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By LisaMarie Price, Director of Camp Shalom 2000

As most children are counting down the days until summer vacation, I am excitedly marking the days off my calendar too; as I write this there's only ten more weeks until Camp Shalom 2000 begins!

Camp Shalom is for children ages 4-10, held during the weeks of July 24 through August 11 (with half days for Kindercampers). I hope to see every Jewish child in our community attend, but be aware that spaces are limited and

the deposit deadline is June 15.

Also, we do still have openings for counselors (age 16 to adult). Though not essential, a Jewish background is preferred, and parents are welcome to apply. Applications need to be in SOON.

We are busily planning and preparing to make this the best summer in Camp Shalom history. The growing super-duper staff of specialists, counselors, and CITs grows ever enthusiastic as well. With field trips and weekly

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July 24 through
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themes around nature, community, and spirituality, the campers are going to learn and play and have an all-around great adventure.

*See you at
Camp Shalom 2000!*

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שמחה - "SIMCHAS"

MAZEL TOV TO:

Austin & Susan Cantor, on the birth of their grandson - 6 lb., 9 oz. The proud parents are **Josh & Penny Cantor** of Upland, CA.

Trevor & Laura Creamer, on the birth of their daughter, Julia Mychal, on April 21, 2000.

Leah Martin, youngest daughter of **Lynn & Karyn Martin**, on her Bat Mitzvah.

Amy Joy Nigoff, daughter of **Lowell & Betty Nigoff**, on graduating from the University of Kentucky, cum laude, with BA degrees in Psychology and Sociology.

LisaMarie Price, Director of Camp Shalom 2000 and eldest daughter of **Lynn & Karyn Martin**, on her recently announced engagement to **Bradley Broughman**.

REFUAH SHLEMAH TO:

Marsha Vandervort & Vinnie Dubilier's father

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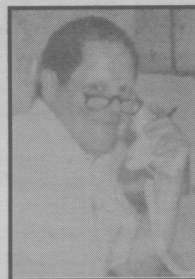
CONDOLENCES TO:

Michael Grossman, on the death of his step-mother, **Mindrot Grossman**.

Helen Levy, Charlotte Levy, Cara Regensterief on the death of their husband, father, and grandfather, **Sam Levy**.

Jack & Susan Miller, on the death of Susan's father, **Maurice Spector**, on April 28, 2000.

Marsha Scherogo of Livingston, NJ, on the death of her husband, **Earl Scherogo**, on Ma7 8, 2000. Earl was the son of the late **Jane Scherogo**.



The President's Message

by
Marty Barr

This column marks the completion of the first year of my term as President of CKJF. It has been one marked by change as we have an entirely new professional staff, reorganized committees, restarted Camp Shalom and are setting new goals for the Campaign.

During the next year, some of the targets which we will begin to pursue, include the following:

1. Development of a process by which the small federations in the Central Region of UJC interact to develop positions on matter of common importance.
2. Seek bigger and better located space for our office, while remaining accessible to the membership.
3. Increase our volunteer base, in terms of both committee membership and those able to spend limited amounts of time on specific projects.
4. Develop a phone tree so that we may contact the membership in moments of need.
5. Continue the progress made by the Community Activities Committee and enhance our program offerings to the community.

Above all, we must continue to foster the spirit of community and service which our organization is based upon. We are not a giant organization, but by working together, we can accomplish great things! *

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From A Local Perspective



Ritual and the Unsuspecting Jew

By Daniel Cheifec

charting the future of our community. While we all know this and consider it a truism, many times we forget it.

We also forget many times that giving to the Annual Community Campaign is not an empty ritual either. It is a special ritual. It is the dedication of our financial support to the cause of Jewish life. It is not about performing the obligation of Tzedakah. Is about doing Tzedakah. Many would say what's the difference? I see the difference as that of acting out of obligation and acting out of conviction. Tzedakah is Justice, even when sometimes we forget it. Feeding the hungry, rescuing the imperiled and providing for Jewish life is the meaning behind Tzedakah.

The Talmud says "Al tabitah bakumkum ayla bemasheyesh bo" - "Do not look at the container but at what is in it": We need to remember why we do things. The empty shell of performing the action, just acting without reflecting on our actions, robs them of their significance and their transcendence.

Rituals, the real ones, were developed to separate the sacred from the profane. Time is transformed by the Kabbalah Shabbath into the Sacred time of rest of reflection, and again by the Havdallah into the profane time of laboring. By the same token, making a gift transforms money from profane currency into an instrument of Justice, and actively participating in community life transforms our personal time into a sacred one.

Rituals can shape our lives and help us find meaning in the simplest things. Let us give of our time to foster Jewish life, let us give of our financial resources to meet the needs of our fellow Jews and our fellow Americans, let us give a thought to everything we do. *

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Kathye Shattner recognized by Dr. Laura Schlessinger

April 2000, famous Jewish radio talk-show host, Dr. Laura Schlessinger, conferred her "Warrior of the Month" award to Kathye Schattner of Lexington.

Dr. Laura confers this honor to those who have the conviction to "do the right thing".

Kathye was recognized for her efforts in instigating and lobbying for the Kentucky Jury Duty deferral bill for full-time moms of young children (Senate Bill #32). This legislation had wide bipartisan support as it was practical, inexpensive, and compassionate.

Unfortunately for Kentucky's babies and small children, it was never brought up for a hearing in the House, despite having passed the Senate by an overwhelming margin.

Dr. Laura's Perspective magazine plans to feature the story of Kentucky Senate Bill #32 early this summer. *

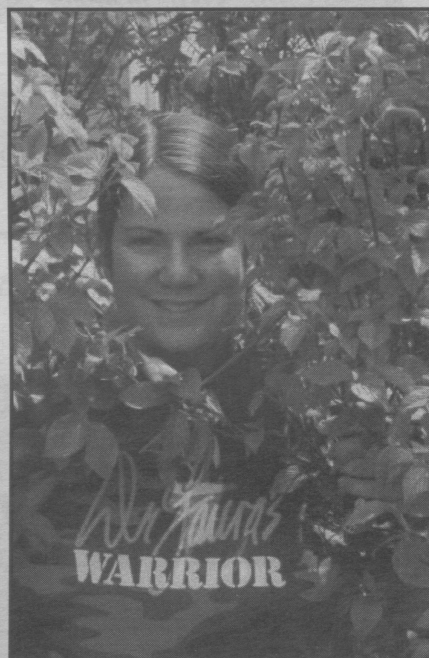


Photo of Kathye Schattner proudly wearing her hard-earned Dr. Laura's Warrior camouflage T-shirt.

Many times, every day, we perform some actions about which we do not really think. Certain acts have indeed become automatic in our daily lives. We wake up in the morning, we take a shower (those of us who favor morning showers), we wash, we prepare for the day ahead, and most of it is done with not much of a conscious thought. Some people call this behavior "ritualistic" - I beg to differ.

A ritual is not supposed to be a set of behaviors coming automatically, but rather a set of behaviors to prepare us for something. Take the Shabbat Service. Is it just about reading the appropriate prayers, or about reading the appropriate Torah portion? While all that is part of the ritual, the ritual is in fact intended to force us to slow down and reflect on the fact that the rush of everyday work is giving way to a time consecrated to rest and reflection - SHABBATH.

While in reference to religious practices this appears self-evident, it might be worth looking at everything we do through that same lens. Participating in committee meeting might be seen by some as "ritualistic" - you go to the meeting, you sit, you listen to the report, you vote when asked, then go home. Yet participating in such a meeting is a key part of being a participant in the decision making process of the community. It is about voicing our opinions, and about

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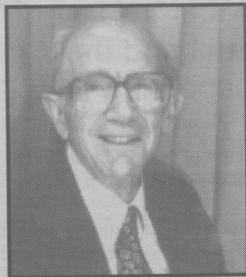
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The Modern Queen Esther

by Michael E. Adelstein

One of the socio-historical themes that continues to interest me concerns the reasons for the assimilation of Jewish-Americans. That we are assimilated seems evident from the Jewish concern about its dangers; as the rabbis, Dershowitz, and many others have proclaimed.

And evidence supports their views. No longer are we included about America's minorities in most non-religious mention of these groups. And then there's the appointment of Supreme Court Justice Breyer several years ago, which generally omitted mention of the fact that he is the second Jew on the Court. Pre-WWII, that fact would have been headlined along with reference to the formerly so-called Jewish seat, e.g. Brandeis, Cardozo, Goldberg, Fortas.

Of course, assimilation developed slowly throughout the century, but it took a quantum leap after WWII. To a great extent, this resulted from the intermixing of Jewish servicemen with others in the armed forces who had never seen or had contact with Jews previously. We all bonded together, digging latrines, serving on KP, griping and bitching, and being scared as we served on or near front lines.

But in the post-war period, we might have reverted to our pre-war status had it not been for several prominent Jews. One of these was Hank Greenberg, whom I have written about previously. Another was Bess Myerson.

Who was Bess Myerson? In September 1945, she was a beautiful girl from the Shalom Aleichem apartments in the Bronx who became Miss America, despite the feelings of some judges and officials against a

Jewish Queen. The daughter of lower middle class parents, whose father was a house painter and whose mother mainly spoke Yiddish, Bess entered the Miss America contest for a scholarship to continue her music studies.

She had always loved playing the piano, especially after her mother had bought a second-hand baby grand and squeezed it into their small one-bedroom apartment. Bess earned money giving piano lessons and also working as a music counselor for four summers in Vermont. It was there that my cousin Joan, a camper, knew her, and reported that my Uncle Tom and all the other fathers swooned over this tall (5' 10"), long-legged, young girl with the dazzling smile who usually wore a bathing suit in keeping with her part-time waterfront duties.

Joan also remembers when Bess left for Atlantic City in the middle of the summer of 1945 with excited campers wishing her good luck in the Miss America contest. Like the other contestants, Bess competed in the swimsuit, talent, and evening gown competitions, and met with the judges for interviews. A graduate of Hunter College, a free tuition school then, Bess had the intelligence, education, and poise to impress others in conversation. And she had the music ability, playing Grieg's Piano Concerto in A Minor, to do well in the talent contest.

But the swim suit competition created some problems because the provided size 12 and 14 suits were either too small or too large. After Sylvia, Bess' older sister, jammed her large body into the smaller suit for two nights, and then altered it slightly, it fit so well that Bess won that event.

The winner of the evening gown contest was never announced. But it was clear to all that Bess had won the Miss America crown.

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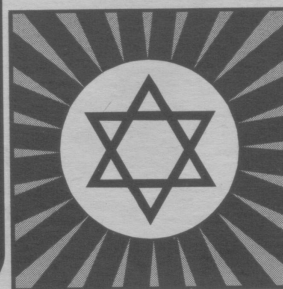
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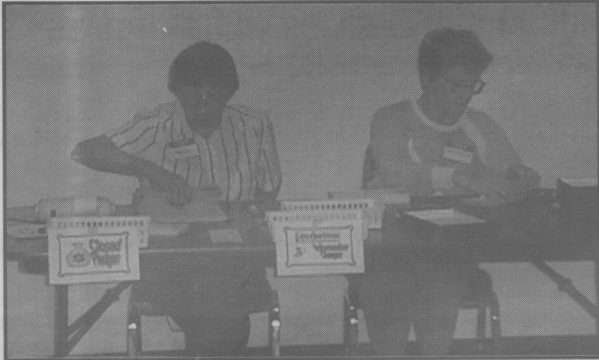
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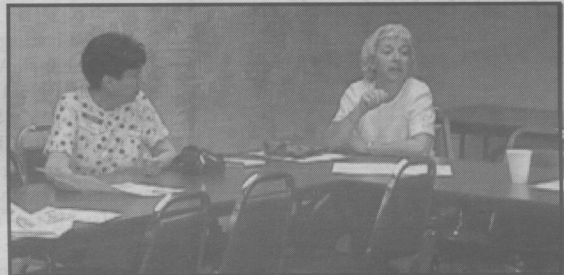


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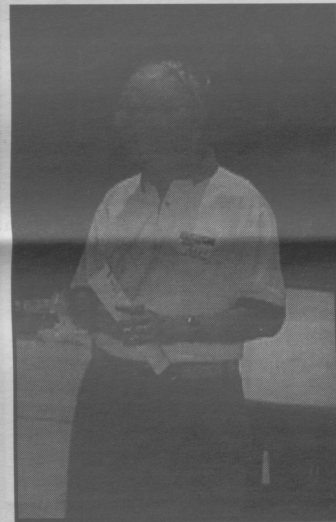
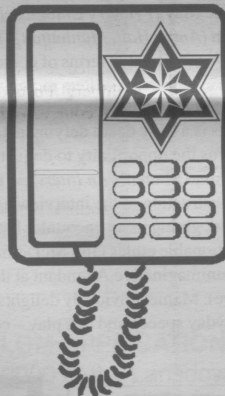
A SUNDAY TO SUPER REMEMBER

On Sunday, May 7th, we came together to give as many people as possible the opportunity to participate in the 2000 CKJF/UJC Community Campaign to provide for the needs of our fellow Jews here in Central Kentucky, across North America, in Israel, and around the world. And we got an overwhelming response !!!!

People contacted people and had a chance to talk about who we are and what we do. We not only raised money – we also raised Jews!

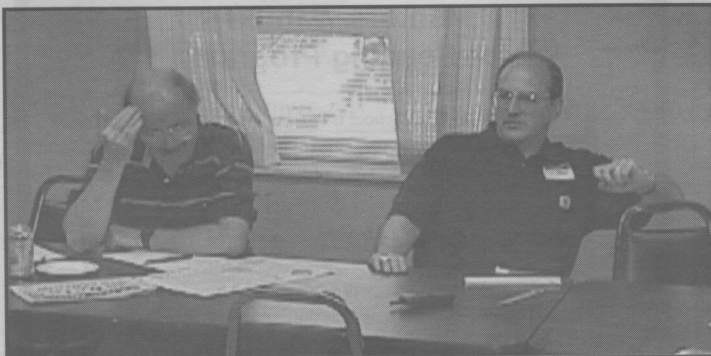
And it got better after we had the follow up session on May 18th ... At the end, more than one hundred and seventy people added their support to the annual Campaign. 50% MORE THAN ANY PRIOR SUPER SUNDAY.

Yashar Koach to the chairpeople of the event, Gail Cohen and Lowell Nigoff, and to all the volunteers who came and helped make this the best Super Sunday ever. Also, very special thanks to SunCom, which donated the phones and the airtime for this event. *



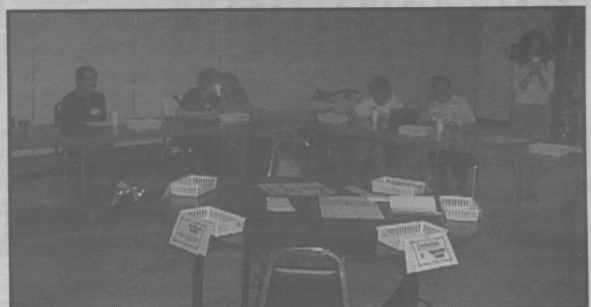
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Kvetch & Kvell — CKJF LEISURE CLUB UPDATE

By Ruth Moser

Here I am again, back from the jungles of Pohnpei. And what was the first thing I did when I got back? That's right. Dale and I had lunch at Schechuan Gardens.

So, Leisure Club members, can you believe that we are getting ready for another musical program and another delicious lunch at Temple Adath Israel! This time the entertainment will be provided by the Louisville Senior Choir. Janice Newman's mom, Henrietta, is in the group, so make sure you say hello to her.

Then the Leisure Club goes on vacation in

July. By the way, Tomas Milch (Annette's husband) gave a very informative presentation at the May luncheon at Portabella's. Tomas knows all that financial stuff inside and out. Rider University could use him on its staff.

You'll have to watch future issues of Shalom for August through the rest of 2000. Annette and Fran (CKJF's new Jewish Family Service worker), are planning a lot of exciting programs to give everyone a chance to get together to kvetch & kvell. *

Actors' Guild to feature three Jewish playwrights

Three Jewish playwrights are featured in Actors' Guild's season finale. *Death Defying Acts* is an evening of three one-act comedies by David Mamet (*Glengarry Glen Ross*, *American Buffalo*), Elaine May (*Primary Colors*, *A New Leaf*) and Woody Allen (*Annie Hall*, *Manhattan*). The death they're defying is literal in terms of content, but also figurative — these are strong writers racing against their own mortality. Laughing in the face of life's funny-sad crises is a truly death defying act, and these shows give us the opportunity to do just that.

David Mamet's *An Interview* is a Kafkaesque deconstruction of the interview as a form of communication, giving us an encounter between a lawyer of questionable ethics (Jim McDermott) and a fastidious and unimaginative Attendant at the gates of Hell (Lilla Lowe). Mamet obviously delights in the semantics of everyday speech and this play — containing no foul

language — is a hilarious departure for him.

Playwright/screenwriter Elaine May has concocted a great premise for *Hotline*. It's got a neurotic suicide counselor (Walter Eng) on his very first shift and a down-on-her-luck prostitute (Gina Scott-Lynaugh) has threatened to kill herself and then hunt up. May exploits this scenario's tragicomic potential to the fullest.

If *An Interview* is a clever theatrical exercise, and *Hotline* a well-wrought one-act, Woody Allen's *Central Park West* is totally deserving of the headline spot. Allen has written a very funny, cutting and insightful one-act parlor piece. It's Neil Simon meets Edward Albee, but the characters are Allen's own.

Death Defying Acts will run from June 1-25: Thurs.-Sat. at 8 PM, Sun. at 2 PM. Tickets and information are available by calling 233-0663. *

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Teachers and trained aides will work with the freshmen but an additional mentor for each student is the optimum goal. Mentors will be asked, but not required, to continue to help the same student after school begins.

If you can help, please call Elzada Azikiwe at (859) 381-4323 or the CKJF office at 268-0672. *

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WANTED:

CAMP SHALOM COUNSELORS

We are looking for several enthusiastic counselors (16-adults) to work with small groups of boys and girls at Camp Shalom, July 24-August 11 (training on July 17). Each group will contain about a dozen campers divided by age (4, 5-6, 7-8, and 9-10-year-olds). "Kindercamp" (for 4-year-olds) runs till noon; the rest of the camp till 5 PM M-TH, till 3 PM on Fridays. Co counselors, CITs and art/drama/PE specialists will provide support. The camp will be at the Lansdowne Club. **For further information, or to apply for this position, call Holly Barnhill at 268-0672.**



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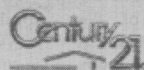
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Even the reported anti-Semitism among some judges and sponsors of the Miss America contest could not stop her.

What followed was a mixed year in Bess' life. She was booked for appearances at many clubs and organizations, some of which cancelled her appearance because she was Jewish. She also appeared in tawdry theaters as part of vaudeville acts, and in night clubs before drunken males who did not appreciate her concert piano and flute selections.

But Bess did enjoy her work during two weeks of every month for the Anti-Defamation League. That organization had created the American Lecture Bureau to fight racism, communism, and fascism. The ADL booked Bess in high schools, Rotary groups, Kiwanis clubs, women's clubs, and other organizations. She found this to be the most nourishing experience in her life.

And it accounts for the rest of her career, most of which was spent working for liberal causes in political life. She served as Commissioner of Consumer Affairs for four years in New York City under Mayor John Lindsay, as Commissioner of Cultural Affairs for four years under Mayor Ed Koch, and was appointed to various national committees by Presidents Johnson, Ford, and Carter. Bess also wrote for several magazines and newspapers, and published *The Complete Consumer* and the best-seller *The I Love NY Diet*.

She was active politically for Democrat candidates in New York and even ran for senator once herself but lost. She appeared innumerable times on television with her own show and on others, serving also as a commentator for special events. And she was awarded honorary doctorates by Hunter College, Keuka College, Long Island University, and Seton Hall.

Her achievements would fill many more paragraphs, but there are also disturbing, disillusioning, and disappointing aspects of her life. She was arrested twice for shoplifting, once in London in 1969, and again in South Williamsport, Pennsylvania in 1988. In both instances, Bess had more than enough money to pay for the inexpensive stolen items.

There are no excuses for these incidents; in addition, Bess' life was scarred by other problems developing from her relationships with men. Allen Wayne, her first husband and father of her child, turned into an alcoholic. They had a bitter divorce with Bess finally awarded custody of their daughter, Barra. Her second husband, Arnold Grant (born Goldstein), one of the richest and most powerful men in New York and Hollywood, became so domineering and jealous that Bess finally had to divorce him.

After several unfortunate and unpleasant relationships with other men, Bess fell madly in love with Andy Capasso, a married multi-millionaire construction contractor with two children, no college education, and twenty years her junior. Although her friends disliked Andy and warned her about him, Bess was blind to his personal faults.

The most egregious of his business faults was income tax evasion, a crime that Andy was convicted of and sentenced to four years in jail. Another problem concerned his bitter and messy divorce suit which involved Bess.

Naturally, she was the other woman in this suit; however, she also played another role. The divorce case was held in Justice Hortense Gabel's court. Bess had been acquainted with Hortense over the years, but became more friendly during the time just prior to the divorce proceedings. Also, when Judge Gabel's daughter withdrew from the doctoral program at the University of Chicago and was at loose ends, Bess hired her at the Department of Cultural Affairs. Shortly after Judge Gabel rendered a decision favoring Andy Capasso in the divorce case, her daughter was fired from the job for incompetence.

The girl went to U.S. attorney Rudolph Giuliani, who brought charges of conspiracy, mail fraud, bribery, and obstruction of justice against Bess and Justice Gabel. Although both were acquitted of all these charges due to insufficient evidence, Beth resigned as Commissioner of Cultural Affairs. Since then she has led a private life.

Despite these problems in her later life, Bess Myerson continues to be mainly remembered as Queen Bess, a beautiful and intelligent woman, the child of immigrant parents, who made American Jews feel proud at the end of WWII when anti-Semitism was still pervasive in our country. *

Resolving Unpaid Holocaust Era Insurance Claims How you can help

Back then...

Prior to and during the Holocaust, members of Jewish communities purchased insurance policies, including life, education and dowry. Those who purchased them intended to provide for a secure future for their families.

People's lives – including their financial plans – were disrupted by the Holocaust. Many documents were destroyed or lost. Many of those policies still remain unpaid. Many plans were never realized.

Now...

Now, as a result of the work of the International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims, individuals may be able to recover what their relatives' intended for them.

In late 1998, the United States National Association of Insurance Commissioners, in conjunction with several major European insurance companies, representatives of Jewish organizations and the State of Israel established the International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims ("International Commission"). Subsequently, several European regulators, as well as representatives of some governments, joined the International Commission as Observers.

The International Commission has developed a process that provides Holocaust survivors and heirs of Holocaust victims with a means for filing claims on unpaid insurance policies. This unique process provides the potential claimants with a central source for information on, investigation into and payment of unpaid policies.

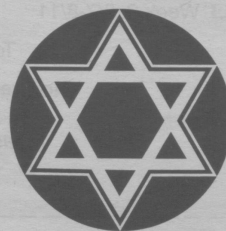
How can we help?

Many may question how, after so much time elapsed, can the international Jewish community help in resolving this issue.

As information on unpaid policies is surfacing at an increasing rate and as the insurance companies involved in this important effort are searching their archives and making information available, we must help the members of our communities. We must help them look at the histories of their families and deal with the memories of the past.

It is important and necessary that we, as individuals and as a community, help and support the Commission with this process.

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From A Local Perspective

ACTION ALERT:

For over a year, thirteen Jews have been imprisoned by Iranian authorities on the charges of spying for the "Zionist regime." As we go to press, their trial proceeds behind closed doors, with no diplomatic or human rights observers permitted to attend. In addition, the defendants have been refused the right to choose their own legal representation and have had lawyers appointed by the Iranian court. Following is a letter sent by the CRC to Senators Jim Bunning and Mitch McConnell, Representative Ernie

Fletcher, and Governor Paul Patton. The Community Relations Committee (CRC) of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation urges you to write our federally elected officials to protest these actions. Addresses have been provided for your information.

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502 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-1703
jim-bunning@bunning.senate.gov

Senator Mitch McConnell
361A Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-1702
senator@mcconnell.senate.gov

Representative Ernie Fletcher
1117 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-1706
ernestfletcher@mail.house.gov

Dear _____:

We in the Central Kentucky Jewish community are writing to express our profound concern and dismay regarding the recent arrests and trials of the thirteen Iranian Jews accused of spying for the state of Israel. Jews have lived in Iran (ancient Persia) for at least twenty-five hundred years, and Iranian culture and religion have contributed much to Jewish and Western life and spirituality during that time. Within the borders of Iran are found some of the oldest Jewish communities in the Diaspora. In the sixth century B.C.E., the Persians under King Cyrus defeated the Babylonians and freed Jewish exiles from Babylonian captivity, liberating them to return to Israel, to live once again according to the Torah (the law of Moses), and to establish the Second Temple. Later, the story of Esther in the Bible, which is read during our festival of Purim, shows the close relationships that existed between Jews and Persians.

It is therefore with great disappointment that we witness the ominous developments now unfolding in Iran. We call upon our leaders to express to officials in the Iranian government that the treatment and safety of these individuals on trial will directly affect our future diplomatic and economic relationships with Iran. Due to the secrecy of the trials, the defendants' lack of access to the charges, the refusal to allow them to choose their own lawyers, and the suspicious circumstances of their alleged confessions, we have grave skepticism about the fairness of the legal proceedings. Given the claim (on the part of some Iranian officials) that all Jews everywhere spy for Israel and given the frightening treatment of the Bahai (among others) in Iran, we believe that we must take swift diplomatic action in order to prevent a catastrophic outcome not only for these thirteen individuals, but for the entire Jewish community of Iran. If nothing else, the events of the Holocaust, Cambodia, Rwanda, and now the Balkans should alert us to the potential dangers inherent in this foreboding situation.

We recognize that Iran is now undergoing a political shift, and that some in the Iranian government are using Jews as scapegoats in order to try to shift attention away from their own difficulties and to diminish the popularity of their reformist opponents. We believe that well-chosen words and actions can help both the reformers and the Jewish community in Iran to build an open, democratic society that embraces the predominant Muslim majority, the Jewish minority, as well as other religious minorities including Christians, Bahai, Mandaeans, and Zoroastrians. Let us call on Iran, with its magnificent cultural and religious history and tradition, to serve as an example to the world of a free society, in which Muslims and Jews live together once again in peace and harmony. At the same time, let us make clear to Iran that we demand humane, equitable, and just treatment, as well as a fair and open trial for those wrongfully accused of espionage.

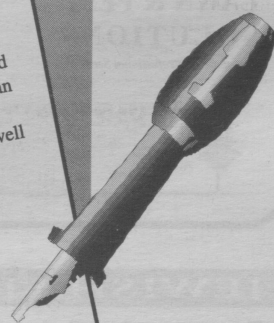
Thank you very much for listening to our concerns.

Sincerely,

Dr. Laurence H. Kant
Community Relations Committee

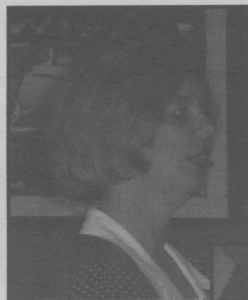
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Community Relations Committee

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Central Kentucky Jewish Federation

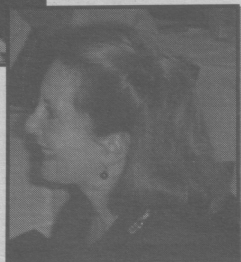


From A Local Perspective

REFRAMING THE PICTURE OF YOUR LIFE



Speaker
Sharon Bryson,
LCSW



Nancy Hoffman, Event Chair

On May 31, the Women's Division held a special program featuring Sharon Bryson, a Licensed Social worker with impressive credentials (see May issue of Shalom). She presented a very convincing model on how to reframe our lives to empower ourselves and to improve our quality of life. In other words, how to reframe the picture of our lives. Many of her insights, while directed to an entirely female audience, were hardly exclusive for women. She gave everybody some food for thought when she closed her presentation with the following quote:

"There are three central values in life - the experiential, or that which happens to us; the creative, or that which we bring into existence; and the attitudinal, or our response in difficult circumstances. The highest of these is attitudinal. In other words, what matters most is how we respond to what we experience in life."

Stephen R. Covey



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DIRECTOR/LEAD TEACHER Responsibilities include: Hiring and supervising staff; record keeping; and planning and implementing an age-appropriate developmental preschool program. This job is intended for someone who would work full-time (as Preschool Lead Teacher in the morning session, and Director in the afternoon) but we would be willing to consider people who would like to take a part-time job as DIRECTOR only.

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From A Local Perspective

Young Hadassah Leader Earns National Award

by Evelyn Dantzig Geller

Nancy Menard, the recently installed President of the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah, has been honored with a Hadassah National Leadership Award. This prestigious award is bestowed on members whose leadership accomplishments within Hadassah and other civic, educational, and cultural organizations reflect Hadassah's dedication to the principles of the volunteer ethic. Award recipients are nominated and selected by their peers and represent a wide range of achievements. For Nancy, these achievements begin with outstanding service as Fundraising Vice-President, Chair of the local "Check It Out" program, and in other committee and Board positions in the Lexington Chapter Hadassah. They extend to holding leadership positions in the Kentucky Nurses Association, Temple Adath Israel, and other parental and social community groups.

"The future of Hadassah, indeed of the Jewish people the world over, rests on committed, concerned and educated Jewish leadership," said Bonnie Lipton, National President of Hadassah. "I am pleased to welcome Nancy Menard to the family of outstanding women who have built our organization and given of themselves to create a better world. I know she has proven herself worthy of the

Hadassah National Leadership Award and will continue to contribute her time and talent so that the future will be as glorious as we envision it."

Janice Newman, immediate past President of the local Hadassah chapter praised Nancy by saying, "Nancy personifies today's young Hadassah woman. We all share a sense of pride for this tribute that she truly deserves."

On a personal level I admire Nancy as a nurse and Hadassah colleague. I see her approach all tasks and challenges analytically, positively, and realistically. Never have I known her to ask anyone to undertake an effort she would not attempt herself. But another of her strengths is being able to delegate; to find a person willing and able to do a job and convince that person of her suitability and competence. I know! She did it to – perhaps for – me.

Congratulations from all of us, Nancy. You have earned and deserve this commendation and will have the affection and support of all Hadassah members as you continue building your role as a Hadassah leader. *

Muscular Dystrophy "Lock-Up"

The Muscular Dystrophy Association of Central & Eastern Kentucky is holding its annual "Lexington Lock-Up," a fundraiser benefitting over 400 people in central & eastern Kentucky who have been afflicted with any of 40 neuromuscular diseases. The event is scheduled for June 27 & 28. To volunteer or for more information call the MDA office at:

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Support No Taxation on Holocaust Settlements

By Rabbi H. D. Uriel Smith

Although the Internal Revenue Service has issued several rulings exempting certain Holocaust compensation payments from taxation, Congress has never passed legislation that would provide broad tax exemption from all Holocaust-related payments. Such tax-exemption legislation has now been introduced in Congress. A bill S. 779, "To provide that no Federal income tax shall be imposed on amounts received by Holocaust victims or their heirs," has been introduced in the Senate. A parallel bill, H.R. 390, "To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income amounts received for settlement of certain claims of Holocaust survivors," has been introduced in the House.

We ask our readers to contact our Kentucky Members of Congress, in writing or by e-mail, asking them to support these bills and become co-sponsors of this legislation. You can find up-to-date information on these and other bills on the Internet by contacting <http://thomas.loc.gov>.

In the Senate, contact Senators Mitch McConnell and Jim Bunning.

Within the area covered by CKJF, in the House, contact Representative Ernie Fletcher of Lexington (District 6), Harold Rogers of Somerset (District 5), or Ken Lucas of Union (District 4). *

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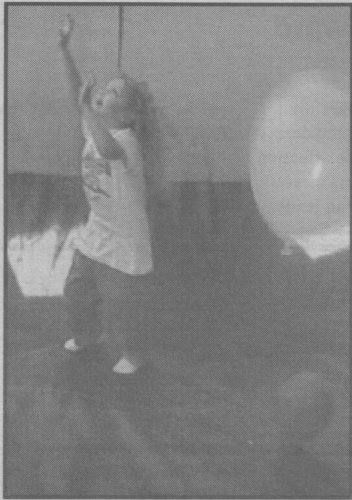
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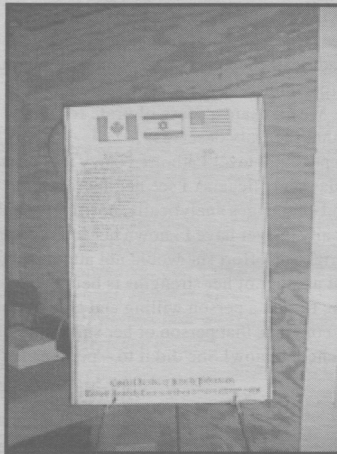
From A Local Perspective

Yom Ha'Atzmaut

By Ruth Poley



A fun filled day



Signatures were collected for the covenant between Israel & the American Jewish Community.

We had the perfect day for a great party! The weather was cool, dry, and sunny, and the crowds turned out in record numbers. The celebration of Israel's Independence Day, Yom Ha' Atzmaut, was a joyful experience for all who attended.

The biggest problem was deciding what to do first, as there was so much going on. The singing and dancing was a delight, the Klezmer music a treat, the craft show offered wonderful wares for sale, and the children's craft activities kept the little (and not so little ones) busy. The outdoor games and rides were a huge hit with the kids, and the slides of Israel and the exhibit showing the history of Jews in Lexington offered a quiet and educational respite for others.

Door prizes were given away throughout the



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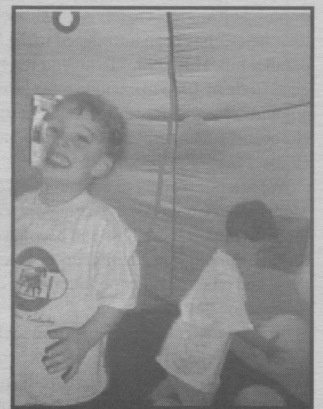
Good food was enjoyed



Dancers danced



The weather was perfect



Kids played

From A Local Perspective

Celebration a Great Success

afternoon, thanks to the generosity of WTC Inc, Portofino's, Bella Notte, Phillip Gall's, Fayette Mall, and artists Sue Hirsh, Roshni Patrawala, and Alicia Ellis. Thanks go to these businesses and individuals for their wonderful donations.

Such an undertaking does not happen all by itself; thanks go to Aviva Bowling for chairing this event and Holly Barnhill for doing the endless legwork. We also gratefully acknowledge the numerous volunteers who sang, danced, decorated, schlepped, cleaned up, made phone calls, directed parking, and performed all the myriad other tasks involved in getting this celebration off the ground. Your efforts are truly appreciated.

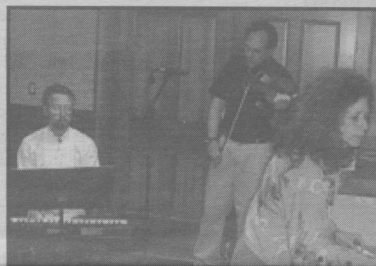
The Community Activities Committee of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation sponsored the Yom Ha' Atzmaut celebration. *



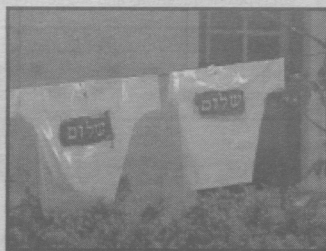
Leah Martin & LisaMarie Price, Director of Camp Shalom



Games & prizes were enjoyed by the kids.



The Klezmer Band performs, while Holly prepares for another dance.



Shalom t-shirts were for sale.



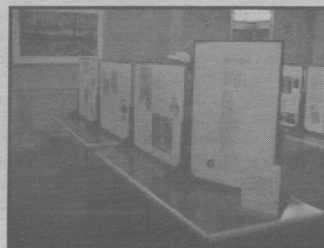
The Giant Slide was a big hit.



The kids had a blast



Jordan & Holly Barnhill take advantage of the sunny day.



The display of local Jewish history attracted a lot of attention.

From A Local Perspective

The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation Welcomes Two New Members to the Staff



**Fran Morris, Director/Social Worker
Jewish Family Services**

Hi. I'm Fran Morris and I'm very pleased to introduce myself as the new Director/Social Worker for Jewish Family Services. First, I want to say thank you to the CKJF staff and everyone on the JFS search and advisory committees who were so warm and encouraging throughout the entire interview process. A special thanks goes to Janice Newman who acted as interim JFS Director and has been a wonderful help in easing the transition to my new job. I feel very welcome in the Jewish community, and I'm looking forward to adding my voice and

expertise to the many dedicated staff and volunteers who work here.

To tell you a little about myself: I am originally from Canada and I moved to Lexington last summer to be closer to my family. My life has been deeply enriched by being a resident "auntie" to my nieces. My sister and brother-in-law have truly become my best friends, while my second set of parents round out my complete family.

Before moving to Lexington, I spent a few years in California and worked for several different social service organizations. Over the last eight years, my experience has included working with a Jewish students' association, Jewish Family Services, Shalom Village senior's residence, the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, Information and Referral Services, The Council on Aging, and the Young Jewish Community of the Bay area.

Today I have many hopes and goals for JFS in Lexington. In serving the needs of this community, I have a vision for a one-stop shop for information and resources within the Jewish community and greater Lexington community. Exciting ideas for educational enrichment include a speaker's bureau of community professionals, parenting workshops, and college counseling for students planning to attend Jewish programs around the country.

I'm looking forward to this opportunity to serve the Jewish community! Please contact me if there is anyone you know of who would benefit from our

services, but who may not be inclined to ask on their own behalf. I look forward to all types of questions and suggestions you may have regarding services and educational programs. Together I know we can make JFS a strong presence in the Lexington and national Jewish community. *



Linda Levinson, CKJF Office Manager

The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation would like to welcome Linda Levinson as our new Office Manager.

Prior to this position, Linda was living and working abroad in Brussels, Belgium. This enabled her to interact with a wide range of cultures and their business practices. She is looking forward to bringing her diverse professional experiences to the Federation and thus, the community.

Linda and her husband, Joe, have traveled extensively, including to the Northernmost synagogue in the world (see article on page 19 in this edition of *Shalom*). They have lived in a variety of settings and have chosen Lexington to be their new and "permanent" home. They are excited to be back in the states and to finally have a place where they can actively take part as members of the community. *



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It is impossible to view my parent as merely "a man" or "a woman," and no amount of reading about aging parents can fully prepare me emotionally for my relationship with my own mother or father who can't hear my one liners anymore, who requires 2 hours of my time to travel with me to the hardware store, who can't call me because she can't remember how to push the programmed button on the phone.

I have personal and professional experience with young old and old old adults as a member of the next generation and as a counselor to people in later life who are having to deal with these realities. Call me if you think a psychologist may be of some help.

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Preparing Lexington Stores for the Next Passover

By Rabbi H. D. Uriel Smith

This last Pesach several stores helped the Jewish community keep Passover by bringing in Passover foods. While there was quite a variety, the stores ran out of many Passover staples very quickly. So the preparations were not completely adequate.

Several Kroger stores have traditionally brought in Passover food into Lexington. Two other major stores, Meijer and Slone's, have shown their interest in Jewish custom not only by obtaining Passover foods and having a Jewish selection the year round, but also by advertising in *Shalom*.

To assist these stores in achieving their intent of providing for special needs of the Jewish community, we offer two suggestions.

1. Contact the managers of the stores where you shop, and let them know both how you were satisfied with what you found and bought, and where you found a lack or shortage of items. Thank them for the good they are doing, and help them identify in what way then can further serve you.
2. Let the CKJF know which stores you contacted, and what you told them, so that we as a community can coordinate the information, and suggest to the shopkeepers what the needs of the community are.

We are grateful to these businesses and hope our efforts will help them prepare for Passover next year. *

From A Local Perspective

Update from the UK Jewish Student Organization/Hillel Foundation

by Austin Cantor

Hillel website: www.uky.edu/studentorgs/jso

The academic year has concluded and most of the students are gone from campus. However, this is still a very active time for the UK JSO/Hillel. I wanted to take this opportunity to inform the Jewish community about what has happened recently and what will be happening this summer. In addition, I need to relate to you news about what, fortunately, did not happen.

April was a very busy month for the JSO/Hillel. We continued the tradition of having our own JSO/Hillel Passover seder. We want to thank Susan and Steve Goldstein for once again welcoming us into their home for our annual event. We all had a most enjoyable and meaningful experience. Another more recent tradition, that of exchanging visits with the West Virginia University Hillel, was also maintained. A group of our students visited the Morgantown campus on the weekend of April 7-9 to see their WVU friends made from past visits, to learn about Hillel programming at WVU, and to enjoy a weekend of activities. Our final activity (not counting the weekly Dinners at the Dorm) was a bagel brunch at Manhattan Bagel on Sunday, April 30, followed by a canoeing "expedition" at the Goldsteins.

The election of new officers for the 2000-2001 academic year also took place in April. Congratulations are extended to Lauren Feinberg, president; Beth Bloom, vice-president; Al Klunga, secretary; and David Cantor, treasurer. We are looking forward to an exciting year of activities with our new leadership team.

During the summer, several of our students will be on the road to Israel or other events. Lauren Feinberg travels to Israel with the Birthright Israel program. Beth Bloom, David Cantor and Jim Hirsh will be attending the American Israel Public Affairs Committee Annual Policy Conference in Washington. The conference will include a variety of presentations by well known speakers from the government. One of the highlights will be an address by Israel Prime Minister Ehud Barak.

Several months ago, our campus newspaper, the Kentucky Kernel, was approached by Bradley Smith's organization, the Committee on Open Debate on the Holocaust (CODOH), to publish an ad. For those not familiar with Smith, he is a historical revisionist and publishes material aimed at denying the Holocaust. Approximately two months before the request was received, I had forwarded a packet of material that I had received from Anti Defamation League to the faculty advisor of the newspaper and made contact by phone. The ADL material discusses the nature of CODOH's ads and clearly shows why it should not be published, based

on journalistic responsibility. Upon receipt of CODOH's ad request, the Kernel advisor called me to set up a meeting with the editor-in-chief and the advertising editor to discuss the matter. I then contacted Joel Ratner in the regional ADL office in Cleveland and Jeffrey of ADL in New York. Both were very supportive and sent us additional material to present to the student newspaper. Our group included Susan Goldstein, our associate director; Lauren Feinberg, our JSO/Hillel president; David Cantor, our treasurer; Prof. Jeremy Popkin, chair of the History Department and the instructor for the Holocaust courses, and myself. The editor-in-chief was very sympathetic to our cause, but was concerned about violation of the First Amendment. Fortunately, the ADL material clearly shows that refusal to publish an ad is not a First Amendment issue. After our meeting, the issue was taken before the entire editorial board of the Kernel, which voted not to publish the ad. The occurrence of this "non-happening" shows why it is necessary to be proactive. Our meeting with the student newspaper probably would not have occurred, had we not sent them the ADL material. It also illustrates the importance of having an active Jewish Student Organization on campus to represent Jewish students as well as the entire Jewish community.

This is a good time to remind all parents that we very much want to keep your sons and daughters informed of Jewish activities on campus and in the community to hopefully get them involved in JSO events. However, to do this we need YOUR HELP. We do not "automatically" get the names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of Jewish students. YOU need to get this information to us. Please send any names of students at UK or other institutions in central Kentucky to Austin Cantor, 1905 Alexandria Dr., Lexington, KY 40504; 278-2530; e-mail ahcantor@aol.com.

*** Do you have knowledge of a hate crime or an anti-semitic incident? The Anti-Defamation League has published a list of its offices so that regardless of where you are or the event took place, you may call for advice. To report a hate crime or other incident call your local ADL office:**

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Boston, MA	617-457-8800
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Advisory Board for UK JSO/Hillel Foundation to be Formed

In our effort to strengthen the UK JSO/Hillel Foundation and to better serve Jewish students at all institutions of higher education in the central Kentucky area, we are beginning the process of establishing a new advisory board. While the exact composition of the board has not been established, we do hope to have members from a variety of Jewish organizations, the general community, Jewish faculty and staff at area universities, and students. The responsibilities of the advisory board will include oversight of JSO/Hillel activities and personnel, support in conducting JSO/Hillel activities, financial oversight and fund raising.

If you are interested in being involved in the advisory board or know someone who might be, or would like to assist JSO/Hillel in any other way, please contact Austin Cantor, 1905 Alexandria Drive, Lexington, KY 40504; 278-2530; e-mail ahcantor@aol.com *

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From A Local Perspective

The Northernmost Synagogue in the World

by Joseph and Linda Levinson



Right across the street from one of the most magnificent Cathedrals in the world in Trondheim, Norway, sits an old railway station. What used to be called Trondheim Station is now, and has been, the northernmost synagogue in the world since 1924.

While visiting relatives on a one-week tour of Norway, we visited this synagogue and attended Shabbat services. At first, we were curious whether there would be enough people to actually hold a service. Surprisingly, there were about 20 people from all walks of life who attended. The service was reminiscent of most Shabbat services insofar as it was performed in Hebrew. The Siddur, however, was translated in Norwegian rather than English (illustrating how important it is to learn and understand Hebrew). After the service we took great pleasure in introducing ourselves to the members and other visitors of the synagogue.

We questioned whether or not such a small synagogue with such a small population housed a Torah scroll. One gentleman had spent some time explaining the history of the synagogue we had not read about, beginning with the answer to that very question. He proudly announced that the synagogue had 3 Torah scrolls that had endured Nazi invasion. When Germany had invaded Norway in 1940, the scrolls were entrusted to a nearby Methodist church, where they were safely held until the end of the war. Also, during that same period of time (1941), the synagogue was confiscated and used as a barracks for German soldiers. The Magen David was removed from the many windows and replaced with swastikas. The premises were left in ruins from the soldier's occupancy. Once the war had ended, the building was reclaimed and restored to its original form and dedicated in 1947.

In the basement of the synagogue, there is a small Holocaust museum that documents the history of Norwegian Jews with regard to the war and the

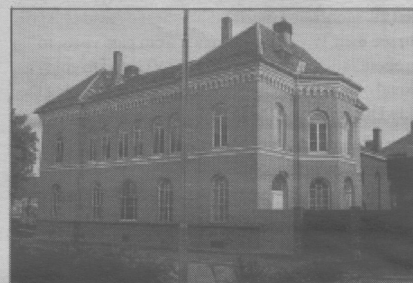
rebuilding process for their existence today. The museum is only open on the first Sunday of every month. As fate would have it, we were there the first Sunday of April. We were given a personal tour from the granddaughter of the synagogue's founder. As in most European countries, Hitler and his irrational ideals annihilated what could have been a thriving Jewish population.

The Jewish population in Trondheim, Norway currently stands at around 120, far less than the Jewish population of central Kentucky. The synagogue currently holds services every Friday evening at 5:30pm with the exception of one mid-summer

month because of the lack of participants who vacation during that time. They do not have a consistent rabbi because of the geographical difficulty of keeping kosher and congregation population, but rabbis from

around the world share responsibility for services, particularly during High Holy Days.

The experience is one we will never forget. We left feeling incredibly humbled by the fact that we were moving to an area (Central Kentucky) that has a Jewish population that towers over the existing population in the entire country of Norway. We highly recommend visiting our international friends and community if you ever have the chance. *



"Lashon Harah and other Jewish realities"

A "cousin" of ours, the Egyptian poet Khalil Gibran, once said that "When your words leave your mouth, they are not your words anymore". The Jewish counterpart of that is a concept called "Lashon Harah", or as close as we can come in English to it, "gossiping".

Rabbi Lou Feldstein discussed with Young Leadership many of the implications that Jewish thought has for our daily lives, but that of "Lashon Harah" stood out as the one that we are the least aware of...

Rabbi Feldstein helped the group to think around some examples of everyday lives with his bright wit and special humor, exploring issues from the direct (we offend somebody when gossiping about him or her), to the indirect, or how we can affect third people's lives through gossip. Other issues came up, such as situations in which listening to gossip can be as damaging, or more, than the actual gossip. Friendships have been lost by listening to gossip...

And since we are good Jews, we are not perfect - so Judaism has of course a prescription to ask for forgiveness when do stray from the path and gossip... Interesting enough, not what we would have expected. He described the traditional three steps in Judaism to overcome any transgression against another Human being:

First, we need to ask forgiveness from the person we affected directly. In the case we are talking about, the person about whom we have gossiped - Even if the

person does not know we did !!! This is so because in Judaism we ask forgiveness for doing wrong, not for being caught...

The second step is to ask forgiveness from all those around us who have been affected by our gossiping. Let's imagine that our gossiping cost somebody his or her job. We owe asking for forgiveness not only to the person directly affected, but to his or her employers for having their act on gossip rather than fact, to their families who are affected by the situation, to his or her former workmates for taking that person away from their work environment, etc. No change is isolated, and we need to be aware of the consequences of our actions. In this case, our gossiping.

The third step is the actual "Teshuvah" or return to the straight path. No process of repentance is complete without it. Even if we ask forgiveness for everybody we must ask forgiveness from, the process is not complete if we do not learn from the mistake we made. If we do not change our behavior accordingly to avoid doing the same mistake in the future, the process is worthless. Teshuvah is the necessary corollary to the acknowledgment of our mistakes.

Rabbi Feldstein, who delivered all these pieces of Jewish treasure with humor and love, is the Director of YAD (Young Adults Department) in Atlanta, Georgia - and we hope to have him visit us again soon. (Do not tell anybody, but he...) *

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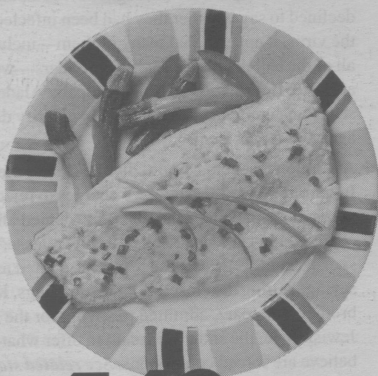
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Around The Globe

JEWISH COMMUNITIES OF THE WORLD

Jews in Singapore

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Jewish Population 300

A Jewish community has existed in Singapore for more than 150 years. The first Jews to settle there were merchants from Baghdad, and this group set the Sephardi tone of Jewish life that continues to this day. The first synagogue was erected in 1878. The early immigrants from Iraq were later joined by Jews from India and Ashkenazim from central Europe. On the eve of World War II, there were 5,000 Jews in Singapore, and they suffered great hardship during the Japanese occupation. Many emigrated after the liberation, but today the city is at least the temporary home to several hundred Israelis and other foreign Jews who have found work on the island. Sephardim account for about 90% of the permanent residents.

The Jewish Welfare Board represents the community. There are two synagogues (both Sephardi), but only one is used on a regular basis. Another congregation, Progressive Ashkenazi, holds services but does not have its own building. There is one resident rabbi

and a Sunday school for children. Kosher food is available, and there is a mikva and a cemetery.

A Jewish Welfare Board newsletter called *L'Chaim* appears monthly, as does the Singapore Shofar, published by the Progressive congregation. The community center, where the Hebrew school, an auditorium, and a library are located, is a focus of cultural life. The Jewish Welfare Board also operates an old-age home.

When the country was granted partial independence in 1955, David Saul Marshall, who had earlier served as president of the Jewish Community, was appointed Singapore's first chief minister. In 1956, Marshall resigned from his post when Great Britain refused to grant full independence. When the country finally did attain independence, Marshall was elected to its legislature, and later served in its foreign ministry as ambassador to several European countries.

ISRAEL

Israel and Singapore have full diplomatic relations. *

For some students, spring break is a chance to help repair the world

By Brianne Korn

NEW YORK, April 24 (JTA)—When Rebecca Shaloff left her suburban Washington home for a college campus, she also left behind the comforts of her lifelong affiliation with her Jewish community.

It wasn't until Purim, when she heard the Megillah in a California town with 10 peers from the University of Maryland Hillel chapter and the towns' small Jewish population, she "realized what an amazing sense of community it is to be Jewish."

Shaloff celebrated Purim this year while participating in an alternative spring break, partly sponsored by Hillel, in which students traveled to California to help migrant workers build homes. Alternative spring breaks have sprouted on many college campuses in recent years as students opt to better humanity during their vacation instead of working on their tans.

"I've always been into doing community service," said Shaloff of why she chose to spend her vacation on a construction site. "I didn't consider it giving up my spring break. It's the best thing I could do for myself."

Many Hillel-sponsored spring breaks try to make Judaism relevant to students while exploring other cultures and offering aid to those in need.

The New York University chapter shuttled 20 students to El Salvador to help rebuild hurricane-ravaged communities, and students from Washington University in St. Louis traveled to New York to help foster black-Jewish relations.

Shaloff, a psychology major raised in a Conservative Jewish family, saw it as a privilege to work with a group called Global Volunteers to help build the homes. To her, it's a chance to help those less fortunate while simulta-

neously learning from peers with different Jewish backgrounds.

Students took part in actual construction tasks, including putting up walls, installing roofs and painting. "I remember my very first nail," Shaloff said. "I hit and hit and nothing was working." But by the end of the week, "I was slightly better but I mostly stuck with painting."

Shaloff said the experience gave her new insight into Judaism. "We all came together," she said. "I look at Judaism and see it so much as a community and I feel like I'm a member."

A Hillel initiative called Tzedek Hillel, which funds campus chapters that make a one-year commitment to public policy and social activism, is fostering the increase in the alternative breaks. The Jewish concept of *tikkun olam*, which means repairing the world, and acquiring a better understanding of other cultures inspired Ari Alexander to participate in the University of Pennsylvania's alternative spring break. As a member of a black-Jewish dialogue group called "Alliance and Understanding," Alexander had the opportunity to travel south with seven other black and Jewish students to explore the civil rights movement and Jewish connections through visiting such places as Jackson, Miss., and Selma, Ala.

"Outside of school, I try to get the most out of people and places that I can," said Alexander, who was raised in a Conservative Jewish home. A junior who is majoring in history, Alexander's curiosity about different cultures surfaced during his year of study at Israel's Hebrew

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ECONOMIC BRIEFS

❖ Japanese electronics giant Toshiba is planning to invest \$50 million in Israeli start-up companies over the next four years, HA'ARETZ reported. Toshiba will conduct its investments through its investment subsidiary, iValue Creation Company (IVC), which was established on April 1 of this year. The Japanese company declared recently that it plans to concentrate in the cellular Internet field.

❖ A majority of Americans are comfortable with using government vouchers at private schools run by religious groups, according to a recent poll. Some 52 percent of those surveyed did not feel that the use of vouchers would violate the constitutional separation of church and state.

NEWS AT A GLANCE

❖ An official ceremony was held at Ben Gurion International Airport on Sunday to mark the arrival of the one millionth Russian immigrant following the breakup of the Soviet Union in September, 1989, MA'ARIV reported. Prime Minister Ehud Barak, Immigration and Absorption Minister Yael Tamir, representatives of the Jewish Agency, and Members of Knesset who are themselves immigrants, participated in the ceremony. The majority of new immigrants who arrived in the last decade were from the former USSR. Four percent were from Ethiopia. New immigrants from the United States totaled less than two percent of the immigrant population.

❖ Risk management and insurers in the Israeli high-tech field assess that the "I Love You" Internet virus, which affected companies worldwide, has inflicted damages to Israeli companies in the range of 30-50 million NIS (\$7.5-12.5 million), HA'ARETZ reported. Although most companies declined to say whether they had been infected by the virus, it appears that many of them—including all of the cellular phone service providers—were affected. Information security company Aladdin has set up an emergency service to help identify damages and repair them.

❖ A religion teacher is reportedly the first of the 13 Iranian Jews facing espionage charges to reject the accusations in court. Farzad Kashi "denied all the charges, and his lawyer called for his release," a spokesman for the defense team was quoted as saying. During the closed-door proceedings, Kashi's brother, Faramarz, admitted to spying for the Jewish state, the sixth defendant to offer what many believe are forced confessions. *See related stories on pages 9 and 18 of this issue of Shalom.*

❖ Jewish leaders expressed sorrow at the death of New York's longtime archbishop. Cardinal John O'Connor, who died at 80 after battling brain cancer, "promoted harmony among the many diverse religious communities of New York and forged a close bond with the Jewish community," said Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League. *

Around The Globe

Latest Iranian 'confessions' spur concerns about advocacy

by Michael J. Jordan

NEW YORK, May 8 (JTA)—Iran's Revolutionary Court has recorded two more "confessions" from the 13 Iranian Jews accused of spying for Israel, bringing to five the number who have so far admitted their guilt.

The court's perfect record in confessions—which the five have claimed were voluntary, apparently in hopes of receiving mercy—has provoked further outcry from leading advocates for the "Iran 13."

The advocates continue to insist on their innocence, describing the proceedings as a political show trial. At the same time, advocates worry that the string of admissions may be creating strains in the global coalition that has rallied to the defense of the accused.

"The concern we have is that too many well-meaning people are starting to doubt themselves," said Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

"As each one confesses, people on all sides are asking, 'How can they all be confessing?' But they don't understand the circumstances under which these confessions are being made."

At a closed hearing Monday Ramin Farzam, 36, and Nasser Levi-Haim, 46, a part-time Hebrew teacher, allegedly confessed. Levi-Haim's confession, in particular, startled advocates, who had been led to believe by their sources within the Iranian judiciary that religious leaders in the community would not be lumped into the group of so-called conspirators.

After the hearing, Levi-Haim reportedly told reporters: "I swear on the Torah, in whose service I have been for 40 years, that I was under no duress in court to confess. I got religiously involved, and I was tricked by Israeli agents."

There appears ample reason to be skeptical about his confession. In the Revolutionary Court, the judge is also the prosecutor, the jury—and the chief interrogator behind bars, said Sam Kermanian, secretary-general of the American Iranian Jewish Federation in Los Angeles.

"The Authorities don't even need to use physical or psychological torture," said Kermanian. "The judge could visit and say, 'Listen my son, you cannot hope to get anywhere by not cooperating with me.' Anybody in their right mind would think, 'OK, this guy can execute me if he wants. My only chance is if I give him what he wants and hope for leniency.'"

"Some of them have been in prison for almost 16 months, where their only contact with the outside was five minutes a week of supervised time with their families, through thick glass and monitored telephone. The other 10,075 minutes of the week, they were under the influence of the authorities."

The Iran 13 would also be well aware of the fate that has befallen other Iranian Jews accused of spying. Spying is also a common charge leveled against Iranian dissidents. The punishment has ranged from short prison sentences to execution, but some of those convicted have also had their eyes gouged out or limbs severed.

Confessions are commonplace and often repeated on television, just as four of the five Iranian Jews have done, said Pooya Dayanim, spokesman for the Los Angeles-based Council of Iranian America Jewish Organizations.

"The Iranian public has come to recognize that these confessions are made under pressure," Dayanim said. With that in mind, there seems to be no doubt among Iranian Jewish emigres that the Iran 13 are completely innocent.

That some outside observers are now wondering if the 13 are in fact guilty of the charges is prompting activists like Dayanim to release more details about how this case evolved into the international showdown it is today.

Dayanim revealed, for example, that soon after the 13 Jews were arrested in January and March of 1999, the Islamic hard-liners who control Iran's judiciary opened a line of communication with the Los Angeles community. The purpose, he said, was to articulate their motives behind the arrests—and what they hoped to gain from this maneuver.

In a power struggle with their reformist rivals, the hard-liners would use the Iran 13 to undermine the

reformist camp's relations with the West.

The Iranians also suggested that the prisoners could become bargaining chips in Iran's ongoing effort to recoup some \$650 million that it claims Israel owes from business deals prior to the 1979 revolution.

Finally, the hard-liners said, according to Dayanim, detaining the Jews would teach the Iranian Jewish Diaspora—which had spoken out about the arrests—a lesson about meddling in Iran's internal affairs. "In all the contacts we've ever had with Iranian officials, they have never claimed these 13 people were spies," said Dayanim. "They were very forthright and up front about the fact that this is part of a game, and to show that Iran will not be bullied and that they have ultimate control over their citizens."

Kermanian now expects all 13 to confess to some role in the alleged spy ring. Sentencing is likely to come at the end of the month. "There will be more confessions, and the authorities will fabricate any sort of documents or evidence they need to fabricate to make their point," he said. "If they don't, that's what would be surprising."

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University in 1997.

"What would it have been like if I was born a Palestinian?" Alexander began asking himself. It was this interest in "those seen on the other side" that inspired him to engage in bridge-building when he returned to Penn. "Lack of contact with people breeds suspicion," Alexander cautioned.

Dialogues and tours of the Civil Rights Museum in Birmingham and the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church in Montgomery were intertwined with a traditional Friday night service and dinner.

"Making the world better for everyone" through understanding and sharing common experiences "is a Jewish manifesto," Alexander said.

He said the interaction with people who were involved in the civil rights movement brought history to life, even more so than when he hears stories of Holocaust survivors, since the age gap with those who were on the front lines in the South is not as large.

"It's hard to go back to schools and read about in books," he said, once he met the actual historical payers.

Since his return from the South, Alexander has become co-chair of Alliance and Understanding. According to Liz Minkin, associate director of University of Pennsylvania's Hillel, an alternative spring break to both Senegal and Israel is in the works for the coming years in continuation of the bridge-building spirit.

Fostering contact between different cultures not only educates students about diversity, according to Shaloff, who has become involved in her Hillel since her trip to California, but also helps them personally and religiously.

Of her break, Shaloff said, "It was kind of my own Jewish community that I facilitated. You can build your own Jewish community wherever you go."

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Around The Globe

In its 53rd year, Israel will continue to ask, 'Who am I?'

by Avi Machlis

JERUSALEM (JTA)—As Israelis fired up their grills for their Independence Day barbecue ritual on Israel's 52nd birthday, the existential debates that dominated the public agenda were almost sure to get lost in the clouds of smoke.

But amid the smog that descended upon the country, there was also a feeling that in Israel's 53rd year, an intense debate about the nature of the Jewish state and the future of Zionism will heat up.

"The attempt to find a middle road between a Jewish and democratic state will be the essence of the ongoing public debate over Jewish and Israeli identity," said Moshe Lissak, professor emeritus of sociology at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

"But I don't think that Israeli society is ripe for these discussions because as long as diplomatic arrangements with her neighbors have not been secured, it will be difficult to address these issues in a rational way."

Experts say that after the barbecues are doused, the debate about the nature of the Jewish state will proceed along two main paths.

First, the very fundamental definition of Israel as a Jewish state is likely to face sharper challenges than ever before from Israeli Arabs, who make up 20 percent of Israel's population of 6 million. Second, the struggle between religious and secular segments of society toward defining what it means to be a Jewish state will be played out in new ways.

The impetus for the Arab challenge was provided nearly two months ago, when the Qadan family from Galilee won the right from Israel's High Court of Justice to build a home in Katzir, a Jewish community established by the Jewish Agency for Israel.

With that landmark decision, the Supreme Court shattered one of the fundamental tenets of modern Zionism, which sought to secure land exclusively for Jews. While ruling that it was illegal to discriminate against Arabs in land allocation, the court insisted this did not clash with the Jewish nature of the state.

In fact, Justice Aharon Barak argued that the "Jewish character of the state did not permit Israel to discriminate between its citizens. In Israel, Jews and non-Jews are citizens with equal rights and responsibilities."

The ruling injected a new sense of self-confidence into Israel's Arab community, which says it suffers from widespread discrimination in areas such as employment and government funding.

Mohammed Baraka, a Knesset member and leader of the predominantly Arab Hadash Party, said Israeli Arabs will now step up their struggle for equal rights and press ahead with a campaign to remove the Jewish symbols of the state: from the Star of David flag to the national anthem Hatikvah to the Jewish Agency itself.

Though Baraka said he understands this strikes at a raw nerve of most Jewish Israelis, he added, "The state can express Jewish national aspirations, but it cannot be a Jewish state if one of every five citizens is an Arab," he said. "Healthy logical reasoning says that when the Jewish and democratic nature of the state clash, the democratic way should win out."

Such a campaign, said sociologist Lissak, is likely to reignite dormant Zionist feelings among many Israelis.

"I fear a backlash from a large portion of Jewish society," he said.

But at the Jewish Agency — an organization Baraka wants dismantled — Sallai Meridor, the Jewish Agency chairman who opposed the Supreme Court ruling, believes Israelis are up to the challenge, even in the face of post-Zionist trends and history books that are rewriting what once were sacred beliefs about the heroism of Israel's founders.

"After having built the state physically, we are now moving on to the phase of adding the spiritual content of what it means to be a Jewish and democratic state," he said. "I think this is a very exciting challenge."

While Meridor believes the Jewish state must be particularly sensitive to its non-Jewish population — even using affirmative action at times — he also foresees a growing Arab trend to "de-Zionize and de-Judaize" Israel.

In addition, there will be groups of Israelis who join in and want Israel to relinquish all identity as a Jewish state. Such a threat, he said, could indeed galvanize mainstream support for a more Jewish state.

"But the true challenge is to choose to be Jewish or to stay Jewish without anti-Semites, and to be united without enemies," he added.

Yet at the same time, Israeli Jews are likely to experience a contradictory trend. More and more Israeli Jews see different cultural, religious or political sectors within Israel as enemies, and this will make cohesion a difficult task.

Many believe the same court that gave its nod to the land challenge by the Arab family will also present a different set of challenges for religious and secular Jews.

Secular Jews feel increasingly threatened by the rising political power of haredi, or fervently Orthodox, parties. Many see the Supreme Court as a last line of defense against religious politics.

The hereditim meanwhile, feel defenseless against an increasingly activist judicial system. On all sides, the rhetoric is ugly.

Ironically, the haredim, who largely do not attach theological significance to Israel as a Jewish state, are battling harder than ever to maintain the state's clutch on Judaism.

Jonathan Rosenblum, director of the Israel office for the fervently Orthodox Am Echad group and a commentator for the Jerusalem Post newspaper, explains the paradox.

On the one hand, he said, an increasingly materialistic, secular society with a shrinking connection with Judaism, vindicates the classical haredi rejection of secular Zionism as a replacement for Judaism.

"At the same time, we are fearful that to the extent that people lose any awareness of themselves as Jews as a distinctive entity, it will make it much more difficult to reconstitute the Jewish people around its natural center, which is the Torah," he added. *

"Laughing Iz Gesundt"

❖ Goldstein has been going to the same restaurant on the Lower East Side for ten years. Every day, he starts with the same thing, barley soup. One day, as soon as he comes in, the waiter brings the soup over to his table.

"I want you should taste the barley soup,"

Goldstein says as the waiter starts to walk away.

"What's the matter?" the waiter says. "Every day, you take the barley soup."

"I want you should taste the barley soup,"

Goldstein repeats.

"You don't want the barley soup?" the waiter says. "I'll bring you something else."

"I want you should taste the barley soup,"

Goldstein repeats.

"Okay, okay, I'll taste the barley soup," the waiter says wearily. "Where's the spoon?"

"Aha!"

❖ In another Jewish restaurant, a man comes in and his order is taken by a Chinese waiter who speaks perfect Yiddish. After the waiter takes his order and goes to the kitchen, the man calls over the manager.

"Where did you find a Chinese waiter who knows Yiddish?"

"Shhh!" the manager says. "He thinks he's learning English."

Folk Wisdom

❖ A poor Jew finds a wallet with five hundred rubles. At synagogue, he hears that the town's wealthiest Jew has lost his wallet and is offering a fifty-ruble reward to anyone who returns it.

He quickly locates the owner and gives him the wallet. The rich man counts the money and then says: "Well, I see you've already taken your reward."

"What are you talking about?" the poor man says.

"This wallet had five hundred and fifty rubles in it when I lost it."

"That's not true."

The two men start arguing, and eventually they come before the local rabbi.

After both men present their case, the wealthy man says to the rabbi, "I trust you believe me, Rabbi."

"Of course," the rabbi says. The rich man smiles, and the poor Jew is devastated. Then the rabbi takes the wallet out of the wealthy man's hands, and gives it to the man who found it.

"What are you doing?" the rich man yells angrily.

"You are, of course, an honest man," the rabbi tells him. "And if you say your missing wallet had five hundred and fifty rubles in it, I'm sure it did. But if the man who found this wallet is a liar and a thief, he wouldn't have returned it at all. Which means that this wallet must belong to somebody else. If that man steps forward, he'll get the money. Otherwise, it stays with the man who found it."

"And what about my money?" the rich man asks.

"Well, we'll just have to wait until somebody finds a wallet with five hundred and fifty rubles." *

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Saturday, June 3, 2000

Ohavay Zion Synagogue 9:30 a.m. - Preliminary Service
 10:00 a.m. - Shacharit
 8:00 p.m. - OZS Board Meeting
 Temple Adath Israel 9:00 a.m. - Kollel Study
 10:30 a.m. - Worship Bimidar
 Numbers 1:1-4:2

Thursday, June 8, 2000

Ohavay Zion Synagogue 7:00 p.m. - Blintz Dinner
 8:00 p.m. - Maariv (Erev Shavuot Service)
 9:00 p.m. - Tikkun Layl Shavuot (all night)
 Stay the whole night or just part of it.
 Temple Adath Israel 7:00 p.m. - Confirmation Service

Friday, June 9, 2000 – Shavuot

Ohavay Zion Synagogue 6:00 a.m. - Shacharit
 8:00 p.m. - Shabbat - Shavuot Service
 Temple Adath Israel 7:30 p.m. - Shabbat B'Nai Mitzvah

Saturday, June 10, 2000

Ohavay Zion Synagogue 9:30 a.m. - Preliminary Service
 10:00 a.m. - Shacharit
 11:15 a.m. - YIZKOR
 Temple Adath Israel 9:30 a.m. - Torah Study
 10:30 a.m. - Worship
 The Lexington Havurah 10:00 a.m. - Shavuot Services
 Lexington Theological Seminary

Sunday, June 11, 2000

Ohavay Zion Synagogue 7:00 p.m. - Reception for
 Installation of Trustees

Wednesday, June 14, 2000

Federation 8:00 p.m. - Comm. Relations Meeting

Thursday, June 15, 2000

Federation 11:15 a.m. - Leisure Club Lunch @ TAI

Friday, June 16, 2000

Ohavay Zion Synagogue 8:00 p.m. - Shabbat Evening Service
 Temple Adath Israel 7:30 p.m. - Shabbat Service Naso
 Numbers 6:1-7:89
 Marilyn Langley will sing

Saturday, June 17, 2000

Ohavay Zion Synagogue 9:30 a.m. - Preliminary Service
 10:00 a.m. - Shacharit
 Temple Adath Israel 9:00 a.m. - Kollel Study
 10:30 a.m. - Worship

Sunday, June 18, 2000 – Father's Day

Friday, June 23, 2000

Ohavay Zion Synagogue 8:00 p.m. - Shabbat Evening Service
 Temple Adath Israel 7:30 p.m. - Shabbat Service Beha' alotecha
 Numbers 8:1-12:16
 Koleinu will sing

Saturday, June 24, 2000

Ohavay Zion Synagogue 9:30 a.m. - Preliminary Service
 10:00 a.m. - Shacharit
 Temple Adath Israel 9:30 a.m. - Torah Study
 10:30 a.m. - Worship

Wednesday, June 28, 2000

Federation 8:00 p.m. - CKJF Annual Meeting @ TAI

Friday, June 30, 2000

Ohavay Zion Synagogue 8:00 p.m. - Shabbat Evening Service
 Temple Adath Israel 7:30 p.m. - Shabbat Service Shelach-Lecha
 Numbers 13:1-15:41
 Marilyn Langley will sing

Saturday, July 1, 2000

Ohavay Zion Synagogue 9:30 a.m. - Preliminary Service
 10:00 a.m. - Shacharit
 Temple Adath Israel 9:00 a.m. - Kollel Study Group

Friday, July 7, 2000

Ohavay Zion Synagogue 8:00 p.m. - Shabbat Evening Service
 Temple Adath Israel 6:00 p.m. - Kabbalat Shabbat Korach
 Numbers 16:1-18:32

Saturday, July 8, 2000

Ohavay Zion Synagogue 9:30 a.m. - Preliminary Service
 10:00 a.m. - Shacharit
 Temple Adath Israel 9:00 a.m. - Kollel Study Group
 The Lexington Havurah TBA - Havdalah
 time and location to be announced

Friday, July 14, 2000

Ohavay Zion Synagogue 8:00 p.m. - Shabbat Evening Service
 Temple Adath Israel 8:30 p.m. - Special Shabbat Chukat/Balak
 Numbers 19:1-25:9
 Sandy Adland will sing

Saturday, July 15, 2000

Ohavay Zion Synagogue 9:30 a.m. - Preliminary Service
 10:00 a.m. - Shacharit
 Temple Adath Israel 9:00 a.m. - Kollel Study Group

Monday, July 17, 2000

Camp Shalom Orientation at Lansdowne Club
 10:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Staff/Counselors
 5:30-7 p.m. - Parents' Orientation

Friday, July 21, 2000

Ohavay Zion Synagogue 8:00 p.m. - Shabbat Evening Service
 Temple Adath Israel 6:00 p.m. - Kabbalat Shabbat Pinchas
 Numbers 25:10-30:1

Saturday, July 22, 2000

Ohavay Zion Synagogue 9:30 a.m. - Preliminary Service
 10:00 a.m. - Shacharit
 Temple Adath Israel 9:00 a.m. - Kollel Study Group

Monday, July 24, 2000 – Camp Shalom Starts

Friday, July 28, 2000

Ohavay Zion Synagogue 8:00 p.m. - Shabbat Evening Service
 Temple Adath Israel 6:00 p.m. - Kabbalat Shabbat Matot Mas'ey
 Numbers 30:2-36:13

Saturday, July 29, 2000

Ohavay Zion Synagogue 9:30 a.m. - Preliminary Service
 10:00 a.m. - Shacharit
 Temple Adath Israel 9:00 a.m. - Kollel Study Group

JUNE—“The Nest” is the recipient of \$54 from the Tzedakah Fund for the month of June. It is a non-profit organization that offers child care for children 6 and under. They are always appreciative of any items that will help their daily needs. They can use diapers, baby clothes, children’s toys and books.

For volunteer opportunities, call Anita Thomas at 259-1974. For other information concerning other programs that are sponsored by The Nest, call 252-7488.

Monetary donations can be made to the Temple or directly to The Nest at 530 North Limestone Street, Lexington 40508.

JULY—The Florence Crittenton Home is the recipient of \$54 from the Tzedakah Fund for the month of July. It offers both residential and non-residential programs to assist young women experiencing the problems associated with single pregnancy. Extensive prenatal and after-care services are provided including parent education and personal and vocational counseling. The home also provides emergency shelter for court appointed girls between 12-17 years of age who are not pregnant.

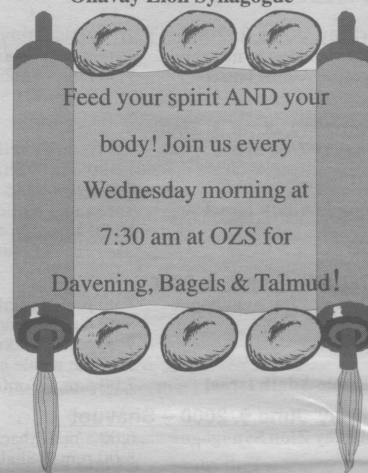
There are a number of volunteer opportunities at the home including: helping in the nursery, evening study hall and tutoring, companions for residents.

For more information on volunteering call 252-8636. Monetary donations can be mailed to Florence Crittenton Home, 519 West Fourth St., Lexington 40508.

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Join us for our lively Torah Study Group every Wednesday at 10:00 am at Ohavay Zion Synagogue! All readings are in English, so don't be shy! Come one! Come all!

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 Peter Faoro at (606) 266-8050

Your Community

Jensyn Kaplan Mitzvah Project

I am collecting items for the Lexington Humane Society for my Bat Mitzvah Project. The Lexington Humane Society is always in need of many items. There is a box placed in the hall by the Sisterhood Lounge. Any of the items listed on the wish list placed on the collection box will be put to good use and greatly appreciated by the Lexington Humane Society.

The Lexington Humane Society is working very hard to place the animals in loving homes. If you would like to adopt an animal, please go by the Humane Society at 1600 Old Frankfort Pike and see the beautiful pets that are there waiting for a home. Cash donations are also welcomed. You can send them to the Lexington Humane Society, 1600 Old Frankfort Pike, Lexington, KY 40504. You can also call 233-0044 to inquire about needs and donations.

I wish to thank you for helping me to complete my Mitzvah Project.

Advisor Wanted

The Ohavay Zion Synagogue Middle and High School Youth Groups are seeking an advisor (or two people to share advising roles) for the 2000-2001 year (and beyond). We are looking for a mature (college student or older) individual interested in working with Jewish youth; some experience working with youth is desirable but not necessary. Responsibilities include working with Synagogue Youth Committee and youth leadership to plan, publicize, and implement programming during the year. Expected time commitment is 10-15 hours per month, including 2-3 weekend events, as well as about 2 full weekend trips with youth to conventions per school year. Responsibilities and pay (\$160 per month for 10 months) can involve 1 person or be shared by 2 people. Contact Rick Zimmerman at 223-4475 if interested.

TAI Louisville Trip to River Rats game

On Saturday, July 15, the Temple is sponsoring a trip to Louisville to attend a Louisville River Rats game. The River Rats are a Cincinnati Reds farm team, and will be playing in a terrific new stadium conveniently located off I-65. The game starts at 6:15 pm and beef hot dogs and pizzas are available at the stadium. Call the Temple office to reserve tickets to the game.

TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL

B'nai Mitzvah Service
June 9, 2000

A New Arrival at OZS!!!

The Preschool Committee Proudly Announces

The Opening of Gan Shalom,

OZS's Early Childhood Program emphasizing a love for learning and Jewish traditions.

Full and Part Time Hours Beginning August 2000

Toddler Program 18 months-up to 3 years

preschool Program from 3 to 5 years

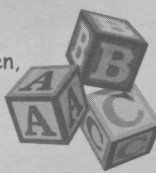
Slots reserved for OZS members and then open to the community

Enrollment for the Fall began May 15, 2000

Registration forms are available at OZS

For more information, or to sign up your children, please call

(859) 335-9922



The members of this year's B'nai Mitzvah class 5760:

Sylvia Atkinson

Ellen Melcher

Jack Miller

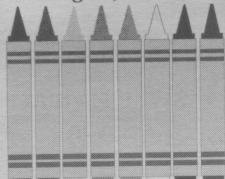
invite you to their special ceremony on June 9, at 7:30 PM, as they lead the service and read from the Torah.

MAZEL TOV

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Gan Shalom, OZS's Early Childhood Program, is now accepting applications for full and part-time positions. please send a letter describing your experiences and interests to:

Preschool Committee
Gan Shalom, OZS
2048 Edgewater Ct.
Lexington, KY 40502



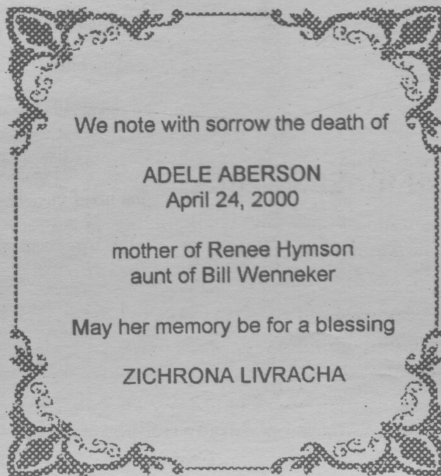
We note with sorrow the death of

ADELE ABERSON
April 24, 2000

mother of Renee Hymson
aunt of Bill Wenneker

May her memory be for a blessing

ZICHRON LIVRACHA



The Temple Adath Israel 2000/5760 Confirmation Service will take place on Erev Shavuot, 6 Sivan/June 8, at 7:00 PM

The members of this year's class are:

Leah Biel

Justin Ellsworth

Michael Epstein

Jeremy Gantz

Rudo Greissworth

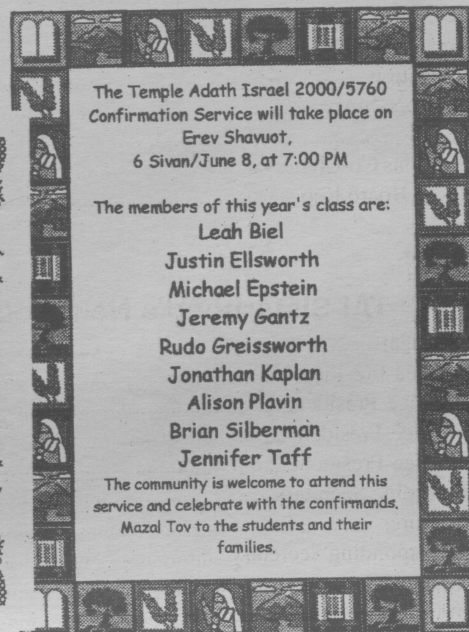
Jonathan Kaplan

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Brian Silberman

Jennifer Taff

The community is welcome to attend this service and celebrate with the confirmands. Mazel Tov to the students and their families.



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