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Community wide Yom HaShoah commemoration

Please join us for a Community-wide Commemoration of Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), which will be held on Sunday, May 1, 2011 at 10:00 am at Temple Adath Israel. This year's program will include lighting of memorial candles for the six million Jewish lives lost in the Holocaust and presentation of the annual Emilie Szekely essay contests awards.

The format of the program has changed this year. Instead of a guest speaker, roundtable discussions on the lessons of the Holocaust will be featured at the commemoration following the ceremony. The program is being

conducted during religious school so that parents and teenage students can participate. Both OZS and TAI religious school classes will be held at Temple Adath Israel. For more details about the program, please contact Judy Wortman at 268-0672 or at her email address jfb@jewishlexington.org.

The program is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass in conjunction with B'nai B'rith - Stanley Rose Lodge, the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah, The Jewish Student Organization/Hillel, The Lexington Havurah, Ohavay Zion Synagogue and Temple Adath Israel. ☆

Happy 63rd birthday Israel

Come celebrate Yom Ha Atzmaut with the community on Sunday, May 15th at 12 noon at Ohavay Zion Synagogue. Bring your children and grandchildren for a fun celebration featuring the music of Marc Rossio, known as the Marvelous Toy. Marc, who will visit from Columbus, Ohio, is a singer and guitarist who entertains children and families with Jewish music, stories and sing-a-longs. He has been the featured entertainment for PJ Library programs throughout Ohio and the Midwest.

Joining Marc will be our own children's choir directed by Anat Rubinstein. Israeli lunches will be available for purchase. Admission to the program is free. Thanks to Anat and Ilona Szekely for helping to organize

the day. For information and registration, call Judy Wortman at 268-0672 or email her at jfb@jewishlexington.org. ☆



Jewish groups mobilizing response to Japan quake

(JTA) - Jewish organizations are mobilizing responses to the massive earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan on Friday, March 11, 2011.

IsraAid, an Israel-based coordinating organization for 17 Israeli and Jewish humanitarian groups, said Friday that it has two teams of rescue personnel, emergency medical officers and water pollution specialists ready to deploy to Japan but was looking for ways to reach the affected area.

Because the airports in the affected area are flooded and Tokyo-area airports closed on Friday, IsraAid said it was exploring the possibility of flying to a nearby country and then trying to make it to northeast Japan, where the tsunami has killed hundreds and devastated cities and towns.

"We're in touch with local groups to check the situation in the area," Shachar Zahavi, chairman of the group, told JTA in a telephone interview. "We're trying to get to the closest airport and then get to the affected area from there."

The Chabad-Lubavitch movement reported that its emissary in Tokyo said the Jewish community there largely was spared any serious injury or damage from the 8.9-magnitude quake that rocked the city Friday morning.

ZAKA, the Orthodox-led rescue and recovery organization, announced Friday that it would send a search-and-rescue team to Japan as soon as Shabbat in Israel ended.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel would help in whatever way possible.

The Japanese consul in Israel, Mito-shiko Shinomya, told the Israeli news website Ynet that he was heartened by the Israeli government's offer of assistance. "Israel officially offered its help an hour after the earthquake struck," Shinomya said. "It is very heart-warming, but at this point we do not know exactly what the extent of the damage is, so it is difficult for us to say what can be done."

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CAMPAIGN NEWS

Gala Tribute Dinner to Honor Susan and Steve Caller

On Sunday, May 22 the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass will be honoring Susan and Steve Caller for their extraordinary leadership and philanthropy. The dinner will be held at the Doubletree Suites at 5:00 pm. The keynote speakers will be Norman and Nancy Lipoff of Miami, both longtime leaders of the North American Jewish community.

Entertainment will be provided by The Bats. The Tribute committee members are Harriet Cooper, Sue Ezrine, Nancy Hoffman and Sara Levy. Guests will have the opportunity to make their commitments to the 2011 community campaign. The couvert is \$60 per person. For information and reservations, please call Judy Wortman at 268-0672 or send an email to jfb@jewishlexington.org. ☆

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Jewish groups (from page 1)

The Jewish Federations of North America is setting up an emergency relief fund to help those in affected areas, a spokesman said, and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, a federation partner, opened a mailbox Friday for donations to be used for Japan/Pacific disaster relief. Donations can be made at <https://jdc.org/donate.aspx>.

"JDC is now conducting an up-to-the-minute assessment of the situation

in Japan and the Pacific Rim and has activated its network of partners to determine critical, immediate needs of the hardest-hit areas," the organization said in a statement Friday.

A spokesman for American Jewish World Service, which played a leading Jewish role in responding to the massive 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami that devastated parts of Indonesia, Thailand and Sri Lanka, said it would not be responding to the Japan tsunami because AJWS, which works in the developing world, does not have any partner organizations in Japan. ☆

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President's Message

Linda Ravvin, JFB President

We have so much to be thankful for and to celebrate in our lives and our community.

I have just had the pleasure of being one of the people to welcome Ela Weissberger to Lexington. Ela is a survivor of Theresienstadt, the "model" camp used by the Nazis as part of their propaganda campaign to attempt to dispel the rumors about death camps and the destruction of the Jewish world in Europe. Ela had been one of the original participants in the children's choir performance of Brundibar which was presented for the Red Cross and selected dignitaries inspecting the camp. I also had the great pleasure of taking Oscar Haber out for his 101st birthday, after watching him interact with school age children following the Lexington Children's Theatre performance of Anne Frank and Me. How absolutely remarkable both Ela and Oscar are - to have survived not only brutal experiences, but to use their own lives to teach our future leaders about the futility of prejudice and hatred and to help us all say "never again" - no matter what our race, religion or nationality.

We are also blessed in Central Kentucky to have and have had other survivors who, despite personal anguish, shared their experiences. We honor them and thank them for helping to teach us all: Sylvia Green, the late John Frank and Emilie Szekely (in whose memory the Emilie Szekely Holocaust Memorial Essay Contest is named).

Not all survivors are able to cope with their horrific experiences, and to retell (and thus to relive) what they have lived through. Some, although they survived, were damaged for life and were unable to overcome their past to live productively and happily. Leon and I have a very close friend whom we just visited in Montreal who is one of the hidden child survivors of the Holocaust. Because of his experiences, which he has never been able to put behind him, he is unable to sustain trusting relationships, work with other people and socialize in an appropriate

manner. Although he survived and is one of the "lucky ones," his life continues to be far from normal. It is only in the past 3 years that he has, with the encouragement of his long-standing psychiatrists, been able to say that he was one of the hidden children.

Every year at this time I think about how fortunate we are: we live in a country founded to uphold individual rights and freedoms; a country which slowly is coming to terms with its own past inequities and working to correct them. We, the Jews, gave the world the basic laws and morals upon which western civilization is based. We are soon going to celebrate Pesach (Passover), the Jewish holiday which commemorates our ancient history of slavery and the lengthy path to freedom our ancestors wandered. As we retell the story and relive our struggles to gain freedom, I always keep in mind our modern enslavement and the deaths caused by the Nazis. I also keep in mind atrocities committed even after the Holocaust and wonder how long it will take humankind and nations to learn from the past. The philosopher and writer, George Santayana, said: "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

It is part of our responsibility as members of the worldwide community and particularly as Jews to make sure that the lessons of the past are carried forward to the future - not to dwell on past persecutions and injustices, but to educate the future generations. Prejudice and hatred should have no place to fester; freedom, individual rights and mutual respect for others should be supported and fostered.

We, as a Jewish community, should all be working together to make things better, not only for ourselves but for the world: Tikun Olam. ☆

Displaced persons

By Hanna B. Smith

"I had not intended for it to be that way, having a daughter live thousands of miles away," my niece said. "After all, I like to see my children and grandchildren at least once a month, or even more." She was looking straight ahead as she spoke, someone bargaining with an unseen opponent.

My niece's face was calm but her voice was not. Suddenly she reminded me of Mother, her Grandmother. Decades ago, as a teenager, I had heard the same complaint from her. The subjects then had been my brother and sister, this niece's father and aunt. My heart had ached then, and it ached anew for all of us.

Today's conversation took place at the wedding of my niece's younger daughter at a charming resort hotel on the Mediterranean coast in Northern Israel. Family had assembled from two continents to celebrate and to meet the groom and his family. Photographers bustled about taking pictures, preserving the event for posterity. All available electronic media was pressed into service to keep mother and children connected.

In truth, I had not seen this part of the family for a long time. The bride and her siblings were strangers to me. The bride's parents and her uncle and aunt, my nieces and nephews, had slipped into middle age without my knowing. Nevertheless, I smiled, hugged and kissed, introduced myself to the groom and his family as Dodah Hanna, Aunt Hanna, and acted like I belonged.

Matters had not always been like this. According to my much older sister we once were part of a close-knit extended family. "And then came 1933," my Mother's voice echoed in my mind. 1933! The watershed between the good life full of possibilities and the end of everything. Some of us had survived, only we were no longer the same people.

Of course we had done the Jewish thing, picked ourselves up, set to work, and here we were, smiling, well dressed, enjoying the occasion, for tomorrow we will be dispersed again.

Not all our memories will be of weddings and family reunions. Recently my nephew acquired a picture of Great-aunt Rosa. Looking at the pretty young woman in her smart summer dress I try not to think of her end: murdered, together with her sister Baile and Baile's children, by Nazi thugs in Poland in 1941. Yad VaShem, Israel's Holocaust Memorial, is part of our ancestor gallery!

Ronald Reagan, at his controversial visit to the military cemetery in Bitburg, Germany, in the 1980s remarked that World War II was long over. Mr. President, for some of us that war will never be over! ☆

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Editorial

Pesach is around the corner. It is one of those holidays that starts before it begins and is over after it is done. Pesach begins with the shopping, clearing, and cooking – culminating in bedikat chametz. Then, that evening, we sit down for the first seder followed on the next night by another seder. Six more days of Pesach food ensue until, finally, after the last day, we de-Pesach-ize the kitchen.

Each of us has a plethora of memories of Passovers past. Some are joyous. Some are sad. Some bring a smile; others evoke anger. Irrespective of our

feelings about the past, we do have a sense of what was and what we would like Pesach to be in our own times.

Those of us who have positive or nostalgic remembrances, think about the rituals, both legal and familial. At my childhood seder, I remember my dad drinking from Elijah's cup while I went to open the door. He would then tell me that I had missed him and wasn't watching? Or, at my grandmother's house where we kids (and there were a lot of us) were relegated to the "kids' table in another room.

Judy and I have reached the point where grandma (bubbe) and grandpa (saba) do not make seders that old fashioned way. We go to our children and they make Pesach. This, for us, is a new ritual.

Pesach is a time to start new family rituals, to continue the good and to negate the bad. Some suggestions: 1) Use the intermediate days to have each member of the family write a diary of what happened at the seders, to be used next year; 2) Slow it down, make Pesach more than just about food; 3) Discuss the haggadah rather than

merely reading it; 4) Find or make up some new games to play with the kids; 5) Make the bedikat chametz a family search; 6) Use (or write) a new haggadah.

Once a year we have an opportunity to turn Pesach from mechanistic to fun, from dull to splendidous. As we make new rituals, we ensure that, down through the generations, we will have played our small part in creating new memories, and, perhaps, making Pesach a time to which to look forward. ✧

What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas?? Not when it comes to TribeFest 2011

Over 1,200 young Jews gather in Sin City to come together and do good at inaugural Federation event

By Bill Lucas

How do you bring new, diverse voices to create a wider tent within the Jewish community? You throw a big event, called TribeFest 2011, where young Jews can socialize, learn, and get further involved in the areas that they are passionate about.

Hosted by the Jewish Federations of North America, TribeFest 2011 took place March 6-8 in Las Vegas and was designed to inspire younger Jews, through an array of activities, to engage and further involve themselves in the Jewish community. This first time event, with a mix of music, learning, social networking and fun, offered an unusual range of topics for participants to learn about and become involved with.

As member of National Young Leadership Cabinet and someone who has been involved with the Federation here in Lexington, as well as in Chicago, I have been to many Federation events, but TribeFest was different. TribeFest was not about campaign or getting people to commit to a minimum gift. TribeFest was about engaging young Jewish people who are either unaware of or who haven't been sufficiently motivated by the Federations' current opportunities to get involved.

So, did it work?

I would say the answer is a resounding yes!

To begin with, getting 1,200 young

Jews together anywhere is quite an achievement. To have them actively participate in several sessions and not wander off to the multiple distractions Vegas offers, is even more impressive. The terrific agenda had a lot to do with it.

TribeFest kicked off with several diverse speakers: a Jewish congresswoman from Florida, Rep. Debra Wasserman Schultz, performance artist Vanessa Hidary, and TV star Mayim Bialik—better known as Blossom or Amy Farrah Fowler from CBS's *The Big Bang Theory*. Each of these speakers shared their own experiences as Jews and helped the audience realize that there isn't a singular path to follow—everyone is different.

After the kick-off, Sunday afternoon was filled with a variety of breakout sessions where attendees could learn more about the multitude of Jewish organizations that are doing an incredible amount of good with support from the Federation. I attended a session by World O.R.T., a charity founded in tsarist Russia that is now the largest non-governmental Jewish education and vocational training organization. The speaker described how World O.R.T. is providing state of the art teaching techniques to reverse the poor educational results being experienced in the north and south of Israel.

Sunday concluded with, what else: a big party with live music from the latest in Jewish hip-hop singers (if you are like me, you probably didn't realize that Jewish hip-hop even existed).

After the official activities everyone stayed together and took advantage of the Vegas nightlife.

The roster of great speakers continued on Monday morning with guests such as Oscar Goodman, mayor of Las Vegas, two additional members of Congress and people whose lives have been changed by the support provided by the Federation system. The highlight of Monday's agenda was an informal discussion with Mark Wilf and Jonathan Kraft, whose families own the Minnesota Vikings and New England Patriots, respectively. In a ballroom filled to capacity, both men shared their experiences owning professional sports teams and how Judaism influences their lives and their businesses. While all the sports fans were eager to ask about the current labor negotia-

tions in the NFL, we honored a gag order put in place by the mediators. One of the more interesting tidbits to come from the discussion was that Tom Brady, one of the NFL's superstars, has been to Israel more than once as part of an initiative to generate investments in the Jewish state.

Monday afternoon and evening were similar to Sunday with more breakout sessions and social opportunities. I had to leave Tuesday morning before the event concluded, but I would say that TribeFest 2011 was a huge success as several people I spoke with told me this was their first Federation event. In addition to having fun, I believe TribeFest planted seeds in a large new "crop" of young Jews that will reap benefits for years to come. ✧

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Third Opinion

Stanley Ned Rosenbaum, PhD

Pope Benedict and the Jews

It's good to have the Pope proclaiming that "the Jews" were not responsible for Jesus' death. How much ice that will cut with the faithful, now or in the future, remains to be seen, of course, and I suppose it is perverse of me, but I have to differ with His Holiness, at least a little bit.

First, though, the case in support of the Pope. During Jesus' time the majority of Jews lived outside of Israel. The majority within Israel lived outside of Jerusalem and all these folks probably never heard of Jesus in his lifetime or even afterward. The idea of "the Jews" being responsible for Jesus' death is, therefore, absurd on its face. Granted.

There is the additional argument, made by retired Israeli Supreme Court judge Haim Cohn in his book *The Trial and Death of Jesus* (NY: KTAV, 1977) that no Jew would have turned another over to the hated Romans. I'd like to think so, but I'm not so sure. Sometimes the differences among us run deeper than just matters of opinion. And if we home in on conditions in Jerusalem ca. 25 CE, certain facts emerge.

That was the year in which Pontius Pilate was posted to Palestine. Pilate's tribe had recently lost a bitter civil war in Italy, but he went to work for the winners and was eager to prove himself a loyal servant. He was an ambitious, evil man, quite unlike the figure painted by the New Testament. We know from Philo of Alexandria that he operated well outside of Roman law, even murdering people without trial to demonstrate who was boss.

However, even before Pilate came, there were Jews who were okay with Roman overlordship, the Herodians. And why not? Rome had taken over the country bloodlessly in 63 BCE, almost a century before and some people were doing rather well under the occupation. Some people always do.

In these circumstances the people who benefit from an occupation have a vested interest in seeing to it that their boat is not rocked. In Israel this wasn't easy. Rebellions, especially coming from the north – Jesus' area – were a feature of the landscape from the time of Herod the Great (ruled 47 – 4 BCE) who began the custom of brutalizing first the Galilean and then the whole Jewish population.

Herod was a boon to the construction industry, probably on a par with the late Saddam Hussein. If you read Josephus there are other things he did that would have put him high in the favor of some community elements. (The so-called "massacre of the innocents" in Bethlehem reported by Matthew's Gospel probably never happened.)

Jesus, on the other hand, had had the temerity to rout the moneychangers from their place at the south end of Herod's wonderful Temple complex (where the El-Aqsa mosque now stands). They weren't "in the Temple" which stood about 250 yards north, as the NT reports, because no one but Priests were allowed in the building. The point, however, is that moneychangers gouged foreign Jews and in exposing their devious practices Jesus made some powerful enemies.

It's also true that Romans weren't too interested in differentiating one sort of Jew from another. Just like the people in this country today who think "all Muslims are alike," Romans would not be too precise in separating "good Jews" from Zealots, the party to which

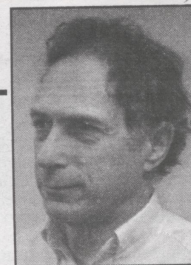
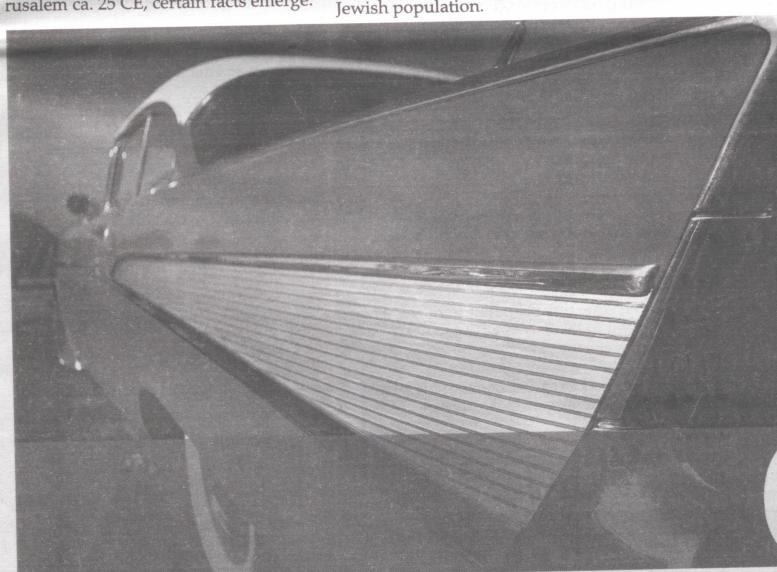
we think Judas belonged.

If there was a repression, pretty much all would suffer alike. So Cohn is, perhaps, correct

when he suggests the High Priest called Jesus into his house to get him to "back off" a bit.

In short, there may have been collusion from some elements within the Jewish community to get Jesus arrested. The rest was on Pilate. Having said this, I'll have to look at the Pope's book and see how much he agrees with me. Whatever he says, I'm sure it will be a giant step in the direction of historical accuracy. ✱

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The Seder – part two (continued from the March 2011 Shalom)

By Gene Sittenfeld

"Now, don't worry about the microphones and the cameras," he continued, "just do the service like you do every night." This brought a snicker from my brother, a warning look from my Dad and a sigh of resignation from my Mom.

I giggled as the Rabbi pursed his lips and narrowed his eyes at me.

Our new coach continued, reading from a clipboard. All he needed was a whistle.

"Now my holy friend here" (the Rabbi looked down) "gave me what we in TV call a 'heads-up' on the Jewish part of all of this stuff, so when you say your blessings and dip your parsley and all that jazz, there's just one thing I want to mention: don't look at the camera.

"That's the key thing to remember if we want to put on a good show here. Remember folks, whatever you do: Don't look at the camera.

"Have fun, enjoy your dinner, be natural and above all: Don't look at the camera"

I looked at the camera. In fact, I was drawn to that camera like a magnet. Live TV? Are you kidding me? I knew that my singing would be the highlight of the evening. My friends at school and even strangers on the street would be coming up to me tomorrow with congratulations on the great job I had done with "The Four Questions".

I chattered with my favorite cousin, enjoying the rare opportunity to be out of the prying and accusing eyes of my Dad (who would have yelled at Gandhi). Cousin Michael was around my age and had a turtle he had named "Turtle," a Great Dane, which he called "Doggie", and a sister who would be getting her own "nose job vacation" in around four years. Thank goodness his sister Sarah was older so he hadn't been able to name her "Sister".

Creativity wasn't exactly his thing, but he did know some good riddles and he told me one:

"What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries? A towel."

"Big deal," my brother said, glaring at both of us.

Meanwhile, the dining room had been transformed into a palace: The wine bottles were shining in the TV lights, (what a difference a Jewish home is when alcohol is considered), and the ancient and delicate Seder plates were overflowing with parsley, charoses and bitter herbs, all to tell the ancient story of faith, injustice and

liberation.

The scene came together beautifully to make a lovely picture of an observant Jewish home, full of warmth for the occasion and the perfect vision of a close, loving family.

As we sat down at the table and the service began I could feel some of the tension in the room retreating. Everyone had been nervous about the television crew and having a Seder in the Rabbi's presence, but things seemed to be off to a good start.

Little did I know the seething hatreds and petty resentments that my Grandfather's three daughters and sons-in-law passed around like so much Matzo were about to rise like Jesus.

I followed the service as we progressed, looking into the camera from time to time and counting the pages until my big moment. Four more pages, then three, then two more. Finally my moment arrived. My Grandfather looked down the table and said: "MICHAEL, won't you recite The Four Questions, please?" "WHAT?" I exclaimed. "WHAT!"

What was this? Wasn't it my moment? Why Michael and not me? Was this punishment for the cheeseburger? The eternal light? The Rabbi's tires?

I couldn't breathe. For once I was prepared, for once I had a chance to show my dedication and be a Jewish hero, and now it was about to slip away? One hot tear slid down my burning face.

"What's wrong?" asked my Mother.

I couldn't tell them.

"What's wrong?" asked an Aunt.

I tried to stop, to control myself, to disappear into my chair, but I couldn't stop crying.

"You're not the youngest here, numb-nuts," said my brother in a flat monotone, and then burst out in an ugly laugh. Puberty had turned him into another guy, not the brother interested in stamp collecting, Cub Scouts or any of the things I still enjoyed. He had figured it out weeks ago and hadn't told me. What a prick! I was being set up each time he asked me to "sing the questions like you will at the Seder."

Gradually, it dawned on the news crew that the eating and praying weren't half as interesting as my brother's insults and my tears, so the cameras turned toward us.

"Wait a minute, wait a minute, wait a minute," yelled my Father, imme-

diately easing into his given role of the shouting referee. "We must have respect. This is a holy night." "Oh Holy Night," sang my cousin Jan, eliciting a chuckle from one aunt and a "tsk-tsk" from my Grandma.

"Well, why should the youngest say the questions anyway?" asked my Mother, desperate to just move on. "Where does it say in the Torah how we are to really conduct the service?"

"Sure, let's make it a communist service, like everything else you admire," sneered her younger sister.

"Truth be told, we could do a lot worse than the Russians are doing with the Sputnik and all," Aunt Joy popped in.

"Tell that to your cousin who is trapped in Hungary," said her husband.

"God, I AM hungry" said someone else.

"Maybe Mary could cook us up some cheeseburgers?" I ventured. "The one she made me last month at Grampa's house was terrific!"

Nobody said a word. Everyone stared at me, not knowing how to save the TV show or the service. The news director glared at me. I gave him my sweetest smile and stared directly into the camera.

My Grandfather looked down from the head of the table at the assembled audience, stunned at the turn of events, hoping somehow to get the Seder back under control.

Finally Uncle Aaron took a long pull of Manischewitz and leaned over to whisper to his wife. He must not have seen the thin microphone behind the serving dish on her left. "Had to invite everyone this year, huh Joy?" he whispered to all of Washington.

"OK, we can go anytime you want," Dad said, knocking back his chair and standing up.

"That's enough, Max," Mom commanded.

Michael jumped up and ran to the camera. "When is the best time to have lunch?" he asked. "After breakfast", he answered. His riddles were coming like trains now: "What makes a man bald? No hair on his head. "What animal keeps the best time? A watchdog".

The ride home was horrible: my Dad alternately telling us to shush as he listened to the radio and asking me why I always had to "make

a scene".

As I listened to the news and to my father lecturing a thought came to me: Tomorrow would be another day, probably a day without his anger. Tomorrow would be different. Tomorrow the news would feature different stories.

And even though no one knew what was coming beyond the next turn in the highway, or what was to happen tomorrow, I would always be the kid who didn't fit in. None of the little details mattered. This was my role and this was my family, and try as I may, this was the way that things were meant to be.

I grew up at that moment.

The newscast on Channel 7 that evening didn't mention our family Seder (although for some crazy reason my Mom insisted on "making sure"), and there was no Joy in our lives for a few weeks as none of the family spoke to each other.

My life after that Seder night was more or less the same, but I had changed: things like summer camp, Halloween and spending weekends with my family no longer held my interest.

Within a year or two I had discovered girls. And that is certainly another story for another time.

But the funny thing is, as I got older the customs of Passover and the rituals of family gatherings started to mean more to me. Even now, as I chop the apples and buy the wine for my family's Seder this year, I look back on that crazy evening and I still can't believe it all actually happened -- but it really did.

And I still wonder how the Rabbi made it home that night with four flat tires. ☆



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By Bonnie

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Friend or Foe

By Bonnie Sobel

There seems to be chaos almost everywhere we look in the Middle East. It is difficult to know who is in control as heads of state are literally and figuratively falling by the hour. But, when I first watched the hungry and beaten-down masses of Egyptians shouting for a change in leadership, I was surprised that some of our leaders and most of our media were so eager to see Hosni Mubarak step down. And they were quick to present their optimistic view that a new leader was almost certain to bring more freedom and prosperity to those poor masses. When asked what they thought about a potential take-over by the Brotherhood, some had the chutzpah to describe them as a non-sectarian and a non-terrorist group.

Egypt has always been an impressive country, but just as in Biblical times, their leaders have shown and still show little or no compassion for the welfare of the individual. I have some not-so-clear Polaroid pictures of my grandparents' trip to Egypt in the 50's, showing them riding on camels and visiting beautiful sights. Yet, what is still very clear in my mind is their description of the many poor Egyptians they saw lying on the streets covered with flies, without the motivation or the strength to even brush the flies aside. A simple bar of soap was a coveted treasure. I have no illusion that Mubarak, like so many of his predecessors, is anything less than a dictator. But as the leader of Egypt, he has kept peace with his neighbor Israel for thirty years, a record to be praised in the Middle East, and he has been a friend to the United States, enough of a friend for us to be shelling out billions of dollars in aid for his country. Before we pushed him out the door so quickly, I would have thought that we might have wanted to take a trip down memory lane and revisit what happened when there was a clamor for ousting Batista in Cuba, the Shah in Iran, and Rodriguez in Venezuela. Our leaders thought change was what all those countries needed to bring more freedom to the region, and were they ever wrong! Elections have huge consequences

and dictators, once they have tightened their grip, have a way of tenaciously holding on to their power and living to be a ripe old age.

The people of Libya have also been making a valiant effort to get rid of their leader, Moammar Gadhafi. Now there is a dictator who has never been a friend to any civilized country and never met a protester he wasn't willing to kill! Yet our leaders were very slow to insist that he step down or to give any encouragement to the multitude of Libyan protesters.

On a scale of "1-10," with a "1" being the kindest of the totalitarian leaders and "10" being the worst, Mubarak appears to be a "5" while Gadhafi along with Ahmadinejad are clearly "10"s. Perhaps America needs to focus more attention encouraging the masses who want to oust the leaders who are "10"s and not so quick to insist that the "5"s make a hasty retreat. It is certainly not in Israel's best interest to be surrounded by a whole bunch of "10"s.

And speaking of interests, it is not at all in America's best interest to be sending our allies mixed messages as to our willingness to stand by them. And our allies should have no doubt whatsoever that they can count on us. If the United States of America is willing to dump, in a moment, our long-term ally Hosni Mubarak, without seeming to think about the consequences. Can Israel trust that the leaders of our country will not decide to turn their back on them if it becomes politically expedient? Our strength and our support is a lifeline to their survival, so our word better mean something. Confusion only emboldens our enemies. ☆



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Child abuse prevention workshop for faith-based communities

By Hanna B. Smith

Lexington's Friends of Children: A Community Partnership is sponsoring again a workshop entitled "What Faith Communities Can Do about Child Abuse and Neglect." The workshop is geared towards clergy, administrators, board members, educators, youth leaders, childcare providers, and anyone concerned for children's welfare. The last such workshop, specifically geared towards faith communities, was held in 2009.

The purpose of Friends of Children: A Community Partnership is to engage all the sections of our community in keeping our children safe and provide a healthy environment in which to grow up. Jewish Family Services is associated with Friends of Children and is participating in planning this workshop.

The focus of the workshop will be on recognizing abuse and neglect, and how to make places of worship safe, reporting and confidentiality. Included are:

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Temple or Synagogue



By Gary Yarus

When I moved to Lexington three years ago, I became active in the Jewish community and as I met other Jews they would invariably, in their

introductions, identify themselves as being either a member of the "Temple" or the "Synagogue", as if this distinction was important for me to know and that the use of these words would "automatically" infer something special about them.

I found this practice unusual as I thought the words temple and synagogue were synonyms. When I asked about the distinction, I was told repeatedly and with conviction that the standard practice was to use the word temple in the name if the congregation followed the tenants of Reform Judaism, whereas if synagogue was used then the congregation practices Conservative Judaism.

In Lexington, we have both. The Reform congregation is named Temple Adath Israel and Ohavay Zion Synagogue is the name of the Conservative congregation. So, these names seem to follow what is perceived to be the standard naming practice.

I had never realized this distinction before, as my remembrances from living elsewhere, didn't seem to bear this out. I initially thought, perhaps I was just not astute enough, to have noticed this difference before. As more and more people continued to consistently make this distinction, I started to think they "must" be right or secondarily perhaps it was just a "southern" thing.

I decided to ask my cousin, considered the "super Jew" in our family, to confirm whether this naming practice is correct. He said it was! Nonetheless I still had my doubts since he is from

Charleston, South Carolina and has spent most of his years living in the South.

Recently, when this topic came up again, I was energized to settle this debate, at least in my mind, once and for all.

After consulting the membership directories of the Union for Reform Judaism and the United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism, the national organizations to which most congregations belong, I found that among Reform congregations only about 60% use the word temple in their name and among the Conservative congregations those who use temple in their name outnumber those who use synagogue by over a 2 to 1 margin with most preferring to use neither just referring to themselves as a congregation.

These results convinced me you just couldn't go by whether temple or synagogue is included in the name, to determine whether the congregation is Reform or Conservative as so fervently suggested by my Jewish friends in Lexington.

Obviously when a congregation is formed, a name has to be chosen and, as with most things about Judaism, deciding to include the word temple or synagogue in the name is not a simple or clear-cut decision.

When I did a Google search, I found a recent article on the blog of the Union for Reform Judaism dated November 2008, which indicates that this quandary is not just local to Lexington or to the South and that the subject is frequently debated. The article by Larry Kaufman gives a nice historical perspective on the issue.

Personally, I will always refer to my Jewish house of worship as a synagogue, as that seems the most historically correct, even though I will call it by name, as most members do, Temple Adath Israel. Ironically, it is officially registered with the State of Kentucky as Adath Israel Congregation! ☆

JFS: At Your Service

By Paula Clancy, MSW, CSW, Director,
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On April 5th at 6:30 pm, Susan Warner will speak at Active Day Center, 2432 Regency Road, about benefits available to veterans, veteran spouse and widow/widower of a veteran. These benefits could help many receive services who presently aren't doing so.

The Aid & Attendance Pension is an example of a benefit which many people are not familiar with that helps with personal assistance tasks in the home when there is medical qualification. War-time Veterans with 90 days of active duty or their surviving

spouses may be eligible for \$1,055 - \$1,632 per month.

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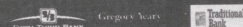


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ISRAEL 21c: It takes many arms to reach kids in need

By Abigail Klein Leichman

'We are an octopus,' jokes one Jaffa Institute employee. 'Whenever our founder hears of a problem, he extends another hand.'

If you randomly drive around the area where Jaffa, Tel Aviv, Bat Yam and Holon meet up, you will likely pass a few of the social welfare projects going on under the auspices of the Institute for the Advancement of Education in Jaffa, or the Jaffa Institute for short.

Established in 1982 by a Boston immigrant, this private non-profit agency started out with after-school activity centers to keep severely disadvantaged children off the streets and brighten their educational forecast.

Needy kids can't learn if they're hungry, and their parents can't provide food if they're unemployed. So the project has expanded to include holistic services focused on lifting families out of the cycle of poverty, malnutrition and other social ills. At the end of its third decade, it runs 30 initiatives including nine activity centers.

Heart and soul

'Everything is possible if you put your mind and heart and soul into it,' Jaffa Institute co-founder and chairman David Portowicz tells ISRAEL21c. He began the venture just after earning his Ph.D. from Brandeis University in social welfare. The late Zonik Shaham, his co-founder, brought in \$60,000 in seed money from donors in Philadelphia.

'We've grown to a \$7.5 million budget and from 25 kids to 4,000 kids. And if we can do 4,000, we can do 20,000,' says Portowicz. 'There would no longer be a high dropout rate -- 53 percent of teens drop out before 12th grade in these areas -- or kids turning to drugs. It's all a question of funding.'

'We are an octopus,' jokes Gil Sabo, manager of the Jaffa Institute's food distribution venture, begun out of an awareness that many clients just don't have enough to eat. 'Whenever our

founder hears of a problem, he extends another hand.'

The Israeli government provides 20 percent of the annual budget, supplemented by corporate and foundation grants and individual donations, nearly half of which now come from Israelis. A gala dinner April 5 in New York City is aimed at attracting additional American contributions.

In early February, Portowicz took a group of prospective donors from North America, France and the Netherlands to view projects including the recently enhanced Bet Shemesh Educational and Residential Center, a religious high school where 220 disadvantaged students are achieving matriculation results well above the national average.

Early this year, rap star Shyne announced that he would sponsor a mass bar mitzvah for Ethiopian boys at the center. Ethiopians comprise a quarter of the student body.

Ground will be broken in April for a therapeutic educational village for 200 at-risk teenage girls in Afula, and Portowicz is renovating a building in South Tel Aviv as a one-of-its-kind after-school center for learning-disabled youngsters.

'Most of our kids are just lacking money, motivation and stimulation, but these kids are left out of other after-school programs because nobody else serves this population,' says Portowicz.

Extending many hands

Each year, Sabo's operation is aided by 1,000 volunteers from corporations and tourist groups -- even a Muslim group from Turkey participated not long ago. They pack and schlep in a warehouse piled with carefully organized edibles rescued, purchased or donated by other organizations and by manufacturers such as Kellogg's. The Dan bus company lends a vehicle to help distribute whatever won't fit in volunteers' cars. Twice a month, 20-kilo unmarked boxes go out to at least 350 Israeli

families recommended by the Ministry of Welfare, and 80 Holocaust survivors get monthly deliveries. Before Passover and Rosh Hashanah, the number swells to 1,500. These are not only Jewish families, however. 'Children are children and everyone gets the same box,' says Sabo.

'We are trying to break the cycle of poverty and help them progress, to stop hunger from keeping the kids from excelling in school and the adults from going out to work,' explains Sharon Berkley, a Jaffa Institute spokeswoman.

Another 'tentacle,' a job-training program called Welfare to Wellbeing, addresses the latter situation. Most participants are single mothers, like the two who are now paid by the Institute to prepare 1,000 nutritious sandwiches every morning for needy kids at eight area schools in partnership with Leket Israel.

Hope for at-risk teens

Berkley took ISRAEL21c to visit Beit Ruth, a rehabilitative residence in suburban Rishon LeZion for 13 girls aged 14 to 18 from abusive or neglectful backgrounds. Each girl stays at least a year in this family-like environment, getting therapy, in-house schooling and a host of physical and creative activities.

'Beit Ruth helps them overcome the traumas they've been through and helps them gain enough confidence to realize they can still have ambitions and dreams,' says house director Ronit Lev Ari. 'We give scholarships to girls who want to go on to higher education.'

In the four years Beit Ruth has been operating, many of its residents have received high school diplomas and three have gone on to the army, which

is normally reluctant to accept soldiers with a troubled past.

Beit Ruth is the model for the much bigger government-supported village planned in Afula in partnership with the Women's International Zionist Organization.

A sense of family

Ten children from six to 12 years old are housed at Neve Ofer House, the Jaffa Institute's emergency refuge in South Tel Aviv for children unlikely ever to return to their dysfunctional birth homes. They're cared for family-style by a housemother and father who live there with their own three children.

'The father went to our boarding school in Bet Shemesh, and the mother met him while doing her National Service there,' relates Berkley. The couple is aided by National Service women and paid staffers. The kids receive a range of therapies, and parents may visit once a week under supervision. The 60 children who flock every day -- even on school holidays and summers -- to the Jaffa Institute's original after-school center in Jaffa are in a better situation. Here, Arab and Jewish children referred by social services may stay until 6pm to enjoy activities in art, music, sports and nutrition, plus violence- and drug-prevention workshops. In the evenings there are parent programs.

'Without these centers, the kids would be going back to homes where they are unsupervised and have no appropriate role models,' says Berkley. 'The main emphasis is that they get a hot meal and one-on-one help with their homework. If you can help the kids to succeed at school, then the next generation will be in a much better position. And there are some really nice stories of what they've gone on to become.' ☆

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In the footsteps of Rabbi Isaac of Troki

Jeremy D. Popkin

Like many American Jews, I have ancestors who came from Lithuania. So in 2008, when my son Gabriel asked me whether I would like to join him on a "roots" trip to see the part of the world the Popkin family once lived in, I was grateful to him for providing me the opportunity to do something I had vaguely talked about but never actually done. We quickly resigned ourselves to the fact that we would not see Lida, the actual ancestral home town of the Popkins. Although it was historically part of Lithuania, it is now just on the other side of that country's border with Belarus, and Belarus, the most dictatorial of the former Soviet republics, is not an easy place for Americans to visit. (The Belarus government expelled the American ambassador during the same week when we were booking our tickets.) We would settle for seeing Vilnius, or Vilna, the center of Jewish life in the region in the centuries before the Holocaust.

As I browsed the guidebook before the trip, I noticed that it recommended a day trip to a smaller Lithuanian town: Troki or Traiki, located about 30 miles from Vilnius. The name rang a bell. My father, Richard Popkin, was a scholar of philosophy and Jewish studies, and at the time of his death in 2005, he was working on an essay about a 16th-century rabbi who had lived in Troki. My father always loved to talk about his work, and by the time he died, I had heard so much about Rabbi Isaac that he had come to seem almost like a member of the family. Since I am also a historian, I completed my father's article after his death and saw to its publication in 2007. Although I looked up all the information I could find on Rabbi Isaac, it had never occurred to me to look at a map. I had assumed that Troki must be an obscure village that would be difficult to visit. Instead, I learned that it is one of Lithuania's major tourist attractions, with buses coming from Vilnius every half an hour. My son had also listened to his grandfather hold forth on Rabbi Isaac, and so we decided that if we could not visit the birthplace of our ancestors, we would at least pay our respects to the home of this adopted relative.

My father became interested in Rabbi Isaac because he wrote what is still

considered the most powerful Jewish critique of the Christian Bible: the *Chizzuk Emunah* ("Strengthening or Defense of the Faith"), a 400-page polemic highlighting the contradictions between the four gospels, the mistranslations of passages from the Hebrew Scriptures, and what Rabbi Isaac saw as the absurdities of Christian theology. As my father's research showed, the *Chizzuk Emunah* has continued to serve as a Jewish response to Christian missionary efforts ever since its composition in 1593. It had a strong impact on secular critics of religion like Voltaire, who used it as a handy guide to the weak points of Christian arguments, and it helped inspire the historical study of the Christian scriptures in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

By the time we got on the bus for Troki, my son and I had already come to recognize that Lithuania has a conflicted attitude toward its Jewish heritage. The Vilnius tourist office gave us a brochure listing Jewish sites in the city, but most of them are simply plaques on walls. We dutifully visited the three parts of the Jewish Historical Museum, but, as we had been warned, we did not see many signs of a living Jewish community. The impressive Museum of Lithuanian History makes much of the country's multi-ethnic past and its interactions with Poland, Germany, Russia, and Ukraine; as a French historian, I duly noted the bilingual plaque on the house where the novelist Stendhal slept for one night when he accompanied Napoleon on his invasion of Russia. Nowhere in the museum, however, does there seem to be any substantial mention of the long history of Jewish life in Lithuania, and there is certainly no exhibit devoted to Rabbi Isaac. Today's Lithuania is a devoutly Christian country, so one can understand that there may be reluctance to proclaim that it was also the birthplace of history's most effective critic of the New Testament.

As we found out when we got off the bus in Troki, however, Lithuanians are happy to celebrate Rabbi Isaac's kinspeople. The good rabbi, you see, was not simply Jewish: he was a Karaite, a member of a centuries-old Jewish sect that recognizes the Jewish Bible but rejects the authority of the Talmud. And Troki was (and is) the center of Lithuania's Karaite community. The Kara-

ites originally came from the Middle East and the Black Sea, but during the Middle Ages, when the Grand Duchy of Lithuania extended into what is now Ukraine, some of them migrated to the north. Troki today attracts tourists because of a picturesque restored medieval castle, but its other must-see attraction is "Karaite Street," which features a small Karaite museum, a Karaite synagogue (still in use), and even a Karaite restaurant offering what is billed as authentic Karaite cuisine. Although the Museum of Lithuanian History has no display about Jews in Lithuania, it devotes part of a gallery to the Karaites; so does the historical exhibit in Troki's medieval castle.

Why does Lithuania officially celebrate its Karaite heritage while passing over its connection with the Jews in silence? Karaites are exotic, of course, and mention of their presence serves to show that Lithuania was tolerant of minorities. To a Jewish visitor, however, it is disturbing to realize that what seems to make the Karaites an acceptable part of Lithuania's picture of its past is the claim, made in the captions to the three museum exhibits we saw, that the Karaites are not really Jewish. According to the museum displays, the Karaites were a Turkic ethnic group who converted to Judaism but did not intermarry with other Jews. The museum exhibits emphasize this Turkish connection by showing Karaite costumes that have a distinctly Middle-Eastern air, including slippers with toes curving upward to a point. If anyone has further doubts, the museum texts cite scientific authority, namely that of German "race scientists" from the Nazi period. The Nazis convinced themselves that the Karaites were racially "Aryan," and so Lithu-

ania's small Karaite community was exempted from the Holocaust.

The days when mainstream Jews treated Karaites as heretics are over, and my son and I were happy to enjoy a snack in Troki's Karaite restaurant before reboarding the bus to Vilnius. And I have to admit that we thoroughly enjoyed our short visit in Vilnius, a lively city with a well-preserved historical core. English is widely spoken in the capital, and as Kentuckians, we felt right at home when we stumbled on a 3-on-3 basketball tournament occupying the city's main street. Nevertheless, it is an uncomfortable feeling to know that the cheerful, friendly people we met—or at least their government—don't wish to admit that Jews were, for centuries, a part of their country's history. How sad that, even as they highlight the story of the Karaites in order to argue that Lithuania accepts its multicultural past, today's Lithuanians keep alive an ugly racist myth that denies the Karaites' status as Jews.

Rabbi Isaac, at least, had no doubt about his identity as a Jew. As my father argued, he was able to write the *Chizzuk Emunah* because sixteenth-century Lithuania was an oasis of tolerance in an age of religious conflict: in most of Europe, a Jew would not have dared put such a challenge to Christianity on paper. One hopes that some day, Lithuanians will be able to see this tradition of tolerance as part of their country's heritage, even as they also face up to the role played by Lithuanian anti-Semitism in the Holocaust. And one hopes that some day Troki's Karaite museum will be able to honor the man who was probably the most influential Jewish author ever to live there. ☆

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By Thomas Lockshin

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I encourage you to contact one of our registered representatives for more information on purchasing and financing Israel Bonds. Please visit

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Thomas Lockshin is the executive director of State of Israel Bonds for Ohio and Kentucky. ☆



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Jewish "Geeks" form computer support group

By Gary Yarus

The Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass has begun a free computer support service for our Jewish community. The objective is to help our community members make more productive use of computer technology.

The Jewish Federation has always been eager to provide needed community services. This new service is seen as invaluable to those who have long yearned for assistance with minor problems and issues as well as learning additional computer and Internet skills.

Simply put, the overall objective is to enrich Jewish life in our community by making computer and Internet resources more useful and readily available.

Some of the specific services the support team will be able to provide are:

- Access to Jewish related Internet websites using search tools
 - Improved communications with the Federation and friends using Facebook and Twitter
 - Basic education and help with Jewish genealogy
 - Advice when purchasing a computer, peripherals, computer related services and software
 - Basic computer and Internet skills
 - A quarterly article in Shalom on community relevant computer tips and techniques
- And possibly other services yet to be identified.

Gary Yarus has volunteered to lead and coordinate Support team activities. If you would like to take advantage of any of these services or if you are computer savvy (nerds welcomed) and wish to join the Support team contact Gary via email at gyarus@yahoo.com or by telephone at 859-685-7384. ☆

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Join Me as I Begin My Second Act

By Jonathan Miller

I'm off to prove F. Scott Fitzgerald wrong. And you're invited along for the journey.

Gatsby's creator once wrote that "There are no second acts in American life." Sorry, Scotty: My curtain will rise again.

Today, I've announced that as of March 31, I will be leaving Kentucky state government, for which I have served with both pride and humility for more than 11 years. Throw in a few campaigns, as well as a tour of Capitol Hill and the Clinton/Gore Administration, and I've spent nearly my entire adult life within the political system.

It's been an amazing ride. I've learned everything I needed to know about this country during my last two decades in the political arena. But I've learned most of all that to be the change I wanted to be in office, I'd have to stop campaigning for one.

While I will always believe in the nobility of public service -- as well as the critical role of government in the nation's betterment -- I've come to conclude that some of our most intractable problems require the inspiration and leadership of the private sector. At least in the short term, I believe that our hyper-partisan, deeply-polarized political system is incapable of developing on its own the solutions necessary to deal with issues such as climate change, energy independence, and universal broadband expansion.

That's why, on April 1, I will start doing my small part to make a difference from a different platform. And as is typical with my easily distracted mindset, my post-politics career will emerge in several different guises.

First, I will be taking the position of Senior Advisor to Wellford Energy, a firm dedicated to helping develop and finance clean energy projects across the country. This move will reunite me with my longtime mentor and friend, Harrison Wellford, former Presidential adviser, energy executive, and global expert on clean energy issues.

I will also be joining the Lexington office of Frost Brown Todd, a full-service regional law firm with offices in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, and Tennessee. My law practice will span energy, finance, and technology issues, but the firm also provides services in a wide variety of practice areas, and I look forward to working with this outstanding collection of attorneys.

Finally, and perhaps most relevant to my friends, I am going to re-ignite my writing career, which has been in remission for nearly five years, since the publication of *The Compassionate Community*.

I am very excited to announce that on April Fools' Day, I will launch "The Recovering Politician": a Web site dedicated to civil discourse on the issues of the day -- from politics, to sports, to pop culture, to faith, to whatever happens to be on my iPad at any particular moment. I'm especially pleased to report that I've already recruited 18 other "recovering politicians" as regular contributors to the site, each of them offering their own opinions on a wide range of issues, from the unique perspective of former officials with experience in the arena, but who are now freed from the biases and political pressures of incumbency.

While the site will not be fully live until April 1, feel free RIGHT NOW to check out the test version -- featuring the incredible artwork of Lexingtonian John Lackey -- at www.TheRecoveringPolitician.com. While you are there, please sign up for my various social networks and email lists so that we can keep in touch as I move into these new ventures.

While I couldn't be more excited about my second act, I will surely miss the people with whom I've been working during the past 3 1/2 years as Kentucky's Secretary of Finance and Administration. The staff at the Finance Cabinet is composed of the most incredible mix of diverse talent. My outstanding former Deputy and soon-to-be successor, Lori Flanery, will be blessed with an incredible base of support, expertise, and creative ideas, and they with her leadership.

Most of all, I will miss working with my boss, the Governor, and his boss, the First Lady. Steve and Jane Beshear are two of the finest, most compassionate people I have ever encountered inside of politics and out. Kentucky is so fortunate to have their leadership. And I will work hard to support the Governor's re-election in November.

You can throw away all of my official contact information. If you need me, TheRP@TheRecoveringPolitician.com will reach me on my trusty Blackberry and iPad.

So here goes...Wish me luck. I look forward to running into you on my new journey.

World Union welcomes Pope Benedict XVI's teaching

The World Union for Progressive Judaism welcomes Pope Benedict XVI's teaching of collective exoneration of the Jewish People for the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Although his writing in his current book reflects mainstream Catholic teaching for the last half century, his re-articulation of the exoneration powerfully counters deeply rooted cultural bigotry, which persists, despite long-standing Catholic doctrine. Mindful of the destructive effects of interfaith bigotry, whatever the source and whatever the target, we appreciate the Pope's efforts to counter such anti-Semitic bigotry within the

religious world community of a billion Catholics. We pledge our continued partnership with the Pope and with the Catholic Church in combating interfaith prejudice, whether it is directed at Jews, at Catholics, or at any other religious community.

For further details about this issue please contact the World Union for Progressive Judaism at wupj@wupj.org.

Heartbreaking Itamar murders shine light on incitement

JCPA Mourns Tragic Deaths, Call for PA Action and Calm From Israelis

This weekend's horrific murder of a sleeping family in the West Bank community of Itamar was a heartbreaking terrorist attack not only on Jewish Israelis, but on the peace process itself, said the Jewish Council for Public Affairs. "This vicious act was aimed at intimidating Israeli Jewish families and derailing the already fragile peace process," said JCPA President Rabbi Steve Gutow. "My heart pours out for the Fogel family, their loved ones, and their community. All of us who remain committed to a vision of two states living in peace and security cannot help but feel an incredible sadness at this attack and the cold-hearted machinations of the murderers and their Ariel supporters. We look to the Palestinian Authority to work closely with Israeli authorities to bring the killers to justice." "We have joined with U.S. and Israeli officials in praising Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Salam Fayyad for making progress toward preventing terrorism and instituting effective security arrangements in areas under PA control. This makes the terrorist attack in Itamar that much more shocking," said JCPA Chair Dr. Conrad Giles. "The path to peace and reconciliation," he continued, "requires serious effort from the PA in ending incitement, especially among school chil-

dren, the most vulnerable to hateful propaganda and the most important to reach with positive lessons." At the annual JCPA Plenum March 7th, 2011, the JCPA and its member agencies approved a resolution on the Israeli-Palestinian peace process that called, in part, for the PA to promote security and denounce all acts of terrorism and violence. "We understand the strong passions aroused by this brutal murder, but revenge violence directed indiscriminately against Palestinians is unacceptable. We regret that some attacks reportedly have occurred," Giles asserted.

JCPA, the public affairs arm of the organized Jewish community, serves as the national coordinating and advisory body for the 14 national and 125 local agencies comprising the field of Jewish community relations.

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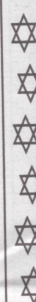
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PJ Library Opening Party

Kids – come celebrate Mothers Day at a PJ Library party. Bring your parents, grandparents and friends to a pajama party to launch the PJ Library program. The fun begins on Sunday, May 8 at 2:00 pm. The celebration will feature storytelling by Amy Faust Mayer, local actress and educator. Amy will be telling stories featured in several of the PJ Library books. Fun, food and frolic is promised for all.

The PJ Library is a national program run by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation in Western Massachusetts. More than 60,000 age-appropriate books are

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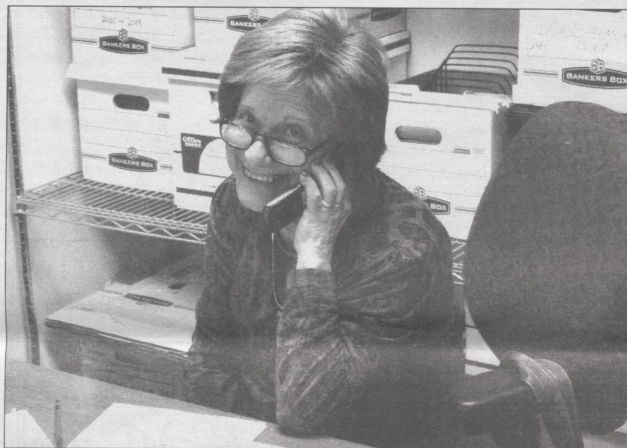
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The 2011 Community Campaign is launched

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Ted Friedman, Lynn Furness, Evelyn Geller, Larry Kant, Amy Faust Mayer, Jennifer Miller, Janice Newman, Bob Orbach, Angie Ornstein, Linda Ravvin, Judy Saxe, Kae Schennberg, Hanna and Rabbi Uri Smith, Gary Yarus and David Wekstein. A special thank you to staff members Tamara Ohayon and Gayle Bourne for efforts above and beyond the call of duty from their very grateful staff team leader. ☆



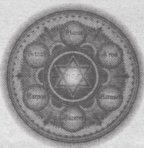
Super Sunday volunteer, Fran Friedman.

Attention proud grandparents, parents, and students

We want to publish any original writing produced by our community's elementary- and high-school-age children. If you're proud of something written by one of our kids, e.g., fiction or non-fiction, please email it to shalom@jewishlexington.org

Bashanah Haba'ah B'yerushalayim! Next Year in Jerusalem!

Each year the Passover seder will end with these words, prompting many to begin telling stories of their trips to Israel. Many speak hopefully of a time when the trip can be made—perhaps even for the holiday. For us at TAI, this is our Jerusalem! This is the place we call home! As important as Israel is in our hearts, it is here that we hope the vision of peace becomes real for us and for the whole world. May Pesach bring news of joy and peace as our families gather, retell the stories, share in the seder, and commit to making the world that is... into the world we all pray for. *Have a great holiday!*



4 BIG EVENTS IN MAY!

Community-wide Yom HaShoah Commemoration Holocaust Remembrance Day

Sunday, May 1, 2011
10:15 a.m. at Temple Adath Israel*

- Candle lighting
 - Emilie Szekeley Essay Contest Awards
 - Roundtable Discussions on the lessons of the Holocaust
- *OZS and TAI religious school classes will all be held at Temple Adath Israel that morning.

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The PJ Library OPENING PARTY

Sunday, May 8, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.
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Celebrate Israel's 63rd Birthday!

Ohavay Zion Synagogue on Sunday, May 15, 2011 at 12 noon. Marc Rossio, the Marvelous Toy, will entertain us with Jewish music, stories, and sing-a-longs for all ages. Anat Rubinstein and our own children's choir will join the program. Mediterranean food will be available for purchase. Admission to this fun event is free!



Gala Tribute Dinner to Honor Susan and Steve Caller

Sunday, May 22, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

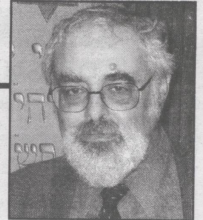
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Ask A Rabbi

Rabbi H.D. Uriel Smith



Q: What are your views on the present turmoil in the Middle East? Is it likely to increase or decrease the chances of peace between Israel and its neighbors? What does the Jewish tradition say concerning times like these? (Questions based on a mini-survey questionnaire sent out from JIS.)

A: There are three cultural groups involved in an answer to these questions: a scientific group involving cultural anthropology and political studies, an Arab group involving the cultures and religious views of the neighboring Mid-east countries, and the Israeli cultural group including the secularist and religious views permeating Israel.

There have been many revolutionary attempts in human history prior to the present ones. Some like the American, French, and Russian revolutions succeeded, though the latter two soon became tyrannies. Others, like the 1848 revolts in Europe, failed. In the Middle East some, like the Young Turks revolt of 1908 and the Habib Bourguiba republic success in Tunisia in 1957, created democracies. Others, like Ayatollah Khomeini's 1979 revolt in Iran and Omar al-Bashir's 1989 coup d'état in Sudan, created tyrannies.

On the whole, Israel is not endangered by these demands for democratization. In Egypt the army is maintaining power and intends to continue the peace agreements with Israel. In Jordan, King Abdallah II remains ahead of the curve, and is keeping the extremist elements from gaining power there. However, in Lebanon Hezbollah has brought down the more moderate government, heightening the tensions within the country and with Israel. Syria has continued to suppress any peeps of revolt. In the Gaza Strip Hamas has "volunteered" the Gazans as martyrs and is trying to goad Israel into over-retaliating to the rockets they are sending. In the

West Bank, some Fatah extremists have escalated the horror by butchering the Fogel family, including eleven-year old Yoav, four-year old Elad, and three-month old Hadas.

The danger is that such extremists may succeed in pushing more people into the anti-Israeli camp. However, by understanding this extremism we may counter it.

These current events show that the blessing that Abraham, our ancestor, received still applies today, "I will bless those who bless you, and he who curses you I shall curse; and through you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." (Genesis 12:3) Members of fundamentalist religions have, throughout the ages, been ready to die for their cause, believing that their martyrdom will hasten the age of universal peace. However, the anti-Israel extremists have added to such beliefs an evil twist that is self-destructive. By trying to demonize Israel they have demonized themselves.

Many Muslims believe that each person has a fixed term (ajala) for their life. It can be neither lengthened nor shortened by outside forces. The fanatics among them have decided that they might as well make the end of their life an act of martyrdom, so that they will be known as shahidun ("witnesses" for God). Such extremists formed a suicide squad on Mavi Marmara, the Turkish

ship that tried last year to break the blockade against the Hamas regime in Gaza. They arranged a Russian roulette scheme of "suicide by cop" on that ship. Those who were "destined" to die would die, and those who were "destined" to live would live. The fanatic squad attacked the Israelis boarding the ship so harshly that the Israelis were forced to respond. And, once the Israeli marines responded by killing some of their attackers, Israel was blamed for the harshness of the boarders' response.

Hamas, Hezbollah, and Fatah extremists have expanded this perspective into "volunteering" all the Palestinian Arabs as potential shahidun. They want Israel to respond harshly to these murders in the hope that Israel will be further blamed for the situation. They, thus, do not care for the lives of anyone, Jewish or Arab. They have become lovers of death.

In the Bible, the story of the prophet Isaiah and King Hezekiah (2 Kings 20:1-11) shows that the view of a fixed ajala is nonsensical. Isaiah first warns Hezekiah that he is about to die. But, because of his prayers, Hezekiah's life is extended a couple of decades. The Jewish view is one of support for life.

There are many ways in which Jews both here and in Israel need to become more proactive. We need to increase Jewish, Christian, and Muslim communications, so that we better understand each other and our needs. More of us need to study both Hebrew and Arabic. But we do not need to worry overmuch about the Middle Eastern turmoil.

Have a question?

Ask a rabbi

The rabbis write columns in response to questions submitted by the readers. We encourage you—whether you are a member of the Jewish community or not—to submit your queries on theology, morality, ethics, religious observances, etc. for response by one of our rabbis.

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B'tayavon (Hearty Appetite)

By Ruth Poley

A Passover Dessert

It comes around every year—Passover will be here before you know it. I recently found this recipe and it looked very appealing to me. While it has quite a few ingredients and looks like a lot of work, I believe it will be easier than separating a dozen eggs and beating egg whites to get a cake to rise. I also think it will be delicious, and can't wait to make it later this month. One hint: the recipe calls for 12 dried (but soft) apricots. They're not all soft out of the package, but it's very easy to pour a little boiling water over them and let them sit for 10 minutes before trying to chop them. That technique should solve the problem even if the apricots are not so soft out of the package. Then you can use a tablespoon of the soaking water to add to the strained apricot jam when you heat it.

Matzo-Apple Pudding

4 matzos
12 dried apricots (soft ones, not dry and overly chewy), chopped
¾ cup dark or light raisins
½ cup pitted dried dates, chopped
2/3 cup toasted pecans or almonds, chopped
½ cup sugar, plus extra for sprinkling
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
½ tsp. freshly grated nutmeg
grated zest and juice of one orange
3 eggs
3 tbsp. fine matzo meal
4 oz. margarine, divided, plus extra for greasing pan
2 sweet apples, pared, cored, and thinly sliced

2 tbsp.
strained
apricot jam
(no lumps)
1 tbsp. water

Preheat oven to 350°. Break the matzos into small pieces into a large bowl. Cover with cold water. Let stand 10 minutes or until completely softened. Drain well, return to the bowl, and beat with fork to a batter-like consistency.

Add dried fruits and nuts and mix well. Stir in half the sugar, the cinnamon, nutmeg, orange juice and zest. Set aside.

Using an electric mixer, beat the eggs in a medium bowl with the remaining sugar, for 5 minutes or until thick and lightened and the sugar is completely dissolved. Add the matzo-fruit mixture, matzo meal, half the melted margarine, and the sliced apples, and gently fold into the eggs.

Pour into a deep, greased baking dish, smoothing the top evenly. Drizzle the remaining melted margarine over the top and sprinkle with a little sugar. Bake for 50 minutes or until puffed and golden brown and a knife inserted in the center comes out clean.

Heat the strained apricot jam in a small pan with the tablespoon of water. Brush over the top of the hot pudding and allow to cool slightly before serving.



The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah

Lynn Furness, President

By Lynn Furness

As Passover approaches, we Jews study the story of our distant past, learning about the time our ancestors spent in Egypt and the events subsequent to their escape from bondage. Similarly, as we look at the record of Hadassah's achievements over almost 100 years, we see a history replete with vision, dedication and immense determination, not unlike Moses and his followers.

Hadassah has been and is passionately engaged in a partnership that binds us intimately with Israel and its people. The "healing of the daughter of my people" is the Zionist imperative that has spurred our work and generated initiatives undreamt of in 1912 when Henrietta Szold founded Hadassah. This imperative made dreams tangible and created a wise generosity that continues to make possible scholarships, endowments, research grants, new buildings, and equipment beyond anyone's imagination.

Hadassah remains unique well beyond the borders of the Middle East. Whether it is Haiti, Chile, or Kinshasa, when the cry of need is heard, Hadassah responds with speed and multiple hands as it changes lives over the globe. Hadassah is engaged in a great enterprise, a humanitarian mission, which is open-ended and not limited to time, place, or a particular people.

Within Hadassah, strength comes from the individual members and their chapters. Here in Lexington, we have a formidable chapter: strong in numbers, enthusiasm, and commitment.

These qualities were amply demonstrated in 2010 when our chapter exceeded its fundraising goal making it eligible for recognition with a small brick in the new walk outside the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower. Each and every member should be proud of our chapter and its vibrancy.

Just as the Seder ends with the call to the future of "Next year in Jerusalem", so too is Hadassah sounding a clarion for attendance at its 100th anniversary in Jerusalem October 15 to 18, 2012. Whether or not you can join us in Jerusalem for this celebration, you can still participate in this momentous event in several ways.

Consider joining Hadassah as a life member for the centennial celebration price of \$100 (same for child life or associates) or upgrading from annual to life membership for the same \$100. The centennial celebration price of \$100 is good only through December 2011. Or, purchase a brick in the path to the new Tower for \$1500 (small) or \$5000 (large) to honor a family member, a significant family event or "just because." Purchase a stunning key necklace for \$100, or purchase a paperweight for \$360. All of these opportunities will connect you to the glory and grandeur of Hadassah in her 100th year. For additional information, please contact me at mamanews@yahoo.com or 859-873-0328.

May your Passover holiday season be joyful and may we all unite in Jerusalem soon. ☆

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



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The 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 popkin@email.uky.edu, or the co-chairs of the Membership Committee, Evelyn Geller (859) 278-3609, evelynkadimah@aol.com, or David Feinberg, (859) 223-1304, kdjfm@insightbb.com.

By Judy Goldsmith

I want to write about what is going on in the world. It's early March, and I know that, by the time you read this, everything may have changed. Is democracy breaking out? Are tyrants overthrown, or simply replaced? I remember the fall of the Berlin wall, the breakup of the Soviet Union, the end of apartheid in South Africa. I was in Germany a few years ago on the 20th anniversary of the wall falling. I listened to friends talk about leaving East Germany for the first time, hitchhiking west as teenagers to discover fast food, blue jeans, the exotica that we take for granted.

Their lives have certainly changed. They work in West Germany now. I visited their hometown, visited a West German couple who live and work there. The two sides of the country are not the same—but you can get McDonalds in both places. And blue jeans. Will we see free passage of people, goods, and ideas throughout the Middle East?

We are about to celebrate Pesach, our own story of revolution. Unlike what we've heard so far from Egypt, ours was a bloody revolution. First the Pharaoh ordered our newborns killed; later, in retaliation or as a distraction from our escape, the Angel of Death

killed the Egyptians' first-born sons. We can only imagine the lives cut short by the brutality of slavery; we're told that all the escapees perished in the desert.

There are those in our own country who speak of revolution, on both ends of the political spectrum. One might begin to believe that the whole world of politics tips unsteadily on its foundations.

Life in the Exodus was rough. We had to relearn self-governance, reinvent religion. The former Soviet republics have all gone through hard times. Both Germans have suffered: one giving up wealth to support the other, one giving up the guarantee of socialist services, such as they were. Both learning to re-create a shared culture.

There will be no easy answers in Egypt, Libya, Bahrain, Yemen, Tunisia, Algeria, ... or Israel and Palestine. Nor Iraq or Afghanistan. Too many lives are entangled in the status quo; so many customs must be unlearned, reinvented in each revolution.

When we remember our ancestors who braved freedom and died in the desert, remember, too, those who give their lives for freedom now.

We are looking for singers for 3 choirs to perform at this year's Yom Ha'atzmaut event in May: a women's choir, a men's choir, and a children's choir. We are also looking for children who play brass or other portable instruments, other than guitar, for a band performance that day.

The community's celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut will be Sunday, May 15th at Ohavay Zion Synagogue at 12 noon.



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TAI ON RYE TO BE OPEN APRIL 3

TAI on Rye, your New York deli in the Bluegrass, will be open again on April 3 from noon to 2:00 p.m. If you haven't tried it yet, you really need to get here that Sunday. Aside from all the wonderful food, it's a great social experience; you'll be meeting and enjoying people you may not have seen in quite a while. We'll have our usual great brisket pastrami and corned beef, chopped liver, turkey breast, tuna, egg, and chicken salads, all served on fabulous rye bread. We have genuine Russian dressing, real deli coleslaw, and very tasty potato salad. Our special in April will be a cabbage strudel, and dessert will be black and white cookies. And who knows what else we'll decide to cook between now and then? Treat yourself!

Sisterhood News

Our devoted Sisterhood members provided the residents and staff of the Florence Crittenton Home with a wonderful Valentine's dinner. Our thanks go out to Mimi Kaufman and Elissa Weinstein for organizing the event and to Lori Bernard, Starr Gantz, and Debbie Masters for helping Mimi and Elissa that night.

We treasure our Sisterhood members for the many ways they support each other, our congregation, community and the continuation of Reform Judaism. The Sisterhood Board invites all Sisterhood members to brunch on Sunday, April 10 at 10:00 AM at my home. An Evite or postcard will be sent to all Sisterhood members. It's never too late to join! Contact Christy Roth at 219-3238.

Sisterhood members Leona Stern and Mary Engle are hard at work preparing for the congregational seder on April 19 at 6:00 PM at Temple. The annual seder is one of the many functions Sisterhood organizes and runs for the congregation and community. This is a huge effort. Please help by returning your reservation quickly and volunteering to help cook or set up tables.

Sisterhood Shabbat will be April 22 at 7:30 PM. Sisterhood members will be leading us in worship and in song. Rabbi Melinda Mersack will be our guest speaker. Sisterhood will be honoring one Sisterhood member with a special award. You'll have to come to find out about the award and who we honor.

Our Sisterhood Member's closing program will be held on Sunday, June 12 at 5:30 PM at Jimmy D's Italian

Kitchen in Midway. Owner and classically trained chef Jimmy Duggan will open his restaurant just for us! Private dining with Jimmy who will share his restaurant experience with us cannot be missed. Carpooling is encouraged. Members, look for your Evite or postcard invitation with details about the dinner and carpooling.

Chavurat Chochma

Please join us on April 22 for an interesting program. We will have lunch at 11:30 a.m. with the program to follow. While this program was designed for those sixty and over, any and all are welcome to join us. Please let us know by April 19 if you can attend.

Upcoming Religious School Events for April and May

April - Spring Garden Time

Under the leadership of Jo Stone, we have begun our spring garden with our Religious School students. We are growing parsley for our Passover Seders and will be sowing peas and other cold weather crops. We have applied for a Neighborhood Community Sustainability Grant from Fayette County that would enable us to continue our cooperative work with Ashland Elementary School in the garden and expand our growing season to include the summer. Of course, the success of the project, whether it is funded or not, depends upon all of us. So, if you like to garden or would like to learn to garden, be sure to join our Community Garden this spring and summer. We guarantee that you will find friendship, fun, and great food!

May 1st - Community Yom HaShoah Program.

On May 1st, we will have a community-wide Yom HaShoah program at the Temple. Our Religious School students will learn with Ohavay Zion students all types of important lessons from the Holocaust. We will learn about friendship, tolerance, and respect. Please join us for this important event.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Registration for the 2011-2012 school year is still in progress. We offer a half day program for children ages 2 to 4 years of age. We offer extended day from 12:00 - 2:30 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday to our three and four year olds. Our caring teachers engage our students in exciting activities each day. The children develop a love for learning and enjoy social interaction with their peers. The curriculum is inclusive of Jewish learning activities

and celebrations. For more information about preschool enrollment call Katherine Henry 269-1915. We would love to take you on a tour of our preschool!

CONGREGATIONAL PASSOVER SEDER

Tuesday Evening, April 19, 2011

Temple Adath Israel

6:00 P.M.

Reservations required by Tuesday, April 12, 2011 - must be accompanied by check. There will be a late charge of \$5.00 per person after Tuesday, April 12

	MEMBERS	NON-MEMBERS
Adults	\$16.00	\$19.00
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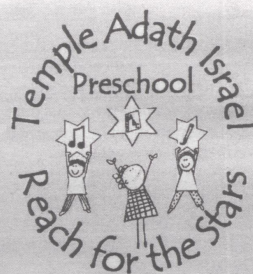
Make check payable to: Adath Israel Sisterhood

Send reservations to:

Leona Stern, 704 Kirkland Drive, Lexington, KY 40502 or Passover Seder c/o Temple Adath Israel, 124 N. Ashland Avenue, Lexington, KY 40502

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

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Please see below for some fun and joyous Passover events.
Also note: The OZS office will be closed April 19th, 20th, and 26th.

Shabbat Dinner-Passover Style

After the seders earlier in the week, come join our OZS community for a relaxing Shabbat meal (Kosher for Passover) at OZS on Friday April 22nd at 6:00pm. We will eat matzah, sing and shmooze. The cost is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child. Please R.S.V.P. to ozslex@insightbb.com or call (859)266-8050 by April 15th.

Passover Service Schedule at OZS:

Tuesday, April 19th
9:30 am - Festival Morning Service

Friday, April 22nd
6:00pm - Awesome Shabbat Dinner: Passover Style (See above)

Saturday, April 23rd
9:30 am - Shabbat Chol HaMoed Pesah Morning Service

Monday, April 25th
9:30 am - Festival Morning Service, Yizkor will be recited

Tuesday, April 26th
No Services

A very Happy Passover to everyone!

OZS Adult Education

Bible Study Class: Wednesdays Mid-day: 12:00

Friday Morning Talmud Study

The Talmud Study group meets each Friday morning for prayer, food, and study. The morning begins with the

brief Shaharit service at 7:30am followed by a light breakfast and study. Newcomers are always welcome!

Weekday Minyan and Learning

A Minyan is held each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon at 5:45pm in the Sanctuary. On Tuesdays we talk about prayer, and on Thursdays we explore the teachings of Reb. Nachman. Please come, learn, and help make a minyan!

D'Vine Minyan on Tuesdays

Tuesday is D'Vine Minyan Day at OZS! Join your friends for a relaxing glass of wine and socializing each Tuesday afternoon beginning at 5:00pm in the OZS Library (or outside when the weather is nice!). The brief afternoon/evening minyan follows in the sanctuary. A great way to end your day!

Kids' Shabbat & PJ Library

A monthly Friday evening Shabbat for children ages 4-9, with pizza, song, stories, and schmoozing - 5:15 pm on April 15th.

Shabbat Dinner

Come for Shabbat dinner and socializing and enjoy some singing and learning as well. Please R.S.V.P. to the OZS office to make your reservation for this fun event. (266-8050 or ozslex@insightbb.com) The next Shabbat Dinner is scheduled for 6:00 pm on April 22nd.

Young Professionals' Shabbat

Young Jewish Professionals in their 20's and 30's get together Fabulous Friday Nights for Food, Fun and Festivities. Please join us and feel free to bring friends. The next Young Professionals' Shabbat is scheduled for 6:00 pm on April 29th.

Night at the Movies at OZS

OZS Night at the Movies is back! We

will explore Jewish topics, history, and contemporary film from 7:00-9:00 pm, with free popcorn provided. Check the OZS website for date and film details: <http://ozs.org>

April Shabbat Schedule

Celebrate Shabbat! The Friday night schedule for April is:

April 1st - Kabbalat Shabbat Service begins at 5:45PM at OZS; Stewart Home visit.

April 8th - Seth Kraman Bar Mitzvah.

April 15th - Kid's Shabbat at 5:15PM.

April 22nd - Shabbat Dinner at 6:00PM
April 29th - Young Professionals Shabbat at 6:00PM.

We hope you will join us for our spirited Shabbat Morning Service each Saturday morning at 9:30am with Kiddush Lunch following in the Social Hall.

Membership Committee

If you know someone new to the Lexington area interested in learning more about Ohavay Zion please call Simone Salomon, Membership Chair, at 269-1585.

The Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass accepts donations for special occasions in honor or in memory of important people in your life.

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Send us your special contributions with a note specifying the intent of your donation. Also let us know if you would like your contribution published in *Shalom*.

Thank you for your support of the Jewish Federation Annual Community Campaign.

A BIG THANK YOU

to those who donated in honor of Tamara Ohayon's 30th birthday for Taglit - Birthright Israel. Together we raised over \$1,000!

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Yasher Koach!



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* There is no "Lunch and Learn with the Rabbi" program in April.



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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!

Linda Ravvin, JFB president announced, "After 3 years of directing the Jewish Family Services, Paula Clancy has retired in order to pursue other interests. Paula will be missed; her work at the Federation was exemplary."

Mazal Tov to:
Steven and Deborah Flomenhoft on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Samuel Moses Elias**

Arthur Salomon on being elected as treasurer of the Bluegrass Community Foundation

Joseph Rosenberg on being elected to the Board of the Bluegrass Community Foundation

Michael Ades on being named one of

Kentucky's best real estate lawyers

Debbie Aminoff and Steve Kraman on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Seth Isaac**

John Gohmann for being named a Red Cross hero

Condolences to:
Terry and Randy Grossman on the death of their mother **Betty Grossman**

Paula Frank, Daniel and Leonard, on the death of her husband and their father, **John Frank**

The **Rubinstein** family on the death of **Moshe Perkal**

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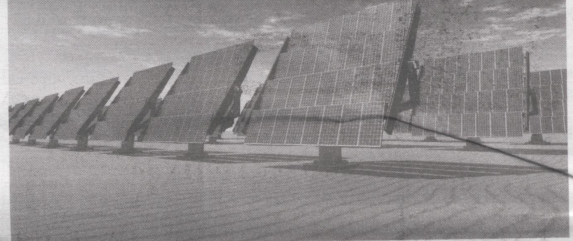
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OZS - Ohavay Zion Synagogue - www.ozs.org

2048 Edgewater Court • 266-8050 • Moshe Smolkin, Rabbi; Beth Goldstein, President
Daily Minyan Mon.-Thurs. at 5:45 p.m.; Kabbalat Shabbat Service, Friday evenings at 5:45 p.m.; on the last Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. with Oneg & program following • Shabbat Services Saturday at 9:45 a.m.

TAI - Temple Adath Israel - www.textai.org

124 N. Ashland Avenue • 269-2979 • Marc Kline, Rabbi; Ken Slepian, President
Shabbat Services first & second Friday at 6:30 p.m., remaining Fridays 7:30 p.m.; Worship Service Saturday 10:30 a.m.

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

Lynn Furness, President • mamanewbs@yahoo.com

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

Jeremy Popkin, President • popkin@email.uky.edu

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

1050 Chinoe Road, Suite 302 • Bruce Broudy, President • bbrou@lexclin.com

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