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Gift of Israel program increases in numbers

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Kushner lecture and patron dinner inspires lasting memories!

THE DINNER...

by Evelyn Dantzic Geller

The evening of November 6, 1997 will live long, and most fondly, in my memory. It marked the first major event ever co-sponsored by the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation and a prominent Christian church, the First Presbyterian Church.

Admittedly, the event was not planned as a joint venture. Its evolution into this format came about serendipitously. Completely independently, both Reverend Jeb Magruder and I asked Rabbi Harold Kushner if he would be interested in speaking in Lexington. His response was "yes," and we were off!



Beth Engel bestows a hug to Rabbi Kushner from her sister Linda, an avid fan of his books.

Photo by Doug Hall

THE LECTURE...by Holly Barnhill

Not everyone could address a room full of Christians and Jews, talk about religion, and then leave them laughing. Rabbi Harold Kushner, renown author and lecturer, did just that on his recent visit to Lexington.

Kushner said, "The Jews are waiting for the Messiah to come and the Christians are waiting for his return. Why don't we just wait until he comes and ask him if he's been here before."

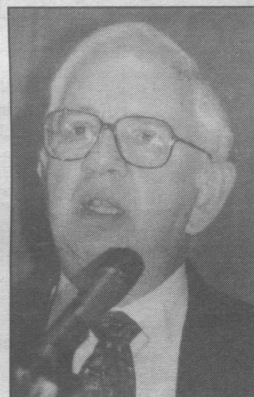
Kushner described his new book, *How Good Do We Have to Be?* as being about a commonality among all religions--guilt. "Guilt is to the Jews what oil is to the Arabs--a major source of energy," quipped the Rabbi.

All religions also offer many ways of working off guilt, such as good deeds (mitzvahs) or giving financial assistance to worthy causes.

Shame is a different story. Rabbi Kushner said feeling bad about yourself is a difficult problem. We need acceptance

from others to overcome these negative feelings.

For example, support



Rabbi Kushner

Photo by Harold Roth

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Patrons Vinnie and Lou Dubilier

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As patrons, we were favored with dinner on stage! Patrons were ushered onto the stage for appetizers and pre-dinner conversation with our guest speaker and one another. We

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Dr. Ruth Milanaik was wed to **Michael Goldman**, August 24, 1997 in New York City. **Dr. Milanaik** received her degree in May of 1997. She is also the niece of **Bruce Engel**.

Kevin & Ann Freund on the birth of their daughter, **Kathryn Dagny**, on October 21, 1997.

Sandra Dubilier & Victor Meyerowitz, on their marriage November 2, 1997. Sandra is the daughter of **Lou & Vinnie Dubilier**.

Gerald & Angela Dubilier, on the birth of their twins, **Gabrielle Elizabeth** and **Alexander Samuel**, on September 11, 1997. Gerald is the son of **Lou & Vinnie Dubilier**.

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The President's Message

by

Evelyn Dantzic Geller

Happy Birthday??

Before we know it, 1998 will be upon us. For Jews the world over, the significance of this year is that it marks the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel; of the Jewish homeland. In 1948, after millennia of dispersion; after countless efforts by innumerable national and religious entities to obliterate the Jewish people; we finally would be safe in a land of our own. Israel's existence not only validated the Jewish presence among the community of nations, it also was to stand as a unifying force within the world Jewish community.

Today, many Jews do not remember a time when there was no Israel. Some Jews even say that they see no need for a Jewish state or a state for Jews--and there is a difference. Most Jews, however, continue their financial, educational, emotional, spiritual, and physical support of Jews in Israel and the diaspora who are in need. We furnish this support as one way of honoring our commitment to the ideal of our being "Am Ehad," one nation. Among the principals who arrange for the provision of this support are the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) and the Jewish Agency; both of which are major beneficiaries of the funds we contribute to the United Jewish Appeal Campaign.

But we now are confronted by what is to me a truly dreadful reality. Israel, our Jewish national home, the land which was to serve as the focal point of our unity as a people, has become a focal point for divisiveness among our people. Actually, it is not the land per se which divides us. Rather, it is the actions of some among us which generates fear and dissension among many of us. I speak of the attempts by members of some far right wing religious parties in Israel to invalidate the identity of most of us as Jews. By virtue of my last message, you know how abhorrent their efforts are to me. What bothers me equally is the impact that their behavior and statements can have on the contributions being made to central Kentucky's joint UJA/CKJF campaign and on the support by the Jewish community of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation's plans for a "Really Big" region wide, multifaceted celebration of Israel's fiftieth birthday in 1998.

On a personal basis, I entreat you to bear with your CKJF Board, your Executive Director, and your campaign committee while they work out ways to continue to support the JDC and to funnel money into Israeli social, educational, health care, and other institutions which are sponsored by secular Jewish groups, and by Reform and Conservative Jews. We are listening to your concerns over the Jewish Agency's apportionment of funds, and are looking for alternatives to the current Bylaws driven allocation policy. Please don't penalize the people of Israel--and Jews still in lands of oppression--for the hard-hearted and hard-headed actions of one group. Continue your generosity of spirit and of pocket and dig deep for the rest of the 1997 and for the soon-to-be 1998 campaigns.

In the same spirit of generosity, I ask you to respond positively when we solicit your help in planning and effecting the year-long celebration of Israel's fiftieth birthday. We will be kicking off the "party" at CKJF's annual Chanukah party in 1997. During 1998, we will highlight a giant celebration in May. In addition we are planning ancillary events in the spring and fall, as well as presenting Israel as a central theme for our summer day camp, Camp Shalom. Whatever our feelings about the current government of Israel, I ask you to remember that the Jews of central Kentucky are one with the people of Israel. Let all of us join together in celebration of the auspicious anniversary of the rebirth of our nation. Volunteer and make this festivity THE event of the year for Lexington.

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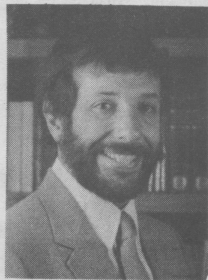
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"DEFINING REFORM & CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM"



The Reform Viewpoint

by Rabbi Jonathan Adland

What is Reform Judaism? On one level, Reform Judaism is the first Jewish movement born in the age of enlightenment. Reform Judaism was the modern Jews response to this age of enlightenment over and against what became known as Orthodox Judaism. Rejecting the rigidity of Torah Judaism, modern Jews sought venues to enter into the

world around them by looking at the rules of Jewish life and modifying those rules. On another level, Reform Judaism is each Jew's personal response to the history, tradition, values, celebrations, observances, and rules of Jewish life. Being a Reform Jew means having a sense of autonomy within the world of Judaism.

Reform Judaism today is not what it was a half century or even a quarter century ago. Reform Judaism is active in evolving and changing to meet the practical and spiritual demands of its membership. For example, where the ritual of Jewish life was discarded or

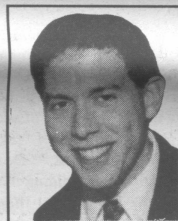
downplayed by the early Reformers, ritual is critical to and a part of many Reform Jewish lives today. Most Reform Jewish congregations are involved with the study of Torah and to a lesser extent Talmud. Reform Judaism encourages the study and use of Hebrew, the observance of Bar/Bat Mitzvah, as well as the Confirmation ceremony. Jewish tradition is seen practiced in more Reform congregations all the time.

The way I like to describe Reform Judaism is in the

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The Conservative Viewpoint

by Rabbi Eric R. Slaton



Conservative Judaism is viewed as the "middle child" of the three major Modern Movements. Like modern Reform and Orthodox Judaism, Conservative Judaism traces its origins to 19th century Germany. Rabbi Zacharias Frankel, called for some moderate change in Jewish law.

In 1880 the majority of American Jews were not Orthodox. The more moderate Reformers did not feel comfortable with those advocating radical reforms. In 1883 at the banquet celebrating the first graduation of Rabbis from the Hebrew Union College, the moderates walked out when treif was served, though the meal was to have been kosher.

Later, when the Central Conference of American Rabbis met in Pittsburgh in 1885 and formulated the Pittsburgh Platform, which declared that "all such Mosaic and rabbinical laws as

regulate diet, priestly purity, and dress, [are] apt rather to obstruct than to further modern spiritual elevations," and that, "we do not consider ourselves a nation, but a religious community, and therefore expect neither a return to Palestine" the moderates decided to go their separate ways.

This group included traditional Sephardic Jews and moderate reformers. They founded a school, called the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1885. In 1913, the chancellor of the Seminary, Rabbi Solomon Schechter established The United Synagogue of America (now The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism) to reach out to all Jews who were willing to remain open to the role that Jewish law can play in their lives, and who understand that the Jewish people have always had a say in the development of Jewish law.

Schechter taught that Judaism is the spiritual expression of the Jewish people, and that observance of Halacha, that is Jewish law, is the best way Jews express ourselves spiritually and live up to the covenant. Conservative Judaism was especially successful at reaching the millions of Jews from Eastern Europe who wanted to live as Jews and modern Americans.

The challenge of maintaining a balance between modernity and three thousand years of Jewish law and tradition makes the Conservative Movement one that is never at rest, but one that is constantly struggling and redefining itself.

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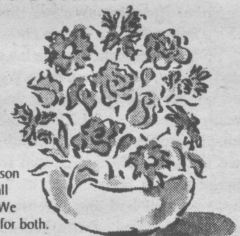
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mold of a cafeteria. On this cafeteria line, every choice is a Jewish choice and every choice is a healthy choice. No matter what the Reform Jew chooses from this Jewish cafeteria line to make a part of his/her life, the choice is a good one. The cafeteria is always open for more choices to enhance the spiritual life of the Reform Jew.

Yet, what it all boils down to is the moment on Mt. Sinai when God stood ready to give the Torah to Moses. Reform Judaism does not take this moment literally. We see this story as the way our people chose to portray the creation of the laws and rules of the community. We do not see it as a something that really happened as depicted in the chapter in *Exodus*. As a result, we are granted the freedom to make up our own minds as to how we will live and celebrate our Jewish lives. Reform Jews look for the spirit of the law and not the letter of the law.

The United States has long been a haven for people seeking freedom from religious persecution. In fact, it is such an important and valued right that religious freedom is guaranteed by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. The First Amendment provides for the separation of church and state and prevents government interference in religious practices.

In May of 1997, Congressman Ernest Istook (R-OK) introduced the "Religious Freedom" Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. This amendment would permit government-sponsored prayer and public funding of religious institutions. It would pose a serious threat to religious liberty and tolerance by weaken-

ing the crucial separation between church and state.

While private, voluntary religious practices in public places are currently protected by the First Amendment, the "Religious Freedom" Amendment would permit the government to endorse and organize religious activities such as prayer in public schools and other public places. Ultimately, this bill could lead to the coercion of religious minorities in classrooms, courthouses and government offices.

The "Religious Freedom" Amendment would also allow the government to provide funding to religious institutions. This would permit the government to become directly involved in particular religious

activities and to regulate and interfere in them. Thus, taxpayers would be forced to support particular religious institutions even if the funded institutions do not promote an individual taxpayer's religious beliefs.

Hadassah is a long-standing supporter of strict church-state separation and religious liberty. We are extremely concerned about the ramifications of this legislation both for the Jewish community and for other religious and non-religious groups throughout the nation. Hadassah is currently part of a broad, national coalition comprised of numerous religious, civil liberties and educational organizations that vigorously oppose this bill.

ACTION NEEDED:

Call, write, or fax your Representatives and Senators urging them to oppose the "Religious Freedom" Amendment. To contact your Representative or Senators, call the capitol Switchboard at: (202) 224-3121.

Form a coalition with local religious, civil liberties and educational groups to oppose the "Religious Freedom" Amendment.

Please send copies of your correspondence or a record of your calls to the National American Affairs/Domestic Policy Department at 50 West 58 Street, NY, NY 10019.

Editorial

Ho... Oy Vay, Ho!

Ho, Ho, Ho, it's not, not, not! That's my poetic way of summing up what Christmas means to Jews, especially for Jews who are also parents.

Jews are always getting the short end of the holiday stick. We must fight the traffic, send Christmas cards to business associates (unless you work for a Jewish organization), gain weight (you can't turn down ALL those holiday goodies your co-workers bring into the office), and last, but not least, keep your children from feeling left out or deprived because they don't celebrate Christmas.

The problem of assimilating Jewish children into a largely Christian environment during the the Christmas season is arguably one of the most difficult issues to resolve. Schools, you know those "safe havens" where you send your children every week day to learn reading, writing and 'rithmetic, continue to be a source of difficulty for many Jewish parents.

The problem is not the other children, it's their parents, and/or an occasional teacher or two. These "learned" adults have a holiday tradition of accusing the Jewish families of "taking away their Christmas." Don't waste your time explaining these people to the kids. Tell them to feel sorry for people whose entire holiday is based on a few songs sung and some decorations hung during and at their child's school.

Also, don't try to go one-on-one with the commercialization of the holiday. A Blue Fir strung with white lights and adorned with dreidels does not constitute a "Hanukkah bush," it's still a pseudo-Christmas tree. I hate to think of what some of us would hang by the fire, albeit with care.

Hanukkah does share one similarity with Christmas--the presents. Whereas, the gift giving has gone overboard for both holidays, it does afford the Jewish family a way to alleviate some of the guilt parents may have about the holiday season.

Another way Jews may benefit during Christmas is by getting together with family and friends. Jews may take advantage of the general acceptance of vacation time during December to visit family and friends. You don't have to have Christmas to have a family reunion.

Also, by participating in social gatherings, Jewish families may share in the feelings of good will and good cheer. However a word of warning, don't get caught up in the joys of stress, loneliness, and depression that cause the suicide rate to spike this time of year.

The true answer, is to not consider the Jewish issue a once-a-year thing. Being Jewish is a year-round identity. Send that message to your children. Celebrate all the Jewish holidays with great zeal. Make Judaism a strong and positive part of your life throughout the year. Then by December you won't feel so trapped by all the strings of lights, wreaths, and men in red suits that surround you.

There are no easy answers, nor are there any right or wrong answers. Different things work for different people. Whatever works for you, I wish you Happy Hanukkah or Merry Christmas (whichever applies)! For those of you who have solved the "December Dilemma," remember to wear sun block, the Florida sun can be very strong this time of year.

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groups allow an individual to reveal their "shameful secrets" to others who understand and still accept you, despite these secrets.

Rabbi Kushner also suggested to "choose happiness over righteousness." This means to forgive, but not necessarily to forget, the transgressions of others. Letting go of resentment and anger is good for you, while harboring resentment hurts you, not the offender.

Kushner advised parents to come to terms with the differences between the child they always envisioned vs. the child they actually have. Appreciate all your children for who they are, don't degrade them for what they are not.

As an example, Kushner described the praise parents give children when they take their first steps. Parents would never scold their toddler for falling down after a few precious steps. This praise should not end as children

grow up.

The lecture also included the Rabbi's interpretation of the story of Adam and Eve. He acquainted Adam and Eve as the "Biblical account of evolution."

Kushner said God made man as a combination of the animals and himself. Eating the apple was not a sin, but the evolution of man's acceptance of working for a living and a woman's responsibility for bearing children. Though birth can be painful, the joy of birth far exceeds the pain.

Kushner points out that only in the New Testament are Adam and Eve referred to as "the original sin." Children and work are actually ways for man to accept his mortality because both live on after you die.

Rabbi Kushner's lecture was co-sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church and the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation.

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then were seated, served a delicious meal, and treated to a special presentation by Rabbi Kushner. After his speech, Rabbi Kushner graciously answered questions. Things were so comfortable that it was difficult getting people off stage so the Center staff could set up for the Rabbi's main address.

The venture was a success from every vantage point. First off, our speaker was magnificent. In *Shalom* you will also read about Rabbi Kushner's lecture to the general public. I will not attempt to summarize his presentation to those attending the patron's dinner. I will marvel at the ease with which Rabbi Kushner addressed some of the aspects of religion to which all of



Patrons Jack Miller and Sandy Heymann with Rabbi Kushner

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(L to R) CKJF Program Coordinator Kim Slaton with Patrons Susan Caller and Sanford Archer

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us, Jew and Gentile, attest. He got us thinking about factors which could serve to draw us together as members of the human race who are believers in G-d. We were fortunate, indeed, that he chose to honor us with his presence and his words.

I want to thank all of the generous patrons who attended the pre-lecture dinner. Your warm reception of Rabbi Kushner went far in making him feel welcome. Just as important was your financial support of this undertaking. Without your magnanimity, the charitable ends of this lecture could not have been realized.

My gratitude to the staff and volunteers who effected the evening's happenings is boundless. Too often we attend functions and enthuse about the event without giving much thought to the labors of a group of special

people whose time, energy, and effort enable us to enjoy ourselves and the program. At the risk of not mentioning everyone, I will mention those people whom I recall are responsible for the success of the evening. Our sincerest

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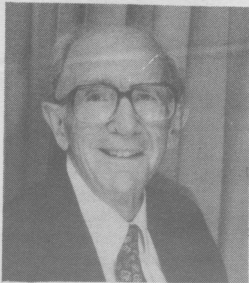
This was a great evening. The response to the venture and to the speaker has all been positive. We hope that the next such outing will draw continued support from our community.



Patrons Susan Caller, Walter May, Ann Render, and Steve Caller

Photo by Doug Hall

FEATURE



What's in a Name?

by Michael E. Adelstein

You know Shakespeare's contention: A rose by any other name would smell as sweet. Yes, indeed. But there's much in a name. Some races can recognize one another by their skin color. Jews, on the other hand, generally can recognize one another by their names.

Note that sneaky word "generally." There's Abbey Cohen, the Jewish Wall Street guru and William Cohen, Secretary of Defense, who's not Jewish. And therein, as I see it, lies the problem.

Jews can't always tell who's Jewish and who's not from their names.

As a result, Jews have difficulty in taking pride in the accomplishments of fellow Jews.

I contend that Jews have made incredible contributions to world civilization and culture, out of all proportion to their numbers. The last figure I saw indicated that Jews made up less than 1% of the world's population and a little over 1% of the U.S. population. Seldom have so few contributed so much.

But generally, there is little pride among Jews. One reason may be the failure to trumpet Jewish accomplishments. The silence about Jewish achievements may in part be attributed to a strategy devised by some Jewish leaders. They felt that Jews should lie low, not calling attention to themselves or their

accomplishments. Anti-Semitism, it was contended, resulted from envy or jealousy of the Jews. Publicity would feed the belief that Jews were taking over Main Street, Wall Street, and Pennsylvania Avenue.

But in keeping quiet about Jewish accomplishments, Jews have failed to develop the pride that other minority groups seek. Children grow up without recognizing Jewish heroes. And there are "heroes" aplenty in many fields. It boggles the mind to think about them.

One of the major recent historical social changes in our country and the world has been the rise of women. And one of the great leaders in this movement for equality has been Jewess Betty Friedan, whose book *The Feminine Mystique* ignited women's second revolution, the first being the suffrage movement that won the vote in 1920.

One of the great new American art forms is the musical, which has been presented on the stage and in film. Here Jews have been prominent with Richard Rodgers, Oscar Hammerstein, Lawrence Hat, and Steve Sondheim coming quickly to mind.

And, of course, there were the great Jewish songsmiths: the Gershwins, Irving Caesar (who wrote one of my favorites, "Tea for Two"), Cole Porter, Harold Arlen, Jerome Kern, and others. Irving Berlin, a Jewish composer, wrote two of our nation's most popular songs: ironically, the Christmas favorite, "A

White Christmas," and the most singable national anthem, "God Bless America."

While on the subject of music, I can think of many Jewish greats, such as Leonard Bernstein, Bernstein's teacher Serge Koussevitzky, Jascha Heifetz, Aaron Copland, Isaac Stern, and Itzhak Perlman, most of them widely known as Jews.

Interestingly, Jewish authors are also easily identified as such because they often write about the Jewish experience. Consequently many people are aware that Saul Bellow, Philip Roth, Bernard Malamud, Norman Mailer, Arthur Miller, Neil Simon, Herman Wouk, and Chaim Potok are Jewish authors.

Then there were the great Jewish literary and social critics, known as the New York intellectuals, who included among their members such pundits as Irving Howe, Alfred Kazin, Lionel Trilling, and Norman Podhoretz.

Some of these men taught in the universities where Jewish faculty members were becoming more numerous, as they are at the University of Kentucky. But it took a while before Jews became presidents of leading American universities. Then it happened in the Ivy League schools of Dartmouth, Columbia, Penn, Harvard, and Princeton.

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who gave their names to their stores and businesses: Magnin, Filene, Gimbel, Macy, Bloomingdale, Neiman-Marcus, and Hart, Schaffer, and Marx.

But the real surprise came when a Jew, Irving Shapiro, was appointed president of DuPont. Usually, anti-Semitism was prevalent in corporate America. But the appointment of Shapiro, who had refused to change his name or his Jewish affiliations, to the position as head of one of the great American

corporations opened the floodgates to other Jews who rose to prominence in executive positions.

In more public view were Jews associated with the film industry. There were the Hollywood moguls who pioneered in the industry--Sam Goldwyn, Louis Mayer, David Selznick, the Warner Brothers, and Adolph Zukor. Today, the best known Hollywood Jewish names are actors and/or directors Woody Allen, Steven Spielberg, and Barbra Streisand. But film

history will also give a prominent place to the Marx Brothers, Al Jolson, Mel Brooks, and Edward G. Robinson.

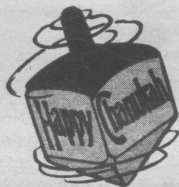
This article is becoming a listing of names and probably boring you by now. I could go on and on to talk about the Supreme Court, figures in sports (boxing and baseball mainly), science, government, medicine, journalism, and other fields. And I have mentioned in a previous article that about one-sixth of the prestigious Nobel Prize awards have

been given to Jews.

What got me started on all this? Recently, I read Arthur Schlesinger Jr.'s full page tribute in *Newsweek* to Sir Isaiah Berlin, a British philosopher, who had died. Berlin was called a giant in 20th century thought, specializing in the history of political ideas and the concept of liberty. For sixty years he had served as lecturer, professor, and president at Oxford and had been invited to speak at leading universities throughout the world. He was

knighted for his intellectual contributions in 1957 and was given the coveted Order of Merit by Queen Elizabeth in 1971.

In my ignorance, I had never heard of this world famous Jew. How many more Jewish giants in their fields are there who are unknown to Jews today, either because we do not know them or we do not know they are Jews? And how might greater pride in their accomplishments contribute to our feelings of being proud to be Jews?



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FEATURE

The Jews: Many Faces in Many Places

by Mark Luckens

The Jews are an ancient folk. Of all the ancient peoples and civilizations which arose and flourished in the fertile crescent and beyond, only the Jews have retained their identity to the present. With the possible exception of the Chinese, Jews are the only ancient people who have survived as a recognizable group on this planet.

What is the secret of Jewish survival? To say that it lies in a common history, heritage, and fate is inadequate. Records of ancient peoples (long gone) show similar characteristics, (plus never having been dispersed from their homeland) yet they are no longer with us.

I would suggest that the longevity of the Jewish people lies in their egalitarian, moral, and ethical monotheist religion. Their faith is characterized by a revolutionary concept that there is:

1. A creating G-d, not a created G-d, who is One, Unique, Incorporeal, Infinite, Indivisible, beyond time and space—Eternal.

2. The cosmos and all its components—from energy to matter, from galactic systems to the most elementary particles, from the inanimate to the animate, from the simplest atoms, molecules, and compounds to the most complex organisms, as well as their interactions and governance—all form an elegant, dynamic system; created and sustained by Divine Will.

3. The Eternal, the Master Craftsperson, like all artists and artisans, loves, cares for, and is concerned with all of His creation.

4. Each human being has a role to play, beyond preserving a strand of DNA. This function is to participate actively in perfecting society; to promote peaceful and harmonious social discourse and equitable order; to maintain a sustainable (non-destructive) societal and physical environment.

5. The relations between the Eternal and humans is covenantal. Each plays an active and dynamic role. Human beings are more than automata. They

have free will. Being sapient creatures, they are expected to use their intelligence to ask questions and seek answers, as well as make choices.

What is the Deity's role? The French have an answer: "Heaven helps those who help themselves." The Jewish answer is with a question: "How much G-d will you allow?" Both responses tell us something about the psyche of the people involved.

This revolutionary concept is both intellectually appealing and emotionally satisfying. It has had an intense and long-lasting hold on the Jewish people. It has remained strong among large numbers of those who have had little or no contact with Judaism for millennia.

Over the past 150 years, there has been a revival of identification with Judaism among secular and marginal Jews, as well as among the descendants of those who have abjured Judaism. Judaizing sects among Christians have existed since the earliest days of Christianity.

The appeal of Judaic teaching (Torah, Talmud, Midrash, and Responsa) has become the basis of the faith of more than half the world's population through the agency of Christianity and Islam. The former stems directly from an apocalyptic sect of Judaism during the first century, the latter is based on Judaic teaching. This is acknowledged by such terminology as: "the Judeo-Christian-Islamic Tradition" and "the Abrahamic Faiths." (The Sikh faith is an outgrowth of Hinduism and monotheism. The Bah'i evolved from Islam. The Seventh Day Adventist are Christians who observe the Sabbath and are vegetarians; so are the Subotniki. The Unitarian-Universalists are an outgrowth of Christianity, as well.)

The universal appeal of Judaism's anti-authoritative democratic message, as well as social justice and the equality of all people, has been accepted as the norm of civilized international discourse.

Though the principles of Judaism have been accepted worldwide both as religious and as secular articles of faith, its

practice has been harassed in Christian, Islamic, and atheistic lands. Throughout the Hispanic world there are groups secretly practicing the Judaic faith (marraños, conversos or vestigial Judaic rituals). Among the descendants of the old aristocratic families many describe themselves, proudly, as "hijos Judiantes."

There are crypto-Jews in both Spain and Portugal to this day. Marranos are to be found in the American Southwest. It should be noted that these Jews came to and settled in what is now the United States in the Sixteenth century, long before the Mayflower landed or Roanoke settled.

Conservative estimates place the number of crypto-Jews, worldwide at 50-70 million. They range from groups who profess and practice Robbinic/Israelite liturgy and customs, in varying degrees, to those who practice vestigial elements of the faith. Others actively preserve the centuries-old tradition that they are the descendants of the dispersed, ten northern Israelite tribes. There are others, that are

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Jewish Family Services

by Mollye Schwab



Jewish Family Services is a regular column in *Shalom* that is intended to reflect personal and family situations that may provide information and resources to readers in the community. It is intended to provide general information, but it may not necessarily relate to all readers. Letters and phone calls to the JFS column are welcome and can be sent to Jewish Family Services, 340 Romany Road, Lexington, KY 40502; or call (606) 269-8244.

The December Dilemma

Some people refer to this time of year, "the holiday season" as magical, some refer to it as very busy and hectic, others have mixed feelings about this time of year. I don't think that many would argue however that this season is a very alluring time of year. The houses and yards adorned with festive decorations and lights, the energetic activity in the shopping malls, and the stores reeking of potpourri and baked goods can make it difficult to refuse the festivities and energy. That in itself, however, can produce a good deal of excitement and confusion for Jews, especially children. It is often called the December Dilemma.

Children are especially enticed by the festivities of the season; the idea of a Christmas tree to decorate and that jolly little man bringing lots of presents to open sure sounds like fun. Traditionally, Christmas is not only a time of year for presents and feasts, but a time for family gatherings and good will. That can be enticing to people of all ages. So...what's a Jew to do?

It may be helpful to consider this time of year as a time to look into ourselves and come to terms with who we are and what our beliefs are. It can be a time of year that provides an opportunity for parents to teach and reinforce their beliefs and help children to do the same.

This time of year calls upon parents to carry out their responsibility of reinforcing the beliefs of Judaism to their children. This responsibility is present at all times of the year, but this time of year can be especially important in the clarification of values for the child. It is important for parents to enforce boundaries of religious practice and to teach children their religion. Children may not understand why they cannot, or should not participate in the Christmas activities in school or in the neighborhood, but if the boundaries are enforced and communication is accompanied with those boundaries, they will be understood and even appreciated at an older age.

When a family is rooted in the Jewish faith, celebrating Hanukkah and other Jewish holidays, children will not feel the need to compete with the Christian world around them nor to compensate.¹ However, there are some families that believe Christmas can be celebrated as a secular holiday and actually have a "Hanukkah bush." "But to do this is to distort reality and insult both Hanukkah and Christmas...the ever-green (of a Christmas tree) symbolizes the resurrection and immortality of Jesus, and the wood represents the cross on which Jesus was crucified."²

Additional suggestions in dealing with this December Dilemma and children is to avoid comparing Christmas and Hanukkah. Both holidays usually have presents involved but they are completely separate in spiritual meaning. Comparing the two may only lead the child to be in competition with his Christian neighbor.

Most importantly, talk. Talk to children about their feelings and the questions they may have. Talk is always a way to better understand situations and people. Talk is also very important for interfaith couples/families and their extended families in helping to deal with the December Dilemma.

Hopefully, through self-evaluation, talk and teaching, one can gain a powerful sense of religious and spiritual identity during this "holiday season" and can relay this to their children. Better yet, one can gain sincere respect for their Christian neighbor and the season can be a spiritual and joyous one for all.

¹Practical Parenting, Gail Josephson Lipsitz

²Coping with Santa Claus, Warren and Rebecca Boroson, *Jewish Living*, November-December 1979.

This column is for informational purposes to the readers of *Shalom*. For other personal and confidential requests for services, contact the JFS office, 340 Romany Road, Lexington, or call (606) 269-8244.

FEATURE

POLITICALLY UNDERAGE



by Leah Biel

As midterms are averaged up, I want to write this month about GRADES. I can hear some of you groaning, but humor me.

It has come to my attention that grades do not have the value that they used to have. Some of my friends who used to get 4.0, for example, now are satisfied if they get C's and D's.

Apathy is a big thing in my school now. Students think that it's cool to not care about work. These are the kids who get the jobs at McDonald's and Wal-Mart. I don't mean the people who work there for extra money.

In closing, I want to say that even though Einstein failed math and became a genius, you most likely won't be the same way.

But that's just my opinion....

Leah, the daughter of Michael and Sheila Biel, is in the eighth grade at Bath County Middle School.

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the remnants of refugees from the Judeo-Roman wars. Many have been resident in their host countries much longer than the present inhabitants. Their common denominator is the intense, almost mystical, belief in the unity and providence of G-d.

Crypto-Jews are to be found in Spain (Baderic Islands), Portugal, as well as throughout the world: including North Africa, the Sahara and sub-Saharan, East and West Africa, and South Africa, Asia Minor, and the Mid-East. Secret Jews are to be found throughout central Asia, India, Pakistan, Kashmir, China, Burma, the Spice Islands of Indonesia, and the Philippines.

Many wish to return to their ancestral faith. Others prefer to remain (where they are) practicing a Syncretic Judaic faith. Still others simply wish to learn about their origins. If the known number of practicing Jews was included in the world's Jewish population that number would dramatically increase to 64-89 million Jewish souls!!!!

In Muslim lands, where the Jews arrived about a thousand

years before Islam, there are secret Jews (Jedid-al-Islam). A large part of one nation and clans and tribes of Jedidim-al-Islam, as well as openly practicing Jews, have ancient traditions tracing themselves to the ten northern tribes of Israel who were dispersed in 721 BCE (2718 years ago). These people are to be found from the Caucasus and Trans-Caucasus across central Asia to Iran, Iraq, India, Sri Lanka and China, Burma, Southeast Asia, and the Spice Islands.

China had at least one active synagogue of Chinese Jews as recently as 130 years ago. There is more to these traditions than only legend. Many of these people have secret Hebrew Biblical names. Some include Israelite tribal names and clans in their patronyms. Most participate in actual residual Judaic rituals. On the Sino-Tibetan border there is a large group who make sacrifices reminiscent of those in ancient Israel.

Jews have been active participants in and contributors to world progress from the Bronze

Age to the Space Age. Their unique monotheism have been seminal, innovative and productive in the development of moral, ethical, social, and religious thought, as well as philosophy and scientific inquiry and advance. Their religion with its insistence on the basic unity and order in the universe is crucial to the advance of science and human progress. Historians of science, technology, and philosophy have noted that the number of prominent and creative thinkers and producers have been out of all purport, on to the absolute number of Jews. This has also been found to be the case in literature, music, and the arts.

Mark Luckens is emeritus professor of toxicology and pharmacology at the College of Pharmacy as well as founder and co-director of what is now the Graduate Center for Toxicology at the University of Kentucky. He has studied crypto, exotic, and endangered Jewish communities throughout the world for more than 40 years.

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Latke Party & Havdalah

Lexington Theological Seminary

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5:30 PM

Saturday, January 17

Shabbat Morning Service

Lexington Hearing & Speech Center

162 North Ashland Avenue

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10:00 AM

Tuesday, February 10

Tu B'Shevat Seder

Lexington Hearing & Speech Center

162 North Ashland Avenue

7:00 PM

Many who have spent Chanukah in Israel know that soufganiyot, or doughnuts, are abundant and delicious, fresh from the oven. In the United States, however, potato pancakes are the most popular Chanukah food. Better known by their Yiddish name, latkes, they are called fasptshes or pontshkes by some Ashkenazim, and in Israel, levivot.

Though my family considers latkes the main course, small ones can be served as an appetizer. Both latkes and soufganiyot are eaten on Chanukah because they are fried in oil. Olive oil symbolizes the miracle of the cruse of oil in The Temple, in the days of the Maccabees, which lasted for eight days instead of one.

In honor of this tradition, The Lexington Havurah will feature a latke contest and a home-made applesauce contest at its annual latke party. Competition will be keen! Everyone is invited to join us for services and other programs.

If you wish additional information please call Judy Baumann, 223-1299 or Ernie Cohen, 272 1459. You can also get updated information at our web site: www.uscj.org/ohio/lexhavurah

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December 1997

Kislev - Tevet 5758

December 5-6, Kislev 7
Shabbat Va-Yetze
MIRIAM ROSS BAT MITZVAH

Friday Evening 8:00 pm
Bima Rick Zimmerman
Oneg Jessica & Terence Ross, in honor of
Miriam's Bat Mitzvah

Shabbat Morning
Preliminary Service 9:30 am
Shacharit 10:00 am
Bima Rick Zimmerman
English Reader none

December 12-13, Kislev 14
Shabbat Va-Yishlach
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SERVICE

Friday Evening 8:00 pm
Bima Mike Ades
Oneg RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Shabbat Morning
Preliminary Service 9:30 am
Shacharit 10:00 am
Bima Burt Callier
English Reader Kathy Stein

December 19-20, Kislev 21
Shabbat Va-Yeshev

Friday Evening 8:00 pm
Bima Ricki Harrison
Oneg Gail & Bruce Cohen
Joel & Linda Eisenstat

Shabbat Morning
Preliminary Service 9:30 am
Shacharit 10:00 am
Bima Ricki Rosenberg
English Reader Sharyn Sharer

December 26-27, Kislev 28
Shabbat Mi-Ketz
HANUKKAH

Friday Evening 8:00 pm
Bima Judy Levine
Oneg Fryda & Oscar Haber
Kim & Rabbi Slaton
Kathy Schandling

Shabbat Morning
Preliminary Service 9:30 am
Shacharit 10:00 am
Bima Charlie Spiegel
English Reader Mitch Eliot

January 1998

Tevet - Shevat 5758

January 2-3, Tevet 5
Shabbat Va-Yiggash

Friday Evening 8:00 pm
Bima Bennett Bayer
Oneg Arlene & Harry Cohen
Anne Mervis
E.J. Christianson

Shabbat Morning
Preliminary Service 9:30 am
Shacharit 10:00 am
Bima Mitchell Eliot

January 9-10, Tevet 12
Shabbat Va-Yechi

Friday Evening 8:00 pm
Bima Sandy Archer
Oneg Joyce & Jimmy Mischner
Marianne & Larry Fox
Ricki & Joe Rosenberg

Shabbat Morning
Preliminary Service 9:30 am
Shacharit 10:00 am
Bima Matt Cordova

January 16-17, Tevet 19
Shabbat Shemot

Friday Evening 8:00 pm
Bima Lisa Satin
Oneg Susan & Craig Chasen
Ronit & Avi Eres
Marilyn Robie & Art Shechet

Shabbat Morning
Preliminary Service 9:30 am
Shacharit 10:00 am
Bima Herb Fertig

January 23-24, Tevet 26
Shabbat Va-Era

Friday Evening 8:00 pm
Bima Kathy Grossman
Oneg Judy & Stanley Saxe
Judy & Robert Baumann
Marilyn & Franklin Moonick

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

January 30-31, Shevat 4
Shabbat Bo

Friday Evening 8:00 pm
Bima Ginger Knight
Oneg Kathy & David Feinberg
Kathy & David Schattner
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Shabbat Morning
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Shacharit 10:00 am
Bima Ricki Harrison

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December 3	Introduction to Hebrew 1:30 pm Judaism 101/Hebrew 7:15pm Midrasha 7:30-9:00pm	January 4	Winter Break - NO SCHOOL
December 4	Social Action Committee at HOPE Center 5:30pm	January 6	Daven, Bagels & Talmud 7:30 am Torah Study 11:00 am Hebrew School 4:45 pm OZS Board Meeting 8 pm
December 6	MIRIAM ROSS BAT MITZVAH	January 7	Introduction to Hebrew 1:30 pm Judaism 101/Hebrew 7:15pm
December 7	Hebrew School 9:00 am Religious School 9:45 am	January 8	Hebrew Sch - B. Mitz Class 5-6pm Educ Comm Mtg 7 pm
December 9	Daven, Bagels & Talmud 7:30 am Torah Study 11:00 am Hebrew School 4:45 pm	January 11	Hebrew School 9:00 am Religious School 9:45 am Gift Shop Open 10 am - 12 noon
December 10	BULLETIN DEADLINE Introduction to Hebrew 1:30 pm Judaism 101/Hebrew 7:15pm Midrasha 7:30-9:00pm	January 12	BULLETIN DEADLINE
December 11	Educ Comm Mtg 7 pm	January 13	Daven, Bagels & Talmud 7:30 am Torah Study 11:00 am Hebrew School 4:45 pm
December 14	Hebrew School 9:00 am Religious School 9:45 am Gift Shop Open 10 am - 12 noon Blood Drive "Blood & Bagels" 9am - 1pm New Addition Dedication & Lunch 11:45am	January 14	Introduction to Hebrew 1:30 pm Judaism 101/Hebrew 7:15pm
December 16	Daven, Bagels & Talmud 7:30 am Torah Study 11:00 am Hebrew School 4:45 pm	January 15	Hebrew Sch - B. Mitz Class 5-6pm
December 17	Introduction to Hebrew 1:30 pm Judaism 101/Hebrew 7:15pm	January 18	Hebrew School 9:00 am Religious School 9:45 am Gift Shop Open 10 am - 12 noon
December 18	Finance Comm Mtg 8 pm @ OZS	January 20	Daven, Bagels & Talmud 7:30 am Torah Study 11:00 am Hebrew School 4:45 pm
December 21	NO SCHOOL - Winter Break	January 21	Introduction to Hebrew 1:30 pm Judaism 101/Hebrew 7:15pm
December 23	Daven, Bagels & Talmud 7:30 am Torah Study 11:00 am NO Hebrew School	January 22	Hebrew Sch - B. Mitz Class 5-6pm Finance Comm Mtg 8 pm @ OZS
December 24	HANUKKAH Introduction to Hebrew 1:30 pm Judaism 101/Hebrew 7:15pm	January 25	Hebrew School 9:00 am Religious School 9:45 am Gift Shop Open 10 am - 12 noon
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BLOOD & BAGELS Blood Drive

**Sunday,
December 14, 1997
9 am - 1 pm**

Ohavay Zion Synagogue
Give blood, get bagels!

Call Jan Cerel: 268-7255

Gift Giving Season Again?

I'll bet you're stumped - most of us are when the time comes to give a gift - for Hanukkah, birthdays, or any simcha. Well, if you can't decide what to give, we have the solution for you: A Kroger or Winn-Dixie gift certificate! After all, we all have to eat, don't we? Just head on down to OZS every Sunday when Religious School is in session (keep in mind it will be closed for winter break); we sell the certificates at noon. We accept cash, check, VISA or MasterCard. You can also call 266-8050 and order some over the phone - we'll send them to you via certified mail. It makes gift-shopping so easy!

DEDICATION OF OZS NEW ADDITION

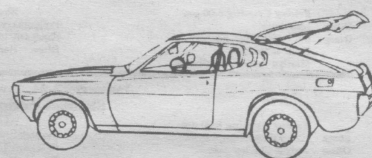
**Sunday, December 14
11:45 AM**

Lunch and Mezzuzah hanging
Short musical selections by 6th & 7th graders

RSVP to Ohavay Zion Synagogue: 266-8050

HELP US HELP OZS!

Your donation of that unneeded car, boat,
business equipment or estate can help OZS



Pick up can be arranged.
Full market value may be a tax deduction if you itemize.

CALL Jimmy Mischner: 269-3783

TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL

SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, December 5
Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM
Torah Portion: Vayetz
Genesis 28:10-32:3
Candle Blessor: Elayne Crystal
Oneg Shabbat Hostesses/Hosts
Elayne & Ralph Crystal
Ida & Lester Waldman
Starr & Bruce Gantz
Bonnie & Peter Sobel
Karyn & Lynn Martin
Riva Bisnovataya
Nina & Valentine Tiplinskaya
Ushers: Larry Gerson
Lenny Lipton
Sarah Schrier
Mikhail Slepak
Child Care Available

Saturday, December 6
Torah Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM

Friday, December 12
Family Shabbat Service 7:30 PM
Torah Portion: Vayishlach
Genesis 32:4-36:43
Andrea Utay Bat Mitzvah
TAI Makhela will sing
3rd Grade Presentation
Oneg Shabbat Hostesses/Hosts
The Utay Family and friends
Ushers: David Brown
Jane Grise
Mark Simpson
Leona Stern
NO Child Care Available

Saturday, December 13
Torah Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Andrea Utay Bat Mitzvah

Friday, December 19
Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM
Torah Portion: Vayeshev
Genesis: 37:1-40:23
Oneg Shabbat Hostesses/Hosts
Diane Svarlien
Chas Hite
Irene & Bruce Konrad
Nancy & Peter Menard
Sarah Weder
Janet & Ken Taff
Judy & David Miller
Martha & Del Pearson
Ushers: Alan Bernard
Susan Cantor
Peter Sobel
Michael Sommer
Child Care Available

Saturday, December 20
Kollet Study Group 9:30 AM

Friday, December 26
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6 PM
Torah Portion: Miketz
Genesis: 41:1-44:17
NO Oneg
NO Child Care

Saturday, December 27
Kollet Study Group 9:30 AM

Friday, January 2
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6 PM
Torah Portion: Vayigash
Genesis: 44:18-47:27
NO Oneg
NO Child Care

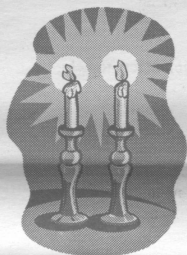
Saturday, January 3
Kollet Study Group 9:30 AM

Friday, January 9
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6 PM
Torah Portion: Vayechi
Genesis: 47:28-50:26
NO Oneg
NO Child Care

Saturday, January 10
Torah Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM

Friday, January 16
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6 PM
Torah Portion: Shemot
Exodus: 1:1-6:1
NO Oneg
NO Child Care

Saturday, January 17
Kollet Study Group 9:30 AM



PLEASE NOTE:
Beginning December 26,
the Erev Shabbat
Service will begin at
6:00 PM. This schedule
will continue through
the service scheduled for
January 30. The next
7:30 PM service will be
February 6. This is also
a special Shabbat
Service on the subject of
"Domestic Violence."
The service is sponsored
by our Temple
Sisterhood.

Torah Study & Shabbat Morning Worship

December 6 & 13
January 10 & 24
Study at 9:30 AM
Worship at 10:30 AM

KOLLET: A Dialogue on meaning, purpose, and cosmic vision.

What does God expect
from me? What do I
expect from God?
Study 9:30-11:30 AM
December 20 & 27
January 3, 17 & 31

Rosh Chodesh

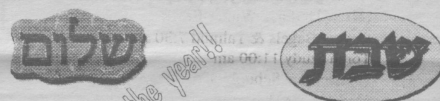
The December meeting
of the Rosh Chodesh
will be held on
Wednesday, December
10, 7:30 PM. The
January meeting will be
on Wednesday, January
28, 7:30 PM.

TEACHER POSITIONS AVAILABLE

TAI Preschool is seeking
an **Assistant Teacher**
for the 4-year-old class
from January through May
of this school year.
TAI Preschool is also
seeking a **Lead Teacher**
for the 2 1/2-year-old class.
This position is currently
available. If you are
interested in applying for
either position or know of
someone who might be
interested in doing so,
please contact Sandy
Adland at 269-2979.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Trustees
Tuesday, December 2, 7:30 PM
Mitzvah Committee
Sunday, December 7, 10:00 AM
Brotherhood Meeting
Sunday, December 7, 11:00 AM
Sisterhood Board
Monday, December 15, 7:30 PM
Board of Trustees
Tuesday, January 6, 7:30 PM
Brotherhood Meeting
Sunday, January 11, 11:00 AM
Sisterhood Board
Monday, January 19, 7:30 PM
Worship Committee
Tuesday, January 20, 7:00 PM



Family Shabbat Service

DECEMBER 12,
7:30 PM



TAI Makhela will sing!
Rabbi Adland and Katani will tell a
story! 3rd Grade Class
presentation. December and
January birthday blessings
will be offered!



Continued on next page...

TAI-OZS BLOOD DRIVE

Please take the time to give blood during the blood drive to
be held at Ohavay Zion Synagogue on December 14, 1997
from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL

FOR 4TH-8TH GRADE EYES ONLY



FAFTY SCHEDULE

December 7 Mitzvah project
January 25 Mitzvah Project
February 8 Mitzvah Project
February 22 Mitzvah Day **
March 8 Thoroughblades Game
March 15 Purim Carnival
April 5 Mitzvah Project*
April 26 FAFTY meeting to plan
next year's events
11:45 am
Entertainment Express
May 17 Kentucky Kingdom

MSTYG SCHEDULE

December 14 Mitzvah Project
January 10 Thoroughblades game
and Lock-in overnight
at Temple
February 22 ** Mitzvah Day
March 15 Purim Carnival
March 29 Brown Bag lunch and
Mitzvah Project
April 5 Meeting to plan next
year's schedule
5th graders are invited
May 3 Entertainment Express
May 17 Kentucky Kingdom

* Both the FAFTY & MSTYG schedules are tentative and depend on our ability to recruit parent volunteers to help organize, chaperone and drive as necessary.
** Mitzvah Day is a Temple wide event in which our Religious School students will participate.

TEMPLE YOUTH GROUP NEWS... FROM THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR

MSTYG has begun to plan this year's mitzvah projects and we are excited about our potential to help others. Our first project begins now and runs through December 14. This project is to collect school supplies for elementary school students. Our goal is to replenish supplies for students who may need assistance in attaining additional school supplies after the start of the year.

We will be collecting these supplies for our neighbors at Ashland Elementary School and distributing them through their Family Resource Center.

Typical supplies for this age group include pencils, pens, markers, glue, erasers, rulers, scissors, crayons, and school supply boxes. A large box will be in the Temple foyer near the gift shop.

Please consider ways that you could contribute by putting some of these items into the box. MSTYG will put together the school supplies in small packages that meet the needs of the Ashland students.

S I S T E R H O O D

SISTERHOOD DECEMBER PROGRAM

Joint Sisterhood/Youth
Group Hanukkah Holiday
Program at:


The Stewart Home

Sunday, December 14,
from 3:30-5:30 PM
Watch your mail for
more details.

TAI SISTERHOOD JANUARY PROGRAM

**"Shmoozing with the
Superintendent"**

Fayette County Public Schools
update by Dr. Peter Flynn
followed by group discussion.

Wednesday, January 21, 1998
12:30 PM, TAI Social Hall
\$2 per person for lunch prepared by
TAI Sisterhood
childcare available upon request
RSVP to the Temple office by Monday,
January 19.

B'NAI MITZVAH CLASS FORMING BEGINS FEB. 10

B'nai Mitzvah is a program of Hebrew enrichment, text study, and the opportunity to celebrate a Bar/Bat Mitzvah as an adult. The class teaches Hebrew and examines a variety of Jewish texts from Tanach to Talmud to the literature of responsa.

Participation in the B'nai Mitzvah service involves several requirements, including worship attendance and a short paper.

Class Dates:
Feb. 10, 17, 24; Mar. 10, 17, 24,
31; Apr. 14, 21, 28; May 12, 19,
26.

Last day to sign up is Feb. 2.
The B'nai Mitzvah service is
scheduled for May 29.
Cost is \$50.

COMMUNITY

Photos from CKJF sponsored "Family Fun Night at the Y"



Larry Herman



Svetlana and Maria Alkhasov



Evalynne Elias



Cindy Kahan and daughter Amanda

A Life Spent in Service

Leaders and professionals in the organized Jewish world gathered in New York at a book signing by one of their most highly regarded role models. Irving Bernstein, Executive Vice Chairman of UJA from 1971 to 1984, presented his new book, *Living UJA History: As Told Through the Personal Stories of Leaders of Israel and Founders of United Jewish Appeal*.

Bernstein began his UJA career driving across the country raising money for Israel during the War of Independence. He then turned to raising funds for rescue of Jews in Arab lands.

Bernstein's book retails for \$34.95. However members of the UJA family will receive a 30% discount—\$29.50 per copy. To order, send a check to the publisher, Jewish Publication Society, 1930 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19103-4599.

Born Again: The Stanley I. Rose Lodge #289 of B'nai B'rith

On the evening of November 12, 1997, ten men and women gathered at the CKJF office to plan for the revitalization of the Stanley I. Rose Lodge of B'nai B'rith.

The Lodge has a long and distinguished history of service in Lexington. Even though it has been a while since the Lodge met, it has continued to provide local services, as well as support the world wide activities of B'nai B'rith. An ongoing involvement with the Anti-Defamation League, support of the University of Kentucky Hillel group, and the placing of volunteers in hospitals for Christmas are programs that have survived through the hiatus.

Joy Chorlins, the

Regional President, and Michelle Gainick, the Regional Director, were present to describe some of the changes that have been implemented at the national level. These changes are highlighted by the realignment of the districts into regions and the establishment of three Centers of Activity: The Center for Jewish Identity; the Center for Public Policy; and the Center for Local Involvement.

The group is planning an event to bring together members and prospective members to get reacquainted and to make plans for future activities. If you would like to help or just learn more, contact Marty Kaplan (277-3992), David Rose, Max Kavinow, (266-6844) or Leon Cooper (269-1136).

Central Kentucky Jewish Federation

Leisure Club



Latka & Dreidel Party

December 18

11:45 AM

Temple Adath Israel

RSVP to the CKJF office:
(606) 268-0672

Judaic Studies Program

University of Kentucky

presents

Richard Kostelanetz

New York, New York

on

"Jewish Cemeteries in Berlin"
& Video

Monday, February 9, 1998
8:00 p.m.

President's Room, Singletary Center
University of Kentucky

(parking is available in the lot adjacent to the Singletary Center)

The Judaic Studies lecture series is presented with the financial support of the Zantker Charitable Foundation and the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation.

B'nai Mitzvahs

COMMUNITY



Jessica and Terence Ross
invite you to worship with them
at the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter

Miriam Anne

Saturday, December sixteenth
nineteen hundred and ninety-seven
at ten o'clock in the morning
Ohevay Zion Synagogue
2048 Edgewater Court
Lexington, Kentucky

Kiddush luncheon following the service

Miriam will also lead Friday night services

ANDREA LYNN UTAY

Please join my family in celebrating my
Bat Mitzvah as I am called to the Torah and lead the services

Saturday, December 13, 1997
ten-thirty in the morning
Temple Adath Israel
124 North Ashland Avenue
Lexington, Kentucky

Please join us for lunch following the service.

I will also lead the service on Friday evening at 7:30 PM.

We would be happy for you to attend.

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A parent's wish for their Bat Mitzvah child:

As said by Toni Reiss to her daughter Alison

It is the tradition in this Temple for the parents of the Bat Mitzvah to speak to their child before the congregation. I have struggled with this idea because I know how easily I embarrass you and because my feelings for you are very deep and feel too private to share. Under pressure from the Rabbi, I will nonetheless attempt to do my part.

So much of who you are already embodies Jewish values. You are loving and generous; you seek justice in your everyday interactions. You help the sick and the needy without question.

You find many ways to perform mitzvot, for your friends, for your family, for your school, and for your community. You thrive on being active and involved. I am very proud of the

young woman you have become.

What I wish for you is God's most precious gift, the gift of peace. I wish for you a peace that comes from knowing how to be with God during joy, as well as pain. The peace of knowing that human shortcomings, in yourself and in others, are inevitable and are more easily borne when seen in the context of forgiveness and potential.

I hope that you will allow God's presence to guide you when faced with difficult decisions and to comfort you when the incomprehensible occurs. God's gift of peace is always there for you. You must make the effort to stop and take hold of it.

A way to practice this stopping and taking hold is to

remember and to observe Shabbat. When you stop and make time sacred, you give yourself this gift of peace.

Life runs at a rapid pace with barely enough breathing space. Let Shabbat provide a sheltering calm that will renew you and give you the peace that nurtures all positive actions. It is through Shabbat that you will be able to nurture your participation in the mitzvot that you have so naturally and easily woven into the fabric of your life.

I love you very much and am extremely proud of all that you have accomplished. I look forward to the wonderful things that I know will be part of your life in the future.

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