—but Arafat introduced a destabilizing factor that hastened the violence. As Arafat's control of Lebanese territory

adjacent to Israel grew, he stepped up his terrorist incursions in the Galilee. In July 1981, Israel felt the need to stop the ongoing bombardment in its northern border as well as the cross border attacks, so Israel initiated its own counterstrike with air force and artillery, a strategy that proved insufficient to stop Arafat. U.S. Envoy

pointed out that Arafat had tripled his artillery emplacements during the ceasefire, increased the number of his trained troops to 15,000, and acquired tanks. The IDF felt the time was coming for a direct confrontation to disarm the PLO. Yet Israel needed a clear provocation if it wanted to rely on American diplomatic support.

While civil discontent mobilized the Israeli public, another front was opening. A new generation of Palestinians, who had grown up under Israeli occupation in the West Bank and Gaza, was coming of age and challenging the Israeli status quo. They represented the "native" or "local" leadership as opposed to the Arafat-led PLO, seen as the leadership in exile.

Phillip Habib negotiated a cease fire between the PLO and Israel, and between August 1981 and June 1982 Israel's northern border enjoyed a peace and quiet unknown since the early 1970s, but it was the calm before the storm. Arafat consolidated his power during this time by striking alliances with other parties in the Lebanese civil war.

The Israelis were chafing over what they perceived as an erosion of their deterrence power. Israeli strategy has always been to deter Arab attacks, and the indecisive results of the 1981 mini-war eroded that advantage. Arafat knew that the possibility of an all-Arab war against Israel had never been farther away because of the removal of Egypt from the equation. No combination of Arab armies that excluded Egypt could confront the Israelis in conventional warfare, so Arafat readied a different approach. While reluctant to confront the newly installed UN troops in Southern Lebanon (UNIFIL), he actively provoked the Lebanese militias to act against each other.

Israel began providing strategic and logistic support for the Christian militias headed by Saad Haddad as a way to counterbalance Arafat's actions, and the Shiite Amal militia began confronting Arafat in southern Lebanon. In April 1982, an Israeli died while visiting Haddad in Taibe in Lebanon, and Israel responded with massive bombardment of PLO positions by the air force and artillery, a response intended more as deterrence and strengthening alliances than a mere response to the killing. Arafat countered with rocket attacks against northern Israel. Israeli assessment of the military situation

In April 1982, Israeli diplomat Yakov Bar Simantov was assassinated by the Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Faction, a Marxist militia. Israel, however, blamed the PLO in hopes of obtaining American support for military action against Arafat. The ploy fell flat. In the beginning of June, however, the Palestinian Marxist organization led by Abu Nidal attempted to kill the Israeli ambassador to England, Shlomo Argov, severely injuring him and leaving him paralyzed. While it was known that Abu Nidal was opposed to Arafat, the assassination attempt was considered a sufficient pretext for action. The determination to go to war was probably also influenced by the unexpected invasion of the Falkland (Malvinas) islands by Argentina, which started the British-Argentine war and provided a diplomatic distraction.

On June 6, 1982, Prime Minister Menachem Begin instructed Defense Minister Ariel Sharon to order IDF chief Rafael ("Rafi") Eitan to proceed. Israel reached their original goal of the Litani, but kept pushing in an effort to completely expel the PLO from Lebanon, bombarding Lebanese cities as far north as Beirut, where the PLO controlled the Palestinian refugee camps in the city—including the camps at Sabra and Shatilah, which would play a key role in the propaganda war. Again the world intervened, with the establishment of a multinational force that included American, French, and Italian peacekeepers. Based on the agreement, the PLO agreed to evacuate 14,000 troops from Lebanon and transfer its

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Our days are filled with sports, art, music, *teva* (nature), storytelling, swimming, *shiur* (learning), games, and special projects. At the end of each fun-filled week, we welcome the Sabbath together with candles, blessings, songs and *Shabbat* traditions. Children of all denominations are invited to attend.

Camp Shalom offers our children an opportunity to be with other Jewish children. Bringing our youth together for Camp Shalom creates a unique experience where friendships and memories will last a lifetime, and offers a summertime experience which cannot be duplicated elsewhere.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Additional activities aside from the daily routine often vary at camp. Each year we try to add something amusing and different for the campers. Some of our special activities have included guest storytellers, reptile shows, astronomy shows, visits by community personalities, and local and national children's singers. On Fridays all of camp participates in a big program, usually a *maccabiah* (similar to olympics) or talent show and a carnival.

CAMP GESHER

Camp Gesher (meaning bridge), established in 2005, is for campers ages 11-13. At this age, campers need to express their individuality and also relate to a strong peer-group experience. This program works to build a sense of mutual responsibility and cooperation and strengthen their Jewish identity.

Camp Gesher campers also have an overnight experience. Campers will help set up tents, enjoy a campfire, storytelling and special overnight activities.

*Gesher goes on the road for 3 day Shabbat weekend

The overnights for both weeks are combined this year into one Shabbat experience at Camp Livingston, a JCC overnight camp in Bennington, Indiana. Gesher will join their daily routine from Friday, July 31 through Sunday, August 2. All food, lodging, and transportation will be provided for only \$60 for week 1 campers, or \$75 for campers attending ONLY week 2. Give your child this incredible experience.

Contact Jana LaZur for more information at (859) 268-0672 or campshalom@jewishlexington.org.

EXTENDED DAY

- 5:45 p.m. pick-up Monday through Thursday only. No extended day on Fridays as we leave early for *Shabbat*.

- Includes staffing for extra swim time, snack, and special activities. Extended day is open to Camp Shalom and Camp Gesher campers.

- Fee: \$40 per week due with completed camp payment on July 15, 2009. Unless there is an emergency, day-by-day extended day payments are STRONGLY discouraged.

CARPOOL OPTION

If you feel that carpooling would make your life easier this year, please check the box below to have your information put down in a carpool directory. This will be shared with other parents to help everyone coordinate their commutes.

CAMPERSHIPS

We know that times are tough this year. If you were not able to submit a Campership application to Jewish Family Services by April 1, please let us know. We will do our best to help you find funds so your children can attend camp this summer. Contact

Please note that Week 1 of Camp will be held at Camp Kearney in Jacobson Park this year (off Richmond Rd., drop off and pick up at shelter #6). The second week of Camp will be held at BlueGrass Christian Camp, on the lower level or first entrance.



Jana at (859)268-0672 or campshalom@jewishlexington.org. You may also contact Paula Clancy with Jewish Family Services (also in the CKJF office) for additional assistance. (859) 269-8244 or js@jewishlexington.org.

CAMP IS GOING GREEN THIS YEAR!

To help reduce spending and paper waste in the office we will not be printing forms and parent packs this year. Please use this registration form or download it from our website and mail it in with your deposit or full payment. Greener yet, sign up on-line through the CKJF website and pay for Camp with a credit card. This year the form will be even easier to use, and you also have the option to pay in installments, as long as your last payment goes through by July 15, 2009.

Visit <http://www.jewishlexington.org> and find our Camp Shalom page for more info, the forms, and access to on-line registration. Contact Tamara Ohayon at (859) 268-0672 or by email to tamara@jewishlexington.org for assistance.



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3. Name: _____	Age: _____	Birthday: _____	T-shirt size _____	☐	☐

Shalom
(ages 4-10)

Gesher
(ages 11-15)

Carpool option.

☐ Yes. Put me on the list.
☐ No, thank you.

Week 1: 7/27 - 7/31

Campers (9:00 - 3:00) _____ x \$150 = _____
Extended Day M-TH (3:00 - 5:45) _____ x \$40 = _____
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Week 2: 8/3 - 8/7

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Total Week 2 = _____

Additional Options:

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_____ x \$75 (if Wk 2 camper) = _____
Camp slideshow DVDs _____ x \$5.00 = _____
All-Camp pictures _____ x \$3.00 = _____

Total due to Camp = _____

Additional discount options. Check all that apply.

First-time camper (subtract) _____ x \$10 = _____
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Adjusted Camp Total = _____
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A non-refundable \$50 registration fee, per camper, must accompany the completed application. This deposit is applied toward tuition. Balance due by July 15, 2009, or before June 2 for \$15 discount.

Make checks payable to "CKJF" or pay on-line with a Visa, MasterCard, or American Express by going to www.jewishlexington.org and following the links for Camp Shalom. You can also pay in installments through the website, if balance is paid in full by June 2 (\$15 early reg. discount) or July 15.

☐ I would like to volunteer at Camp this summer. Yes _____ No, thank you.

Can't help at Camp this year? Consider another form of *tzedakah*...

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headquarters to Tunisia, in exchange for guarantees of protection for the Palestinian civilian refugees in Lebanon. U.S. troops would leave Lebanon after the 1983 bombing of the Marine headquarters in Beirut.

In September 1982, Lebanon's President Bashir Gemayel (Christian) was assassinated, and Israel occupied West Beirut in violation of the agreements because it feared a PLO resurgence in the ensuing chaos. During that occupation members of the Lebanese Christian Militia, allied with Israel and known as Phalangists, sent—with Israeli approval—150 fighters into the Palestinian camps of Sabra and Shatila to destroy what they claimed was a remaining PLO force of 2,000 fighters, and massacred 800 civilians while the Israelis set siege to the camp to prevent PLO fighters from leaving. In later years, Israel would establish the Kahan Commission to investigate government conduct during the war, and that commission would find Sharon indirectly responsible for failing to prevent the massacre, leading to his resignation from the ministerial post.

Arafat's defeat came about in part because Syria backed anti-Arafat PLO forces in the Bekaa Valley, and the Syrians declared Arafat *persona non grata* at the end of June 1983. Faced with Syrian antagonism, Arafat sought a rapprochement with Egypt.

In Israel, the social and political consequences were far-reaching. The established consensus not to criticize the IDF was challenged and eventually shattered; heavy Israeli casualties led to discontent and demonstrations against the war, demonstrations that became even bigger after the news

of Sabra and Shatila. If the 1973 war marked the beginning of the decline of the Labor party, the Lebanese war was the beginning of Likud's decline. While both parties would continue to have great influence in Israeli politics and to head governments, their best days were over.

While civil discontent mobilized the Israeli public, another front was opening. A new generation of Palestinians, who had grown up under Israeli occupation in the West Bank and Gaza, was coming of age and challenging the Israeli status quo. They represented the "native" or "local" leadership as opposed to the Arafat-led PLO, seen as the leadership in exile.

Yitzhak Shamir, former member of the Lehi, replaced Menahem Begin, former commander of Etzel, as prime minister. If Begin's policies were nationalistic and strongly anti-Arab, they were, however, based primarily on political realities. Shamir's style, on the other hand, was more that of an ideologue than of a statesman. As a consequence, in 1985 he instituted harsh policies of iron-fist repression of dissidence in the Arab territories conquered in 1967 as well as a sharp increase in settlement activity. As a result, the Palestinians began to fear Israeli encroachment and they also resented the economic dependency of the territories on the Israeli market. At the same time, the economic integration of the West Bank with Israel was seen as *de facto* annexation, while the economic benefits were not reaching the Palestinian masses still struggling with rising unemployment. In addition to the policies of the Shamir Administration, the Arab summit in Amman in November 1987 focused on the Iran-Iraq war. It seemed to Palestinians that with Arafat defeated in Tunisia, the Arab countries' cold

shoulder to their plight, and the stalemate in resolving the Israeli-Arab conflict, they had very little to lose. The actual event triggering the uprising is irrelevant. The conditions were set.

While the Intifada was a popular uprising and started with no particular overall leader and in rather disorganized fashion, the PLO soon established itself at the forefront of the action, claiming the role of leadership for itself. This was challenged by the Muslim Brotherhood in Gaza—headed by Sheikh Yassin—and the Intifada became the first test of power of the Islamic group in their contest with the PLO. By 1988, the Brotherhood in Gaza had reinvented itself as the Islamic Resistance Movement, better known by its Arabic acronym, Hamas. Hamas is, therefore, the ideological heir to Abd-Al-Wahab and Al-Bana. A splinter, more extreme Islamic group was also started under the name of Islamic Jihad, but it never grew to compete with the PLO or Hamas. The years of the Intifada defined the dynamics of inter-Palestinian politics that exist to this day. During the Intifada, and prior to PLO takeover, com-

munity councils in the West Bank coordinated the action. They were led by Hanan Ashrawi, who would later be co-opted by Arafat into the Palestinian Authority that emerged from the Oslo accords.

The Intifada was a significant reversal for Israel's diplomatic standing, coming on the heels of the Lebanon war. Media images showing little children throwing rocks at Israeli tanks made headlines, even when such scenes did not represent the true confrontations in the streets. Israeli reaction was to increase the strength of the repression, which increased in turn the strength of the Intifada. Arafat's PLO participation included, from day one, actions to get rid of their political opponents, but this policy became increasingly the focus as the Intifada fizzled and appear to lose direction in 1990.

Shamir's failure to repress the Intifada and to maintain Western support were significant factors behind the defeat of Likud and the shift of Israeli society to the left in 1992, but as we will see when analyzing the Oslo process, soldiers

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COOL FACTS ABOUT ISRAEL

Jerusalem windmill gets to produce flour again

Historical mill built by Sir Moses Montefiore in 1857 comes back to life 151 years later



The windmill built by Jewish philanthropist Sir Moses Haim Montefiore in 1857 in Jerusalem's Yemin Moshe neighborhood will produce flour once again.

Renovation of the windmill, one of modern Jerusalem's symbols, was made possible by a contribution of a half a million dollars given by a Jewish American donor to the Jerusalem Mayor Uri Lupolianski.

The windmill was built in the mid 19th century in order to supply flour to the inhabitants of Mishkenot Sha'ananim, the first Jewish neighborhood to be built outside the walls of the Old City.

The mill was built according to an English model and was initially operated by experts sent especially from London by Montefiore.

With the introduction of steam-powered flour mills a short time later, use of the windmill was halted.

After 151 years, the Jerusalem municipality is presently planning to restart its work on the windmill which will serve as a tourist attraction.

It will be connected to electricity mains since nowadays the wind that blows in the area is not sufficient for moving its blades and spinning the millstones.

[from <http://www.ynet.com>, August 2008, by Danny Adino Ababa]

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returning home from duty on the West Bank and Gaza came back demoralized over what they were forced to do to repress the rebellion, and blamed the government for the failure. The discontent grew to the point where the Likud lost its traction. Shamir's policies, however, also affected the internal discourse of the American Jewish Community and created a split over Israeli policies that continues to this day. Shamir demanded that American Jews support Israel right or wrong, and attacked American Jewish leaders who dared to question the wisdom of Shamir's settlement policies. At the NJCRAC (National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, now called Jewish Council for Public Affairs) Convention in Portland, Oregon, the Jewish community was asked to adopt a resolution endorsing Israeli settlement policies, and while the resolution failed to pass, the discussion created the first serious rift between "left" and "right" in the American Jewish Community when it came to Israel.

By the end of the 1980s another important factor became evident: Jews were being allowed to leave the Soviet Union, and many were coming to Israel. This immigration policy reversal of the Soviets was just one more indicator of the oncoming collapse of the USSR, but this immigration increase sparked new argument within Israel and the Jewish world, as well as new hopes and sense of purpose. On the other hand, it sparked on the Palestinian side a sense of urgency for a negotiated solution.

In the next article we will explore these and other developments that eventually led to the signing of the 1993 Israel-PLO Declaration of Principles, commonly referred to as the Oslo Accords. ☆

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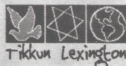
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Plan Ahead...

June/July is one issue. The deadline for anything that is to be publicized for July is May 10.

Jewish Family Services Upcoming Programs



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Join us on Thursday, April 23
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She will discuss her new book,
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A light meal will be provided.
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because,
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and having lost her,
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wish her to live after me, more living than myself. I am
a Jew because the faith of Israel demands of me
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the faith of Israel requires of me all the
devotion of my heart. I am a Jew because
in every place where suffering weeps, the
Jew weeps. I am a Jew because every time when
despair cries out, the Jew hopes. I am a Jew because
the promise of Israel is the universal promise. I am a Jew
because, for Israel, the world is not yet completed: we are
completing it. I am a Jew because for Israel, Humanity is not
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perfect
itself.



- Edmond Fleg



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B'tayavon (Hearty Appetite)

By Ruth Poley



Passover is around the corner and, while I love to cook the Pesach meal, making the dessert is usually my least favorite part of it. I'm not quite sure why, but I have been known to resort to canned macaroons or boxed mixes (please, don't tell anyone) just so I wouldn't have to deal with dessert. Mary Rosenbaum contributed the following recipe. It looks so easy, and so delicious, that I might just try it and leave the mix on the shelf this year.

Mary writes, "This has become a Rosenbaum family Passover favorite. It's a favorite with me, too, because it's delicious and elegant and appears to be a lot harder to make than it really is." ☆

Pesach Frozen Brownie Confection

Parave, pesadich, serves 6 (may be doubled)

- 7 oz. semisweet chocolate
- 1/4 lb. non-dairy stick margarine
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 7 eggs, separated

Heat oven to 350. Melt chocolate and margarine together. Beat egg whites

with 1/4 cup sugar until stiff. Beat yolks and 1/2 cup sugar until thick and lemon-colored. Fold in chocolate mixture and then the beaten egg whites. Pour half of the batter into a greased 8" x 8" pan, and bake for 25 minutes. Refrigerate the remaining batter.

Cool the baked half slightly, then top with the refrigerated half and freeze for several hours.

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

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The ceremony will include:

- keynote speaker Fred Gross, author of *One Step Ahead of Hitler: A Jewish Child's Journey Through Hitler's France*. Gross is a retired journalist, and currently a resident of Louisville.
- lighting of memorial candles for the six million victims of the Holocaust.
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Evalyn Block, President

Hadassah applauds executive order

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We did it! And it was you who made the difference. Hadassah was there at the White House when President Obama signed a new executive order overturning the limits on federal funding for stem cell research that President Bush put in place in August 2001. This significant change will allow all American researchers to move forward toward seeking cures and relief for the tens of millions of Americans suffering from intractable chronic diseases. Those suffering from debilitating diseases and disorders for which stem cell research holds great promise now have a renewed sense of hope, and we are optimistic for the future of embryonic stem cell research. Furthermore, we urge the members of the 111th Congress to continue working on this issue and to move toward

making federal funds completely accessible for embryonic stem cell research.

Hadassah, with 300,000 members and associates in the U.S., is a powerful grass-roots voice for Israel, health, and women's issues, and is the founder and supporter of the Hadassah Medical Organization in Jerusalem. Scientists at its Goldyne Savad Institute of Gene Therapy were among the first in the world to derive embryonic stem cell lines. On the domestic front, Hadassah members have been advocating for embryonic stem cell research at the state and

federal level for more than a decade. Your advocacy over the last several years got us here; enjoy the victory.

On the local level we have also been focusing on health issues. We recently presented "A Night of Women's Health Issues" featuring Leslie J. Crofford, MD and Heather Pierce, PhD, MS, CGC. Doctor Crofford is the Gloria W. Singletary Professor and chief of the Division of Rheumatology of UK. She is also director of the Center for the Advancement of Women's Health, University of Kentucky College of Medicine. She spoke us on the topic of "Advancing Women's Health" and provided pertinent information to us about the Women's Health Registry. Doctor Pierce is director of the Clinical Genetic Counseling Program at the Markey Cancer Center at UK. She spoke on "Family History and Cancer Risk." Both experts were engaging and informative, and a lively question and answer session followed their presentations. ☆

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The Lexington Havurah, founded in 1978, is a network of diverse people dedicated to Jewish learning and renewal, community building, and Tikkun Olam (repairing the world). A havurah is defined as a gathering or community of friends. The Lexington Havurah is affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the National Havurah Committee. Members plan, conduct, and share responsibilities for all services. For additional information about services or membership in the Havurah, please contact me at (859) 269-4454, mudrwek@insightbb.com, or the co-chairs of the Membership Committee, Evelyn Geller (859) 278-3609, evelynkadimah@aol.com, or David Feinberg (859) 223-1304, kdfm@insightbb.com.

Religious Services

The Purim party took place at the Fellowship Hall of the Lexington Theological Seminary on March 10. The event included a wonderful Purim spiel written by Judy Goldsmith and others, with members of the Havurah actively participating.

Saturday, April 11

Shabbat morning services at the home of David Wekstein will include a light breakfast at 9:30; the service will begin at 10:00. This is also Choe! Hamoed Pesach. Hosts will be Hanna and Uri Smith and Terry and Carole Wilson.

Friday, May 22

A Kabbalat Shabbat program will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Lexington Theological Seminary. There will be a potluck supper preceded by candle lighting and kiddush, followed by a Friday night service.

Education Committee

On March 29, the Education Committee, co-chaired by Larry Bitensky and Judy Saxe, sponsored a program on the Pakistan-India conflict. Our featured speaker was Dr. Karan Kaul, professor of biology at Kentucky State University. Dr. Kaul is from Kashmir, a territory which is a major issue in the conflict.

The Education Committee has arranged for Dr. Beth Glazier-MacDonald, professor of religion at Centre College, to present a program to the Havurah. The Committee is also actively involved in planning the annual Havurah retreat to be held in the spring. Details of these programs will become available in a timely manner.

May 30-31

The annual Education Retreat of the Havurah will be on May 30 and 31. The weekend will focus on Israeli films, with Jan Huttner as our visiting scholar. Jan has a BA from St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland and masters degrees in psychology from Harvard University and the University of Chicago. After working for over 20 years as a computer consultant serving the health-care industry, Jan is now is a film critic based in Chicago who devotes herself full-time to Films For Two: The Online Guide for Busy Couples (www.films42.com)—an organization founded by Jan and her husband, Richard Miller—plus related freelance speaking and writing projects.

The theme of the retreat is Israeli films: a historic survey and current descriptions and critiques. Plans include a full-length film presentation on Saturday night, with an introduction by our scholar. Sunday will comprise discussion accompanied by film clip illustrations, and perhaps a second full-length film. The program on Sunday will include continental breakfast and luncheon. ☆

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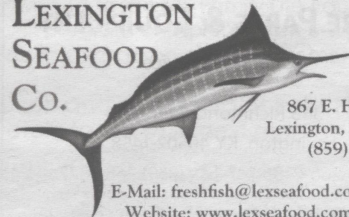
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Heart Walk

Temple Adath Israel will participate in a tribute to Cindy Kline in the 2009 Central Kentucky Start Heart Walk and Tailgate Party, Saturday, April 25, 2009 at Commonwealth Stadium. Onsite registration at 9:00 a.m., Heart Walk at 10:00 a.m.

Pre-registration recommended. Temple Adath Israel is listed in the corporate section of the web site <http://heartwalk.kintera.org/lexingtonky>.

You may also register using paper forms at Sunday School. Form your own sub-team to help spread the word about prevention and to raise awareness of the number one killer of women and men in our country. Have fun with your family and friends while you raise money for education and research! For more information call (859) 278-1632, Central KY affiliate American Heart Association, or Sylvia Cerel-Suhl at (859) 266-1072.

Mini-U Course For April-May

The Story of Masada, with Sam Kad (Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., April 16, 23, 30; May 7, 14)

Mini U Announcement—"Faculty" members wanted

Planning on leaving town for a few months? Going on a long vacation? Moving any time soon?

You can help save the Federation money by informing us of your plans and preventing the U.S. Postal Service from charging us for returned mail and address change notices.

Before you go, call the CKJF office or send us an email and let us know if you would like the mail sent temporarily to a different address, at no charge to you, or halted for a certain number of months. Give us a chance to get it right for you on the first mailing.

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The Adult Jewish Growth Committee seeks congregants interested in teaching courses for the Mini University's 2009-2010 academic year. The Mini U offers courses on Jewish experiences in all walks of life, including culture, business, history, science, arts and crafts, cooking, film, health and medicine, current events, travel, issues in everyday living and more. In fact, all topics/subjects related to a Jewish theme are welcome. Some past courses have been Jewish medical ethics, Jewish artists, lamb cookery, understanding the Friday prayer service, the environment, physical wellbeing, Holocaust rescuers, and learning to play Mah Jongg. Each course will run from one to six weeks (one class per week, usually on a weekday evening). The ideal class format would emphasize discussion or hands-on activity, with short readings to be done in class. No prior teaching experience needed—just a willingness to facilitate conversation and learning about a subject that interests you!

TAI Book Discussion Club

We will meet at Temple on April 30 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss *Confederates in the Attic* by Tony Horowitz. All are invited to attend the book discussion group. For any questions, contact Toni Reiss at coordinator@lextai.org.

Torah Study

Rabbi Kline conducts the study of the Tanakh (the Bible) from the Book of Joshua and beyond using the new Jewish Study Bible on alternate Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Library. April 11 & 25

Kollel Study Group

Joe Engelberg leads this study of fundamental ideas of Jewish life and thought. Among these are spirituality, the

nature of God, biblical and traditional injunctions and laws, Jewish history, principles of the Reform movement, and the relation of Judaism to Christianity, Islam, and Buddhism. Drop in to the library on alternate Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. and join in the provocative and friendly discussion. April 4 & 18

Chavurat-Chochma (A Friendly Gathering of Wisdom)

We will meet again on April 24, 2009. While invitations are sent to members of the congregation 60 years old and better—all are welcome! We meet most months to schmooze, nosh (lunch), and share our wisdom.

God's Pantry Night on Tuesday

Please join representatives from the entire Jewish community at God's Pantry on the third Tuesday of each month, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. We will sort food to be distributed to the homeless and assist God's Pantry in fulfilling the needs of the hungry in Kentucky. For more information and directions please contact Karen Petrone at (859) 226-9145 or email Petrone@uky.edu. Join us on April 21, 2009. ☆

Congregational Passover Seder

Thursday Evening, April 9, 2009, Temple Adath Israel, 6:00 p.m.

Make check payable to Adath Israel Sisterhood. Send reservations to Leona Stern, 704 Kirkland Drive, Lexington, KY 40502 or Passover Seder c/o Temple Adath Israel, 124 N. Ashland Avenue, Lexington, KY 40502

Menu: Matzoh Ball Soup, Gefilte Fish, Chicken, Brisket, Oven-browned potatoes, Assorted Vegetables, Dessert, Wine, Juice, and Coffee.

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I would like to be seated with _____ (Family Name)

This is a community Seder. Please check which of the following you will do:

- Set-up tables - Monday, April 6 at 9:00 a.m. _____
- Cooking - Monday, April 6 at 9:00 a.m. _____
Thursday, April 9 at 9:00 a.m. _____
- Prepare charoses, make matzoh balls*, boil eggs*, bake cakes* (state which) _____
- Clean up after meal (Put away tables, chairs, etc.) _____

*Mixes for cakes, matzo balls, and the eggs to be picked up at Temple Office.

Your helping hands enable our TAI Sisterhood volunteers to continue to offer this service to our congregational family and friends.

Around the Community

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

Mazel Tov to...

Dr. Michael Rie, associate professor of anesthesiology at UK and a member of the Lexington Havurah, on being awarded the prestigious Grenvik Family Award for Ethics from the Society for Critical Care Medicine.

Jessica Schumacher, a graduate of Tates Creek Senior High School, who has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at The College of Wooster. Jessica is a sophomore political science major and achieved a grade point average of 3.65 or above.

Jessica is the daughter of **Beth and Scott Schumacher**.

Larry and Janice Newman on the engagement of their son, **Jeffrey**, to **Andrea Mandeville**. They are planning a wedding for this fall.

B'nai Mitzvah...

Benjamin Swanson
Benjamin Swanson, son of **Dr. Nancy Schoenberg** and **Dr. Mark Swanson**, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on April 25 at Temple Adath Israel. Joining in this joyous event will be his older sister, **Rachel**.

Ben is a seventh grade student at Winburn Middle School. His favorite subject is Social Studies because he is "especially interested in other cultures and in how the world works." Ben is involved in a number of activities at school. He is a member of the Kentucky Youth Assembly, a mock legislature; he participates in the Teen Mediation Program, which trains members to help other students work out their problems so that they do not have to go into counseling; and he is also a member of three academic teams—Quick Recall, Individual Testing for Social Studies, and Creative Activity for Future Problem Solving. In addition, Ben plays the flute in the school band.

Outside of school, Ben is involved in several sports, among them tennis, hiking, and kayaking.



Benjamin Swanson

For his Mitzvah Project, Ben opted to build on his interest in dogs. He is currently raising his second Seeing Eye dog, or Pilot Dog, as they are otherwise known. This involves socializing a young puppy, house training it, and teaching it basic obedience. The training usually takes a year, at the end of which time the puppy is ready for its actual schooling as a guide dog.

Ben believes it is "most important that people know that you don't need to be rich to do whatever you can do well."

Condolences to...

The family of **Beatrice Milner**, who died on March 3, 2009.

Amy and Stephen Scher on the death of Amy's mother, **Martha Grossman**, on March 2, 2009.



The Havurah's table at the Governor's Prayer Breakfast. Left to right: Rabbi Audrey Korotkin, Rabbi Uriel Smith, Stanley and Judy Saxe, Lynn Furness, Judy Baumann, David Wekstein, Phil Berger, Gail Cohen. Photo by Don Clippinger.

Thanks for a great Super Sunday!

Thank you to all the wonderful adult and teen volunteers, staff, and donors who helped make the day so special.

Together we raised \$37,538 for the 2009 CKJF/UJC Community Campaign.

If we missed you, please consider making your pledge on line at www.jewishlexington.org or by calling or emailing the CKJF office at (859) 268-0672 or ckj@jewishlexington.org.

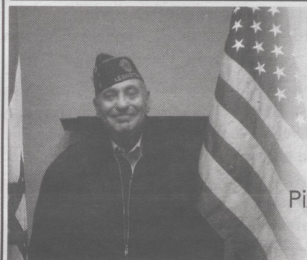
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Carole Wilson
Super Sunday Chairperson

Jewish Family Services Upcoming Programs

JFS

Leisure Club



Memorial Day:
A Time for Remembering
with guest speaker
Bob Orbach

Thursday, May 21
11:45 a.m. at CKJF

Pizza lunch will be provided.
RSVP to Paula Clancy
at (859) 269-8244

*Save
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While there is no official Leisure Club meeting planned in April, everyone is invited to the JFS Family Life Education program on **April 23 from 6-7 p.m.** See the JFS ad on page 17 for more details.

June 18-Lunch and storytelling at Bella Notte Restaurant. Details to follow in next month's *Shalom*.

For more information about these events, to RSVP, or to arrange transportation to the event location, please contact Paula Clancy at (859) 269-8244 or jfs@jewishlexington.org.



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We welcome newcomers to the community and veterans alike to participate in our Passover celebration and to be a part of the OZS family. Please remember that throughout the holiday of Passover NO foods may be brought into the synagogue unless they are specifically marked "Kosher for Passover" AND are unopened.

Passover is Here!

This year, Passover begins on Wednesday evening, April 8. The OZS Congregational Seder will take place the second night of Passover, Thursday evening April 9 at 6:30 p.m. The evening will include a delicious seder meal (vegetarian option available, too!) with traditional favorites, singing, learning, and fun. Reservations were due in March, but if you have questions or still have nowhere to spend the second night, please call the OZS office to see if space is still available.

Siyum B'chorim – Fast of the Firstborn

On the day before Passover, it is a custom for the firstborn in every household to fast in commemoration of the tenth plague, in which the firstborn of the Egyptians were killed. However, there is also a custom of engaging in some type of study, after which it is considered a mitzvah to eat; hence, the firstborn who have studied may then partake of food. Join us on Wednesday morning, April 8 as we fulfill the mitzvah of studying and eating during our Siyum B'chorim. We will begin with Shaharit at 7:30 a.m., followed by study and a light breakfast. This is a perfect way to spiritually prepare for the Passover holiday. It is also your last opportunity to get your fill of bagels and danish before the holiday begins!

Yom Tov Worship

The Festival Morning service for the first day of Passover will be on Thursday morning, April 9, at 9:45 a.m. There is no service planned for the second day of Passover. The Festival Morning service for the seventh day of Passover will take place on April 15 at 9:45 a.m. Yizkor will be recited. As of this writing, there is no service planned for the eighth day, April 16. Call the OZS office to check on the final service schedule.

Gan Shalom Preschool

Registration continues for the 2009-2010 School Year at Gan Shalom! Gan Shalom's innovative curriculum integrates Jewish values and traditions with secular learning in a warm and nurturing environment. For more information, contact the Gan Shalom office at (859) 335-9922.

OZS Religious School

Our Religious School students will return from spring break in time to participate in Passover activities and special programming for Yom Hashoah and Yom Ha'Atzmaut. Last month, students enjoyed a Saturday night of fun at a special Pajama Havdalah program and a spaghetti dinner, carnival, and Megilla reading on Purim. Our Junior Congregation program continues on April 18 at 10:45 a.m. in the Music Room. The program is led by Miriam Davis-Rosenbaum and Kayla Bryan. We encourage parents to attend with their kids.

D'Vine Minyan on Tuesdays

Tuesday is D'Vine Minyan Day at OZS. Join your friends for a relaxing glass of wine and socializing each Tuesday afternoon beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the OZS Social Hall. The brief evening minyan follows in the sanctuary from 5:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. A great way to end your day! Remember, Tuesday, April 21 is Yom Hashoah—Holocaust Remembrance Day—and we will pause during minyan to acknowledge the importance and solemnity of the day.

Friday Morning Talmud Study

The Talmud Study group continues to meet each Friday morning for prayer, food, and study. The morning begins with the brief morning service at 7:30 a.m. followed by a light breakfast and study. Using Skype on the computer, Rafi Finkel continues to guide the

group even while away in Ireland. Newcomers are always welcome!

Shabbat at OZS

Celebrating Shabbat is always a focus of our weekly events here at OZS. We welcome in Shabbat during the Kabbalat Shabbat service on Friday evenings. The Friday night schedule for April is:

- April 3** – Kabbalat Shabbat service begins at 5:45 p.m. at OZS.
- April 10** – Family and Friends Shabbat (and Passover!) at home. No scheduled OZS service.
- April 17** – Kabbalat Shabbat service begins at 5:45 p.m. Stewart Home will be in attendance.
- April 24** – Family and Friends Shabbat at home. No scheduled OZS service.

We hope you will join us for our spirited Shabbat Morning Service each Saturday morning at 9:45 a.m. with Kiddush lunch following in the Social Hall.

Daily Minyan

Our daily minyan continues to meet each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon at 5:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please come and help make a minyan! ✧

The Young Women of Hadassah invite you to an afternoon of Israeli cooking (and eating!)

*Sunday, April 19 — 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.
Temple Adath Israel kitchen*

We will be making falafel, hummus, tabouleh, and Israeli chopped salad—all from scratch—with chef Eden Myers.

RSVP to Fran at franwmorris@yahoo.com or (859) 494-3726 by April 15.

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The Ravvin Family for their donation in honor of Evelyn Dantzie Geller's birthday.

Ethel and Jack Abramson for their donation in honor of Pauline Ravvin's 99th birthday.

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2048 Edgewater Court • 266-8050 • Art Shechet, President

Daily Minyan Mon.-Thurs. at 5:45 p.m.; Kabbalat Shabbat Service, Friday Evenings at 5:45 p.m.; on the last Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. with Oneg and program following • Shabbat Services Saturday at 9:45 a.m.

TAI - Temple Adath Israel - www.lextai.org

124 N. Ashland Avenue • 269-2979 • Samye Miller Stith, President

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HAD - The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah - www.centralstates.hadassah.org

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HAV - The Lexington Havurah - www.lexhavurah.uscjhhost.net

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Havurah Education Program						OZS Purim Night Ball
29	30	31	April 1	2	3	4
	Hadassah Board Meeting Luckens annual lecture, U.K. Jewish Studies	TAI Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. OZS Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	Ta'anit B'chorim - Fast of the First Born First Seder CKJF Office closes at 3 pm	Pesach Second Seder CKJF Office closed	Pesach Shalom Deadline CKJF Office closed	Pesach
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Pesach	Pesach	Pesach Chabad Rabbi Litvin visits 12 noon CRC Meeting 7:30 p.m.	Pesach TAI Sisterhood Mini Fashion Show, joint with Christ The King Women's Guild, 7:00 p.m. at TAI CKJF Office closed	Pesach CKJF Office closed		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Yom Hashoah Commemoration at TAI 4 p.m.		Yom HaShoah	CKJF Executive Committee Meeting 6:45 p.m. CKJF Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.		TAI Bar Mitzvah Ben Swanson Rosh Chodesh Iyar	TAI Bar Mitzvah Ben Swanson
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Yom HaZikaron	Yom Ha'Atzmaut Yom Ha'Atzmaut Dinner & Concert at Natasha's Café	Israeli Movie Night and panel discussion at U.K. Goodbarn		
26	27	28	29	30	May 1	2
Community-wide celebration of Yom Ha'Atzmaut at TAI		Hadassah Board Meeting TAI Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. OZS Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.			TAI Bat Mitzvah Abigail Miller	TAI Bat Mitzvah Abigail Miller
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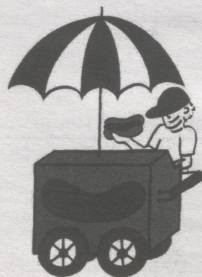
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Macaroni Salad, Chunky Applesauce.

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