

Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass Selects New Executive Director



The Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass is pleased to announce that it has selected Tamara Ohayon as its next Executive Director. Tamara will be replacing Judy Wortman, who recently announced her retirement after serving as JFB's Executive Director for the past seven years. The selection process included a national search for Judy's replacement, with interviews held locally. Tamara will assume her new position on August 1, 2016. "We are thrilled to have Tamara as our organization's new Executive Director. She has an incredible amount of passion, energy and commitment to the Jewish community of Central Kentucky," said Michael Grossman, President of JFB.

Tamara brings many years of experience within the Federation, most recently having served as JFB's Assistant Director and Camp Shalom Director. She brings a wealth of talents and skills to this position, including leadership and team management, exceptional writing, presentation and technical skills, and 15 years of fundraising experience. She has an active history of local Jewish community involvement since moving to Lexington from Los Angeles in 2002. Tamara is an alumna of the University of Kentucky.

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In 2011 Tamara received the Young Leadership Award from the Federation for her work in establishing a new cohort group, Young Bluegrass Jews.

"I am very happy to have the opportunity to continue to work with this great team for an organization that does such good things for our community," says Tamara. "I will meet this responsibility with all the energy and dedication at my command."

The Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass is a community-building organization that cares for those in need, deepens engagement in Jewish life, and connects Jews to each other locally, in Israel and around the world. For information on JFB's 2016 Annual Campaign, contact JFB at 859-268-0672.

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Yom HaShoah Commemoration Highlights Righteous Gentiles

By Judy B. Wortman



The Yom Ha Shoah Commemoration will be held at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday April tenth at Ohavay Zion Synagogue. The centerpiece of the program will be an interview with Jerry Snapper Faber, a Wilmore resident who lived in the Netherlands during the Nazi occupation during World War II.

Following Jerry's talk, the participants will spend time discussing what it meant to be a Righteous Gentile and the implication of risking one's life to save others.

Jerry's father, Hendrikus Snapper, was the head of the local labor board in Naaldwyk, Holland and used his position to help hide Jewish families. They hid a number of Jews in their home, housing Rosette de Hartog until the war ended. Mr. Snapper destroyed records of Jewish workers to protect them from the Germans, and also falsified the records of young Dutch men so that the Nazis would not coerce them to fight (*continued on page 2*)

CAMPAIGN NEWS

Major Gifts Champagne Brunch on May 22



Please join us for a very special Major Gifts Champagne Brunch on Sunday, May 22 at 11 a.m., at a private home. Our speaker will be Jerry Silverman, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), the parent organization of our federation. Jerry

is a highly experienced leader in the North American Jewish community and longtime corporate executive, with over 25 years of experience.

Before joining JFNA, Jerry served as president of the Foundation for Jewish Camp. For a decade before that, Jerry held a range of executive positions at the Stride Rite Corporation of Boston, including president of its international division, president of Stride Rite's Children's Group, and president of Keds Corp. (*continued on page 3*)

From the Director Update on the Community Study

By Judy Wortman



In early February, Dr. Jack Ukeles, the researcher commissioned to conduct our community study, was back in Lexington to share some preliminary results of his research with the Presidents Council. He also met with a number of congregational and Federation leaders and the rabbis to broaden his understanding of our com-

munity. His estimate of the size of the Jewish population of our community is 2500, a number which we have been estimating for some time. Dr. Ukeles said it is possible it might be as high as 3000. We were all delighted to hear that the response rate to the emailed questionnaire sent out was astonishingly high. We had been told that a good response rate would have been 25 percent. The number of surveys sent out to people with valid email addresses was 910, and there were 424 responses – 46 percent. Dr. Ukeles said that this response rate was remarkable and shows that our community is deeply engaged and people want to have a voice in planning our future. Another astounding figure is our educational level. 30 percent of respondents have a Ph.D or equivalent, and 71 percent have graduate training, a master's degree, or doctorate. This is the highest educational level he has ever seen, and he has conducted studies in more than 100 communities. We also have a fairly wealthy community. 55 percent of households earn over \$100,000 and 36 percent earn over \$150,000. Sadly, our level of charitable giving does not match our income level – particularly to Jewish organizations and congregations.

Not surprisingly, we are an aging population. 68 percent of respondents are over 50. 49 percent are over 60. 80 percent are married or living with a partner; 6 percent were never married; 8 percent are divorced or separated, and 6 percent are widowed. This is a very married Jewish community – as our single folks are very much aware.

Only 17 percent of the community is made up of native Kentuckians, although 49 percent have lived here for more than 20 years. 91 percent were born in the United States.

Also surprising were the number of responses to open-ended questions. There were 468 responses to the question that asked what would make participating in the Jewish community more meaningful for you and

your family. The most frequent response was the request for greater integration and collaboration among organizations and more community-wide activities. The Presidents Council members were very glad to learn this since this is an area that has been critical to the council's work.

There is a great deal more information that will be culled from the survey. Dr. Ukeles, who lives in Jerusalem, will be returning to Lexington in June. We are scheduling a Town Meeting to go over the results on Wednesday, June 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Adath Israel. Please put the date on your calendars and plan to join us. Special thanks to the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence in Louisville for funding 80 percent of the study and to Federation, OZS, TAI, the Lexington Havurah, Hadassah and B'nai B'rith for funding the rest.

(*Yom HaShoah*, continued from p.1) or work in labor camps.

Jerry has discussed her experiences with school children and others over the years. She has spoken about how terrifying it was to live in fear year after year. She knew it was dangerous for her parents to be hiding Jews. There were German soldiers all over her town. In fact, as a teenager, it was Jerry who let in the German officers when they knocked on the door. Five Germans moved in with the Snappers taking over her parents' bedroom while they were hiding Rosette de Hartog whom they introduced as the family housekeeper.

For their heroism during the Holocaust, the Snapper family was awarded the prestigious honor of Righteous among the Nations by the State of Israel. In October of 2007, Jerry, her four siblings, and their families were honored at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem. They shared the occasion with descendants of Rosette and Levi de Hartog whose five children all survived the war.

In addition to Jerry's talk and the table discussions following, the commemoration will feature musical selections from the joint chorus of TAI and OZS under the direction of Lorne Dechtenberg. Elementary and middle school winners of the Emilie Szekely Essay contest will be reading their compositions. A candle-lighting ceremony will feature liberators, survivors and their children.

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University of Kentucky Jewish Studies April Events

Thursday, April 14

"Woman as Evil: Explorations in a Biblical Theme,"
by Gale Yee, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in Briggs Theater.

Monday, April 18, 1:00 p.m. Niles Gallery

Sacred Music Hits the Israeli Pop Charts: Money, Music and Mizrahiyut (Ethnic Identity)

Over the past several years, some of Israel's most noted secular rock singers have begun performing their own renditions of traditional Middle Eastern religious songs for large crowds of adoring fans, and recordings of these songs have soared to the top of Israeli pop charts. This lecture/musical talk draws on several years of Dardashti's fieldwork in Israel to explore the complexities of cultural and artistic production today, as ethnic identity politics and religion converge with the agendas of global philanthropic organizations.

Tuesday, April 19, 5:00 p.m. location TBD

Year of Europe Event, Dr. Cristophe Oliver Mayer:
The Eurovision Song Contest – the European Festival of Camp Culture.

We are hosting filmmaker Robin Hessman for a screening and discussion of her award-winning documentary film *My Perestroika* (2010). The film traces the lives of five Muscovites from their childhoods in the Soviet Union, through the transformations of perestroika and their post-Soviet lives in Putin's Russia. The screening and post-film discussion with the director will take place on Tuesday, April 19 from 7:00pm-9:30pm in the UKAA Auditorium in W.T. Young Library. The program is free and open to the public and would be of great interest to anyone drawn to the history of the Soviet Union and subsequent developments in post-Soviet society, as seen through the personal narratives of five individuals who lived through these tumultuous times. We think the film may be of particular interest to the Jewish Studies community, as well, in that one aspect of the work treats the implicit and explicit anti-Semitism encountered by the Meyer-son family, whose story is at the center of much of the film.

Matzah Mania

By Talia Smolkin

Next time you are in the store, or your pantry, take a look at the Passover goods. Notice the 2016 boxes of Yehuda Matzos? Do you see it? There's a celebration of PJ Library on each box of this season's Yehuda Matzo. Now, take a selfie with it, and post the photo on your Facebook timeline with the hashtag #pjmatzah, and tag it @PJLibraryintheBluegrass.

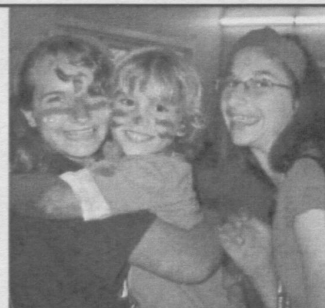
PJ Library and Yehuda Matzo got together this year and we're celebrating with our community on **April 18, from 4 - 6 pm** at Whole Foods for Matzah Mania. There will be a special PJ Library Passover storytime and other fun activities to help families get ready for the holiday. Everyone is welcome to stop by to come together and of course to pick up their PJ Library matzah boxes and other Passover goods.

And of course, this month you might spot a box of matzah at your local congregation, or at a meal with your grandkids. As they eat their matzah with cream cheese, or matzah with chocolate, or matzah pizza, smile and say "matzah!"

(*Campaign News, continued from p. 1*) Between 1974 and 1994, Jerry held several senior executive positions at Levi Strauss & Co. in San Francisco including national sales manager of Levi Dockers. Jerry and his wife Erica are the parents of five children.

Individuals contributing a minimum of \$500 and couples contributing a minimum of \$1000 to the 2016 campaign are invited to participate. For information or registration, please call Judy Wortman at 268-0672.

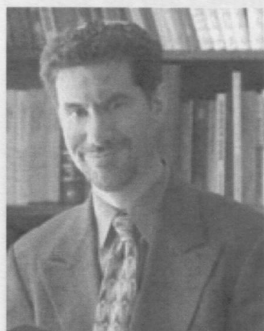
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Ask A Rabbi: Rabbi David Wirtschafter



Firsts, Fourths, and Fathers: A Preface for Passover

In a year of wonderful firsts Passover brings the added dimension of powerful fourths. All year I've been talking about firsts: My first High Holy Days, first Sukkot, first Chanukah, first Purim, and soon first *Pesach* here in Lexington

since 1978. Passover is about the beginning of a long journey home, a construct I can readily relate to right now. While this year has been a series of firsts, Passover is a series of fourths: Four Questions, Four Children, Four Responses and Four Cups of Wine. Passover is also very much about fathers and father figures: God, Moses, The Father of Haggadah, The Father we have or had and remember.

Pesach has never been the same since my dad died. He *loved* Passover. (Although I sometimes wonder how many times it overlapped with his April birthday and the impact this might have had on birthday parties.) He loved having children and grandchildren around the dinner table. He loved breaking and hiding the *matza*. He loved the opening reading in the Reform Haggadah from the Song of Songs. He loved the singing and the stories. He relished the role of being The Father of the Seder. It suited him well.

Being the fourth of four sons, (my sister Brooke joined the family just two years after I did), the four personalities of the Seder's Four Sons (now we say "Four Children") have always appealed to me. All four sons have character traits that almost any family can relate to. But this year's seder will be different than all other seders. It won't be my first *Pesach* in Kentucky. It won't be my first as a father. It will, however, be my first seder as a husband, father and rabbi in Lexington. A powerful reminder of Shakespeare's observation that in the course of a lifetime the same person plays

many different roles.

Our place and sense of place at the Seder is subject to change. Over the course of a lifetime we can be a host, a guest, a cook, a diner, a leader, a participant, a child, a parent, a grandparent, and so on. No matter what that place may be, or part you are asked to play, may this year's seders be meaningful and memorable ones. May these nights full of fours bring fulfillment and fun. May this year's seders be blessed with many significant firsts. And may the memory of our mothers and fathers, those we have loved and lost, be present among us like Elijah The Prophet, for whom we open the door every year even though we cannot see him.

Zessen *Pesach*—Wishing You a Passover of Sweetness,

David

Have a question? Ask a rabbi.

The rabbis write columns in response to questions submitted by the readers. We encourage you to submit your queries on theology, morality, ethics, religious observances, etc. for response by one of our rabbis. If you have an issue you would like to see addressed, please email it to shalom@jewishlexington.org and put "Ask a Rabbi" in the subject line of your email. (It may take quite a while until your question is answered or it may never be answered, if no rabbi selects it.) You will not be identified as the writer of the question to either rabbis or readers, nor will you be asked to specify which rabbi should answer.

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ASK JFS: Internet Safety with Children

By Mimi Kaufman



On March 10, Jewish Family Services and the congregational sisterhoods co-hosted a program to explore internet safety issues as it relates to our young teens. Officer Tyson Carroll of the Lexington Police Department spoke with us about his work with internet crimes against children.

It was an eye-opening discussion. We discussed the most used internet sites and apps that teens are using today. Officer Carroll presented to us the potential dangers as he sees investigating child predators.

Parents need to be aware that prevention is key. Talk to your children about internet safety. Set guidelines. Guidelines should be clear as to what you will and will not allow on line. It is important that your children know your expectations. As a side note, it has been my experience that our public school systems are also talking to children about these issues, and that could be an opportunity to open discussion with your kids. Hopefully, if you have a good ongoing dialogue with your children, they will feel comfortable coming to you if they ever have a problem.

Pay attention to what your kids are doing on the internet, and don't be afraid to ask them directly about it. It is no different than wanting to know where your children are going when they leave the house. You are

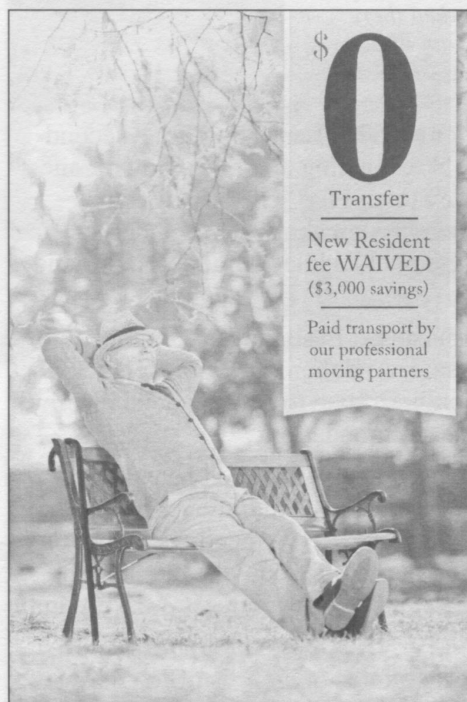
the parent; you make the rules. So yes, you are allowed to ask questions. It is important to stick to the rules. Kids need boundaries, and as much as they fight you on them, they count on you to set them.

Here are a few of the insightful tips that Officer Carroll specified:

1. You should not have Facebook friends that are not face to face friends.
2. When posting anything whether it is on Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat or other, if you would not post it on a billboard on New Circle Road, you probably should not post it.
3. Charge the phones overnight in the parents' bedroom rather than in a common space or the children's bedrooms.
4. Do a little sleuthing, but don't be a spy. Google your kids names or nick- names from time to time.

It was a great evening and quite informative. It was also comforting to know that the Lexington police department has someone specifically dedicated to investigating internet crimes against children. Officer Carroll is the person to call if you suspect cyber bullying, or if your child is sent any inappropriate material.

JFS: At Your Service is a monthly column covering a wide range of issues. If you have a problem or a concern that you would like addressed in this Shalom column, please send them either by mail to Jewish Family Services at 1050 Chinoe Road Suite 112, or by email to jfs@jewishlexington.org. You can also always call with your confidential questions at (859) 269-8244.



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Tom Eblen: How bowling alleys influenced 1960s Lexington desegregation

By Tom Eblen

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This building at 913 Georgetown Road was built in the early 1960s to be Holiday Lanes, the first integrated bowling alley in Lexington. It has been owned by the city since 1980 and now used by the Community Action Council. Tom Eblen teblen@herald-leader.com

Desegregating Lexington in the early 1960s involved more than public schools and lunch counters. One forgotten civil rights battleground: bowling alleys.

Steve Gall had almost forgotten, too, until he listened to a long interview his father gave years ago for a Jewish community oral history project.

Sidney Gall, who died in 2008 at age 90, was the “son” in Phillip Gall & Son, a Lexington retail institution. For many years, the family-owned store fronted on Main Street, where the Lexington Financial Center’s garage is now. It was a pawn shop that sold jewelry, guns, outdoor equipment, police supplies and “ethnic” clothing.

“We had a tremendous black clientele,” said Steve Gall, 71, who grew up working in the business his great-grandfather started in 1902. “We had black employees who were well-known in the community.”

Gall said IBM, Square D and other large manufacturers new to Lexington approached his father in about 1961 to help them solve a problem. They had large, integrated work forces and bowling was a popular pastime. But Lexington’s two new bowling alleys, Eastland Lanes and Southland Lanes, admitted only whites.

“They came to him and said, look, we can’t have leagues because Eastland and Southland are segregated,” Gall recalled. “We need a bowling alley.”

With the promise of business, Gall and a partner, Lawrence Willis, built Holiday Lanes, Lexington’s first

integrated bowling alley, at 913 Georgetown Road. The city directory shows it operated from about 1962 to 1965.

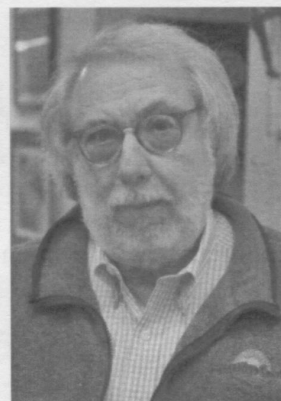
To manage Holiday Lanes, Gall hired Harry Sykes, who had played basketball at Kentucky State University and, for two seasons, with the Harlem Globetrotters. He had moved to Lexington to teach math at the old, all-black Dunbar High School.

Sykes was a popular figure, and Gall said his father helped with his successful 1963 campaign to become Lexington’s first black city commissioner. Sykes would go on to serve as mayor pro-tem from 1967-1969, but lose a 1971 bid for mayor.

Gall said he became a good bowler as a teenager working at Holiday Lanes, whose clientele was mostly black aside from the integrated company leagues. Business was good, in part because of a big room beside the bowling alley where well-known black entertainers were booked to play during the week as they passed through between weekend gigs in larger cities.

Ike and Tina Turner played Holiday Lanes, as well as Mary Wells. “I drove them around when they came to town,” Gall said.

Steve Gall, who owned the Phillip Gall & Sons outdoor store, said IBM, Square D and other big companies in Lexington in the early 1960s asked his father, Sidney Gall, to open Holiday Lanes as an integrated bowling alley so integrated employee leagues could have a place to play. Gall said he worked there as a teenager. Tom Eblen teblen@herald-leader.com



About a year after Holiday Lanes opened, a second predominantly black bowling alley, Newtown Lanes, opened at 755 Newtown Pike. The city directory shows it was open through about 1970, under the management of Samuel Riddle, Tommie Taylor and Horace Bartlett.

“The competition caused Eastland and Southland to integrate,” Gall said. And then, in 1966, Kentucky became the first Southern state to outlaw racial discrimination in public accommodations.

Holiday Lanes closed about 1965 and became an Army recruiting center. “I got into the Army Reserves in 1966, and we went to reserve meetings in that building,” Gall said. PVA records show the city bought the building in 1980, and it now houses a Community Action Council facility.

Gall said he has no photos or records of Holiday

Lanes. His Internet searches have turned up nothing. He asks anyone with information about or old photos of Holiday Lanes to email him at: pgall@iglou.com.

"I can't believe how Holiday Lanes has evaporated," Gall said. "I thought, well, that's kind of sad, because it was ground-breaking. At that time, Lexington was pretty segregated, and pretty anti-Semitic. I lived on Holiday Road across the street from a country club I couldn't be a member of."

I couldn't find much information about Holiday Lanes, either. The Lexington Public Library's Local History Index of old Herald and Leader articles has no mention of either Holiday Lanes or Newtown Lanes, which isn't surprising. Newspaper management then basically ignored the black community and civil rights issues.

Joyce Johnson, who started U I D yoU IDentify local African American Friends and Family, a popular Lexington black history Facebook page, put me in touch with Teresa Garner, who shared her fond memories of spending time at Holiday Lanes as a teenager.

"That was the place to be on Sunday afternoon after church," she said. "We did a little bowling, but it was mostly a place to see and be seen. I fell in love at least twice a month!"

"We had a lot of good times there," Garner added. "We didn't realize how segregated we were. It was a different time and a different mindset."

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Chabad of the Bluegrass

Rabbi Litvin is working with Kroger's to build Kosher options in our Community. If there is any Kosher Item you would like to see, locally suggest it to the rabbi at Chabadofthebluegrass@gmail.com



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The Eternal Flame of Education

By Zachariah Sippy

Every year Jews around the world read the Torah week after week, the same passages, with the same cantilations, and almost always with same people. To compliment this repetition we reward ourselves every time we finish a book of Torah (five times a year) by singing *hazak hazak v'nithazek* which means, "be strong, be strong and may we be strengthened." Rabbi Nechama D. Goldberg teaches that this phrase "is one of congratulations, a girding of strength and a wish for continued study." Here we encounter one of many examples of the stress and emphasis our tradition places on the value of a lifelong, continual education.

Our *Parasha ha'Shavua* (the portion of the week) is Tzav, the second portion of Vayikra (Leviticus). Like much of Leviticus, this reading it is filled with rules and the procedural laws of the priesthood. However, what makes Tzav a unique parasha is that it contains a commandment about an eternal fire: "A constant fire shall burn upon the altar; it shall never go out (6:6)." The Rabbis place emphasis on the word "never" and explain that despite being in the wilderness the Cohanim (priests) always ensured that the flame burned continuously.

The medieval commentator Rav Moshe Alshich wrote, "There is a fire of love for God that burns within every soul. It is the task of the Cohanim—the spiritual leaders of the generation—to feed and preserve this fire." This concept is applicable not just with respect to our individual and communal spiritual journey, but, I would argue, it refers to our educational journeys as well (and the two—spiritual and educational—are, by no means, mutually exclusive). William Butler Yeats, the famous 20th century Irish poet, once said, "Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." This imagery, in this week's parasha, of a fire that must never be extinguished, a *Ner Tamid*, is echoed in Yeats' words. Jews are obligated to lifelong learning; there is no point at which education is complete and the Rabbi's even go so far as to imagine the world-to-come as *Yeshivah Shel Malah*, an academy of learning on high. The pursuit of education must be viewed as an eternal flame, a thirst that should never be quenched.

Yet, Kentucky (and 42 other states) are not keeping their promises to low-income students. The motto of the Kentucky state lottery is "Fueling Imagination, Funding Education", which is misleading, at best. The government of Kentucky pledged to spend all of the state lottery's revenue on education, and 55% of it was to be designated for need-based college aid (CAP and KTG). Many low-income students are completely

dependant upon grants to be able to attend college or technical school. Yet, Kentucky has redirected much of these designated funds elsewhere. Quietly legislators have moved funds away from need-based aid to pay for other government expenditures.

Tragically, this reallocation is a common occurrence in many states and little attention is paid to this re-direction of funds, which happens under the radar of average citizens. The Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority has found that if KY legislators were to restore these funds anywhere from 15,000 to 20,000 additional students would receive aid. In 2015, 70 million dollars was diverted from CAP and KTG and put into the general fund.

These actions on the part of legislators have dangerous consequences; not only are they ignoring the promises that were put in place with the establishment of the lottery, but they are willfully choosing to not break cycles of systemic poverty. Since 2010 over 100,000 CAP and KTG eligible students were turned down as a result of this reallocation of funds. Despite lottery revenue growing across the country, money spent on education has largely been on the decline. The Council on Postsecondary Education found that only 36.6% of low-income students in Kentucky graduate. If Kentucky were to reach the national average for attainment of bachelor's and associate's degrees there would be over 900 million dollars in new revenue annually for the state, an investment in the future if nothing else.

Please make clear to your elected representatives that you support the restoration of CAP and KTG funding. This is not a partisan issue. The Kentucky House of Representatives has already passed a bipartisan budget that will restore almost all of the funds, please make sure that the conference committee (between the state House and Senate) does the same. Your legislators need to hear that you stand with students.

Let us heed the words of *Parashat Tzav*, "the fire on the altar shall be kept burning, not to go out." The education of our students, no matter their class should be kept burning. It is from this Torah portion that synagogues have *Ner Tamids*, eternal lights. The students of this country are its eternal light, a beacon of hope for what the future can and will contain.

If you live in Kentucky please [click here](#) to contact your state representative and senator. And join the conversation on social media with **#PowerballPromise** and **#StandWithStudents**.

JFB Women's Philanthropy Event: FOR WOMEN ONLY

with guest speaker, Jane Gershon Weitzman

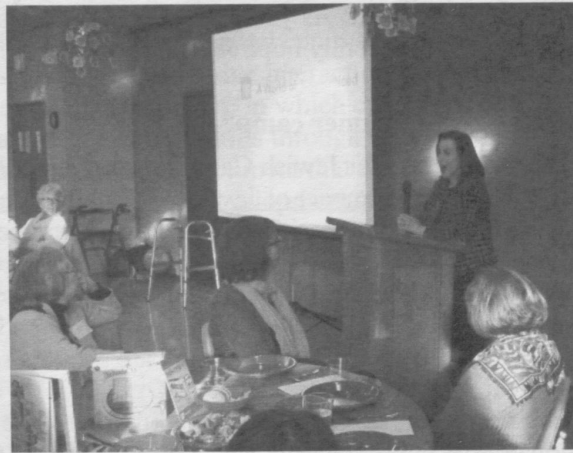
Tuesday, March 22 at Ohavay Zion Synagogue



Evalyn Block spoke about the work of JFB.



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Jane Weitzman shared stories of her experiences with and knowledge of the JDC.



Community Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 20 at Temple Adath Israel

For many, the highlight of the day was a debate,

Hamantaschen vs. Latke.



Left: Shana Sippy, Rabbi Moshe Smolkin, Talia Smolkin, and Rabbi David Wirschafter



Left: Pat Shraberg, center, and Rabbi Sharon Cohen, right, enjoying the debate.



Jewish Summer Camps

By Tamara Ohayon

Spring is here, reminding us how much we look forward to summer. As you plan to fill your child's schedule, we sincerely hope Jewish summer camp is part of your plan.

Why Jewish summer camp?

The Foundation for Jewish Camp report, *Camp Works: The Long-Term Impact of Jewish Overnight Camp*, made it clear that experiences like Jewish summer camp play a major role in either sparking or supporting a child's Jewish identity and involvement later in life. The research shows that youth who attended Jewish summer camp, when adults, are 37% more likely to light Shabbat candles, 45% more likely to attend synagogue monthly or more, 30% more likely to donate to a Jewish charity, and 55% more likely to be very emotionally attached to Israel.

What makes a Jewish camping experience so influential to a young person? The answer is simple, because it's immersive. At Jewish summer camp your children will be a part of a social circle, a micro-Jewish community all its own, within which he/she can both explore and build upon aspects of their Jewish identity. They'll be doing many of the same things they would do at another camp—sports, swimming, arts and crafts, nature walks, campfires, etc.—but in a Jewish context. They'll pray before and after every meal, use Hebrew words constantly and naturally, probably meet some Israeli staff, and they'll have a Shabbat experience complete with song sessions, camper- and staff-led morning services, candle-lighting Friday night and havdallah, and other special Shabbat programming which sets that day apart from the rest of the week.

When they come home, with your help, they will see how those experiences fit into daily life outside of camp.

There many more reasons to prioritize Jewish summer camps this year, if you haven't already. If you have questions, concerns, or need to discuss the possibility of scholarships for your child to attend, please do not hesitate to call the Jewish Federation office (859-268-0672) or visit our online summer camps resource at www.jewishlexington.org.

Here is a list of all of the regional Jewish summer camps our local kids attend. Happy planning!

Camp Livingston, Indiana

Camp Livingston is a JCC Overnight Camp located on 680 beautiful acres in Southeastern Indiana. With sessions of 1, 2, and 4 weeks campers have ample opportunities to experience all the magic that Livingston

has to offer: our beautiful lake, state of the art ropes courses, large athletic fields with lights for night play, a brand new performing arts center, newly renovated cabins and so much more.

First time campers are eligible for multiple automatic grants and financial aid is available.

For more information contact Aaron Slovin, Executive Director aaron@camplivingston.com or 513-793-5554

Camp Young Judaea Midwest, Wisconsin

Camp Young Judaea (CYJ) Midwest is situated on Lake Stratton, near Waupaca, WI, surrounded by trees, nature trails and protected wetlands. The 80+ acre campsite includes a spacious dining hall with a kosher kitchen, an air conditioned recreation hall and an indoor site for arts and crafts. Every cabin has connecting washrooms and showers.

Lake activities include waterskiing, tubing, kayaking, sailing, canoeing and swimming. The sports facilities include two basketball courts, a ROPES course including a 41 foot climbing tower, softball diamonds, soccer fields, tennis courts and an archery range.

At CYJ Midwest, campers gain valuable life skills. Attention is paid both to each camper's individual needs and teaching the lessons of living as part of a community. Campers return home with more self-confidence, a stronger Jewish Identity, more informed about Israel and most of all, they will have had a great time.

Programming is centered on our Jewish heritage in both the United States and Israel. In addition to special days such as Maccabia (color war) and Yom Yisrael (Israel Day), campers are exposed to Judaism and its customs, including Shomer Shabbat observance.

Camp Young Judaea Midwest is owned by five Hadasah regions. One of the regions is Central States which includes the Lexington, KY chapter. Some Central States families are now sending a second generation of youngsters to camp, a testament to the value of CYJ Midwest. Speaking to former or current campers and/or their parents can be arranged.

For further information, contact Robin Anderson, Director, robin@cyjmid.org or 224-235-4665.

Goldman Union Camp Institute, Indiana

GUCI is more than just a summer camp!

GUCI is a community. Our campers and staff create and live in an atmosphere where it is cool to be Jewish. Our Jewish heritage, history and values are integral parts of our program. Through activities designed to help build friendships within cabin groups and grade specific units, campers become a part of a

greater Jewish community. That community lives on long after camp ends. Friends made at camp are friends all year long. The social and Jewish impact of camp can last a lifetime. Many campers return summer after summer. Many become staff members. The magic of GUCI is handed down from generation to generation.

Ranging in grades from elementary school through college, thousands of young people from across the Midwest have enjoyed the fun and camaraderie of a summer at Goldman Union Camp Institute. We offer our campers a wide variety of activity choices that allow them to exercise their bodies and minds, challenge their creativity and enhance their Jewish identities. From sports & fitness, to the performing and creative arts; from nature activities, to outdoor, adventure programs, GUCI has something for everyone. A summer at GUCI is an unforgettable religious, cultural, recreational and social experience.

Camp Ramah Darom, Georgia

Camp Ramah Darom (Ramah of the South) is an award-winning ACA-accredited camp located in the North Georgia mountains, just two hours north of Atlanta, and draws campers from numerous southern states, including Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Kentucky, Arkansas, Oklahoma and eastern Texas. Nestled on 122 beautiful acres of Appalachian Valley, crystal-clear mountain brooks feed our picturesque lake, and an inspiring 100-foot waterfall caps the view. The site is surrounded by more than 10,000 acres of wilderness and hiking trails in the adjacent Chattahoochee National Forest. Our breathtaking campus provides the landscape for a meaningful and spiritual summer. It is the newest overnight camp in the National Ramah system. Through fun and innovative activities, Camp Ramah Darom inspires a passion for Jewish living, values and community and provides campers with a place where they feel being their authentic selves is encouraged and embraced.

Camp Ramah Darom is the feature program of Ramah Darom, whose mission is to provide year-round Jewish experiences for youth, adults, families and communities. Our summer camping experiences include one- and two-month sessions, Taste of Ramah mini two-week sessions for younger and first time campers, and Tikvah, an inclusive residential camping experience for children with special needs and communication disorders. Throughout the rest of the year, Ramah Darom hosts dozens of groups in our beautiful facility for specialty programming, festive celebrations, Jewish holidays, corporate events, and family retreats.

Emma Kaufmann Camp, West Virginia

Emma Kaufmann Camp is located along Cheat Lake in Morgantown, WV. Owned and operated by the Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh, EKC is a Jewish co-ed residential camp and provides, supports, and teaches positive interaction, independence and a family atmosphere in which campers develop social and leadership skills through group interaction, and mature in an environment that fosters physical, emotional and moral development.

This child-centered environment includes campers ages 7 to 16, attending 8, 7, 4, 3, 2 or 1 week sessions, which includes our First Experience and Specialty Camps.

Activities include High and Low Ropes Courses, Horseback Riding, Mountain Biking, Sports, Instruction and Recreational Swimming, Water Skiing, Canoeing, Knee Boarding, Tubing, Kayaking, "The Rave," "The Blob," Arts & Crafts, Ceramics, Drama, Gymnastics, Cooking, Maccabi Color War and much more.

For more information and to register please call (412) 697-3550.

Camp Shalom, Lexington KY (day camp)

Camp Shalom is a two-week program of the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass, and the only Jewish summer day camp in the Central Kentucky area. Our non-denominational program provides a safe and comfortable setting for children from all backgrounds and streams of Judaism to come together and learn about Jewish culture, history, and identity regardless of their individual background or level of observance. Camp is open to children of all religions.

Activities are geared to encourage unity, fun, and learning. Each day is filled with arts and crafts, sports, music, water play, storytelling, games, teva (nature), and other special projects. Judaism is woven throughout the programming which, among other Jewish ideas and ethics, focuses on three main ideas: *Torah* (Jewish text); *Avodah* (work); and *Gemilut Chasidim* (acts of loving kindness).

The Gesher group has the option of going on a trip to visit Camp Livingston in Bennington, Indiana between sessions for a full weekend Shabbat sleep-away camp experience. \$80 fee applies.

NEW this year: L.I.T.s (Leaders in Training)! Youth entering grades 8 and 9 are invited to join a team of like-minded friends to help create their own small community, bond and gain valuable leadership experience through fun group projects and programs.

(Camp Shalom continues on page 13)

Israel21C: Turning organic waste into clean energy

Israel's Doral Energy and Kibbutz Lahav are teaming up to transform a smelly nuisance into a clean green way to generate electricity.

By Abigail Klein Leichman

(Originally published online March 13, 2016)



Photo of Kibbutz Lahav fields by Moshe Shai/FLASH90.

Israel's first facility built specifically to produce biogas out of organic waste from kibbutzim will soon get under construction at Kibbutz Lahav, about 20 kilometers north of Beersheva.

"We will handle about 150 tons of waste per day and we are planning to produce about 600 to 800 kilowatts per hour depending on the organic waste capacity from [kibbutzim in] the surrounding area," says Yaacov Tsemach, CEO of Doral Energy, a subsidiary of the Doral Group in Ramat Gan.

Methane, a gas naturally produced in the stomachs of livestock, can be converted into biogas for generating electricity.

"In Israel, there are three facilities for handling agricultural manure," Tsemach tells ISRAEL21c. "These are regional facilities and large-scale facilities. The same technology also exists in Israeli food plants and sewage treatment plants. In the food factories, the biogas plants produce steam that powers the factories.

"The uniqueness of the facility we are planning to establish is that it is a link to the farm and primarily serves the needs of the kibbutz."

Dairy farms and chicken coops

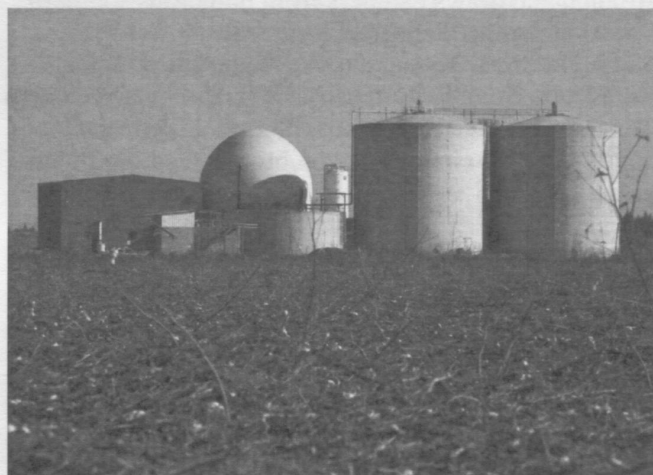
When Doral was founded 20 years ago, its focus was on real-estate development and urban renewal in Israel and abroad. At that time, a big change was brewing in Israel's kibbutz movement. Most of the communal agricultural villages that typified the early days of the state were privatizing and modernizing as socialism proved an unsustainable model for long-term prosperity.

In Israel, Tsemach explains, Doral saw an opportunity to help the transitioning kibbutzim upgrade and expand. The company helped many of the collectives plan and implement new construction and infrastructure — including the vacation accommodations that have become an important source of income for many rural kibbutzim — using "green" approaches. And that led to the establishment of Doral Energy.

"Eight years ago, the company began to initiate and establish photovoltaic systems on the roofs of dairy farms and roofs of chicken coops in kibbutzim," says Tsemach. "In recent years, the company — now a group of companies — expanded its operations to other areas of renewable energy, such as biogas energy and wind energy."

Biogas technologies have advanced over the years, Tsemach says.

"The performance of such facilities has developed and improved, with innovations mainly in the field of monitoring and control systems. The plants that use a closed anaerobic system are environmentally friendly and they solve many environmental problems, such as bad odors, flies and pollution of soil and groundwater."



Illustrative photo of a regional Israeli biogas facility fed by dairy-cow waste. Photo by Chen Leopold/FLASH90.

Kibbutz Lahav had long sought a better solution for dealing with the problems of wastewater treatment and disposal caused by waste from its pig-farming enterprise, Tsemach explains.

"They studied the subject deeply and decided to promote the biogas project," he says. The estimated cost of the project is \$3.8 million.

The Israeli government has enacted regulations offering tariff support for biogas-generated electricity flowing into the power grid, he adds.

"When Doral identified the potential for these regu-

lations with the need of the kibbutzim to solve their waste problems, we decided to collaborate with kibbutzim including Kibbutz Lahav, where we already have a number of initiatives in the area of renewable energy," he relates.

A spokesman from the kibbutz said, "Kibbutz Lahav is always looking for energy solutions for its sector and is glad to cooperate with Doral. The joint development will provide a good opportunity to create a long-term solution for the kibbutz's needs."

Doral is now dealing with the bureaucratic ground-work for the project. "Hopefully in a few months we will complete all the requirement issues, including financing and obtaining a power-generation license from the Electricity Authority," Tsemach reports.

Doral Energy is also involved in dozens of ongoing solar- and wind-electricity projects on kibbutzim throughout Israel, adding up to about 30 megawatts per hour in total, according to Tsemach.

"We are now engaged in developing several complexes of different types of energy facilities, like ground solar-power plants, biogas plants and cogeneration power plants," he says.

Overseas, Doral mainly spearheads green residential and commercial building projects in Eastern Europe, particularly in the major cities of Poland and Slovakia.

"I hope this collaboration between Doral and Kibbutz Lahav will set a positive example for other agricultural enterprises, which desperately require high-quality financial solutions for the hazardous materials created in the cowsheds, chicken coops and other agricultural pursuits," says Tsemach.

This article can be found online [here](#).

(Camp Shalom, continued from page 11) Camp Shalom is for children ages 4-14, or entering Pre-K thru 8th grade. Entering 9th graders also have the option of applying to our Counselor-In-Training program. Other staff positions are available. Contact Tamara Ohayon for more information about being on our staff.

Needs-based scholarships are available through Jewish Family Services. Contact Mimi Kaufman for more information at (859) 269-8244 or jfs@jewishlexington.org.

This year camp will run from Monday, July 25 thru Friday, August 5. Registration is now open and early bird discounts end May 2. For more information visit us online at www.jewishlexington.org/camp-shalom or contact Camp Director, Tamara Ohayon at (859) 268-0672 or tamara@jewishlexington.org.

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THE LEXINGTON CHAPTER OF HADASSAH

Dianne Bazell, President

By Dianne Bazell

Spring brings the promise of growth and renewal to Lexington, Hadassah, and to the earth. This year, Passover will fall on the evening of April 22, Earth Day, which is now celebrated in nearly 200 countries.

It's also Adar II, our leap month, which occurs every 2-3 years to synchronize our lunar months with the solar year. With this, Sukkhot doesn't take place in spring, Pesach doesn't fall in autumn, and we don't light Chanukkah candles during the summer. A year with 13 months, like 5776, is called "Shana Me'uberet," meaning literally "pregnant year." It has been said that the world waits every few years and then gives birth to a new month.

This time of year is "pregnant" with possibilities for our chapter and for Hadassah. We're sponsoring a community-wide Women's Seder this coming May 1st, after Passover, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at Ohavay Zion Synagogue. Rabbi Geri Newburge will return, after leading this beautiful and meaningful commemorative celebration two years ago at Temple Adath Israel. Rabbi Newburge serves as hospice chaplain to people of all faith traditions at Samaritan Healthcare and Hospice in southern New Jersey. We welcome everyone to attend and participate. Bring your daughters, mothers, grandmothers, sisters, nieces, and friends.

If you or someone you know and love has needed radiation treatment for cancer, you are probably familiar with the challenges of radiation sickness and toxicity. The Federal Drug Administration has approved the start of a Phase I trial with a placental-cell-based therapy to mitigate acute radiation syndrome and to enhance bone marrow regeneration following bone marrow transplants. High dosages of radiation exposure over a short period of time reduce the body's ability to form new blood cells.

PLX-R18 was developed by Pluristem Therapeutics based on studies by Professor Raphael Gorodetsky, head of Hadassah's Biotechnology and Radiobiology Laboratories at the Sharett Institute of Oncology. Following extensive preclinical study at the Hadassah Medical Organization, Professor Gorodetsky and his colleagues helped Pluristem identify the potency of PLX-R18 cells (also called PLX-RAD).

These findings were published and further verified at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Researchers at Charité University Medical Center in Berlin further

revealed that PLX-R18 cells secrete a wide range of specific proteins having the potential to trigger resurgence of "progenitor cells" (proto-stem cells) that can support the regeneration of all blood cells.

"PLX-R18-based therapy," Professor Gorodetsky notes, "may present a breakthrough in the lifesaving treatment of acute radiation syndrome, which so far has had very limited alternative treatments. This cell therapy may serve also as a safe and easy treatment for a variety of severe hematopoietic (blood forming tissue) disorders."

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This Passover, consider the sprigs of greens and the parsley on the Seder plate as reminders of the growth and renewal possible for all of us. Take a healthy break from all the election year noise, and open yourselves to regeneration.

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THE LEXINGTON HAVURAH

Gail Cohen, President

The Lexington Havurah, founded in 1978, is a network of diverse people dedicated to Jewish learning and renewal, community building, and tikkun olam (repairing the world). A havurah is defined as a gathering or community of friends. The Lexington Havurah is affiliated with the United Synagogues 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 gail.cohen@twc.com.

By Judy Goldsmith

Now is the Spring of our discontent. Almost everyone I have talked with is saddened or angered by the political vitriol being poured across our nation. As a country, we are being driven by fear. Fear of those different from ourselves, whether in their skin color, the way they pray (or don't pray), wealth or lack thereof, gender expression, sex, or sexuality. There are so many ways to be different and so many things to fear.

I have also been in touch with Europeans who are volunteering at refugee camps in Italy and Germany. They talk about the importance of treating refugees with dignity.

By the time you read this, we will have celebrated Purim. More than the standard, "they tried to kill us. We survived. Let's eat," or in this case, "let's drink," this is a holiday to remind us of hidden and blatant difference. It's a story about how we were the feared "other." It's a story about coming out --- in Esther's case, as a Jew. It's a story about two people, Esther and Mordecai, who refused to accept their fate. Who proclaimed their difference in words and actions.

What does it take to make a difference, now? To combat fear? Those of us who have the privilege of voting

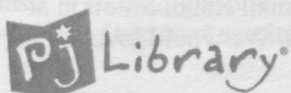
must do so, and do what we can to help others get to the polls. It's no sort of democracy without voters. We can write letters to the editor, and to our representatives. We can show up at marches and even protests. We can vote with our dollars, if we have them to spend, and give *tzedakah*.

Most importantly, we can talk with people who are different from us. Esther needed Hasach, one of the king's chamberlains, to go to the palace gate and carry messages to and from Mordecai. We need to make the unknown familiar. Replace fear with relationships. And always, to learn.

Upcoming events:

- April 16th- Shabbat Hagadol morning service, followed by a potluck lunch.
- May 20th- Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat service and potluck supper. There will be a discussion of the meaning of Lag B'Omer and the period between Pesach and Shavu'ot.
- June 12th- Sunday evening and the start of the second day of Shavu'ot. In honor of the festival, the evening will include a dairy potluck supper.

For more information, contact Gail Cohen at Gail.Cohen@twc.com.



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Why: To get together with friends.

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WELCOME

Ohavay Zion Synagogue is a warm and welcoming congregation in Lexington, Kentucky. Through the framework of Conservative Judaism, we explore our Jewish identities and form a community. We celebrate our diversity and welcome newcomers. Please join us!

CONGREGATIONAL PASSOVER SEDER

Join us **Friday, April 22 at 6:00 p.m.** as we come together to celebrate Passover. Space is limited so RSVP today. Prepaid RSVP's due to the office no later than Friday, April 8 at 3:00PM. We will serve matzo ball soup, brisket, potatoes, vegetables, dessert, wine, juice & beverage.

KABBALAT SHABBAT

Please join us in **April on the 8th at 5:30 p.m.** for our Kabbalat Shabbat Services with our friends from Stewart Home. What a terrific way to begin the week-end, with a brief but spirited service and with beautiful melodies and wonderful friends. Everyone is welcome. Let's bring in Shabbat together!

KIDS' SHABBAT

Please join us for this month's Kids' Shabbat service in **April on the 15th at 5:30 p.m.**

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

This year's Kids' Shabbat services will be held Fridays at 5:30 p.m. at Ohavay Zion Synagogue on the following dates: **May 20**. For more information or to RSVP, email [Dominique Olbert](mailto:Dominique.Olbert).

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

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

TUESDAY MINYAN WITH LEARNING FROM PIRKEI AVOT

Tuesday Minyan is a special time at OZS. During this

brief service, students and adults both pray and learn together. There is a warm atmosphere and something for everyone to enjoy. Please join us **Tuesday afternoons from 5:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.** All are welcome!

STUDYING THE PROPHETS

Please join us **Wednesdays at noon** as we explore the book of **Jeremiah** through the teachings of our Jewish tradition. We have a wonderfully diverse group of learners and terrific conversations. All are welcome!

TALMUD STUDY

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

BACKPACKING FOR GOD'S PANTRY

Join us each month during the school year as backpacks are filled with food that children take home on weekends from Mary Todd Elementary School. All of the food is child-friendly, nonperishable, easily consumed and vitamin fortified. Check weekly announcements & Facebook for date & times.

INTERESTED IN OZS?

Ohavay Zion Synagogue is a warm and welcoming Jewish community. If you are interested, or if you know someone who may be interested in learning more about Ohavay Zion Synagogue, please call the office at 859-266-8050 or email Rabbi Smolkin at Rabbi.Smolkin@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you!

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KIDS' SHABBAT

Our **Kids' Shabbat** service is held on the second weekend of each month (during the school year) and is geared towards children 7 years old and younger and their families. **Our next Kids' Shabbat is Saturday, April 9th.**

PJ LIBRARY READING TIME

TAI has dedicated space in our Youth Library and our Anita Mersack Outdoor Reading Garden for families to share in our growing collection of PJ Library Books, before, during, and after religious school. The collection is in our Youth Library and these books provide our young children with wonderful introductions to the magic of Jewish storytelling.

KOLLEL STUDY GROUP

Kollel meets at 9 a.m. every two weeks in the TAI Library. The group explores cultural, ethical, and its historical aspects of our 4000-year tradition. The emphasis is on dialogue and exploration. Please join us any time. **Our next sessions will be April 2nd, 16th & 30th.**

TALMUD STUDY

We explore selected readings in rabbinic literature on alternate Saturdays at 9 a.m. in the library. The discussion is always lively and informative and you can join the group anytime. **We will meet on April 9th & 23rd.**

PARSHA

Join us each Saturday morning at 11 a.m. in the library as we take a look at the Torah portion for each week. Various Temple members will lead some discussions and everyone will take turns. **We will meet on April 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th.**

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Please join Sisterhood for our annual Congregational Seder on the second night of Passover, **Saturday,**

April 23rd at 6 p.m.. The food is delicious, the company is wonderful and we get to come together as a congregation! We send a big thank you to Mary Engel for organizing the Seder.

Join us on **Friday, April 29th** for our Sisterhood Shabbat. This is always a special time for us in Sisterhood. We will also be hosting the Oneg after the service.

We had such fun during our dinner at Joe Bologna's in March. We laughed and enjoyed that wonderful Joe Bologna's food! We will keep you updated about our future dinners.

Be on the lookout for your invitation to our Installation Service in May. We are also planning our Area Day for this summer. Last year, we had lunch with the ladies from Louisville and then went outlet shopping. It was a very nice day, and we all won some door prizes too!

GENERATION TAI FOR APRIL

Generation TAI is our Chavurah group for young adults. Programming runs the spectrum from worship to social action and from Shabbat to holiday meals. This month we will have:

Friday, April 1st - Potluck after Services

Please contact Daniel Baker at dsbaker7@gmail.com to reserve your seat or go to our Facebook page for more information on all of our activities.

CONDOLENCES

We send our condolences to:

Drew, Joshua (Mickey) and Emily Fried on the passing of their wife and mother, Barbara "Bobbi" Fried, on Saturday, March 27th.

Linda, Jake and Max Ain on the passing of their father and grandfather, Thomas Katz, on Friday, March 11th.

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Send notices to shalom@jewishlexington.org. Remember, we welcome photos too!

Mazel tov to:

- Amir Abou-Jaoude for winning 1st prize in oratory in the Kentucky High-school Speech League's 2016 Bluegrass Regional Tournament. Amir is a student at Henry Clay High-school.
- Former Camp Shalom staffer and sophomore, Riley Bresnahan, of Morgantown, W. Va., became Transylvania's first-ever debate national champion this past month at the Pi Kappa Delta National Forensics Tournament. She won the IPDA (one-on-one Parliamentary Debate) Junior Division.
- Anya Slepian whose debating team made it into the semifinals at the speech and debate sweepstakes at the 2016 Smoky Mountain Invitational. Anya's team represents Henry Clay High School.

Wellness Wishes:

- Speedy recovery for JoAnne Barrish.

Condolences to:

- The family of Barbara "Bobbi" Fried. Bobbi is survived by her husband, Drew, and her children, Joshua (Mickey) and Emily. Bobbi was a lifetime member of Hadassah Lexington.
- The family of Thomas Katz, father of Linda Ain, husband of Judith, and grandfather to Max and Jake Ain.
- The Karp family on the death of Benjamin's father, Herbert Karp.
- Dominique Olbert on the death of her mother, Anny Olbert.

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Benjamin Kurt Shapere on his Bar Mitzvah, May 28, 2016 at Temple Adath Israel. He is the son of Al Shapere and Beth Ellen Rosenbaum, and grandson of Shirley Rosenbaum, Alfreda Shapere, and Dudley Shapere.

Benjamin is volunteering at MusicWorks at Arlington Elementary, a project of the Central Kentucky Youth Orchestras. MusicWorks is a daily orchestral and ensemble music program aimed at underserved children in Lexington. As an experienced cellist and member of the CKYO, Benjamin is helping his young friends learn to play their instruments. He also helps translate parent handouts from English into Spanish; he has been a student in the Spanish Immersion program since kindergarten.



Mazel tov to Siona Diamond on her April 1st Bat Mitzvah. Siona is the daughter of Scott Diamond and Dana Manning, big brother Asher Diamond.

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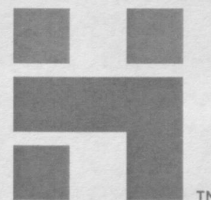
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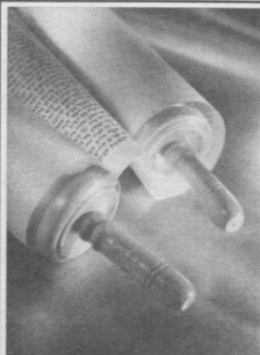
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