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Kids go Ga-ga for Camp's 45th summer!



By Tamara Ohayon

Camp Shalom recently finished its 45th summer season. Our two week day camp saw tons of smiles, giggles, new games, and many fun learning moments. We were blessed with fairly mild weather and another year on the beautiful Camp Shawano site, owned by the Girl Scouts of Kentucky's Wilderness Road Council.

Some of our new activities this year included badminton, a computer build chug (elective), increased time with archery for our older campers, and a giant make-shift slip and slide that we borrowed from the Girls Scouts. We even bussed our extended day camp-

ers twice weekly to a local public pool. Our Chalutzim, Gesher, and Habonim campers had the opportunity to use the climbing wall, and our youngest campers had many special visitors from our community who read stories and made yummy treats in the kitchen with them.

With the purchase of our new pit, the kids also discovered just how gaga they are for Ga-ga! For those unfamiliar with the game, Ga-ga is a wildly popular individual sport which came to the U.S. via the Jewish camping movement from Israel and has grown into a common addition to sleep away and day camps alike throughout North America. The

see **Kids go Ga-ga**, page 11

New TAI Youth Education Director Announced

It is our pleasure to announce the hiring of Susan Magill as Youth Education Director. Susie and her husband, Tim, moved to Lexington from Arizona in October 2012, and have been members of TAI since their arrival.

Susie has extensive education and experience working with children and their families, as well as administrative and training skills. Her many years of professional experience include the positions of Special Education Teacher, Director of a Learning Center, Associate Camp Director, and Religious

School Teacher. Susie brings a wealth of experience developing and implementing various educational programs. She holds a BA in Psychology and a Masters in Special Education. She has great enthusiasm and passion for educating children.

Please join us in welcoming Susie to the position of Youth Education Director. We know she is looking forward to meeting all the congregants and working with our staff and children.

- The TAI Youth Education Committee ☆

CAMPAIGN NEWS

Jewish Family Services Needs Your Help

One of the most compelling reasons to give to the Jewish Federation's annual campaign is to support the programs provided by our Jewish Family Services. We are fortunate to have an experienced, wonderful social worker, Mimi Kaufman, as JFS director and an equally wonderful JFS Committee chair, Connie Loventhal. We have more than full caseload of members of our community who need support in a variety of ways. Quite a few are aging and trying to stay in their own homes, but they have no family nearby. We provide them with counseling, socialization programs, and referrals to agencies that offer home health and other services. We also serve our elderly in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Our caseload includes

individuals and families experiencing health and economic hardships. We have worked with families confronting drug and alcohol addiction, incarceration, etc. JFS also offers Jewish Family Life Education programs that help families learn about issues facing them such as intermarriage, adoption, child rearing, concerns about death and dying, etc.

Before the economic downturn of 2008, our campaign was able to support a full time JFS director. Since that time, with a reduced campaign, we have had to cut the position to half time. Please help us get back to where we need to be by giving generously to the 2013 campaign. Our community depends on your heartfelt contributions. ☆

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Shalom Deadline

Deadline for articles for the October *Shalom* is September 10.

Email articles to shalom@jewishlexington.org

President's Message

Michael Grossman, President

Late last year it hit me that 2013 would mark 50 years since I became a bar mitzvah. There is something about the "big 50" of anything that seems to resonate with people, and I'm no exception. I decided that as a way of reconnecting with my religious self, I would once again study and learn the haftarah portion which I recited at Temple Beth Am in Los Angeles in 1963. Sounded like a great idea last December, but as the calendar marched on toward the appointed date, some of the fears and anxieties that I'm sure I felt the first time around came back. But, over the course of a lifetime I, like all of you, have been confronted with difficult tasks and, in the end, as my rabbi predicted, I took much enjoyment from overcoming such challenges. Returning to the text I initially struggled to learn was, for me, a resonant way to mark 50 years since becoming a bar mitzvah.

We find many ways to connect to and reconnect with our Jewish identity. For many that is through our religious organizations. We are blessed in Central Kentucky to have wonderful rabbis leading our congregations, not only with their inspiring services but with classes, lectures, and workshops on topics related to Judaism and Jewish life. For others it is through one or more of the many programs sponsored by our Federation such as Yiddish classes, Lunch 'n Learns with our rabbis, Leisure Club, Tikkun Lexington Volunteer Corps, to name a few, as well as the abundant and rich programs sponsored by our religious congrega-

tions and Jewish organizations.

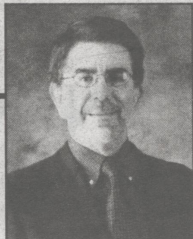
We connect when we light Shabbat candles, light a menorah on Chanukah, bring traditional Jewish food into our homes—apples and honey as we prepare to celebrate Rosh Hashanah, latkes on Chanukah, challah on Shabbat, matzo at Passover, and so many other wonderful holiday foods.

For others it is performing acts of kindness—tikkun olam—helping to put the pieces back together. In our own community Jewish Family Services, the Spinoza Society and *chevra kadisha* come to mind.

We lay the foundation for our children to experience Judaism throughout their lives by providing them with age-appropriate Jewish children's literature and music

through PJ Library, Jewish camps starting with our own Camp Shalom to Jewish overnight camps throughout our region and Israel, Hebrew and Sunday school, Jewish pre-schools, and youth groups, which are open to all without regard to affiliation, membership, experience or means.

The Federation exists to help the Jewish community of Central Kentucky fulfill their aspirations as Jews by investing in, sponsoring and promoting programs that further Jewish engagement, help people in need, and build a stronger Jewish community for all. I invite you all to commit, or recommit, to your Jewish identity. You don't have to wait 50 years! *L'shana tova tikatevu.* ☆



Editorial

David Wortman

A renewal of peace talks between Israel and the Palestinian Authority has begun. Israel has committed to a release of Palestinian prisoners as a good faith gesture. Mahmoud Abbas, Palestinian PM, has not reciprocated with a similar proposal – that we know of.

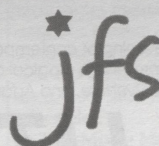
The question arises, "What is peace?" In classical literature, peace is defined by the Latin phrase, "*pax romana*." This peace is the absence of war. Traditionally, this is the common understanding. In our history, treaties ranging from the Treaty of Paris (1782) ending the Revolutionary War, to the treaty ending the war in Vietnam (coincidentally also in Paris in 1973), the agreements were designed to end hostilities. One might argue that the Revolution continued through to the War of 1812 with the Treaty of Ghent. That, however, is a subject for another time.

Israel, too, has signed treaties. They have one with Jordan and one with Egypt. Their other agreements were armistices, not reciprocal treaties. While a majority of Israeli, even worldwide Jewry, favor this kind of treaty,

there are many differences on how to achieve it. There is also a growing fear by many that such a peace is not possible – I among them.

In addition to the *pax romana*, there is a Jewish understanding of peace. This bothers me more than a cessation of hostilities. The Hebrew word "*shalom*" derives from a grammatical root that refers to "completeness." This requires a sense of being whole, of having a state of mutual recognition and understanding, not just the absence of bullets flying. This is much harder to achieve. Several generations of Israelis and Palestinians have grown to hate. In the 1950s we said, "The only good communist was a dead communist." This temperament exists in the Middle East today – just substitute Jew or Arab for communist.

For there to be true peace, we must go beyond words on a piece of paper, though that is an important first step. We must commit ourselves to *shalom*. This is very difficult after 65 years of hostility. However, we must not take our eyes off the prize. ☆



Jewish
Family
Services

Save the
DATE

Guest speaker, Mary Volkerding

Community Relations Representative for the Kentucky Health Cooperative

Thursday, September 12th at 7:00 pm

She will be going over the key aspects of the Affordable Care Act, including the important dates to know in order to apply for assistance. This talk will be helpful for anyone who is underinsured or uninsured. It is also designed to help answer questions for anyone who provides direct services to families.

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RSVP by September 10th to JFS@jewishlexington.org or call Mimi Kaufman 269-8244

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



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JFS: At Your Service

Mimi Kaufman, JFS Director

"Ask JFS"

It is hard to believe that another summer has flown by. I know it is

cliché, but time really does fly when you are having fun. Speaking of fun, I am writing this article as we (the Federation office) are in the middle of our own summer day camp, Camp Shalom. I have been so impressed with our youngsters, both campers and staff members. I had the pleasure of working with the camp staff prior to the beginning of camp. I was so impressed with the staff's commitment to helping our children grow and learn. They worked hard to help the kids experience new things and experience the

joys of just being together.

I hope that your children had a great time, and I hope that you parents made a few new friends too.

On a side note, I want to mention again that Jewish Family Services is always happy to take scholarship applications to help offset the cost of any Jewish Camp experience either at home or away. The process is very confidential. The best thing you could do for your kids, if you know that you want them to go to camp next summer, is plan ahead. Start talking to friends about carpools, if the drive is a barrier, and do not be shy about applying for scholarship if needed. ☆

Jewish Family Services ANNOUNCEMENT

On Thursday Sept 12th at 7pm, Mary Volkerding, the Community Relations Representative with Kentucky Health Cooperative, a member-governed non-profit organization, will be coming to the JFB office to give a short presentation that is designed to focus on some key aspects of the Affordable Care Act. The presentation will include reviewing important dates and learning how to apply for assistance.

If you are uninsured or underinsured, this is a great opportunity to come, listen and learn. If you are someone who provides direct services to families or a volunteer who works with families, this 20-minute presentation about options available, will hopefully help you better serve your constituents.

Please RSVP by Sept 10th to JFS@jewishlexington.org or call Mimi Kaufman at 269-8244

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Adam Schoenberg, *Soykaly Garbulinska* Composer-in-Residence (Photo: Vanessa Maldonado) and Caroline Goulding, violin (Photo: Lisa Mazzucco)

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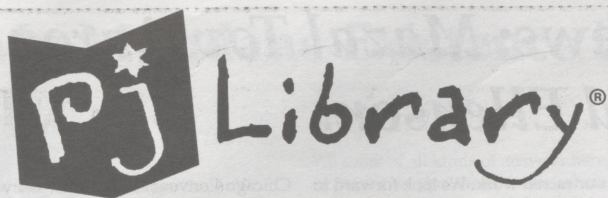
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PJ Library Celebrates Sukkot at the Kentucky Children's Garden

Sukkot, the fall holiday of thanksgiving, the end of the fall harvest and nature as a whole, starts five days after Yom Kippur and lasts for a week. This year, Sukkot begins at sunset on Wednesday, September 18th.

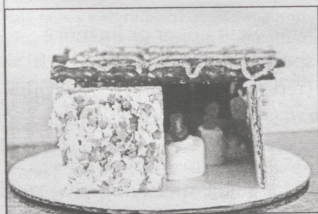


— 7:00 pm on Sunday, September 22, 2013. Emma Trester-Wilson of the Kentucky Children's Garden will guide us through the garden and lead us in nature activities. Be sure to dress for the weather — we will be outdoors. ☆

Mark your calendars for an exciting Sukkot program as PJ Library and the Kentucky Children's Garden team together. We will gather together at the Kentucky Children's Garden, 500 Alumni Drive, from 5:00

Look for further information on the JFB website, on Facebook, and emails. For additional information, please contact Lori Bernard at 859-683-0672 or lori@jewishlexington.org

Edible Sukkot



THE HOLIDAY OF SUKKOT is named after the booths or huts in which Jews are supposed to live during this week-long festival. The huts are supposed to remind us of the flimsy houses our ancestors lived in as they traveled through the desert heading towards Israel. Eating and living in a sukkah forces us to think about the important things in our lives. Sukkot is also a harvest festival and considered an especially happy and festive time. Even

if you are not able to build a Sukkah for outdoors, you can enjoy the holiday with your children and build an edible Sukkah.

To make your sukkah you need:

- Square or rectangular rice cakes, graham crackers, or homemade rice crispy treats for the walls
- Peanut butter, soy butter, or nutella for the "glue"
- Pretzel sticks, for the sekhakh (roofing)
- Miniature fruit-shaped candies, M&M's, fruit-jellies for the decorations (be creative)

Glue together 3 walls. Glue pretzel sticks across the top of the walls. Decorate as desired.

Each one takes just a few minutes to build, and even very young children can join in with a little bit of help.

Kid-Friendly Snacks for the Sukkah



SUKKOT IS HERE.

It's a time when we shake the etrog and lulav and invite guests over to spend time with us in our sukkahs.

This Sukkot, enjoy togetherness inside the sukkah by reading aloud a few of your favorite PJ Library books (along with a few tasty snacks!)

SNACKS IN THE SUKKAH

As your family enjoys time together in sukkah (hopefully doing some reading aloud), you will need some tasty things to nosh. Here are a few delicious starting points:

Since Sukkot takes place during the time of the harvest, it's appropriate to enjoy such foods as fruits and vegetables.

- **Trail Mix** — Make a seasonal trail mix out of roasted pumpkin seeds, almonds, raisins, chocolate chips, and peanuts.
- **Celery and Peanut Butter** — Since stuffed foods are typical on Sukkot, go ahead and "stuff" peanut butter into celery for a healthy snack. Top with raisins for a sweet addition.
- **Vegetables and Hummus** — Cut up cucumbers, carrots, tomatoes, or any other veggie favorites for dipping into hummus.

More adventurous families may want to make miniature edible sukkahs. (See *Edible Sukkot* article) ☆

It is not too late to: Refer a Friend to PJ Library and receive a \$10 Starbucks Card!

PJ Library is a wonderful Jewish family engagement program that mails free, high-quality Jewish children's literature and music to families across the continent on a monthly basis. The program is underwritten by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and a partnership with very generous local sponsors here in Lexington. PJ Library enables young families to explore the timeless core values of Judaism through books and music on a daily basis in their homes. All families in the Central Kentucky area who are raising Jewish children from age six months up to eight years of age are welcome to sign up.

Here in Lexington, we have reached over 140 children over the past two plus years. This is well above our goals as set by PJ Library, but we refuse to rest here on our past accomplishments. Our goal is to continue to reach out and find Jewish families with young children and sign them up for PJ Library. We want every young Jewish family to receive books and music and participate in the fantastic programming we offer in Lexington.

In an effort to find more families, we are running a **REFER A FRIEND** campaign. From now through September 2013, if you refer an eligible friend to PJ Library, we will give you a \$10 Starbucks gift card. That's right, you will get a \$10 Starbucks gift card for every eligible friend you refer to us at the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass.

For a friend to be eligible for their child(ren) to be a part of PJ Library, one parent must be Jewish, and they must live in the Central Kentucky area. In order for you to get your Starbucks

see *Refer a Friend*, page 15

HUC-JIR Presidential News: Mazal Tov Aaron Panken. Thank you David Ellenson.

Dear Colleagues,

We are delighted to share the happy news that our colleague, Aaron Panken, has been elected President of HUC-JIR, effective January 1, 2014. The message from Irwin Engelman, Board Chair, conveying this news is below.

The selection of Aaron is an inspired one. He is a brilliant, mature, and experienced rabbi and teacher, a prod-

uct of our Reform Movement, and a genuine mensch. He will bring to this position a wealth of experience and institutional knowledge, an impressive skill set, leadership, vision, integrity, and a deep devotion to the College-Institute and the Reform Movement. He enjoys the confidence and respect of his colleagues and will be both a superb leader of the College-Institute and a strong partner with the CCAR, the URJ, and other Movement entities

in our sacred work. We look forward to working with him in the years to come.

As we welcome the news of Aaron's appointment, we express our immeasurable gratitude to David Ellenson for his superb presidency of the College-Institute. David is an iconic figure and will surely go down in the annals of our Movement as one of its most distinguished and successful leaders. We look forward to honoring him at our

Chicago Convention in March and we are heartened to know that David will help ensure Aaron's successful transition to the presidency as he builds upon the legacy of his predecessors.

L'shalom uv'racha,

Rick Block, President
Steve Fox, Chief Executive

Green Team News

On August 2nd, Beate Popkin, president of the local chapter of "The Wild Ones," spoke after services in the library on The Four Reasons Why We Should Garden With Native Plants:

For those who were unable to attend this very illuminating talk, her main four points were as follows:

- 1) Native plants are very beautiful and add color and variety to what might otherwise be a more restrictive-looking landscape.
- 2) Native plants are adapted to our climate and can handle the changes in temperature and moisture without needing a lot of care.
- 3) Native plants have evolved over millennia with our native fauna and therefore provide food and shelter for them. This is important because our modern neighborhoods have largely eliminated habitat environments for native fauna, especially pollinators. Without pollinators we would not have food (remember honey bees are not native to America and may be becoming endangered right now).

- 4) Native plants help keep the non-native invasives at bay. Non-native plants do not have natural controls to restrict their growth, so over time they take over an environment and keep spreading as birds carry their seeds from one place to another. Pollinators do not proliferate in their presence because they have not adapted over millions of years to the non-native characteristics.

Some undesirable non-native plants in our area are ornamental pear trees, burning bush, honeysuckle, winter creeper and Japanese Siltgrass.

Local sources for native plants are: Shooting Star Nursery, 160 Soards Rd., Georgetown; Springhouse Gardens, 6041 Harrodsburg Rd., Nicholasville; Michler's Florist, 417 E. Maxwell St., Lexington

An excellent book on this subject is Bringing Nature Home by Douglas Tallamy. ☆



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My Mundane Existence is an Apple to Your Orange



By Lisa Miller

Anochi afar v'efer. In Hebrew this means, "I am but dust and ashes."

Seems to be a less than perky reminder about the inevitable, I know, but it does offer supportive wisdom.

In the Jewish spiritual tradition of Mussar (the Hebrew word for ethics), the soulful human trait of *humility* plays a fundamental role in a life of balance. Realizing that each of us, no matter our accomplishments, inevitably becomes part of the physical earth, is humbling.

Given the truth of this ultimate reality, how can any of us believe we are inferior to others, or superior? *Anochi afar v'efer* - it's a perspective grabber, and a cool equalizer.

This raises a significant question about what it means to be human in the time we have. How do we strive to fill in the time between life and, ahem, the alternative? How do we make our lives meaningful even in the mundane? How is one's "mundane" existence actually **not** inferior to someone else's life of adventure, leadership, and intel-

lectual contribution?

We think of all kinds of answers here, or maybe we don't even know where to begin.

The ancient Mussar rabbis taught that each human is born with a personal spiritual curriculum to fulfill, and that we are each assigned the task of mastery of something in our lives. While culturally today, we tend to think that the *something* should relate to professional life or contribution to world repair, the teachings here focus on a more intimate area of human life experience, one that holds true no matter the decade in which we come across the teachings.

The *mastery of something* refers to the inner realm, the part of us expressed through the soul traits we are all born with, but that each of us have in varying degrees of development and measure: humility, patience, gratitude, compassion, order, equanimity, honor, simplicity, enthusiasm, silence, generosity, truth, moderation, loving-kindness, responsibility, trust, faith, *yirah* (awe of God).

Mussar practice, which involves exploring the individual spiritual curriculum and behaving ourselves into consciousness and *menschlichkeit* (*mensch*: a Yiddish word for person who does the right thing), is a juicy non-denominational entrée into spiritual psychology. It's not *what* jobs, titles, accomplishments, responsibilities, and roles we hold throughout our lives, it's *how*.

A fundamental tenet here is that since each of us is born with a personal curriculum that shows up repeatedly in issues that challenge us (take this in for a moment). We are also then equipped with just the right combination of navigation tools to help us deal, learn, and grow. But, also, these "tools" are on loan. They are company property, parceled out from Management, aka The Big Kahuna, aka The Grand Pubah; aka, God.

We are supposed to remember not to confuse the self, or "I", with our accomplishments when after all the truth is that we have accomplished x, y, and z with borrowed tools.

Here are a few good questions then: If we are each endowed a very specific curriculum and also a navigation system, we do so many of us strive for similar accomplishments? Why do parents steer children to focus on *their* ideas of success? How can we possibly measure ourselves against others?

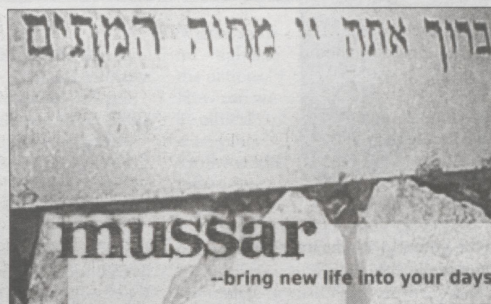
The tendency toward external striving is how we miss the mark because we either don't realize that we are essentially spiritual beings having a human experience, or we forget. No matter

where we live, to whom we were born, no matter what has transpired since birth, the human purpose in a lifetime is to realize the potential of one's soul and to understand one's inborn talents in relationship to it. From here and here only, all-systems-are-go toward the external world. Go, be free!

It's true that a prophet like Moses was endowed with quite the helping of leadership potential, and so his life curriculum, played out in the form of challenges as a leader, was appropriate for him. In terms of humility, he appropriately took up a lot of space, as leaders should.

But not all of us are meant for that kind of work. The "navigation tools" leased to each of us give us clues about the amount of space to fill in the world—the type of accomplishments to strive toward. We might be equal in terms of humanity, but we are apples and

see *Apple to Your Orange*, page 8



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[ed. note: the above is a poem by Susan Cobin. Enjoy.]

Apple to Your Orange (from page 7)

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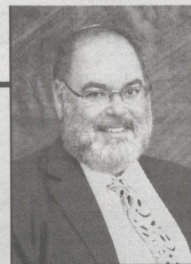
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Ask A Rabbi

Rabbi Marc Kline



Q: The holiday of Sukkot is approaching. I know the tradition is to build a Sukkah for the holiday. I am confused, though, in a liberal modern Jewish sense, as to how to mandate the ritual agrarian observance when I see marketing for "kosher" sukkah kits using metal and pvc piping as the sukkah foundation. Isn't a tent fly or awning enough?

A: Wow! What a great challenge! I must say that the first time I saw a pvc pipe sukkah with plastic sheet walls and pre-bound s'khakh tied with metal wiring (the open air roofing required so that stars may be seen through the roof), I had to scratch my head. Sukkot is the ultimate Jewish "Nature" holiday. In some parts of the Jewish world, it is bigger than even the High Holy Days.

Let me start with the whole concept of Sukkot. At Leviticus 23:42 we read, "You shall dwell in sukkot (booths) for seven days." Over time, tradition gave us definitions for what a Sukkah is, and also rules on what to do with it. A host of rabbinic rulings elevated the practice of the holiday from its agrarian origins into the holiday that will see us welcome the Messianic Age.

Ultimately, this question begs the

answers to a few other matters. Does one need a structure at all? If so, how does one determine what is and is not appropriate? Tradition would argue that one must have a booth, in order to live in one. Halakhically, a sukkah is a temporary structure. (Talmud Bavli, Sukkot 2a). Ultimately, we are to live in the booth over the course of the holiday. (Talmud Bavli, Sukkot 28b). As such, its measurements are set forth in rabbinical rulings, keeping it in the size and form that would not mandate permanent walls for stability, but would allow for livability (room for welcoming guests for a meal and sleeping room for a family). The roof is supposed to be made of only natural materials, and must allow for streams of sunlight to shine by day and for the stars to be seen at night. There are even provisions as to what happens if it rains. One must stay outside, even in iffy whether, but if one's food will get soggy by staying in the sukkah during a rainstorm, one may go inside. (Shulchan Arukh 640:4). One is not supposed to build a sukkah under a tree, so that the shade one enjoys in the sukkah is from the s'khakh and not the tree. How is it then, that people build sukkot on their apartment balconies, under the concrete and steel flooring of the balcony above it? I am sure that enquiring minds want to know.

So, according to tradition, the tent fly or awning does not qualify as a kosher sukkah. That said, the metal tied pre-bound s'khakh should not either (it all has to be natural separated from the earth ... and metal isn't), and it is a judgment call as to the pvc piping. The walls ... well, even while the Talmudic rabbis knew nothing of plastic, the texts do argue that any sturdy material is good for the walls (Talmud Bavli Sukkot 24b - though some argue that if the walls sway at all, they are not kosher, as in canvas and plastic sheeting). The walls cannot be permanent, and there must be at least three sides (leaving one side open to welcome guests).

That said, and knowing that there are as many takes on what is and is not a kosher sukkah as there are ordained rabbis, of what bearing does the whole matter of a "proper" sukkah have on the ultimate reason that I believe the question was asked. Can one celebrate the holiday in a way other than that which is prescribed?

Reform Judaism originated as Jews were emancipated from the ghettos of Europe. Many Jews saw this emancipation as a destiny-based evolutionary miracle, allowing us to live with Torah and, at the same time, fulfill our role as

"Orei Lagoyim - lights to the nations." How can we be ethical exemplars for the world if we stay sequestered from it? The Conservative Movement grew out of Reform, feeling that it leaned too far to the left of tradition, but unable to justify the narrowness of a Judaism practiced only in the ghetto. Reform and Conservative both mandate that religious practice must make sense in the real world. In that manner, both traditions honor substance over form, and often differ only in the way in which the "form" needs to be played out.

Perhaps the question that needs to be asked is not whether or not a tent fly qualifies according to halakha, but whether an admittedly subjective halakha is even the biggest issue in figuring out how to celebrate the earth, the fruit it brings forth, and the source of its creation. Rabbi Eliezer and Rabbi Akiva debated the very nature of the holiday. Akiva demanded that "sukkah" concretely meant "booth." Rabbi

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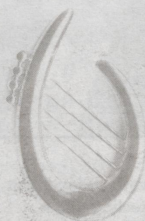
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Kids go Ga-ga for Camp's 45th summer! *(from page 1)*

game, similar to dodge ball, is fast paced, and fairly easy to understand and play, making it wonderful for kids of all ages and physical abilities. There are no teams, every kid for him or herself, and when the ball hits your foot or leg you are "out" and you simply hop out of the pit and cheer on the remaining players. This new semi-portable Ga-ga pit will allow us to play anywhere on site and move to different locations, if necessary. I'd like to extend a big thank you to our wonderful staff who completed the Ga-ga pit assembly during staff training.

Our fantastic Assistant Director, Dani Rosenkrantz, with guidance and resources from the Jewish Community Centers Association (JCCA), was able to provide our senior staff and specialists with tons of Jewish programming and game ideas in June. Her organizational skills gave them a terrific structure from which to model and organize their own plans for each week. They all did a fabulous job of taking those ideas and materials and turning them into something fun and educational for our campers.

The newest group at camp this year was Habonim, for campers entering grades 8 and 9. Their small group was able to visit several local non-profits and service agencies to volunteer. The recipients of their efforts were God's Pantry, Seedleaf, the Ronald McDonald House, the Catholic Action Center, and the Breckinridge Alzheimer's Home. Habonim campers were also able to participate in their own activities and work with some of the younger campers by helping staff.

To add to our daily variations of sports, archery,

water play, teva (nature), arts and crafts, Jewish learning, and cooking we also had two special all-camp program days, Yom Israel and Maccabiah (color war). Maccabiah, a beloved camp tradition, was planned and organized by our Counselors-In-Training this year. They used their own camp backgrounds and individual strengths to come up with relays, scavenger hunts, silly games, cheer-offs, and even a "Ga-ga Gauntlet", helping each team rack up their points to win. Despite the challenges of an on-and-off rainy day, and with support and guidance from the Senior Staff, the CITs made the day super fun for the Red, Yellow, Green, and Blue teams.

Yom Israel was a truly special day. We spent all day with 12 wonderful young people from Israel, the Israel Scouts Friendship Caravan for the southeast region. They led music, taught us new cheers and games, and even some Hebrew thanks to their fun skit called, "Hebrew Man." Then, just before lunch, all of camp was divided up into multi-age "families" and boarded an imaginary flight to Israel. We created passports, got on the plane, flew across the ocean, and went through customs. The Israel Scouts were our tour guides when we arrived. We ate lunch together in Tel Aviv and then set off on a tour of Eretz Yisrael. Families visited Masada and Ein Gedi, and even floated in the Dead Sea with fake Dead Sea mud on their faces, while reading Shalom, for their token picture of the day. They went to the Negev desert and had falafel and nana (mint) tea in a Bedouin tent while staff serenaded them with their guitars. They

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Kids go Ga-ga for Camp's 45th summer! *(from page 11)*

visited Jerusalem where they went on an archaeological dig, went to buy fruit at the shouk, and went to the Western Wall. They even went up to Haifa for a refreshing limonana popsicle. Special thanks to our Senior Staff who helped to organize and run this special program.

On Fridays we focused much of our programming time on Shabbat. Some campers made special take-homes like challah covers or Shabbat candle holders and some learned about Shabbat through coloring pages and games, or discussions and walking meditations. Every camper, however, was able to braid their own small challah to take home and share thanks to the efforts of our Challot Volunteer Crew, Tami Brennan, Kathy Feinberg, Jana LaZur, and Mimi Kaufman.

Camp Shalom was also blessed to have our two congregational rabbis again join us this year, Rabbi Kline Session Aleph and Rabbi Smolkin Session Bet, for our 4:30 pm Open House. Campers and staff shared a little bit about their activities from the week, performed skits or sang songs. Then each rabbi helped to transition us into Shabbat with a story or talking about giving thanks. With accompaniment on guitar by Lori Bernard, with Jordan Brennan singing week 1 and Marshall Roorda also joining on guitar week 2, we were able to sing together to welcome our restful weekends and say goodbye.

Before we begin planning for Summer 2014, I would like to give thanks to all who helped make Camp Shalom possible this year:



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Ask a Rabbi *(from page 9)*

Eliezer argued that the word meant "clouds of glory." (BT. Sukkah 11b). If we really want to know whether the tent fly meets the "the standards of tradition," the answer is that it does not. If we want to debate whether that fact matters or not, this is where the conversation gets interesting.

Creative ritual is not the invention of Reform Judaism. Even after Israel built the Second Temple, there were large communities of Jews who replaced altar worship (an innovation in its own time), with prayer and study. Across the ages, our rabbis and teachers have authored new takes on text and developed new ways of living Jewishly that modify and change in each generation. Recognizing the challenges of lighting Shabbat candles at home (later running jobs, etc.), we light candles in Temple on Friday. We streamlined liturgy to keep the service relevant and non-redundant. Even while the Torah specifically makes Sukkot and Pesakh seven-day holidays, the rabbis innovated and many communities have made them eight day festivals, instead.

The mitzvah of Sukkah demands that we be part of the natural world around us. There are people who cannot ... and maybe will not build a hut, who would love to live outdoors and demonstrate appreciation and thanks-giving. Is the purpose of celebrating sukkot, building a Sukkah, or is it celebrating the earth's life cycle, hoping

to welcome the Messiah?

I am not suggesting that tradition does not matter. I am suggesting that there is far more at stake. As the world moves forward, yesterday's answers do not always fulfill tomorrow's needs. In celebrating our Jewish lives, we have made choices that look at the past and give it a vote, but not a veto in the decision making of how to move forward. Certainly, the inconvenience of building a sukkah is not a reason to avoid building one, but we cannot ignore the value of alternative and innovative forms of celebration. Certainly there are those who will consider this to be blasphemy, but ani m'amin b'emunah sh'lemah ... I believe with perfect faith; the final harvest of the solar calendar ... the first harvest of our liturgical calendar ... this is a day to stand in awe of the world in which we walk. We walk sightless among miracles, but having just completed the High Holy Days committing to pay more attention to the world around us, we go out into the world ... commune with the world, and if even only for those moments, without distraction, we can see in the earth, how blessed we truly are. I say, use the tent fly and welcome strangers under it. Study the texts of creation, and figure out what it means to be human, and let's return Sukkot to its place of honor in our calendar. ☆

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By Lynn Furness

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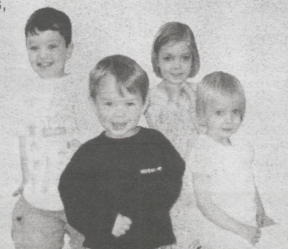
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The High Holidays are a time when Jews celebrate and honor both the particular and universal nature of Judaism. Rosh Hashanah is not the anniversary of an important Jewish event. Rather, it is the birthday of the entire world. Our mahzor (High Holy Day prayer book) states, "Today is the birthday of the world; today all humanity is judged." Yom Kippur is a more particularistic holiday. It commemorates the day that Moses descended from Sinai with the second set of the Ten Commandments with its prescribed Jewish way of life. There is a balance in Judaism between the particularistic and the universal. If one piece is missing, the whole falls apart.

This Rosh Hashanah, a time of resolutions and new beginnings, let us ensure that when a Hadassah woman is asked, "Who are you?" she knows not only who she is and why she does what she does, but how she chooses to make her impact and that through Hadassah, she fulfills her obligation as both a citizen of the world and a proud Jew.

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The Equine Division of the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass invites you to Antony & Angela Beck's GAINESWAY

3750 Paris Pike, Lexington

Tuesday, October 15, 2013 • 6:00 p.m.

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Please join us at OZS for all our holiday celebrations! All are welcome! And please if you have any questions: 859 266-8050.

Rosh Hashanah First Evening:
Wednesday, September 4 at 8:00pm
Rosh Hashanah First Day: Thursday,
September 5 at 9:15am

Rosh Hashanah Second Evening:
Thursday, September 5 at 8:00pm
Rosh Hashanah Second Day: Friday,
September 6 at 9:15am

Cemetery Service Honoring Loved
Ones: Sunday, September 8 at 1:00pm

Yom Kippur Evening: Friday, September
13, promptly at 7:30pm
Yom Kippur Morning: Saturday, September
14 at 9:15am with Yizkor

Sukkot First Day: Thursday, September
19 at 9:30am

Picnic in the Sukkah: Friday, September
20 at 5:30pm

Shemini Atzeret Morning: Thursday,
September 26, 9:30am with Yizkor

Simchat Torah Evening: Thursday,
September 26 at 8:00pm

KIDS' SHABBAT AND PJ LIBRARY

Please join us for this month's Kids' Shabbat service on Friday, September 20 at 5:30pm.

Kids' Shabbat is our monthly Shabbat Service for younger children. We light candles, drink grape juice, eat pizza, sit together on beautiful carpets, sing songs, and read amazing stories from the PJ Library. Newcomers and friends are always welcome!

This year's Kids' Shabbat services will be held Fridays at 5:30pm at Ohavay Zion Synagogue on the following dates.

September 20
October 18
November 15
December 20
January 17
February 21
March 21
April 18
May 16

For more information or to RSVP,
email Rabbi.Smolkin@gmail.com.

YOUTH SHABBAT AND STEWART HOME

Please join us for this month's Youth Shabbat service on Friday, September 20 at 5:30pm.

Youth Shabbat offers our students the opportunity to help lead services, and it allows our community to celebrate Shabbat with our friends from Stewart Home School (www.stewarthome.com).

We begin by welcoming our friends from Stewart Home with a dinner. Then we join together in song as we celebrate Kabbalat Shabbat, with our students helping to lead the service. This is a wonderful service filled with music and joy. All are welcome!

This year's Youth Shabbat and Stewart Home services will be held Fridays at 5:30pm at Ohavay Zion Synagogue on the following dates.

September 20
October 25

November 22
December 13
January 24
February 28
March 14
April 11
May 9

For more information or to RSVP,
email Rabbi.Smolkin@gmail.com.

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

Please join us any Saturday morning of the year, as Ohavay Zion Synagogue celebrates Shabbat. We begin at 9:30am, though please feel free to join at any time during the service. Our worship is filled with joyous song and fascinating Torah discussions. The service concludes around noon, and all are invited to schmooze over lunch after the service. This is a wonderful way to celebrate Shabbat and to meet some nice Jewish folks here in Lexington. Newcomers and friends are always welcome!

TUESDAY MINYAN

Tuesday Minyan is a special time at OZS. During this brief service, students and adults both pray and learn together. There is a warm atmosphere and something for everyone to enjoy. Please join us Tuesday afternoons from

5:45pm to 6:15pm. All are welcome!

STUDYING THE PROPHETS

Please join us Wednesdays at noon as we explore the book of Isaiah through the teachings of our Jewish tradition. We will learn about Isaiah's focus on righteousness and justice, and we will hear Isaiah's deep concern for the orphan, the widow, and the underprivileged of society. We have a wonderfully diverse group of learners and terrific conversations. All are welcome!

TALMUD STUDY

The Talmud Study group meets each Friday morning for prayer, food, and study. The morning begins with a brief Shacharit service at 7:30am, followed by a light breakfast, and then fascinating study of the Talmud. Newcomers are always welcome!

INTERESTED IN OZS?

Ohavay Zion Synagogue is a warm and welcoming Jewish community. If you are interested, or if you know someone who may be interested in learning more about Ohavay Zion Synagogue, please call our membership chair Kathy Grossman at 268-2596 or email Rabbi Smolkin at Rabbi.Smolkin@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you!



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Lunch and Learn with our
Lexington community rabbis
October 29 with Rabbi Sharon Cohen
(no class in September)

At 12 noon on the last Tuesday of each month, in the JFB office, rabbis, on a rotating basis, will be discussing the holidays, the Torah portion of the week, and other topics of interest. A dairy lunch is offered at a nominal charge. If you are interested in attending, please call Judy Wortman at 859-268-0672 so we can order lunch for you.

Temple Adath Israel

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WHO WE ARE!

Temple Adath Israel is a Reform Jewish congregation - We celebrate Torah, Justice, Tradition, and Faith! Our mission is to inspire Jews to ensure a vibrant Jewish present and future by nurturing a multi-generational love for our tradition. Our "Community Center" approach to Judaism gives families a host of unique ways in which to love living relevant, soulful and experiential Jewish lives. Please call the Temple Administrator for more information if you are interested in affiliating with the Temple. The phone number is 269-2979.

Our Shabbat services for September 6 (Shabbat Shuvah), 20, 27 (Simchat Torah/Consecration) are at 7 PM.

FAMILY SHABBAT

Our lively Family Shabbat takes place on the second Friday of each month at 7 PM. We sing songs and enjoy great stories geared to our families and their young children, but with valuable messages for all. This year we will have a Potluck dinner at 6 PM immediately preceding services beginning in October. Join us!

TOT SHABBAT

Our Tot Shabbat Friday night service is held on the last Friday of each month (during the school year).

TEMPLE TOTS

The Temple Tots program is designed to give 2 1/2 and 3-year-old children and their parents a positive and nurturing beginning to their Jewish educational experience. We meet about once a month (during the school year.)

PJ LIBRARY READING TIME

TAI has dedicated space in our Youth Library and our Anita Mersack Outdoor Reading Garden for families to share in our growing collection of PJ Library Books, before, during and after religious school. The collection is in our Youth Library and our Librarian Leona Stern and Rabbi Marc love to share in reading time with many families or even just one. These books provide our young children with won-

derful introductions to the magic of Jewish storytelling.

GENERATION TAI DINNER FOR SEPTEMBER

Generation TAI is our Chavurah group for young adults. Programming runs the spectrum from worship to social action, and from Shabbat to holiday meals. Please join us for the monthly Generation TAI Dinner on September 6, 2013 following Shabbat services. The cost is free for those who bring a potluck dish. If you don't cook, bring \$7 to enjoy all the food. Please contact Reva Schottenstein at rschott86@hotmail.com or call her at 859-221-9473 to reserve your seat.

KOLLEL STUDY GROUP

Kollel meets at 9 AM every two weeks in the TAI Library. The group explores cultural, ethical, and historical aspects of our 4000-year tradition. Its emphasis is on dialogue and exploration. Please join us any time. September 7 & 21

TORAH STUDY

Rabbi Kline conducts the study of the Tanakh (Bible) using the Jewish Study Bible on alternate Saturdays at 9 a.m. in the Library. The discussion is always lively and informative and you can join the group anytime. We are currently studying the Book of Nehe-miah. September 28

PARSHA

Join us each Saturday morning at 11 AM in the library as we take a look at the Torah portion for each week. Rabbi will lead some discussions and everyone will take turns on September 7, 21, & 28. We will have Parsha with worship on September 21.

HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

September 4

Erev Rosh Hashanah

7 PM—Child Care*

Oneg to follow

(No late service. See notice below)

September 5

Rosh Hashanah

8:30 AM—No Child Care

10:45—Child Care*

Tashlich, Youth Service & Picnic

5-7 PM

Jacobson Park Shelter #1

September 6

2nd Day Rosh HaShanah

Torah Study 10:30 AM

Shabbat Shuvah Service 7 PM

September 8

Cemetery Memorial Service 1 PM

Lexington Cemetery

September 13

Kol Nidre

7 PM—Child Care*

9 PM No Child Care

September 14

Yom Kippur

8:30 AM—Early Service—No Child Care

10:45 AM—Late Service—Child Care*

1:30 PM—Children's Service—No Child Care

1:30 PM Afternoon Study—No Child Care

3 PM—Afternoon Service—Child Care*

4:30 PM—Yizkor Service—Child Care*

5:15 PM—Concluding Service—Child Care*

Break-the-fast following services

*Child care will be offered only if reservations are made for the service you will be attending. Forms available in the Temple office or on the Temple website at <http://www.lextai.org/>

IMPORTANT: CHANGE IN EREV ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE SCHEDULE

Based on previous attendance data, the late service on Erev Rosh Hashanah (Wednesday, September 4th) will not be offered. There will only be one service which will start at 7:00 p.m. Childcare will be available. There will also be an Oneg after the service.

CONGREGATIONAL BREAK-FAST

The Break-the-Fast potluck, sponsored

by Sisterhood, will be in the social hall immediately after the final Yom Kippur service on Saturday, Sept. 14, 2013. Sisterhood will provide kugel, bagels, cream cheese, and tuna and egg salads. Congregants are asked to bring salads or vegetable or dairy (non-meat) dishes. It's best to bring your dishes during the afternoon because kitchen storage space is limited.

Also, several volunteers are needed to make kugel at 10 AM on Thursday, September 12, 2013, and for final preparations about 4 PM on Saturday, September 14, 2013. If you'd like to help, call Mary Engel at 252-3734 for specifics. To ensure we have ample seating, please RSVP to the Temple office at 269-2979.

ROSH HASHANAH BEGINS SEPT. 4, So Order Your Greeting Baskets Now Proceeds Benefit Tai Preschool

TAI Preschool is selling Rosh Hashanah baskets once again. They will contain apples, local honey, a round challah and other goodies. The Rosh Hashanah baskets operate much like the Uniongram program; each recipient will receive one basket with a card listing all of the names of those who are sending their greetings. This is a wonderful way to share New Year's wishes with family and friends in the Lexington area, to show appreciation to others who have been helpful to you, and to help build community spirit while supporting TAI Preschool. The baskets will be delivered to homes in the immediate Lexington area in time for Rosh Hashanah.

The cost is \$20 for each basket on which you want your name included (for example, if you want to send greetings to five families, the cost to you will be \$100.00). The quantity discount is 10 baskets for \$175. In addition to, or instead of, sending baskets, we will print your name on all of the cards as a sponsor of this fundraiser

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for \$60. Additionally, many congregation members may wish to send greetings to Temple and Preschool staff (Rabbi Kline, John McDonald, Sandee Wildes, Rachel Estep, Katherine Henry, Alice Logsdon, Mimi Kaufman, Laura Creamer and Susan Magill). Adding your name to their cards costs \$5 per staff member. To assure that we have enough materials for all of the baskets, please send in your order no later than Wednesday, Wednesday, Aug. 28. We cannot guarantee that orders postmarked after that date will be filled.

SPECIAL SHABBAT SHUVAH BLESSINGS TO THOSE MARRIED 50 YEARS AND LONGER

Continuing a custom started several years ago, those TAI couples celebrating marriages of 50 years and longer are invited to receive a special blessing on Shabbat Shuvah. This year Shabbat Shuvah is Friday, September 6, 2013 at 7 PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend this special service and celebrate with these couples. Those married 50 years and longer are:

Jack & Frances Goldenberg	3/9/43
Lester & Ida Waldman	9/8/43
Irvin & Sybil Stern	7/14/46
Warren & Betty Rosenthal	8/31/46
Stan & Phyllis Scher	6/12/49
Max & Mindy Kavinow	6/15/49
Norman & Adele Potter	6/11/50
Charles & Leona Stern	6/17/51
Abe & Marian Rabiner	11/25/51
Joe & Judy Engelberg	4/11/54
Arthur & Marilyn Lieber	6/27/54
David & Jan Doctrow	10/28/56
Alvin & Ellie Goldman	11/23/56
Henry & Lynn Meyer	6/15/58
Edwin & Sheila Menkus	5/16/60

Lou & Bobbi Shain	8/5/61
Stephen & Karen Edelstein	9/3/61
Malcolm & Carolyn Siegel	6/17/62
Sheldon & Marion Steiner	6/9/63
Robert & Jo Belin	6/16/63
Stuart & Donna Lowenthal	8/17/63

BLOOD AND BAGELS RETURNS

TAI will have a blood drive Sunday, Sept. 29 from 9 AM to 1 PM where donors can feast on bagels and lox and other goodies. This mitzvah is virtually painless, saves lives and takes only about half an hour.

Don't assume you can't give blood because of a condition you have or something in your health history. The rules may surprise you. Appointments are recommended but not mandatory. Call Bruce Engel at 252-3734.

SIMCHAT TORAH CONSECRATION

Join us on Friday, September 27, 2013 at 7 PM at Shabbat Services when we celebrate Simchat Torah with our students as they begin their Jewish learning in Temple Adath Israel Religious School. This year's students and their parents are:

Seth Fine
Son of Brad & Jamie Fine
Lucie Pitman
Daughter of Jason & Beth Pitman
Taylor Smith
Daughter of Jonathan & Angie Smith
Corrine Yelowitz
Daughter of Aaron & Bek Yelowitz

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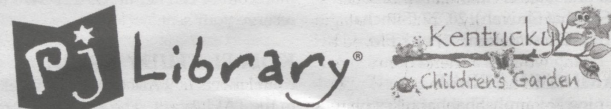
Emma Trester-Wilson of the Kentucky Children's Garden will guide us through the garden and lead us in nature activities.*

Sunday, September 22, 2013

5:00 – 7:00 PM

at the Kentucky Children's Garden
500 Alumni Drive

*Be sure to dress for the weather – we will be outdoors.



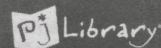
Look for further information on the JFB website, on Facebook, and emails. For additional information, please contact Lori Bernard at 859-683-0672 or lori@jewishlexington.org



SHANAH TOVAH

Wishing you a sweet, healthy and peaceful New Year.

From all of us at



The Lexington Havurah

Stan Saxe, President

The Lexington Havurah, founded in 1978, is a network of diverse people dedicated to Jewish learning and renewal, community building, and tikkun olam (repairing the world). A havurah is defined as a gathering or community of friends. The Lexington Havurah is affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the National Havurah Committee. Members plan, conduct, and share responsibility for all services. For additional information about services or membership in the Havurah, please contact me at sabastanley@insightbb.com.

Other Thoughts About Kol Nidre; Annual Meeting Results

From high up and way back in the balcony of Temple Israel in Boston would be heard a solo violinist as the Kol Nidre prayer was sung by the cantor at the front of the venerable Reform congregation on the Riverway. Almost 60 years ago the familiar Max Bruch's Kol Nidre (officially, Opus 47 "Adagio on Hebrew Melodies") was played by a young woman, a friend of my age. I never heard her play on Yom Kippur – a very accomplished violinist; she was hired by the Temple for this special occasion. Being in attendance at the largest and most prestigious Reform congregation in the area was beyond my Jewish world. I did hear my friend play elsewhere, beginning in our high school days. Later, I remember her telling me about playing at Tanglewood in the summertime and the gossip about Leonard Bernstein.

As a child I would sometimes hear the radio broadcast of Sunday morning services at Temple Israel. Housed near the Charles River in a replica of a Greek temple, Temple Israel was founded in the mid-1850s by German Jews who had immigrated to Boston.

Recalling this leads to another Boston Jewish immigrant story I had heard as a young person. In the early 1900s a family named Kabotinsky wanted to change their name to "Cabot" as in the ditty:

*"This is good old Boston
the home of the bean and the cod
Where the Lowells speak only to the Cabots
And the Cabots speak only to God!"*

Now the Lowells and the Cabots were part of a group of wealthy Boston families, a number of whom lived on

Beacon Street in the Back Bay, and many were descended from the original Puritan settlers of Massachusetts.

Cabot family members went to court to challenge the Kabotinsky family name change. In the version of the story told to me, there was a compromise and the changed name was "Kabot." Other versions have the judge ruling that Kabotinsky could indeed become "Cabot".

Thus the ditty soon heard was:

*"This is good old Boston
The home of the bean and the cod
Where the Lowells speak only to the Cabots
And the Cabots speak Yiddish, By God!"*

The Annual Meeting of The Lexington Havurah was in Woodford County, in August, out in the country at the home of Lynn and Jim Furness. At a combined potluck supper and Annual Meeting at the end of Shabbat, Lynn led the Havdalah service. Our thanks to Lynn and Jim for once again hosting a Havurah summer pot luck-out-in-the-country.

We acknowledged the many activities of members who have been active in the community this past year. Havurah members serve as officers and directors on the Boards of Ohavay Zion Synagogue, Temple Adath Israel, Lexington Chapter of Hadassah, and the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass. Most notable are Jane Chaput who continues this year as Hadassah president, and Mike Grossman as the new JFB president.

Our officers for this coming year are Stan Saxe, president; David Wekstein, vice-president and editor; Michael Rie, treasurer, all for a second year, and a first year for Minna Katz-Brown, secretary. Minna, who with her husband Trevor Brown, came to Lexington sev-

eral years ago to be near a son and his family, also serves on the JFB Board. New committee chairs include Judy Baumann and Jeremy Popkin as Religious Committee co-chairs for this coming year. Judy and Jeremy have since met with the outgoing Religious Committee co-chaired by Steve Shedlofsky and Phil Berger, to collaborate on this year's High Holiday schedule and to set a schedule for year 5774.

Our Education Committee is now co-chaired by Dianne Bazell and Larry Kant. Both Dianne and Larry are nationally known professional educators and scholars who bring great strength and resources to our Havurah as co-chairs of this committee. The activity centerpiece of this committee will be

our annual Education Retreat.

The Social Committee, which completes the triad of our major committees, will be named shortly.

In summary, the Lexington Havurah celebrates the activities of last year and looks forward to this New Year. I offer a quote, the last sentence in a recent article published in *Voices of Conservative/Masorti Judaism* by Rabbi Judah Kogen which quote applies, I believe, to all of our Jewish organizations here in Central Kentucky: "Acting alone, we might enrich our own lives. Acting together, we can help rejuvenate our entire community."

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***In honor of Evelyn Geller
****In honor of Beth Dungan

Around the Community

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

Remember, we welcome photos too!

Mazal tov to:

Judy and Rabbi David Wortman on the birth of their granddaughter, **Naomi Chava**. The parents are **Zhana Beyl and Ari Wasserman**.

David Wekstein on being selected by the Irwin G. "Ernie" Cohen Associate of the Year award by Hadassah.

Condolences to:

Austin and Susan Cantor on the death of her mother, **Helma Victor**.

Regina Mizell on the death of her grandmother, **Grace Akers**.

Mark Klar and Barbara Grossman on the death of his mother, **Dorothy Klar**.

Ricki and Joe Rosenberg on the death of her mother, **Anita Reiner**.



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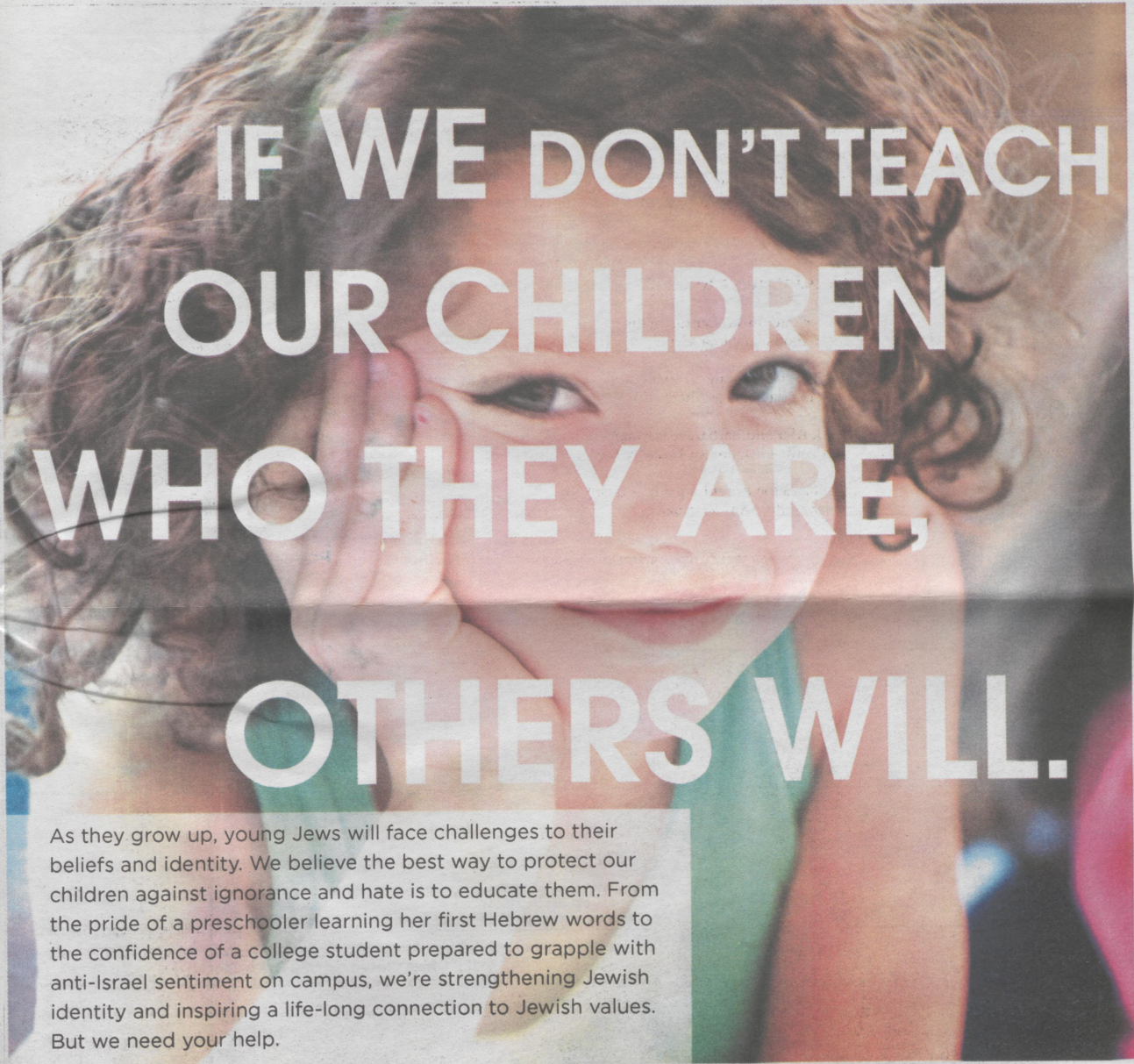
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• 2048 Edgewater Court • 266-8050 • Jonathan Glixon, President
• Minyan Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:45 p.m. Tuesdays are D'vine Minyan: wine at 5:00 p.m., service follows. Friday evening rotating Kabbalat
• Shabbat 5:45 p.m., Kids' Shabbat 5:15 p.m., Shabbat dinners 6:00 p.m., Young OZS-ers' Shabbat dinners 6:00 p.m. Check OZS Google calendar for
• monthly schedules. Shabbat Services Saturdays 9:30 a.m.

• **TAI - Temple Adath Israel - www.lextai.org**

• 124 N. Ashland Avenue • 269-2979 • Judy Engelberg, President
• Shabbat Services Fridays 7:00 p.m.; Worship Service Saturday 11:00 a.m.

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

• Jane Chaput, President • chaput1@windstream.net

• **HAV - The Lexington Havurah - www.lexhavurah.uscjhst.net**

• 338-5725 • Stanley Saxe, President • sabastanley@insightbb.com • Shabbat Services monthly, call for schedule.

• **BB - B'nai B'rith Mid-America Region, Stanley Rose Lodge #0289**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
HAD Donor Kick-Off Event		JFB Lunch and Learn with our Local Rabbis	JFB Board Mtgs			
		Hadassah Book Club				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
JFB Yiddish Class			JFB office closes at noon	Rosh Hashanah- JFB Office Closed	Rosh Hashanah- JFB Office Closed	
September 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Chabad-Rabbi Litvin visits			JFB office closes at noon	Yom Kippur
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
JFB Yiddish Class		TAI/OZS God's Pantry Night		Sukkot- JFB Office Closed	Sukkot- JFB Office Closed	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	JFB Board Mtgs			Shmini Atzeret- JFB Office Closed	Simchat Torah- JFB Office Closed	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Hadassah Book Club			AIPAC Meeting			
29	30	1	2	3	4	5