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It Is Time to Celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut!

Sunday, May 13th • 1:00-4:00pm at the E.S. Good Barn

The annual celebration of Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israeli Independence Day) will be held on Sunday, May 13, at the E.S. Good Barn (University Drive in front of Commonwealth Stadium.) This event is organized by the CKJF Community Activities Committee chaired by Ginger Knight and Phil Berger.



This entertaining day will include Klezmer music by The Sherman Family & Lew Bowling. Aviva Bowling will perform traditional Israeli folk songs. Joseph-Beth Book Store will provide books of Jewish interest and current best sellers for sale. Arts and Craft vendors will display and sell their work. A special display and videos of Modern Day Israel will include pictures from Daniel Chejfec's (CKJF Executive Director) recent trip to Israel. The giant inflatable games will be set up outside, and will include the Super Slide, the Moon Bounce, and Cameron the Caterpillar. Craft projects and games will be set up for the kids, and food will be provided by Phil's Cookshop on Romany and Subway Sandwiches, owned by Jeff Kaplan.

The General Consul of Israel in Philadelphia, Giora Becher, will be present at the festivities.

The celebration is free and open to the public. May 13th is Mother's Day, so bring your mother, bring your family, bring your friends. Everyone had a great time last year, so plan now to attend!

Yom Ha'Atzmaut is sponsored by the Community Activities Committee of CKJF. See complete details inside on page 3!

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"THE PERPETUAL WELL

Contemporary Art from the Collection of The Jewish Museum"

HUNTINGTON MUSEUM OF ART • Sunday, June 17th

The Community Activities Committee of CKJF is organizing a community-wide trip to the Huntington Museum of Art to visit "The Perpetual Well: Contemporary Art from the Collection of The Jewish Museum" exhibit. The exhibit features more than 60 works in various media created from the 1970s to the present. The exhibit focuses on Jewish themes and artists, yet

suggests universal concerns that have faced all cultures and religions throughout history. The exhibition was organized by The Jewish Museum, New York, and is made possible in part by the National Endowment for the Arts.

9:00 am Departure (nice coach)

12:00 noon Arrive Huntington Museum of Art

Lunch at the Museum Cafe

Special Programs Available to CKJF Members

1:00 pm "Walk through the Biblical Garden" with the museum's Director of Horticulture, Dr. Mike Beck, who will discuss the cultural and historical background of the plants. The garden should be in full bloom by June 17th (30 minutes)

1:30 pm Irene Jacobs, founder of the Rodef Shalom Biblical Botanical Garden in Pittsburgh, will lead a class about plants used over the centuries to make paper in "From Papyrus to Paper: Plants Used in Papermak-



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Michael Adelstein & Gay Rapley on their marriage on March 25, 2001.

Sam McDonald, who was selected to Phi Beta Kappa at Lafayette College, Easton, PA.

Leonardo Radomile & Kim Colley on their marriage on March 25, 2001.

Irma Rosenstein on her induction into the College of Social Work Hall of Fame at the University of Kentucky.

REFUAH SHLEMAH (get well wishes):

Lenny Lerner.

CONDOLENCES TO:

Dale & Frances Jarvis on the death of Dale's mother, **Pearl Jarvis**, on March 31, 2001.

Please let us know of any news you would like to share with the community.

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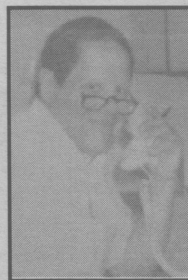
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by
Marty Barr



This year, for the first time in a number of years, my extended family was able to gather in Washington, D.C. to celebrate Pesach. There were about forty of us, ranging in age from a great niece of eleven months to my uncle of eighty-three. Some of us were Reform, others Conservative or Orthodox. There are also a few people who married into the family and are from a Christian background. While most of us were Ashkenazi, my son in law comes from a Sephardi background.

In short, my family represents a microcosm of the typical Jewish community found in the United States today. Think about it for a moment. For each word used to describe my family, there is a name in our own community that you could substitute. For example, Adath Israel could be the Lexington word for Reform.

The most important thing about my family is that despite our diverse and increasingly complex backgrounds we remain a cohesive group, concerned about one another and ready to help when required. This has also been a hallmark of our local community and remains the primary focus of CKJF's operating mentality today. It is one of the reasons that we continue to offer an ever broader array of programs in both the Family Service and Community Activities areas and why Community Relations stands for a whole community in dealing with the media, university, etc.

Approximately 70 % of our resources go to our efforts to support and strengthen the local Jewish family in Lexington. Do not forget us when the time comes to pledge your support in either time or money. You will feel good and the entire community will benefit. Thanks.

**SAVE THE DATE
Sunday
June 24th, 2001
Central
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Annual Meeting**

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Express Yourself — Silence ain't Golden!

I hate to be a pain in the tush...but, I think that it is in the interest of the CKJF community to have a forum to confront issues raised in the Easter Sunday BC strip. The Shalom newsletter can and should provide a venue to report viewpoints. What is needed is community, the whole communities' thoughts.

The Easter Sunday comic strip by Johnny Hart shows a menorah with candles extinguished one by one. After the final candle is extinguished a cross appears and the cartoon reads, "it is finished." The imagery is clear: Christianity replaces Judaism. The message to these readers that gather their information from comic strips is potentially troubling.

I was prepared to ignore, forget, and get busy with work, kids, etc (what else) until one of my friends insisted I look at Mr Hart's defense of his cartoon. Please take a moment to read his statement. It's online with the url: <http://www.creators.com/>

comics/bc/

Frankly I find it to be quite a potentially frightening point of view. Consider the following: 1) The comic strip BC is nationally syndicated and widely read. Syndicated Features boasts it is perhaps the single most widely read comic strip. 2) The readership consists of individuals that gravitate to the 'funnies' section: adolescents (& younger) & adults that get their news & views through what I thought was intended as a section for children. 3) Mr. Hart begins his statement with a persecution complex:

"...every time I try to honor this man [Jesus]...hackles go up." (Gee those poor maligned minorities in the Christian world; this sounds like a well established Christian-Right wing political tactic); 4) He then goes on to state that, "I too am a Jew." WOW! It is well established that Mr Hart is a fervent evangelical Christian. Perhaps there is lip service that some Christian/Catholic leaders reject the notion of supersession, but this strip is yet another call to arms for youth and the small minded

to regard Judaism, and Jews as incomplete versions of themselves.

As one of my usually non-activist, non-militant New York friends points out this type of propaganda is a historically first step to 'justifiable' anti-semitism.

I do not think it is important to expose the intent of Mr Hart. Something we cannot ever truly know. But we must address the possible threat to the tolerance of our religious beliefs by a vast majority of non-Jews. Masses often influenced by one-liners.

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Shalom invites your commentary on this serious issue. Please forward your letters to: Shalom/Letter to the Editor, CKJF, 340 Romany Road, Lexington, KY 40502.

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1:00 - 4:00pm

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- * Traditional Israeli Folk Songs
- * Modern Day Israel Display & Videos
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Gorodetzky - Fuchs Engagement

Sharyn & Arthur Fuchs of Potomac, Md., announce the engagement of their daughter, **Tamara Fuchs**, to **Mark Gorodetzky**, son of **Barbara & Charles Gorodetzky** of Kansas City, Mo.

The bride graduated from the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, the University of Maryland with a bachelor of arts in Jewish studies and the graduate School of Architecture of Washington University in St. Louis where she received a master of architecture.

The groom graduated from Purdue University with a degree in computer science. He grew up in Lexington, Ky. and is a licensed pilot.

The groom is currently employed as a software engineer with AetherSystems in Bethesda, Md.

A May wedding is planned in Washington, D.C.

The Gorodetzky family were Lexington residents in the 1960s and 1970s. Chuck was a founding member of CKJF and its first president.



At the end of April, we celebrated the 53rd birthday of the State of Israel. Like the wicked child of the Passover Haggadah, somebody might ask "what is this that Zionism did for you?" The answer, however, would be different from the one at the Seder.

For starters, there are not "wicked children" in the Israel story, just people who are not clear on their personal connection with it. But even those who believe they have no connection are being redeemed in a way by the very existence of the Jewish State. Just stop for a minute to think and imagine that you are a Jew living at the beginning of the Twentieth Century.

In Europe, France is in the midst of reviewing the Dreyfus case in which a French Jew was condemned of treason on false evidence. In Russia, the failed revolution of 1905 unleashed a series of pogroms throughout the Tsarist empire. In Argentina, a worker's demonstration turned into a pogrom instigated by the government. In America, anti-Semitism is high and Henry Ford publishes the "International Jew." In Northern Africa, pogroms are decimating the Jewish community in Djerba, Tunis. The Jewish communities of Alexandria and Cairo are also suffering attacks. While all this is happening, a fledgling Jewish political movement led by an assimilated journalist from Vienna is beginning to gain momentum. Zionism begins to attract the imagination of the Jewish masses.

Today, Jews have a voice not only in the Jewish State where we are the majority, but in any democratic country where our people live, America chief among them. How did this happen? One could be tempted to attribute the change to the triumph of democracy over the prejudices. Some groups in America might object to this, for they are not collecting the benefits of full membership in American society. Even some Jews might object to this, for anti-Semitism still exists and Christian fundamentalist groups still try to impose their definition of "American Ethics." What is different today?

What has changed is our attitude. Jews the world over are today more assertive,

AND I WILL GATHER THE EXILES...

By Daniel Cheffec, Executive Director
Central Kentucky Jewish Federation

more secure of who we are, even when we can not agree on a definition. We demand the right to be different; we demand the right to be citizens without abdicating our Jewish identity and our Jewish heritage. This would not have been possible without the State of Israel to show us the way. Israel reminded us that we can take our destiny in our own hands, something that the Shoah denied us. The triumph of the Zionist movement to re-establish Jewish sovereignty over the land of our ancestors changed forever the way we look at ourselves and helped us to begin the process of coping with the horrors of World War II.

Contrary to Palestinian propaganda, it was not a "quid pro quo." The world did not "concede" independence to the Jews out of guilt for the Shoah. Jews began to redevelop the land of Israel many years before the Holocaust. Tel-Aviv was founded in 1909 and was a flourishing city by the 1930s. The world simply acknowledged the right of Jews for self-determination. The Jewish state became the realization of a 2000 year old dream and a safe haven for every Jew in the world. It became the tool to make sure that never again would Jews be without a place to go.

Israel also became the center of our common advocacy to free our people in the Soviet Union and in Ethiopia. The very existence of Israel changed the direction of Jewish history. Even among the ultra-orthodox who do not believe that Israel represents the awaited redemption of the land, there is the recognition that Israel has changed their lives.

I recently returned from Israel, and I saw what CNN does not show. Israel remains true to its mission of helping the needy and lifting the fallen, of freeing the captive and healing the sick. As part of the Federation system, our community is a partner in that mission through our overseas allocation, and knowing that made me proud of what I saw. Let us celebrate, on May 13th, the Jewish revolution. Let us celebrate Jewish history. Let us remember the past and let us build for the future.

Join us on May 13th at the community wide celebration of "Yom Ha' Atzmaut", Israel Independence Day, starting at 1:00 PM at the Good Barn. Come have fun and good food.

Loneliness Unfulfilling Relationships Marital Conflicts

I have 22 years professional experience helping people with these difficulties. My current special interests include loss of a pet, Benedict Spinoza, and the search for a sense of one's significance and value at midlife. I want to help you live a rewarding life.

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- 1:30 pm Six children (K-5th grade) will join a class being taught on **Clay Vessels**. The children will explore different types of vessels, their forms and functions, making several and comparing different cultures' uses of the vessels. (2 hours)
- 1:30 pm **Children's program and tour of exhibit.** This class will be specifically designed for the children who attend. When you make your reservation, please let us know the age of your child(ren) and any special interests that may pertain to the exhibit or about art in general. (1 1/2 - 2 hour program)

Other exhibits and activities available:

* **The Museum Collection** includes American and European paintings, British silver, Islamic prayer rugs, antique firearms, contemporary prints and Appalachian folk art. *The Daywood Collection* features American and European paintings, prints, and bronzes from the 19th and early 20th centuries.

* **A spectacular collection of glass** is also featured from the Ohio River Valley and *The Wilbur E. Myers Art Glass Collection* of rare New England and European art glass from the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

* **Sculpture** is displayed in the Great Hall and on the Museum grounds.

* **Edwards Conservatory** features year-round displays of subtropical palms, shrubs, ground covers, and seasonal flowers. Fountains and sculpture enhance the atmosphere.

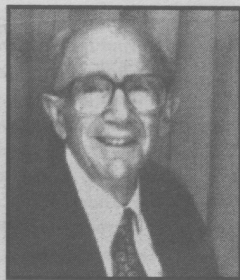
* **Nature trails, herb gardens, and a miniature rose garden** are situated on 50 acres of wooded grounds which provide an environment for learning and fun. With enough interest, and a pretty day, we can meet and walk the trails together (1 hour) or you can explore on your own.

4:30 pm Picnic box dinner is planned for the courtyard (or the museum cafe depending on the weather).

5:00 pm Departure

7:30 pm - Arrive home happy from a day well spent with spectacular art and great friends!

Look for a trip flier in your mail around the beginning of May. If you have any questions before then, don't hesitate to call Diana Lockridge at 268-0672. This will be a fun trip for all, so mark your calendar today!!



THE BAD NEWS JEWS

by Michael E. Adelstein

out of \$40 million in education aid, housing subsidies, and small business loans. True, some of the money went to their community, but some went into their own pockets.

But the Presidential pardons granted to these men were not considered as outrageous as those bestowed on Marc Rich and Pincus Green. We haven't heard much about Pincus, but we've heard too much about Marc and there is probably more to come.

Indicted on 51 counts of tax evasion, racketeering, conspiracy, mail and wire fraud, and trading with the enemy (Iran), Marc Rich fled to Switzerland. There he ran a \$30 billion business, mainly involved with commodities.

About a year ago, he is alleged to have launched an intensive lobbying campaign to obtain a Presidential pardon.

His ex-wife, Denise Rich, a good friend of the Clintons mainly because of her contributions to his library and the Democratic party, was persuaded to use her influence. Various other people close to the President, particularly Jack Quinn, a former White House counsel, were hired to lobby for Rich. And numerous international dignitaries, including Ehud Barak, wrote letters praising Rich for his philanthropy.

Then, somehow, the Justice Department's customary routine checks were bypassed. Trusting in Jack Quinn's advice and probably influenced greatly by Denise Rich, Clinton pardoned her former husband.

Congress and the media were in an uproar. The story has died down but will probably be back in the headlines again as various investigations are being conducted and legislation is being crafted to restrict the President's freedom to pardon.

Many Jews like me cringe at such unflattering accounts of Jews in the media. As God's chosen people we should be better than others. Perhaps most of us are, or if not better, at least as good. Yet we have our losers. And as is the case with Marc Rich, they are usually not petty criminals but major ones.

I hope the incessant unfavorable stories about American Jews are ending. You know, the ones about Clinton's pardoning of the four Hasidic men and of Marc Rich and Pincus Green.

Now I know that all Jews are not "good" Jews. There are bad eggs in every basket and we've had some notorious ones in the past. For example, there was the era of Jewish gangsters featuring such crooks and Mafia types as Meyer Lansky, Louis Lepke, Bugsy Siegel, Abe (Kid Twist) Reles, Arnold Rothstein, and others, a real "Kosher Nostra." Although some were common thugs, most were shrewd tough Jews, who ran their gangs around Hester Street as cleverly as other Jews operated on Wall Street.

Which brings us to more recent criminals—Ivan Boesky and Michael Milken. Both these men were admired on Wall Street for their brilliant dealings, but both went to jail for their financial chicanery. Boesky seems to have disappeared from public view, but Milken has been in the news by trying to atone for his junk bond dealings by sponsoring cancer research.

Next we come to the recent scandal involving the four Hasidic Jews. Fortunately, this story didn't play as strongly around the country as it did in New York state where it was involved in Hillary Rodham Clinton's senatorial campaign. Allegedly, the men were pardoned by her husband to pay their community for voting 1,400 to 12 for Mrs. Clinton. The four men had been convicted in 1999 on 21 charges, including conspiracy, mail fraud, embezzlement, and money laundering. Specifically, these Orthodox Jews were found guilty of bilking the government

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Over the last several weeks, a series of forums was presented at the University of Kentucky about the Israeli-Palestinian situation. The series had a strong anti-Israel bias. The first panel was on April 2nd, with the Palestinian perspective presented by Ira Grupper and Ibrahim Imam from the Louisville Committee for Israeli/Palestinian States and Khalid Turaani from "American Muslims for Jerusalem" from Washington, DC. The Israeli perspective was presented by Dan Frank, head of the Judaic Studies Department at UK, and Daniel Chejfec, Executive Director of CKJF. At the

second forum, on April 3rd, the presenters were Gary Brooks from the Christian Peacemaker Teams and Rabbi Uriel Smith, Chairman of the Community Relations Committee of CKJF. The third forum on April 16th featured Riffat Hasan, a Pakistani feminist, and Tom Pearce, who opposed Operation Desert Storm in 1991. No speaker for an alternative view was scheduled. In light of our concern over this bias, CKJF sent a letter to the President of UK. The letter, and Mr. Wethington's response are reproduced below.

9 April, 2001

Mr. Charles Wethington,
President
University of Kentucky

Mr. Wethington,

It is with great surprise that we recently learned about a troubling situation at the University, which we believe needs to be addressed.

On April 16th, the UK Student Government Association is planning to hold a program entitled "Israel, Palestine, and the Middle East: Discussing the Movement against the continuing legacy of Western imperialism and today's Third World Liberation struggles". The keynote speakers for the event are Riffat Hassan and Tom Pearce.

Having learned of this event and the speakers involved, the Jewish Students Organization JSO, as part of the SGA, suggested that it would be good to have another speaker presenting an alternative viewpoint of the issue. Their suggestion was rejected.

While I am a strong supporter of academic freedom, I also believe that such freedom should be responsibly balanced. Presenting a one-sided version of the issue more resembles a political rally than an academic program designed to advance understanding.

The request of the JSO was rejected on the basis that "it would not be appropriate for there to be additional speakers, as the focus will be less on Israel/Palestine and more on the nature of capitalism, imperialism, racism, and sexism in regard to the situation in the Middle East." Given this explicit reason, there is a manifest need for balance, lest, as we suspect, the U.S. and Israel alone stand accused of racism, imperialism, etc.

We believe that the organization of this program is contrary to the tradition of academic freedom at UK, a tradition committed to a healthy intellectual pluralism and openness. We believe it would be a terrible mistake to allow this program to proceed without a dissenting voice defining the role of the US in the Middle East. All opinions need to be presented. We are sure you will give this issue the consideration it deserves. The academic integrity of the University is at stake.

Sincerely,

Daniel Chejfec
Executive Director
Central Kentucky Jewish Federation

cc: Herald - Leader
Victor A. Hazard

April 16, 2001

Mr. Daniel Chejfec
Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Chejfec:

Thank you for your letter of April 9 regarding the Student Government Association sponsored program "Israel, Palestine, and the Middle East: Discussing the Movement Against the Continuing Legacy of Western Imperialism and Today's Third World Liberation Struggles."

It has always been the position of the University to encourage a diversity of thought, opinion and expression. Certainly, in the programs developed and controlled by the University, we make every effort to present a balanced approach, which may spread over several weeks or more. In the programs that we do not directly control, such as student developed and sponsored events, we consistently advise and encourage them to follow this balanced approach. However, since these programs are not developed or financed by the University, the students have a wide variety of options available to them.

In this particular case, a series of three programs was developed by a coalition of student groups including Phi Alpha Theta (International History Honorary), the Muslim Student Association, the Jewish Student Association/Hillel and three other organizations. The purpose of the programs that were proposed to the student Government Association for funding was to "...foster understanding, diversity, and reconciliation by creating an open and honest dialogue for all members and participants while promoting cooperation among diverse groups." A number of speakers were proposed, including Ira Grupper, Riffat Hasan, Ibrahim Iman and Tom Pierce. As these programs were being discussed and developed, apparently there were communication problems and differences of opinion between the sponsoring groups and JSO/Hillel's participation in the coalition was diminished.

As you may be aware, the April 16 event is the third and last program of the series. It is my understanding that the first two programs included a variety of perspectives as well as a historical view of Jerusalem by Rabbi Smith. It is unfortunate that this final program did not carry on with that standard.

I have learned that JSO/Hillel and the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation are presenting a "Partners for Solidarity" program in the Student Center on April 17 that will provide an Israeli perspective of the current cycle of violence. Hopefully, this will provide interested individuals with the balanced perspective, albeit in separate forums, that we both wish for.

Again, I appreciate your interest in this matter and in the University of Kentucky.

Sincerely,

Charles T. Wethington, Jr.
President

Partners for Solidarity Program a Success for JSO/Hillel



Tuesday, April 17th, UK's Jewish Student Organization/Hillel Foundation held a very successful program featuring two speakers from Israel. The topic was the Israeli perspective on the current cycle of violence. Reuven Stein, founding member of the Conservative Synagogue in Gilo, and Gideon Eldar, resident of Moshav Mei Ami and host

of recent solidarity missions, spoke of their personal experiences in formerly peaceful areas. The two speakers were accompanied by Michael Yankelowich from JAFI. There were over 20 students, faculty, and community members attending. The program was sponsored by the Community Activities Committee and JSO/Hillel Foundation.

Pictured left to right: Austin Cantor, faculty advisor for Hillel; Gideon Eldar, resident of Mei Ami, Israel; and Reuven Stein, founder of the Conservative Congregation of Gilo, in Jerusalem, Israel.

Leisure Club Tries Out New Programs

The program in April was a big success. We met at OZS on April 19 for tea and a talk on gardening. Annette Milch shared her tips on growing beautiful irises and showed us pictures of her prize winning pieces. Thanks Annette!

You won't want to miss May's Leisure Club program which will be at ArtsPlace for their lunch time "A La Carte" program. There will be a lute duo and we will enjoy the music while eating lunch that we each bring from home. The date will be Tuesday May 22 from 12-1pm. *Note this is a new day of the week for us to meet. We will all gather at Temple Adath Israel first at 11:30 am and carpool downtown from there. Please RSVP to 269-8244 if you plan on attending.

We are always open to suggestions for new and exciting ideas to do for Leisure Club programs, so don't hesitate to talk to Ruth Moser, Annette Milch or Fran Morris any time.

Leisure Club Event

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**Concert at
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On the Front Lines

Pro-Israel students are battling the rise in anti-Israel sentiment sweeping college campuses across the country.

By Joel Barkin, AIPAC

When Inbal Baum woke up for a recent Tuesday morning class, she imagined it would be like any other day at school. Inbal, a sophomore at the University of California at Berkley, was aware that tensions between pro-Israel and anti-Israel groups were high, but she hardly expected what she would encounter that morning.

As Inbal reached the front gates of Berkley's campus she was met by dozens of students wearing mock Israeli army uniforms shouting, "Are you Israeli? If you are not, you can't pass through these gates," and "If you are Palestinian, you get no rights!" There were other students handing out literature and attacking Israel and U.S. aid to Israel.

Since last October, campuses from New

York to California have been bombarded with anti-Israel propaganda. When Israel began implementing necessary countermeasures to defend its citizens, dozens of anti-Israel rallies popped up across the country while several student governments, including the University of Michigan's, tried to pass resolutions condemning Israel for the violence. Many universities have cancelled their overseas programs in Israel. "Every day I see some poster or protest questioning either the existence or the morality of Israel," one student said.

At New York University, Ronen Khordipour, a junior, invited two IDF soldiers to speak to students at Hillel. During the event, a dozen students with their faces covered with kafias entered the room, condemned Israel for the

violence and denounced Hillel for hosing "Zionist Pigs." Ronen describes the situation on campus: "There are times at NYU when I feel like I'm engaged in my own battle in support of Israel."

Furthermore, many Palestinian officials, including Hanan Ashrawi, as well as various Arab-American activists, have used college campuses as forums to attack Israel. At SUNY Binghamton, for instance, Ashrawi spoke to a group of more than a thousand students on the current situation, blaming Israel for the continued violence.

As the Palestinian violence drags on, the battle of words is certain to intensify. Pro-Israel students will remain on the front lines in defending Israel and the U.S.-Israel relationship against these attacks.



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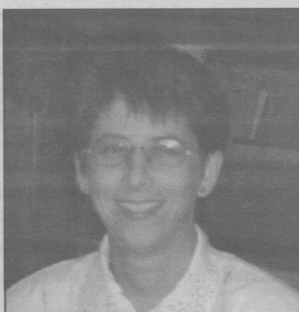
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Rabbi Sharon Cohen

THE DAYS AND MAKING EACH DAY COUNT

There is a conventional illusion, a make-believe with which all of us live every day of our lives. It is the notion that all time can be measured, neatly and precisely. It is the idea that any hour is like every other hour, each exactly divisible into sixty minutes, each minute into sixty seconds. Thus, we think of time as if it were some kind of homogeneous river that flows steadily without altering its pace.

Admittedly, that concept is necessary to life's ordinary pursuits. Face it, our entire lives are guided by the watch. Appointments that must be kept and services that must start on time — and end on time. Even in Jewish Tradition, we speak of fulfilling mitzvot that are 'timebound' (MITZVA ASEH SHE'HAZ'MAN GR'AMA), rituals or activities bound by the setting of the sun or particular to the day. But, we also recognize another dimension to time. This is the timeless, the sphere of the sacred, KADOSH, which charges us to forget about the turning hands of the clock, to move away from the concept of hours and minutes and into the realm of experience and the timeless.

In the worship service on Passover, we study God's charge to make both the timebound and the timeless a part of the Jewish reality. We are instructed to literally count each day — from the eve of the second day of Pesah, when an Omer of grain is to be brought as an offering, seven complete weeks. Seven days for seven weeks we count the 49 days of the Omer, and on the fiftieth day we observe Shavuot, the holiday which celebrates the giving of the Torah at Sinai. During this period, known as the Omer, which this year continues throughout the month of May, each day is literally counted by reciting a blessing and a Hebrew formula acknowledging the number of the day. Thus, we bind ourselves to the days of this period, being sure literally

RABBI'S CORNER

to count each day just as we might mark off the days on a calendar until the first day of school, or until we reach graduation, or until we leave on that special trip.

I find it fascinating, that nowhere does the Torah suggest why these particular days should be counted. We certainly can gain from the message of counting days that we should take the time to make each day of life count. If we are to be bound to the movement of the clock and the turn of the days and the seasons, then it certainly makes sense that we should acknowledge the importance of time in our lives. We recognize that the entire Jewish calendar is based on the agricultural and seasonal cycles and that Passover marked the beginning of the harvest season, which lasts approximately seven weeks. It is logical that we might want to mark this time period in some special way.

Rabbi Theodore Friedman offers a wonderful insight about this period of counting. He suggests, that, perhaps, the Y'may S'fira, the days of the counting of the Omer, were meant to serve as the bridge of time that joins the two eternal, timeless experiences of Israel — the Exodus from Egypt and the Revelation at Sinai.

On Passover, we are instructed to consider ourselves as if we were slaves in Egypt. The entire Seder experience is meant to give us the means to live the experience of our ancestors, and to taste the euphoria of freedom. On Shavuot, we mark the receiving of Torah. In the synagogue on Shavuot, we rise to hear the Ten Commandments and we are transported to the foot of Mount Sinai as God's words were revealed. We were there, we are there, we will continue to be there as well. These two events in our history are timeless, they are ever present, eternal reminders of who we were, who we have become, and who we need to be.

Friedman suggests that from the ever present experience of freedom — Pesah — we return to the mundane, to the counting of the days and weeks, and thus, for a period of seven weeks, we become time's creature again. But, on the fiftieth day, we are reminded to rise above time to relive and make present the experience of the Revelation at Sinai.

What is true of Passover, Shavuot, and the Omer period is true of the Jewish Calendar as a whole. The days of the Jewish week have no names, only numbers. How is the number of each day determined? It is determined by its relationship to Shabbat (Ehad b'Shabbat, Shei'ni b'Shabbat, etc.) the first day toward the Sabbath, the second day, etc. Here again, the day is counted and the six days of the week serve as the bridge toward the Sabbath — the day when the Jew enters the sphere of the timeless — love, Torah, prayer, celebration, and rest.

Our Tradition has mastered the art of living both orders of time: the timebound in which the hours and minutes literally consume us, and the timeless, that in which the eternal holds sway. As we move through the period of the Omer leading to Shavuot, take some time to count each and every day. Pause to consider the ways in which time guides your life and gives meaning and a

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I recently returned from participating in the Small Federation Executive Institute in Israel. While there, I kept a journal of my experience, which I am now sharing with you.



Sunday, March 18, 2001 12:38 p.m.

After going through a very hard packed weekend with more to do than time to do it, here I am at the Bluegrass Airport waiting for the plane to Cincinnati. It had not yet hit me that I am in fact going to Israel, for I had no time to ponder it. Will I find the same warm people I saw last time? Will I find an embattled society? Will I even recognize what I find? The answer to most of those questions is obviously "I don't know". Yet I am sure that one thing I will recognize... the city I love, the city of light, Jerusalem. I am looking forward to it. As I write these lines, it helps me to actually understand that I am indeed going home... home in a way that Argentina never was even I was born there, and home in a way different to the States.

It is now 10:31 p.m. - onboard the El Al plane to Tel-Aviv, after enjoying a tasty (and kosher) meal. I am starting to realize that over the past few days I did not pay attention to the fact that I was coming. OK... better late than never. When we boarded, a group organized itself for minyan at the back of the plane, and we had to wait for Arvit to be over in order to take off. Maybe that is what they mean by "Jewish time"

Day 3

We headed south to the Partnership 2000 region of Arad Tamar. This region is in partnership with a cluster of 11 Federation in New Jersey and the Jewish Federation of Delaware. We first visited a Community Center in Arad, where they have a special program for mentally handicapped. Much to my surprise I found several Argentineans on staff and I was drafted as an impromptu translator. The program, funded by the Jewish Agency (JAFI), provides for an environment in which people participate of center programs from 8 am to noon, and in the afternoon some of them (the most functional) work at the nearby factory of Motorola. The program was started in 1993, and serves today a population of approximately 400 people.

From the center we went on to visit a very special school, called "The democratic School" and based on the educational principles heralded by

My Diary From Israel

by Daniel Cheffec

Janusz Korczak, the Jewish teacher who marched with his Warsaw Ghetto students to Auschwitz. The school is based on the principle that any child from the ages of 6 to 16 can take any course any time they want, with a requirement of a minimum number of courses a year. Classes are multi-age, that is that a 6 year old could be sitting in the same class with a 16 year old.

From the school we went to visit an absorption center where we met recent olim from Russia, Uruguay and Argentina. The Argentinean who spoke to us came to Israel 7 months ago, and he is one of the survivors of the AMIA explosion of 1994.

Since not all should be hard work, we went next to the cosmetics factory "Sea of Life", which exploits the chemicals of the Dead Sea. This factory however, is unique in that it is owned by Israelis, Palestinians and Jordanians, with the processing parceled between Israel and Jordan, although most of the research is done in Israel.

Last but not least we visited an Ethiopian Synagogue in Arad. From there we went to Beer Shevah for home hospitality at the home of one of the JDC professionals.

Day 4

We started early in the morning visiting a school for children at risk of dropping out of High school. This program was initiated and is supported by JDC. The highlight on this visit was one of their students, who designed a new learning environment which is now being built as part of the school. From the school we went to visit a "Kavkazi" Community Center (for Jews of the Caucasian Mountains) which is receiving professional help from the JDC and is intended to help these immigrants to preserve their heritage and to prepare the next generation for mainstream participation in the Israeli economy. From the Community Center we went to share lunch with Russian immigrants at what is called a "warm home", a place of gathering for older adults from the FSU, not so different from our Leisure Club. We heard their stories and we shared their hopes for the future. It was a heart warming experience.

After the Warm Home, it was time to head back to Jerusalem, where we had our (so far) only free time. About this evening the highlight is without doubt that I had dinner with some of my colleagues



at "Pampa", a Kosher Argentinean restaurant in Jerusalem. Tomorrow we will finally visit the Old city - I am looking forward to it.



Day 5

BRIEFING WITH RABBI MELCHIOR

Early in the morning we started with a briefing by Rabbi Melchior, who serves in the Sharon Cabinet, on the topic of Israel-Diaspora relations. Over the last few years there was a change in the level of priority given to the relationship with Diaspora communities. This relationship has been defined as a strategic asset for Israel. Israel is in fact the only country in the world maintaining a special office as part of its foreign ministry to deal with its Diaspora. Israeli society will also have to deal with additional issues such as those of Israeli Arabs as well as the Palestinians. Israeli Arabs have been estranged from the mainstream by years of discrimination and neglect, and healing the rift is going to be hard work, but not dealing with it mean to allow a fifth column to develop within our society. Rabbi Melchior reacted to the idea of a Unity government at first as bad, for that would prevent the formation of an opposition, but he came to understand that under the current circumstances and the current external threats a Unity government is a necessity. When it comes to the Palestinians, Israel is facing a serious dilemma. Even when they know that Arafat is not to be trusted and he probably is the main obstacle to Peace, the question remains open as to who would replace him if he is gone. The alternatives are even worse, ranging from more extreme leadership to open chaos in the Palestinian streets. In connection with the Temple Mount, Rabbi Melchior would like to see an arrangement that would not imply any kind of political sovereignty. The religious sovereignty, however, should be a shared by both, Jews and Muslims.

Session on religious pluralism

Following the session with Rabbi Melchior, we met with representatives from the Reform and Conservative movements. Each one of the participants explained what their organization does and how are they contributing to the building of a pluralistic Israeli society. They see the ideal of

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Israeli society as one in which religious practice becomes a personal choice. They also believe that the so called "secular Israelis" are in fact religious in a different way. They pointed out that one of the major obstacles for an accommodation between the different streams of Judaism continues to be the definition of Who is a Jew. In average 20 % of soviet olim are not halachakhly Jewish, although they do qualify as Jews under the Law of return. Among more recent immigrants, the proportion is closer to 50 %. As a result a special commission (Ne'eman) was established to facilitate their conversion to Judaism, and while the teaching is done as a joint effort of Orthodox, Conservative and reform, the actual conversion is performed by an Orthodox rabbi.

They believe that their efforts to attract Israelis to alternative forms of religious practice, and will fructify eventually to make those alternative forms of religious practice the dominant factor. The Conservative movement has put the major emphasis in educational institutions. The Schechter Institute for Jewish Studies comprises a variety of educational opportunities. The program of MA in Jewish studies has currently 408 students enrolled; the rabbinical school has 22 Israelis in rabbinical training in addition to another 80 students from North and South America. They also have 56 students enrolled in their Educational Leadership programs. They have also taken over the TALi system of schools, initiated many years ago by Australian and American olim who felt they wanted their children to have a strong Jewish education but they did not want them to attend an orthodox institution. Today, 20000 students are enrolled in 106 TALi schools.

They have another program that focuses on new immigrants both, before and after they arrive in Israel. TALi runs several schools in the FSU servicing 600 students, and they also serve additional 700 soviet olim in Israel. They also have a

program called The Jewish University in Budapest, with 214 students in various programs and a program with IDF soldiers who did not finish high school or that plainly want to learn about their Judaism.

Both movements, Conservative and Reform, work on the assumption that if only Israelis learn about religious practices in Judaism, they will loose their fear to synagogues and join in.

I voiced MY OBJECTIONS FROM A "SECULAR JEW" PERSPECTIVE ASKING TO BUILD A BROAD BASED CONSENSUS AND TO WORK FOR THE RE-INTEGRATION OF RELIGIOUS AND SECULAR JUDAISM. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL THE DIFFERENT GROUPS TO SIT AROUND THE SAME TABLE.

VISIT TO THE OLD CITY

On the free time we had before the "official" visit, I went to an Arts & Crafts mall next to the Old city, and from there I decided to go on my own to the City itself. I came in through the Jaffa gate and walk over the city walls. Upon arrival to the Kotel I felt again overwhelmed by the sheer size of the complex, that even today can be perceived. I walked back to the Hotel after having my mandatory falafel next to Migdal David. I walked through the Zion gate, down to the Kidron Valley and up again to the Hotel - I still feel the ache in my legs....

That afternoon we had the "official" visit to the city. We went on busses (THANK GOD), and held a Kabalath on one of the balconies overlooking the Kotel. It was a very moving experience. We then approached to pray at the Wall. In my particular case I also had to deliver some "petakim" (written prayers) given to me by community members.

The reception of Shabbath at the Kotel is like nothing you ever experienced before. Hassidim who came dancing all the way from their nearby Yeshiva to the Kotel enclosure to pray next to secular Israelis in Army uniform and of course American visitors from UJC.

Different groups competing to pray the loudest to overwhelm other Yeshivas, and everybody dancing at some point during the service. The Kotel is the point of intersection of everything the Jewish People ever was and is, and while the sun sets at the beginning of Shabbath, all those separate threads come together in a beautiful tapestry that makes you feel one with all of them.

Day 6

On Saturday morning we had a pleasant time, with

no rush. We had a Torah Study session with Rabbi Landes on the many layers of the meaning of Tzedakah. It was a very interesting discussion. This was followed by a fantastic lunch, after which I sat down to write this log. (Up to the paragraph above).

In the afternoon we received a briefing on the Haredi (Ultra Orthodox) society presented by somebody who used to be a member of their society and was expelled for asking too many "liberal" questions. After the briefing we had a walking tour of Gueulah, a Haredi neighborhood next to the more famous one of Meah Shearim. The whole experience was an eye opener on the many differences and the complexities of Haredi society. They have in fact very few points in common. One of these points of agreement is, however, that they all question the legitimacy of Zionism as a redemption tool. They accept it as a political movement, and they acknowledge the existence of Israel as a fact, but that is where the similarities end.

Beyond this point, the attitudes differ greatly. From the fervently anti-Zionist Naturei Karta to the simply non-Zionist Chabad Lubavitch there is a continuum of positions. In addition, there are sharp differences and even confrontations between Hassidim and Misnagdim (Litvak), as well as among the Hassidim themselves. In some extreme cases, one group of Haredis would consider even other haredis as "outside the pale". The ultra orthodox society is a complex one, far more than I imagined before. They do however conceive themselves a separate society rather than just a community, and they try to minimize the contact with the outside world.

They do not shy away from all technology. We saw cellular phones, cars, and even computers in use in the Haredi quarters. They do however, oppose the media, especially TV, for they believe that they are against them and they show the worst of the "outside" world. In addition to all the differences already described, there is yet one more. Those who are descendants of several generations of Jerusalem born Haredis are considered special and they mark their status with golden or light color caftans to be worn only on Shabbath. Schisms among Hassidim appear to be frequent and normally related to the death of the Rebbe and the problem of succession.

The Haredi were the first Jews in modern times to come to Jerusalem. Their original neighborhood is one of the oldest outside the walled city, and they are pretty much aware of that fact. Today, the Haredi neighborhood counts several tens of thousands of people well beyond the original neighborhood. Many live in "mixed" areas of Jerusalem, but they all share the uncompromising commitment to the ways of their society, were most aspects are regulated by Halachah. Matchmaking has grown into an art to ensure that the couple comes from the same Haredi community or at least from similar ones. They would never match a misnaged and a hassid, or a Satmar and a Lubavitch for example. I certainly learned a lot about this group of the Jewish people and it will take some time to truly reflect on what I learned.

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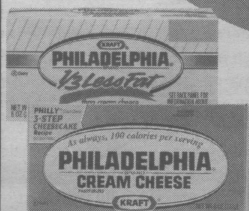
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The Boston Marathon is considered the Granddaddy of them all. The oldest continuous marathon in the world. Always on Patriot's Day, an official Massachusetts holiday the 3rd Monday in April. So on this April 16th occurred the 105th running of the Boston Marathon and a rite of spring for Bostonians. Always preceded by a Red Sox game in the morning, to end just in time for the fans to walk to the marathon finish and cheer the runners to the finish. There are 6,000 volunteers from all over New England to help with the spectators and the water and first aid stations, five hundred thousand spectators line the course from beginning to end, often five deep. Many tailgate and spend the night before camping out. Women for the first time were allowed to participate in only 1972! The first woman ever to run the race disguised herself as a male, hid in bushes until just before the start, ran the race and fearing arrest the entire race as it was a crime to participate as a female. The first running had only 15 participants. Race 105 had 15,606 entrants limited to a very competitive field composed of elite runners from the world over, 78 countries represented including two entrants from Israel. The weather was close to perfect-clear 46 degrees with a 10-15 mile/hr head wind. Rain had

been predicted until the night before the race. Tail wind would have been preferable but we can't be greedy. Jo's prayers for a dry day were answered! This whole idea to run the Boston Marathon began as a dream, advanced to a prayer, on to a hope, to a challenge, and then an expectation. The race is covered by the second most media of any sporting event in the world, second only to the Super Bowl. We ran together, talking, joking and encouraging each other PRN (mainly Jo to Bob). The electricity of the crowds, their encouragement and support and personal cheers like "go Bob, go Jo, what a team, you look great - only 18 miles to go." Bands playing music, spectators extending their arms to slap a high five as you advance. The loudest and most boisterous fans of all, which is a known tradition, were those of Wellesley College. As we passed the campus, the crescendo of noise and the decibel level was deafening. Nevertheless, Bob could not resist the pretty female faces with their youthful exuberance, leaning over the retaining barriers in scanty spring garb begging attention, even from an old geezer and giving a "five on the way by." One cannot imagine, unless you experience first hand what it means to have thousands of people unknown to you to be energized by your performance. It's truly the "home court advantage" in its purist form. The transference of the spectator energy and enthusiasm is a very real and genuine phenomenon. Every parent should take heed as the same phenomenon could take place in every home with a child! At the 15.3-mile mark we had prearranged for Dottie and Andy and Jordan 7, Alex 5, and Sophie 2, along with my first cousin and her husband, to meet us and pass a half banana (our request) to us each. The thrill and anticipation of this rendezvous was not only an inspiration but also

resulted in a fast pace not entirely in our best interest (just over 9-min miles). We stopped long enough for hugs and bananas and a picture. Told them all we loved them and were on our way. The course from Hopkinton to Boston originated because that was the only rail system 105 years ago and spectators would ride from town to town on the train to follow the runners all the way to Boston. The 26.2 miles traverses 8 major cities. Many of the roads were freshly blacktopped in preparation for the race following the harsh New England winter. As a pre-teen, I regularly met with my older cousin and for years it was a spring ritual to watch the Red Sox opener on Patriot's Day and the marathon finish afterwards. You see, his interest was spawned because he lived in Ashland, the second town on the route and the course ran by his little dilapidated home. I didn't see much of this favorite course other times, as the 30 mile trip from Quincy (Bob's boyhood home) to Ashland was an all-day ordeal in those days. Assuming the car would make it and you could get enough gas during the war years. However, April 16, 2001 was Bob's first time to Hopkinton for the noon race start. We were bussed out to arrive about 9 am. Each participant wore a tiny electronic device about the size of a quarter strapped to the sneaker which transmitted electronically your start with periodic updates every 5K, your pace, and projected finish time around the world to relatives and friends following their 'favorite runner.' Thus Bruce and Rachel in Lexington and Ruth in Baltimore were able to monitor our progress throughout. It took us about 11 minutes and a half-mile after the starting gun sounded to reach the "starting line." There is hardly a level mile throughout. The first 5 miles are downhill, and then the notorious 5 miles of uphill of Newton and Brookline, miles 16-21 culminating with the often downfall of champions, the renown "heartbreak" hill. As we traversed Commonwealth Ave. and then Beacon Street Bob emotionally reminisced about his childhood as one familiar street after another passed us by, all be it, at a slower pace than earlier. Finally the Citgo sign off in the distance followed by the first sighting of the John Hancock façade where the race ends. At this point for Bob the sight was a total blur through the abundant emotional tears that had overcome him at this time. Not to the degree however to obliterate one last sign toward the finish held high by the Nicks - GO GRANDPA BOB AND GRANDMA JO. Finally across the finish lines 4 hr. 37 min and 29 sec from the start (a little over a 10min/mile pace for the entire race) We gave each other a prolonged emotional embrace of satisfaction for achieving what we had at one time considered impossible. And to every young person we would say - if you can dream it you can do it, but not to forget that desire is 90% of achievement. A special unimaginable experience that approached spiritual in nature for spouses of 38 years. Then we were each presented a bouquet of roses from our children and grandchildren. The pain is temporary; the Boston memories of April 1, 2001 will last forever.



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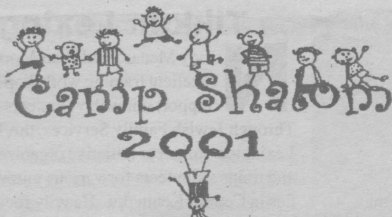
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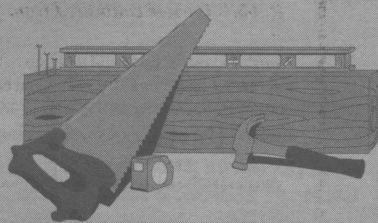
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JFS Sponsored Long-Term Care Series off to Good Start

On Monday, April 16, twelve members of the community gathered at Temple Adath Israel for a discussion on assisted living options for seniors. Alan Beuscher from Wesley Village in Wilmore, KY, spoke to the group. Prior to working as the Director of Marketing at Wesley Village, Alan worked for the Sanders-Brown Center on Aging at the University of Kentucky. He holds a Master's Degree in Gerontology.

Besides gaining a basic knowledge of the terms associated with the different levels of care, workshop participants went away with a better understanding of what it means to live in a "retirement" community. Please join us for the next two discussions in this series on long term care on May 2 and May 15, 2001. See the notice for details.



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Jews in Suriname

General Population 432,000; Jewish Population 200

History

The Jewish community of Suriname, concentrated in Paramaribo, is one of the oldest in the Americas. The first Jews settled between the years 1635 and 1639. With the Dutch occupation of Suriname in 1668, Spanish and Portuguese Jews came from Amsterdam. By the first half of the 18th century, they were joined by Ashkenazi Jews from Rotterdam, and the Jewish population reached 2,000, half of the white population of the territory. With special privileges they had received from the British, and later Dutch, authorities, the Jews settled in the "Jodensavanne" or

"The Jewish Savannah" in which they owned more than 115 plantations specializing in sugar growing and refining.

Communal and Religious Life

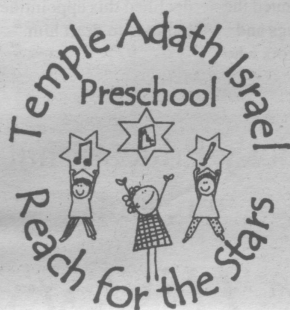
The communal organization is the Kerkeraad der Nederlands Portugees Israelitische Gemeente in Suriname. The two synagogues in the capital, dating back to the 18th century, have been restored by the Suriname government, together with private contributors, and today serve the needs of the Jewish community. There is a community newspaper called Sim Shalom that appears in Dutch.

Israel

Israel and Suriname have enjoyed full diplomatic relations since the country attained independence in 1975. Israel is represented by its ambassador in Caracas and by an honorary consul in Paramaribo.

Sites

In Jerusalem on the Riverside, the capital of the abandoned semi-autonomous Jewish area known as "the Jewish Savannah," remain the ruins of one of the oldest synagogues in the Americas, Berakha ve'Shalom, founded in 1685.



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work to your actions and thoughts. At the same time, do not forget that counting the days can be meaningful when you remember to make each day of life count as well. May we remember to rise up from our counting and open our lives to the experiences, ideas, and sacredness of being which can neither be numbered nor measured.

Rabbi Cohen is the spiritual leader of Ohavay Zion Synagogue of Lexington.

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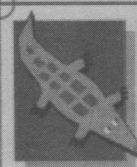


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Miller Takes Unclaimed Property to New Level

State Treasurer will Spearhead Return of Assets to Holocaust Survivors

For the past year and a half, Kentucky State Treasurer Jonathan Miller has proved his knack for returning the state's unclaimed property to its rightful owners. During that time, he has managed to return a record-breaking amount of the assets mistakenly left behind or forgotten by local citizens. Bolstered by success, the state treasurer is now gearing up to tackle unclaimed property on an international level.

Miller has been tapped to serve on the Executive Monitoring Committee of state and local financial officers which monitors the return of assets seized during the Holocaust to their rightful owners. The 10-member Committee is charged with ensuring the progress of efforts to return property of Holocaust survivors that has been held by Swiss, French, Austrian, Polish and German banks and German industry for over fifty years.

"Returning property to those who survived the Nazi regime represents a pressing opportunity," Miller said. "With approximately 370,000 Holocaust survivors worldwide, and five to ten survivors dying each day, this is the most urgent unclaimed property program imaginable. I am eager to bring the voice of the Kentucky State Treasury to the international table in contributing towards a just resolution."

Approximately 12 million people-including 6 million Jews-were murdered in Europe during the period known as the Holocaust. During World War II, the Nazi government, occupying various countries, stole the property of Jews and other persecuted peoples and evicted them from their homes, farms and businesses. After World War II, many of the same governments continued the Nazis' practices by nationalizing holdings and rejecting the claims of Holocaust survivors who

sought reparations. In recent years, lawsuits filed on behalf of survivors have helped reveal the whereabouts of billions of dollars worth of stolen assets. It is believed that there are hundreds of Holocaust survivors living in Kentucky, 70 of whom have registered in these lawsuits.

New York City Comptroller, Alan G. Hevesi, who is chair of the Executive Monitoring Committee, had high praises for the appointment of the Kentucky State Treasurer. He noted that Miller's government and legal experience make him extremely valuable to the Executive Monitoring Committee. "Jonathan Miller's experience in returning unclaimed properties and his exceptional legal training make him an ideal addition to this Committee," he said. "If the treasurer had declined this appointment, we may have been tempted to draft him."

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Around The Community



CKJF - Central Kentucky Jewish Federation (340 Romany Road, 268-0672, Marty Barr, President)

OZS - Ohavay Zion Synagogue (2048 Edgewater Court, 266-8050, Bennett Bayer, President)

Daily Minyan Mon.-Thurs. at 6:00 p.m.; Kabbalat Services Friday evening at 8:00 p.m., except the fourth Friday of the month at 6:00 p.m.;
Shabbat services Saturday at 9:45 a.m.

TAI - Temple Adath Israel (124 N. Ashland Ave., 269-2979, Jane Grise, President)

Shabbat Services Friday 7:30 p.m.; Worship Service Saturday 10:30 a.m.

HAD - Lexington Chapter of Hadassah (Nancy Menard, President)

HAV - The Lexington Havurah, 272-1459 (Ernie Cohen, President)

Shabbat Services monthly. Call for schedule.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			JFS Long Term Care Workshop 6:30 pm at TAI			
April 29	30	May 1	2	3	4	5
Body Image Work- shop • 1-3 p.m. at OZS		Hadassah Installation Marriott • 7:30 pm			Bar Mitzvah Alan Sea TAI Bar Mitzvah Daniel Archer OZS Lag B'omer	Alan Sea TAI Daniel Archer OZS
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Yom Ha'Atzmaut Community Celebra- tion - The E. S. Good Barn at U.K. Mother's Day		JFS Long Term Care Workshop 6:30 pm at TAI	TAI Sisterhood Closing Program • 6:00 p.m.			Singles' Event at Portofino's • 7:00 p.m.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
4 pm Al Galgalim Campaign Training OZS School Picnic		Leisure Club Noon - 1:00 p.m. at ArtsPlace	CKJF Board 7:30 pm			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
TAI Confirmation 7:30 p.m.	SHAVUOT MEMORIAL DAY (Office Closed)		AIPAC Program (Call CKJF for details)		Bat Mitzvah Alexandra Domatov OZS	Alexandra Domatov OZS
27	28	29	30	31	June 1	2
					Bat Mitzvah Rachel Heller TAI	Rachel Heller TAI
3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Ohavay Zion Synagogue News

CALLING ALL UPCOMING 11TH AND 12TH GRADERS! SENIOR CHAI!

Senior Chai is a new opportunity for learning and socializing opened to any Jewish teenagers who will be entering the 11th or 12th grade this coming school year. A joint program of OZS and Temple Adath Israel, Senior Chai will give young adults an opportunity to study and discuss topics important to being a Jewish teenager in the 21st Century. The program will meet approximately once a month on Wednesday evenings, beginning in the Fall.

A special Informational Meeting for parents and students to discuss the upcoming Senior Chai program will be held on Tuesday, May 15th, 7:30 pm, at Temple Adath Israel. Please plan to attend this very important meeting as we reveal the details of this fabulous new program for 11th and 12th Graders. If you can not make the meeting, but want to find out more, please call Rabbi Cohen.

"BLINTZES AND TORAH" SPECIAL SHAVUOT PROGRAM

Join us on Monday evening, May 28th at 6:00 pm, as we celebrate the holiday of Shavuot with prayer, study, food, and song. We will begin with the Mincha service for the Festival afternoon, followed by a light Blintze dinner and Torah study sessions. We will end the evening (by about 9 pm) with the brief Ma'ariv service, welcoming in the second day of Shavuot. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity for learning and fun.

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NEW IMPROVED OZS WEBSITE!!

Do you know that most of your questions can be answered by going to the NEW OZS WEBSITE? The address has remained the same (<http://ozs.org>) but the look has changed! Have a look and let us know what YOU think!

YOUTH RECOGNITION SHABBAT AT OZS

Everyone is invited to celebrate with us as we honor our Youth during the Shabbat Evening Service on May 18th. We will celebrate with our High School Seniors as they prepare for graduation, honor our 10th Grade students who have completed the Midrasa program, and recognize all those who are preparing to attend USY Summer Programs in Israel, Keshet Kentucky, Camp Ramah and other Jewish Summer Camps. Don't miss out on this special Shabbat of Celebration!

**Mishpaha Shabbat is the last
Friday night service of every
month at OZS. This month's
service will be Friday, May 25th
at 6:00 p.m.**

**The Not-So-Talmud Discussion
Group will meet Sunday, May 20
at 9:30 a.m.**

Adult Education Opportunities at OZS:

Beginning Hebrew - every Sunday 10:15 - 11:00 a.m. at OZS

The Mitzvot of Community - 2nd and 4th Sundays each month 11:10 - 11:45 a.m.

END OF SUMMER RUMMAGE SALE Planned for Sunday, August 26th

OZS/Outside

**Mark your calendar now and
start putting aside items**

**Alexandra Domatov
Bat Mitzvah
Ohavay Zion
Synagogue
June 2, 2001**



Gan Shalom Parents Feel it is "One of the Best"

Our son is finishing the year at Gan Shalom day school, and I thought that I would like to share with you our observations of the program.

Zachary has attended other programs and we find Gan Shalom to be one of the best. The teachers are caring and dedicated. Each week the program excites us more and more. I can not say enough about Ms. Rakes and the wonderful job she has done with the children.

Zachary has been able to bond with other Jewish children in a way that would be impossible in just Hebrew School or Sunday School classes. They live a Jewish experience which is difficult to accomplish in a non-Jewish society.

We will continue to support Gan Shalom after Zachary moves on. I would recommend that anyone that has the chance stop by and see what our Synagogue is doing for the preschool Jewish children.

Mark and Dianne Schneider

Temple Adath Israel News



TAI and OZS introduce "Senior Chai"

an opportunity for continuing
education for 11th and 12th graders

On May 15th, at 7:30 PM, at TAI,

Rabbis Cohen and Adland, will hold a meeting with students entering 11th and 12th grades and their parents to discuss the new Senior Chai program. This new educational opportunity is a result of a joint Temple/Synagogue task force.

The thrust of the program is an informal opportunity to study relevant topics with Rabbis Adland and Cohen. The class will meet about 12 times during the year in various homes on Wednesdays evenings from 6:30-8 PM. Dinner will be first and then study.

*This program has the support of the
Central Kentucky Jewish Federation*

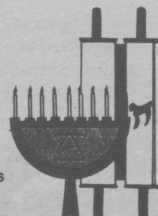
My name is Rachel Heller and for my Mitzvah project for my Bat Mitzvah, I am collecting items for the Dialysis Clinics in Lexington. I have a box in the Temple hallway where you can drop off your donated items. Items that are needed are:

- * paperback books
- * Large print books
- * Back scratchers
- * Dove soap
- * Small packets/bottles Lubriderm
- * Small pill boxes
- * Small pillows
- * Light weight blankets
- * "Stress" balls (for hand exercise)

Any help collecting these items for the Dialysis patients would be appreciated.

Rachel

We invite you to share
a proud and special moment
as we celebrate with joy
the Bat Mitzvah of our daughter
Rachel Lauren



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Mindy & Jeff Heller

Kiddush Luncheon will follow the service
Rachel will also lead services Friday evening at
half past seven

Kollel Study & Havdalah

On May 19, the Kollel Study group will meet for a session at 4 pm followed by Havdalah. All Temple members welcome.

Finding A Jewish Path...Continues with Larry Kant

Larry Kant will continue the series Finding A Jewish Path... All sessions will be held on Sundays at 10 am. The final date for this series is:

May 13

If you enjoyed the first series of these discussions, then plan to attend the continuing series on Sunday mornings.

Sisterhood Closing Program

May 16, 2001 • 6 pm

TAI Sisterhood will hold their closing program on Wednesday, May 16 at 6 p.m.

The program will be a Circle of Service Candlelight Dinner.

Cost per person is \$10 and will be a catered dinner. Gentlemen are invited to attend.

Please RSVP to the Temple office with your check for \$10 by Monday, May 14, 2001. Hope to see you there.

Confirmation Service May 27, 2001

The annual Erev Shavuot/Confirmation Service will be held this year on May 27, 2001 at 7:30 PM. There are nine members in the class. The class members invite the entire Temple community to join them at the service and to celebrate with them on this special day.

Members of the Confirmation Class of 2001-5761 are:

Joshua Adland
son of Rabbi Jon & Sandy Adland

John Hart Cole
son of John & Faith Cole

Bennet Goldstein
son of Dr. Steven & Susan Goldstein

Cody Lonsbury
son of Ilyse Lonsbury

Ben McDonald
son of Beth Glazier &
son of John McDonald

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A day of studying Torah through various
modalities including worship, music, art,
storytelling, drama, cooking, Israeli Dance, and
Jewish Games

DATE: Friday, June 1st

PLACE: Temple Adath Israel

TIME: 9:00AM-noon (for entering 4 year old class)

9:00AM-3:00PM (for entering kindergarten
through entering 5th grade)

COST: \$5.00/child for materials fee

WHAT TO BRING: Sack lunch & drink (K-5th grade only)

To register your child(ren), fill out the form below and return it with the registration fee (payable to TAI) to: Temple Adath Israel, 124 North Ashland Avenue, Lexington, KY 40502 by May 30th.

(*A second session is currently in the planning stage for July 27th. Please call Sandy Adland or Toni Reiss at 269-2979 if you would like to help in any way with this exciting project!)

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