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Teachers Visit Holocaust Museum

Participate in Michael Adelstein Teacher Training Program

A group of seven Fayette County high school teachers spent the weekend of October 19-20 visiting the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington DC. These teachers will incorporate what they learned into their course curriculum. The teachers are: Paula Azzarito, Nancy Buzard, and Pat Pryor of Dunbar High School; Mary Dees and Alice Schaaf of Bryan Station High School; Alyce Emerson of Bates Creek High School; and Jim Beward of

Henry Clay High School.

To help teachers prepare for this trip, CKJF held a briefing session for the participants. Prof. Jeremy Popkin from the Department of History at the University of Kentucky presented the group with the general historical framework of the Holocaust and reviewed available resources for Holocaust studies. This included an extensive bibliography as well as Internet resources.

Part of the presentation included a video inter-

view of the late Emily Szekely conducted by the Shoah Foundation in 1996. During the interview she described her arrival in Auschwitz, her life at forced-labor in the Death Camp and the subsequent Death march to Cracow and Bergen Belsen.

Judaic Studies Program at UK Sponsors Lecture and Poetry Reading

John Hollander, distinguished poet, critic, and translator will lecture at the University of Kentucky on the general relationship between ethnic identity and lecture. Dr. Hollander is Sterling Professor Emeritus of English at Yale University. His lecture will be in the President's Room at the Singletary Center for the Arts, UK, on November 4, 2002, at 8 p.m.

The lecture will culminate in a reading from Hollander's own poetry and a discussion with the audience. Refreshments will be provided and the public is welcome.



Holocaust Museum participants were, as follows: (back, left to right) Pat Pryor; Nancy Buzard; Daniel Chejfec, CKJF Staff; Alice Emerson; Jim Beward (front, left to right) Jana Lazur, CKJF Staff; Paula Azzarito; Alice Schaaf; Mary Dees.

Hospital Hospitality House New Volunteer Project

Our belief that the Lexington Jewish Community is ready for another social action project can become a reality. Hospital Hospitality House is a facility that offers - free of charge - sleeping, bathing, laundry, telephone and kitchen facilities for people who come from areas beyond Fayette County and who have critically ill family members or friends in one of Lexington's hospitals. At Hospital Hospitality House (HHH), guests are provided with a sup-

portive environment by a resident staff and through the companionship of others in similar situations. But HHH is in dire need of renovation and supplies.

Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, through the Tikkun Lexington program, will help coordinate the efforts of the Temple Adath Israel and Ohavay Zion Synagogue, the Lexington Havurah, the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah and Hillel to provide painters, bakers and "sprucers" to volunteer

their time and energy. There are several rooms to paint and home cooked meals and sweets to be baked and frozen as well as other minor repairs. All help would be greatly appreciated. We need YOU!

Donations of dishes and home accessories would also be appreciated. Even if you don't paint, come visit the house to see if there is anything else you can donate to help the Hospitality House achieve its goal of being a "home away from home". Monetary donations can be made directly to Hospitality House, 342 South Limestone, Lexington, Kentucky, 40508.

If you are interested in painting or baking, please contact Jana LaZur at Tikkun (CKJF) 268-0672 ext. 4 (tikkun@jewishlexington.org), Anne Graff 264-9424 (AGraff8@aol.com) or Ricki Rosenberg 269-2300 (Rickirose1@aol.com). We will meet at the Hospitality House at 342 South Limestone on Sundays, November 10th, 17th and 24th between the hours of 9:30AM until 11:45AM; and also an afternoon shift of 12-2:30.

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MAZEL TOV TO:

Andrew & Melissa Strauss on the birth of their daughter **Madelyne Levy Strauss**.
Rob Doctrow & Lisa Kaplan on their marriage on September 28, 2002. Rob is the son of **Dave & Jan Doctrow**.

LisaMarie Price & Matthew DeYoung on their marriage on October 27, 2002. LisaMarie is the daughter of **Lynn & Karyn Martin**.

CONDOLENCES TO:

Sylvia Atkinson on the death of her mother, **Hermine Dapson**, on August 15, 2002.

Janice Crane on the death of her brother.

Bruce & Mary Engel, on the death of Mary's sister, **Linda Sondergard** on September 28, 2002.

The Goloborodko family on the death of Valentina's mother, **Manya Bisnovataya**, on October 6, 2002.

Jeff & Debbie Masters, on the death of Debbie's mother, **Evette Joffe** on October 6, 2002.

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"Never Give Up" Or a Great Miracle Happens Everywhere

By Daniel Cheifec

Hanukkah is approaching and, as every year, the story of the Maccabees reminds us of the ongoing struggle for freedom. The story of the Hasmonean family has always been a favorite of mine; it always symbolized in my mind a bright side of Jewish history – let me tell you why.

Let me begin the story with the return from Babylon. Ezra and Nehemiah led the reconstruction of the Jewish homeland and the organization of a fledgling autonomous Judaea. This was a time of transformation from the monarchic past into a different future where the legislative and judicial powers (Sanhedrin) started to gain preeminence. And then Alexander the Great from Macedonia came.

The Greek conquest presented a completely different challenge. The idea of "Hellenizing" (or the synthesis of Greek and local culture throughout the conquered regions) became the dominant force. How far were Jews willing to go? How was it affecting Judaism? Many in the ruling class adopted Greek ways, going so far as not undergoing circumcision. Yet there was a red line.

As long as the Greek rulers and their Jewish partners remained content with following their own ways without imposing them on others, most Jews were willing to "let it go." But when Judaea shifted from the Ptolemaic (Egyptian) rule to the Seleucid (Syrian) rule, the new overlords of the Jewish people were not content with benign neglect. They issued harsh laws forbidding the study of the Jewish heritage and the Torah. The message was clear; conform to the mold or else.

It was then that an obscure teacher-rabbi of the small village of Modi'in on the western slope of the Judean hills said "NO." The rabbi, by name Matathiyahu Hahashmonayi, had seven children who joined him in defending the right of the Jewish people to preserve their tradition, their heritage and their beliefs. The meaning of the rebellion echoes down to us as a cry for freedom and a claim for the rights of the Jewish people. A small family from an obscure village raised an army of dedicated defenders of Judaism and defeated, against overwhelming odds, one of the leading powers of that time. It was Judah Hashmonayi who led the troops in the beginning and earned the name "Maccabee" ("The Sledgehammer") for his choice of weapon. It was a bloody march to Jerusalem, and many lost their lives, including Judah. Yet as the lyrics of a song by the Boston-based group "Safam" says – "They never gave up." They stood up for their rights.

As Hanukkah approaches, let the Maccabees be our role model. When anti-Israel forces try to deny Israel's right to exist, when foes and well-intentioned friends call us to abandon our people, when injustice grows in our society – remember the Maccabees, and never give up.

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UJC General Assembly Meets in Philadelphia

November 20-22

The United Jewish Communities (UJC) General Assembly (GA), the annual meeting of the Federated and Network Communities of North America, will have as its theme the individual pursuit of justice in a collective environment when it convenes in Philadelphia November 20-22, 2002.

The UJC 2002 General Assembly headed by national chair Richard L. Wexler has issued an invitation:

"If you embrace the vision as well as the practice of social justice...If you share in the holy work of the Jewish people...If you accept the responsibility of

developing new Jewish leadership...If you recognize the obligation to secure the future of our community...If you believe in the philanthropic goals of our shared experience and that only together can we fulfill our sacred obligation to care for our people and repair the world...If you stand with Israel...be in Philadelphia November 20-22, 2002."

The 2002 GA is also dedicated to giving federation leaders the tools to deliver equity, compassion, service and Torah in their local communities.

For further information call the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation office at 268-00672.

Fourth Annual Women's Seder

Save the Date

Monday, April 21, 2003

Women will come together

for an evening of

Food, Fun, Music, Dance,
Spirituality and Sisterhood!

Trembling Before God to be Shown

Thursday,
November 7

The film *Trembling before God*, sponsored by Temple Adath Israel, will be shown November 7, 2002 at the Lexington Central Public Library Theater at 6:30 p.m. & 8:30 p.m.

The film documents the struggles faced by individuals who are both gay/lesbian and Orthodox Jews. Critics have proclaimed it to be: "Unforgettable!" "Provocative." "Surprisingly Funny!" "Powerful!" "Indeed a film that must be seen."

Though there is no charge, admission to the film is by advance reservation only. Call the Temple Adath Israel office at 269-2979 to reserve your free seats.

Co-Sponsors with Temple Adath Israel are, Senior Chai, Lexington Havurah, Lexington Chapter of Hadassah, and UK's Women's Studies and Judaic Studies programs.

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The Jewish Community Joins together

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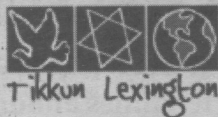
We will meet at the Hospitality House at

342 South Limestone St. on

Sundays, November 10, 17, and 24, 2002

9:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

(or later if you can)



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President's Message NJPS - More Than Counting Jews

by Stan Saxe

The initial reports of the massive National Jewish Population Survey (NJPS) 2000-2001 were recently released. Much of this report issued by the United Jewish Communities (UJC) appears in this issue of Shalom. This demographic study has been described as the most ambitious and most extensive study of any minority population in the United States.

In a commentary on the survey published in the Forward, Calvin Goldscheider, professor of sociology and Ungerleider Professor of Judaic Studies at Brown University, describes the survey as "the most comprehensive set of data on a large Jewish community ever to be collected in Jewish history."

Prof. Goldscheider writes that there are and will be critics of the study. He himself has questioned the design and organization of the study and recommended alternative strategies for the collection of data. But, he writes, "let us not be distracted by the detractors," and notes this study will be mined for insights about the Jewish community in the United States for the next decade.

Prof. Goldscheider emphasizes the study's potential value for understanding the American Jewish community and for policy planning. He believes as a demographer that the estimates of the total number of Jews in the United States is the least important part of the study's value: more important than counting Jews and current marriage patterns is the need to know about the Jewishness of

the households where Jews live with others who are not Jewish.

Another aspect is the enormous importance of the Jewish institutions and networks that characterize communities. The Brown University professor comments regarding the survey's findings that "the astounding fact of our generation is that most American Jews continue to define themselves as Jewish and that many who are not born Jewish see value in connecting with Jews and the Jewish community."

We will learn much about the formation of families (later marriages and postponed births), the professor notes; and about the diverse ways that the community identifies itself. "Mostly we should be learning about the challenges that the Jewish community will face because of the aging population, changes in the roles of men and women, changes in Jewish education and emerging Jewish cultural alternatives to religion among Jews who are secular". Prof. Goldscheider emphasizes these are not the signs of a declining community but of a community that is vibrant and changing.

We should and will be able to utilize survey findings that apply to communities the size of Central Kentucky. We should be able to utilize what we now know of our community and view it in light of the NJPS findings.

For more information on the survey one can go to www.ujc.org or to our website at www.jewishlexington.org

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National Yiddish Book Center Announces The New Yiddish Library

by Evelyn Kossoff Goodman

Aaron Lansky, President of the National Yiddish Book Center, at Amherst, Massachusetts, has announced a ten-year project to translate Yiddish literature. To be produced jointly with Yale University Press and the Fund for the Translation of Jewish Literature, the books will be published as a series called The New Yiddish Library. Recently released in this series are:

The Letters of Menakhem-Mendl and Sheyne-Shendl and *Motl, the Cantor's Son*, by Sholem Aleichem, translated and with an introduction by Hillel Halkin. The first of these two comic novels portrays a tumultuous marriage through letters exchanged between a bumbling itinerant, traveling in Russia and then the New World, and his jealous, scolding wife. The second novel reveals the New World, as seen through the eyes of a mischievous young boy who has emigrated with his family from Russia to America.

Sholem Aleichem, known today as the author of the stories that became the musical *Fiddler on the Roof*, was much loved and revered during his lifetime. Legend has it that Mark Twain, on meeting Sholem Aleichem, said to him: "I hear you're the Mark Twain of Jewish literature," and Sholem Aleichem replied: "I hear you're the Sholem Aleichem of American Literature."

The I. L. Peretz Reader, edited and with an introduction by Ruth R. Wisse. This volume is an expanded and updated edition of the short stories, poems, memoir, and drama of one of the most influential figures in modern Jewish literature.

Peretz, born in Poland in 1852, died in 1915. On the day of his funeral, a hundred thousand Jews marched in silence through the streets of Warsaw to pay final tribute to him. Speaking the language of the common man, Peretz's works explored the complex struggle of traditional Jews attempting to

preserve their cultural heritage while adapting to modern times.

"If you want to discover the beauty, the depth, the unique wonder of Yiddish literature," says Elie Wiesel, "read this volume by its Maser."

A Jew in America, a new book by Arthur Hertzberg, scheduled for publication this fall by HarperSanFrancisco.

Considering Hertzberg's long and distinguished career as rabbi, scholar, historian, professor, author, editor, and statesman, this memoir is bound to be an extraordinary personal history.

In addition to serving as rabbi of Temple Emanuel in Englewood, New Jersey, Hertzberg has been president of the American Jewish Congress and the American Jewish Policy Foundation, as well as vice president of the World Jewish Congress. He has been senior research fellow at Columbia University's Mideast Institute, and professor of religion at Dartmouth; he is currently Bronfman Visiting Professor of the Humanities at New York University.

Among Hertzberg's previously published works are titles such as *The Zionist Idea*, *The French Enlightenment and the Jews*, *Judaism*, *The Jews in America*, and *Jews: The Essence and Character of a People*. Hertzberg's first book, *The Zionist Idea*, published almost half a century ago, is still in print and is now considered a classic. In an era when the word "Zionist" has been maligned by anti-Semitic propagandists, it is useful to have a reminder of what the term originally meant to the founders and precursors of modern Zionism.

The Fall 2002 issue of *Reform Judaism* includes an interview with Professor Arthur Hertzberg by Aron Hirt-Manheimer, editor of the magazine. In an article titled "2025: The Next Generation," Hertzberg "forecasts the Jewish future in a fast-changing America, Middle East, and Europe." Although Hertzberg, now an octogenarian, has been looking backward, writing this memoir for the past several years, he evidently has not lost touch with the present, and is still forward-looking enough to dare to predict the future.

Shalom Y'all: Images of Jewish Life in the American South, photographs by Bill Aron, text by Vicki Reikes Fox, published by Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill. This work includes 137 black-and-white photographs, together with funny and poignant stories of growing up Jewish in the Deep South. The photographer, Bill Aron, has had works

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Erling W. Eng, Ph.D.

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8th Annual Winter Dinner Promises Great Fun, Great Food

by Jana LaZur

The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation's Winter Dinner will be at Aladdin's restaurant on Tuesday, December 24th at 6:00 p.m. We will have live music, fun for the kids, and fabulous food. Aladdin's team is planning several new recipes, and pizza and ice cream sundaes will be available for the children.

As part of your admission, we are asking you to bring two non-perishable food items or a contribution of two dollars per person. These donations will go, as usual, to God's Pantry.

Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$6 for children 5-10, and free for children under 4 and under. Babysitters will be provided, and there will be many crafts and activities to keep the little ones

entertained.

The buffet will be plentiful and will include pita bread and humus, baba gannoush, fried kibbi without meat, stuffed grape leaves, falafel, moussaka, spinach pie, mujadarah, rice pilaf, tabouleh salad, as well as many other vegetarian favorites. Beverages are included; however, more exotic items such as Turkish coffee or Middle Eastern juices will be available upon request at an additional cost.

The Winter Dinner is a time for good food and good companionship. Reservations and payment are needed by Friday, December 6th. Please call me at the office of CKJF (phone 268-0672) with any questions. I look forward to seeing you there!

Help Offered

People who seek out psychotherapy have a self-actualizing tendency toward greater contentment and improving adaptivity. They seek psychotherapy out of a feeling that this tendency is frustrated.

One of the most important things the therapist does is to give the patient the feeling that he/she is known by another person.

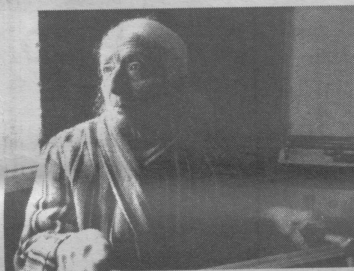
Faust was willing to negotiate with the devil because in spite of all his erudition he never felt he was present with the essence of life. Psychotherapy can help with this feeling. And at a much lower cost.

Harwell F. Smith, Ph.D.

Making Your Campaign Dollars Count

Irina Bronstein lives in the small Ukrainian town of Narodidze. It was once a town with a large Jewish population; they had two synagogues, a Bikkur Holim, and a group which took care of the elderly. In World War II much of its Jewish population was exterminated in a nearby forest. Those who survived saw the numbers of the community dwindle further when new generations chose to move to nearby Kiev, and since the fall of the USSR, many more have left for Israel, America, and Western Europe. Hardly any Jewish presence remains in Narodidze. But Irina cannot afford to move, and has no living relatives since her husband and one child were killed in World War II and the other child by the Soviets. She receives a state pension which does not cover half her expenses, and which many times does not even arrive.

An Eastern European Jewish woman arrived in the midwest a year ago and needed a place to



stay and some help. She received it through the generosity of community volunteers and the local Jewish Family Services and Jewish Federation.

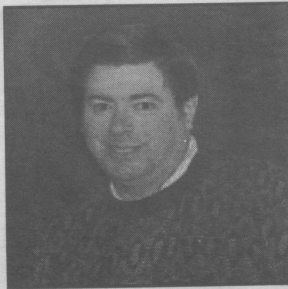
A community member was harassed in the street by an "Anti-Zionist." The local Community Relations Committee helped him to present the appropriate reports and worked with the local police department to prevent this from happening again.

Jewish communities around the US and Canada help train teachers on Holocaust Education and put them in touch with a vast network of resources on the subject.

Being Jewish in campuses across North America is not easy these days. Anti-Semitic mobs under the guise of Anti-Zionism harass and attack Jewish students to the point that college presidents felt forced to denounce it. Hillel, with the support of local Federations, provides a supportive environment on campus.

Yakub Mollah recently flew from Addis Abbaba to join his parents and siblings in Israel.

All this and more is possible because of your generous contributions to the UJC/CKJF Community Campaign. If you have not made your pledge for the 2002 Campaign yet, please mail your check today to CKJF, 1050 Chinoe Road # 203, Lexington, KY 40502.



Making Decisions in a Multilateral Jewish Way

by Daniel Cheffec, Executive Director
Central Kentucky Jewish Federation

Lately we hear a lot about the "multilateral approach to international relations." That phrase translates in lay terms to "don't go around bullying people, check with them first." It does ring a bell... more specifically a Talmudic bell. Making a decision through consultation with all the parties involved is indeed not so much about who is right, because there might be no right or wrong involved, but about getting people onboard, about selling an idea. There is a classic Talmudic tale used often to illustrate the Jewish way of doing things:

Rabbis were arguing about how to make an oven Kosher for Passover. Most Rabbis agreed with a specific way, but Rabbi Eliezer disputed that decision. After arguing for a while, Rabbi Eliezer exclaimed: "If I am right, let God prove it by uprooting the tree outside the window and make it walk." Lo and behold, the tree uprooted itself and walked! Faced with such a miraculous proof, the other Rabbis just said: "We don't care, we already agreed on a way of doing it." Rabbi Eliezer then exclaimed "If I am right, let the waters of the river flow backwards." Lo and behold, the waters flowed backwards. Yet the rest of the Rabbis insisted "we don't care, we already agreed on a way of doing it." Rabbi Eliezer then exclaimed: "If I am right, let the walls of this House of Study fall upon us." Lo and behold, the walls started to come down. Faced with imminent disaster, the Rabbis responded fast "We already agreed on how to do it!" An imposing voice then came down from the Heavens proclaiming "Why are you so stubborn? I already told you three times that Rabbi Eliezer is correct." The Rabbis answered "The Law is not in Heaven," meaning that the Torah belongs now to the people, and not to God. Faced with such an answer, the Almighty laughed, saying "My children have beaten me." In honor of that dispute, the walls of that House of Study are tilted to this day. They did not go back to the upright position because Rabbi Eliezer was in fact right, yet did not completely fall, because what the Rabbis claimed was also right.

Jewishly we make decisions by including people. A good decision is that which allows for the community to continue to work together and maintain cohesion, even if the decision itself is incorrect. That is our tradition. We are an opinionated and passionate people, so "keeping the community

together" often is most difficult.

In order to build the consensus necessary to be able to act in the Jewish community, we often need to follow a protocol of consultations to make sure that the different segments of the community can live with the decision made. So we have committees. Jewish committees have been described as a mother and a mother-in-law arguing between themselves about who was the most offended by their child and child-in-law respectively, so they can, after the argument has been resolved, go to yell, together, at the child. The key word is "Together."

Of course, on an institutional level, whether it is a congregation or another grassroots organization, each committee then plays the role of a member in a larger decision making body, a Board of Directors. The President of any Jewish organization can tell you that the proper greeting for somebody who has just been elected as President is "You have my sympathy" or "I'm so sorry" or variations thereof, for it is the President who stands at the center of this process and the one who needs to make it possible for the group to reach a workable decision.

And then we have the community level when all these different organizations come together to address the issues of the Jewish community as a whole. In our community we have a Federation, with representatives from each organization and members-at-large all representing very different ideas.

Does it sound complicated? It is, but it has been working well for over 2000 years, so it must be a good system. And if you think about it, it is in fact a "multilateral approach to decision making." We consult the parties involved, we get them to buy an idea (or buy an idea they sell us), we argue about it, we come up with a compromise everybody can live with, and we act collectively to make it happen.

To be honest, this process means that some initiatives must be postponed or abandoned because no consensual support can be built for them. It also means that many times what we get is not what we want but the best possible approximation. It also means hours of work on committees and boards, and many times frustrations.

But we have many examples of what can be achieved when we do it. In this community, Camp Shalom is a good example. The resettlement of many Jewish families from the FSU is another. Most recently, the creation of new programs through JFS and Tikkun Lexington, and even the Habitat Project are additional examples of these achievements.

In short, all the pain, the meetings and the frustrations are worth every minute we invest in Jewish life. I don't know about you, but I will keep doing it. It is the "Jewish" thing to do.

Leisure Club Trip Success

By Fran Morris, JFS Director

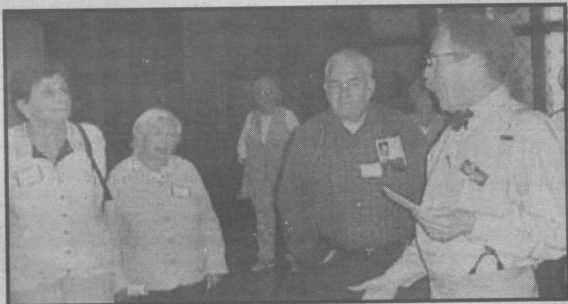
On September 26, 2002, the Leisure Club went to Louisville to visit the Speed Art Museum. We started off in good spirits despite the very rainy weather. Thanks to our volunteer driver, Bernie Rosenthal, we arrived safely in our LFUCG- rented van at our first destination, the JCC in Louisville. There we met up with the Louisville Seniors and followed them to our second destination, the Golden Corral restaurant, for lunch. We had a very long table for our large group of more than 20 people.

Once we finished dessert, we drove to the Speed Art Museum where we split up into two groups and were led by our docent through the exhibits. We also shopped in the gift shop. By midafternoon we were tired and ready to come home.

With the help of the Leisure Club Committee, we are now gearing up for our annual Hanukkah party on December 5, 2002 at 12:15 p.m., in the Temple Adath Israel social hall. If you would like to be involved in the planning process, please come to the next Leisure

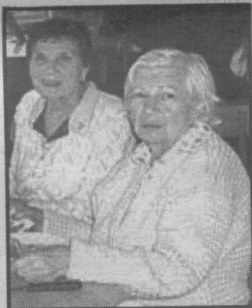
Club planning meeting on November 7 at 1 p.m. at the CKJF office. The Hanukkah party will feature the musical team of Deborah and David Sogin. Our senior friends from Louisville will also be joining us, and they may be convinced to sing! The event is free. You won't want to miss this party and the great entertainment. If you have any questions or need more information, please call 269-8244 or send an email message to jfs@jewishlexington.org.

Leisure Club is a program for older adults sponsored by Jewish Family Services of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation.



Rachel Bashikes and Pauline Ravvin dine together at the Golden Corral.

Leisure Clubbers listen carefully as our docent tells us about an exhibit.



Sylvia Green, Marian Jonas and Ruth Kraman enjoy their dessert!



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Women to Share Afternoon of Pampering at Health and Beauty Fair

by Fran Morris, JFS Director

On Sunday, November 10, 2002, Hadassah and Jewish Family Services of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation will be hosting a health and beauty fair. This will be a one-of-a-kind event full of enjoyable activities and educational information on health issues of concern to women.

This program invites teenaged girls post Bat-Mitzvah age, (13 and older) along with their mothers, grandmothers, aunts or significant other females in their lives to come together and be pampered while learning about how to care for their skin and bodies. Participants will watch a short video on breast cancer, and then have the opportunity to speak to a nurse and/or physician about questions they have concerning their health, such as: What do I do if my period is late? What questions should I ask my doctor at my regular check-ups? When do I have to start examining my breasts for lumps? Besides the health information, there will be stations for makeovers, skin-care consultations, and fitness advice, as well.

Hadassah and Jewish Family Services is pleased to be able to provide a complimentary lunch of Subway sandwiches for all participants. There will also be items to take home, including products from Aveda. The program will take place in the library of Temple Adath Israel from 1-3:30 p.m., right after religious school. Personal invitations have been sent in the mail. If you have not received an invitation, and you are interested in being a part of this program, please call 269-8244 or send an email to jfs@jewishlexington.org.



Rabbi Cohen is the spiritual leader of Ohavay Zion Synagogue of Lexington.

The obligation to cultivate an active and pointed sense of appreciation for the blessings we encounter in our daily lives, to quote one of my favorite writers, Rabbi Sidney Greenberg, "runs like a golden thread throughout the fabric of our religious faith." Enjoined upon us by the Rabbis of our Jewish Tradition is the custom to recite no less than 100 blessings each day from the time we awaken in the morning until we fall asleep at night — 100 blessings that acknowledge our faith in God and express our hopes, dreams, and an appreciation for what is around us. Also, included in our regular liturgy is the paragraph which begins with the words, MODEEM ANAKHNU LAKH, "we give thanks to You, God." Tradition dictates that we don't just recite this special prayer expressing our thankfulness for the gifts of life once a year, once a month, or even once a week. Rather, this special t'fila (prayer) is found in the Amida, the central section of all three prayer services recited each and every day.

So highly did the Sages hold the concept of giving thanks for what we have and who we are that one of the Rabbis of the Talmud declared, "In the world to come, when the world will reach perfection, all the sacrifices made to God in the Temple will be abolished except the thanks-offering; and all the prayers will be abolished except the prayers of thanksgiving."

The art of giving thanks clearly enjoys a special place among all of our other religious activities. Gratitude is not merely one of the greatest of Jewish virtues, but probably the parent of them all.

Jewish Tradition teaches us that taking time to express our appreciation for what we have in life is

Rabbi's Corner Offering Words of Appreciation

by Rabbi Sharon Cohen

part of an ongoing process. It is a process that asks us to look at our lives with a sense of humility, reverence, and with the understanding that our success, progress, achievements, prosperity and joy are not entirely self-made. We have our families, our friends, our wider community, and God to include in the equation.

From this perspective, the meaning and message behind the American holiday of Thanksgiving is inherently Jewish. Thanksgiving is the one day of the year when, as Americans, we join together to celebrate the gifts of freedom. We express thanks for the gift of living in a nation that provides for us ample opportunity for happiness and success as well as avenues for making the world in which we live even better. We also acknowledge the priority of family and sustenance as we gather with friends and loved ones to share in the memories of this special day: the savory smell of a roasted turkey, the inviting taste of sweet potatoes and delicious pumpkin pie (or pecan pie in the South!), a football game on TV, or a walk in the park.

As you move through the days of November and gather to celebrate Thanksgiving with family and friends this year, take some time to reflect on the gifts you have been granted during this past year. At your Thanksgiving gathering take a few moments to express your appreciation for those gifts and the gratitude you might feel as an American, as a Jew, and as a human being. Following the lead of our Sages, be sure to include on Thanksgiving this year one extra special blessing of thanks in your 100 daily blessings:

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V'KEE-Y'MANU V'HEE-GEE'ANU
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We praise You, our Eternal God, Ruler of the Universe, for granting us the gift of life, for sustaining us with strength, and for enabling us to celebrate and appreciate the world and the time in which we live.

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exhibited at New York's Museum of Modern Art, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, and the national Museum of American Jewish History. The foreword to the book was written by Alfred Uhry, author of *Driving Miss Daisy*. The late Chaim Potok described the book as "A warmly provocative presentation to eye and ear and mind of the reciprocal culture confrontation between Jews and the South."

the magazine. In an article titled "2025: The Next Generation," Hertzberg "forecasts the Jewish future in a fast-changing America, Middle East, and Europe." Although Hertzberg, now an octogenarian, has been looking backward, writing this memoir for the past several years, he evidently has not lost touch with the present, and is still forward-looking enough to dare to predict the future.

Shalom Y'all: Images of Jewish Life in the American South, photographs by Bill Aron, text by Vicki Reikes Fox, published by Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill. This work includes 137 black-and-

white photographs, together with funny and poignant stories of growing up Jewish in the Deep South. The photographer, Bill Aron, has had works exhibited at New York's Museum of Modern Art, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, and the national Museum of American Jewish History. The foreword to the book was written by Alfred Uhry, author of *Driving Miss Daisy*. The late Chaim Potok described the book as "A warmly provocative presentation to eye and ear and mind of the reciprocal culture confrontation between Jews and the South."

Hula with Hadassah

Evelyn Dantzic Geller

The opening meeting of the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah this autumn started with outreach and ended with a wonderful wiggle. We'll concentrate on the meeting first and talk subsequently about the dancing.

I say we started with outreach because a number of the attendees were either new or prospective members toward whom there is natural outreach. Even though there were initial introductions, most of the following conversations that evening began with "My name is What did you say yours is?" Reaching out to newcomers — particularly those who are interested in Hadassah — is always a rewarding experience, and the rewards on the evening of September 25 were many. In addition to these newcomers and to members of long term standing and activity, others present were long time residents and members who, until recently, had not been active and now were ready to contribute their many talents to Hadassah's efforts. Still others were newcomers to Central Kentucky who were looking for a way to express their connection to the Jewish world. We were a true cross-section of our Jewish community.

The business part of the meeting was relatively short. As is often the case, announcements and the sharing of orientation information occupied most of the time allotted for an initial meeting. An interesting outcome of the sharing of orientation information was a request by several of the new members for Board and member education about Hadassah and its projects and goals and involvements.

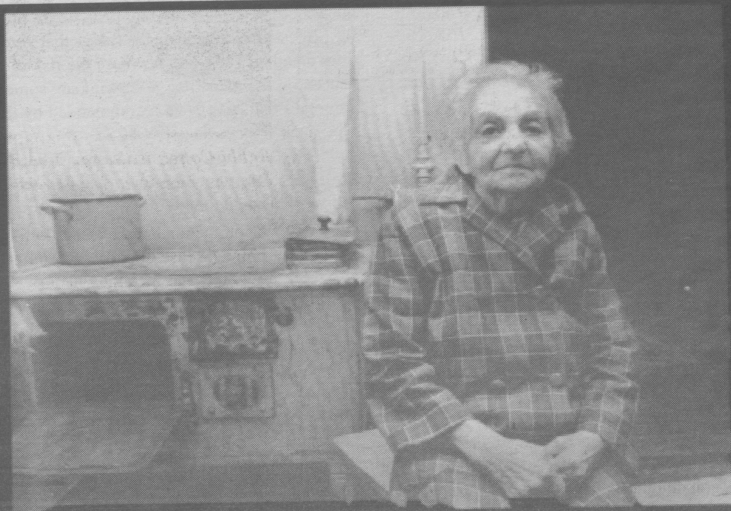
And now for the wiggle! The fun part of the evening was the program — a discussion, demonstration, and return demonstration of the Hula. Our guest for the evening was Meriah Kruse, an expert in the art of Hula. After briefing us on the basics and the history of Hula, she "walked" us through a simple Hula story. Try to picture a group of totally

raw dancers trying to move our hips, hands, and arms so that we could tell a tale with our bodies without looking like a bunch of clods. It was a most enlightening experience and lots of fun!

And this was just the first go around! Imagine

what the rest of the year will bring!

Keep tuned to *Shalom* for information about future meetings and call Janice Newman at (859) 272-6807 to join Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America.



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JewLS Update

By Fran Morris, JFS Director

In October, we unveiled the new name and logo for the Lexington Jewish Singles group.

It is JewLS, which is pronounced like the word "jewels," and stands for Jewish Lexington Singles. JewLS has been praised as the new forum for single Jews to meet and socialize in the tri-state area. We are proud to be able to continue to provide exciting, Jewish-centered activities that everyone will enjoy. The next JewLS event will be the annual Hanukkah party on Saturday, December 7, 2002 @ 7pm at the Greenhouse Clubhouse on Tates Creek Road in Lexington. Our single friends from Louisville and Cincinnati will be invited to join us as we eat, entertain each other with karaoke music, and participate in a gift exchange. The event will cost only \$10 per person. Each person is asked to bring a wrapped gift not exceeding \$10 value. JewLS is a program sponsored by Jewish Family Services of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation. For more information, send an email request to jfs@jewishlexington.org or call 269-8244.

Ask JFS About...Breast Cancer

Ask JFS About... is a monthly advice column with questions from members of the community requiring assistance with a wide range of issues. If you have a problem or a concern that you would like addressed in this Shalom column, please send your queries to: Ask JFS c/o Jewish Family Services, 1050 Chinoe Road, Suite 203, Lexington, KY 40502. You can also call in your confidential questions at 269-8244 or email them to us at jfs@jewishlexington.org.

Dear JFS,

In December, three years will have passed since my younger sister was diagnosed with breast cancer. My daughter and I went with her to the hospital every week and helped take care of her when she was very sick. Now, I am happy to report that she has been free of cancer for nearly a year.

My sister is a wonderful role model and has been very brave throughout her illness. I know that she is lucky to have developed the disease in its early stages. I want to do everything possible to keep myself and my daughter (who's now a teenager) healthy and armed with the latest information on breast cancer and I am writing for your advice on this matter.

Thank you,
Hopeful in Central Kentucky

Dear Hopeful,

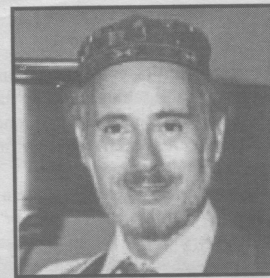
Your sister's courage is inspiring and I am very happy to hear that she is winning her battle with breast cancer, a disease that claims over 40,000 women in the U.S. each year (that's one mother,

sister, daughter, or friend every 12 minutes).

Although some risk factors for breast cancer (such as genetic predisposition) cannot be avoided, there are many things that can be done to reduce the risk of developing the disease. As your daughter enters adulthood, now is the time to speak with a physician for professional advice on the things that you and your daughter can do to decrease the risk of breast cancer. In the meantime, following are some strategies that have been recommended by the American Cancer Society (ACS).

It is widely known that maintaining a healthy lifestyle is important in the prevention of breast cancer. This includes getting regular physical activity, eating a low-fat diet, avoiding smoking, and limiting alcohol intake. In addition to preventive measures, numerous studies have shown that early detection is essential in saving lives and increasing treatment options. According to the ACS, the five-year survival rate for breast cancer is 96% among women whose cancer has not spread beyond the breast at the time of diagnosis. The ACS stands firmly by its recommendations for early detection, advocating for annual clinical exams and monthly breast self-exams for women of all ages and annual mammograms for women over 40.

To learn more about breast cancer prevention and women's health issues, you and your daughter may wish to come to our free "Health and Beauty Fair" for girls ages 13 and older sponsored by JFS and Hadassah. This event will be held on Sunday, November 10 from 1:00-3:30 p.m. at Temple Adath Israel Library (RSVP by November 8 at 269-8244 or jfs@jewishlexington.org). Look for the boxed notice in this issue of *Shalom* for more details.



More True Stories about Jews in Kentucky

by Larry Sherman

My father, who was born in Kamenetz Podolski, near Riga, Russia, about 1892, came to America through Canada in the early 1900's.

He died in Kentucky in 1968 and was buried in the Middlesboro Kentucky very, very kosher cemetery. Rabbi Bernard Schwab, from the Ohavay Zion Synagogue, performed the services. He remarked that the Hebrew on the tombstones and dates were remarkably accurate.

Accompanied by my wife, my sisters Dolly and Martha from Baltimore, Maryland, we left Lexington to go down through the mountains to the burial grounds.

None of the Jews who attended the ceremony to make up a minyan knew my father personally. These "hill" country Jews were community conscious: they felt it was their duty to pay respect to their fellow Jews, especially when it was to bury a Jew in his final resting place.

One minyan member recalled that he knew Shlomo Geller, a Dry Goods merchant in Pineville. He had been told that Shlomo and my father had lived close to Riga, which was near the Polish-Russian border in eastern Europe. Shlomo was locally known for his unusually loud voice.

Somehow, the subject of "real" names came up. It seems that my father went by the name of Sherman, which he took from his older brother, my uncle Edel (or "Yiddeleh" in yiddish) when he arrived in America several years before my dad.

I told my daughter Genie, a professional singer, about that conversation concerning the origins of names. She became excited. Daddy," she said. "It could have been pronounced "Shirman" which could be "Songman" or "Singerman" in Hebrew. She could now claim she was descended from a musical family. She has my blessings to enjoy her delusion or illusion, as the case might be.

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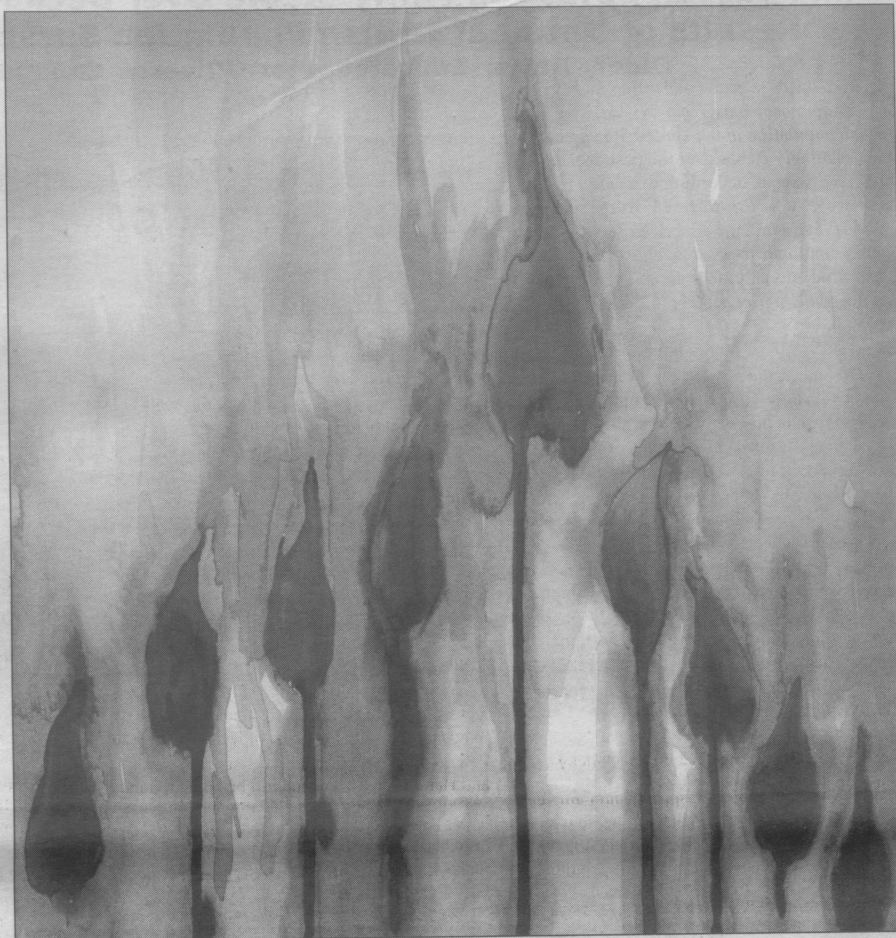


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U.S. Jewish Population Fairly Stable Over Decade, According to Results of National Jewish Population Survey 2000-01

Older, Better Educated, More Diverse Community

The Jewish population in the United States has remained relatively stable over the past decade, declining five percent, according to a new comprehensive survey re-released. At the same time, the survey found, the American Jewish community continues to be somewhat older, better educated and still more diverse than what it was a decade ago or when compared to all Americans.

These findings and others are part of the National Jewish Population Survey 2000-01, sponsored by the United Jewish Communities (UJC), the umbrella organization representing local Jewish federations and communities throughout North America. UJC contacted over 177,000 randomly selected Americans, interviewing over 9,000 of them, both Jews and non-Jews.

UJC's National Jewish Population Survey (NJPS) shows a U.S. Jewish population of 5.2 million, slightly below the 5.5 million found in 1990. For this comparison, the NJPS employed a definition of being Jewish comparable to that of the 1990 survey.

"The American Jewish population is more or less the same, in overall numbers, as it was a decade ago," said Mandell L. Berman, UJC's Chairman for NJPS. "But not only is the Jewish population aging, young Jews are waiting longer to have fewer children."

The survey is, by far, the largest and most

comprehensive ever conducted of American Jews.

UJC has released findings of its National Jewish Population Survey (NJPS) 2000-01, the most comprehensive social, demographic, economic and religious portrait of the American Jewish community ever undertaken.

"The NJPS reveals a treasure trove of powerfully relevant information that will keep re-

searchers, communal leaders and professionals engaged for years," said Steven M. Cohen, consultant to UJC on NJPS 2000-01, sociologist of American Jewry and professor at the Melton Centre for Jewish Education at The Hebrew University in Jerusalem. "Its large sample size, scientific rigor and detailed information on Jewish identity, Jewish education, philanthropic behavior, aging and health issues - among so many others - will undoubtedly enrich the thinking of the Jewish federation movement and all of organized Jewry in America."

Among the survey's key findings:

Age

The Jewish population is aging, compared to 1990, and is substantially older than that of the total U.S. population.

- The median age of American Jews increased from 37 in 1990 to 41 in 2000. The median for men is slightly lower than that of women (40 versus 42). The median age of the total U.S. population is 35.
- Adults age 18 and older are 81% of the Jewish population; children 17 and younger are 19%. The percentage of children has slightly declined from 21% a decade ago. Proportionately, there are fewer children in the Jewish population than children in the total U.S. population (26%).
- The percentage of adults 65 and older in the Jewish population has increased from 15% in 1990 to 19% today. There are more female than male adults in this age group (54% vs.

NJPS
National Jewish
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An Older Jewish Community: Age Compared to 1990

Median Age

% of children age 0-17

% of age 65+

1990 2000-01

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21%

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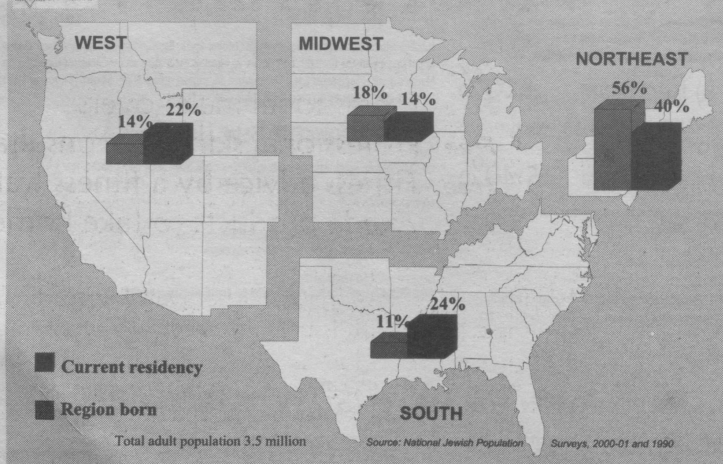
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Sources: National Jewish Population Surveys, 2000-01 and 1990

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MAP 2: REGIONAL SHIFT IN US BORN JEWISH POPULATION



46%). Proportionately, there are also considerably more Jewish adults 65 and older than is the case in the total U.S. population (12%).

- 9% of the Jewish population is 75 or over, as compared to 6% of the total U.S. population.

within this broadly defined Jewish population. Information on various segments, as well as data on Jewish behaviors and attitudes explored in NJPS 2000-01, will be released at UJC's annual meeting, the General Assembly, in Philadelphia

The NJPS questionnaire covered an extensive range of topics including ethnic identification, cultural practices, religious beliefs and behaviors, Israel, philanthropy and Jewish education, as well as many demographic characteristics.

Fertility

Fertility, along with mortality and migration, is one of the major demographic factors determining the size of the Jewish population. Jews are having fewer children than the number required for the population to remain stable. Additionally, younger Jewish women compared to the total U.S. female population are delaying their childbearing.

- Jewish women who are now approaching the end of their childbearing years, ages 40-44, have had approximately 1.8 children, which is below the replacement level of 2.1.
- 52% of Jewish women ages 30-34 have not had any children compared to 27% of all American women.

The new data reveal considerable diversity

November 20-22.

The NJPS questionnaire covered an extensive range of topics including ethnic identification, cultural practices, religious beliefs and behaviors, Israel, philanthropy and Jewish education, as well as many demographic characteristics. This state-of-the-art research is the most extensive social scientific survey ever conducted of the American Jewish population. In addition, over 4,000 non-Jewish respondents were interviewed, using a shorter questionnaire in a parallel study, called the National Survey of Religion and Ethnicity, in order to estimate the size of the Jewish population.

To conduct this research, more than 5 million phone calls were made to 1.3 million telephone numbers in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Artist Kamy Raviv Featured at ARTBEAT Israel Fair in Cincinnati

The Jewish Federation of Cincinnati is proud to feature artist Kamy Raviv as just one of the 30 talented Israeli artists and vendors arriving in Cincinnati for the ArtBeat of Israel's concluding event, the Taste of Israel Fair, Sunday, November 24, 2002, from 12 to 7 p.m. at Adath Israel Synagogue, 3201 East Galbraith Road.

Raviv creates exquisite tapestries made of fine threads, delicate fabrics, and beautiful beads on high quality velvet fabrics. By combining these products, Raviv produces realistic and authentic pieces that describe the Jewish symbols and the folklore images of Jewish towns and characters, Israeli culture, and traditions.

Raviv's creations are made from vibrant colors that bring happiness to any room. Each piece is created individually with heart and soul and only by hand. In Israel her art is known as Yad Ne'ema.

For more information about attending the Israel Fair and ArtBeat of Israel, contact Noga Maliniak, 985-1520 or Barbara Miller, 985-1528, at Jewish Federation of Cincinnati.

Hadassah and Jewish Family Services of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation invite young women post-Bat-Mitzvah age (13 and older) and their mothers/grandmothers/aunts to

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Full House for Mayoral Candidates Debate

By Leonardo Radomile



Teresa Isaac, moderator Michael Desch, and Scott Crosbie prepare to begin the debate.

Mayoral candidates Teresa Isaac and Scott Crosbie fielded questions from a full house of voters at Central Kentucky Jewish Federation's "Meet the Candidates" forum in early October, at Temple Adath Israel. Topics discussed at the forum included education, water company acquisition, and the evidence given by the candidates in the Ron Berry lawsuit.

Crosbie and Isaac were both impressed with the turnout and the quality of questions asked at the forum, the largest turnout of any community debate during the campaign.

The evening was sponsored by the CKJF's Community Relations Committee, and moderated by Professor Michael Desch, Associate Director of the University of Kentucky's Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce.

The forum provided our community with the opportunity to get in-depth answers to questions and a feel for the candidates' attitudes on the social action issues that form the core of our tradition. It was an impressive showing that not only gave our community a real impression of the candidates, but also gave the candidates a strong impression of our community.

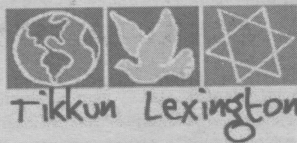
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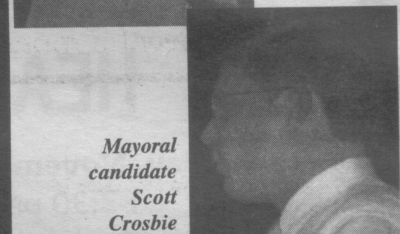


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Tikkun Lexington is a program of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation



Mayoral candidate Teresa Isaac



Mayoral candidate Scott Crosbie



The audience listens intently.



TIME IS RUNNING
OUT! RESERVE YOUR
TICKETS TODAY!!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

CKJF's

8th Annual

Winter Dinner

Tuesday, December 24, 2002

6:00 - 9:00 pm

at **ALADDIN'S MIDDLE-EASTERN RESTAURANT**

154 Patchen Drive (off Richmond Road)



Our fun-filled evening will include musical entertainment as well as special supervised activities for the kids and a wide variety of vegetarian Middle Eastern food.

Some items will be offered for the first time by Aladdin's chef, for our community to test!! Bring a good appetite for falafel and hummus!!

As always, we are supporting God's Pantry. We ask that you bring two non-perishable food items for each person in your party.

If you choose not to bring any items, you will be asked for a \$2 donation per person to be given to God's Pantry.

The cost is \$16 for adults, \$6 for kids 5-10, and no charge for children 4 and under. The price includes tax and gratuities, food, coffee, tea and soft drinks. Special Turkish coffees and juices are available at an extra cost.

Reservations, checks included, should be sent to CKJF using the reservation form below. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis. RSVP by December 6, 2002. Space is limited!

This event is sponsored by the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation

Name(s) of adult(s) and kids over 10

Names of kids 5 to 10

Names of kids 4 and under (no charge)

of Adults _____ x \$16 = _____

of Kids _____ x \$6 = _____

Total _____

Please enclose a check for the total, payable to CKJF and mail this form to:

Central Kentucky Jewish Federation
1050 Chinoe Road Suite 203
Lexington, KY 40502

Address where you would like the tickets mailed:

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

QUESTIONS? CALL CKJF AT 268-0672



Tikkun Lexington Provides Services, Big and Small, To Those Needing Assistance Fill Your Jewish Soul... Through Enrichment

By Jana LaZur, Activities Director CKJF

Tikkun Lexington is a program sponsored by the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation which takes care of people who need assistance and makes the world a better place, starting right here in our very own community. Tikkun Olam means to repair the world and we plan on doing it one mitzvah at a time. Mitzvot are neither big nor small, they simply help people, and just a minute of your time can be a lifesaver for someone in need. Please take a moment to look at the ad in this edition of *Shalom* that lists all of the wonderful programs Tikkun fosters. These tasks, which take just a little of your time, CAN enrich your life every now and then with very little effort.

Nothing quite conveys the picture as well as words from those whose lives have been enriched by Tikkun. Kathy Feinberg states, "I was very grateful to receive the meals that were cooked and delivered to our home while I recovered from my broken leg and had to use a wheel chair. It helped my family so much and I look forward to returning the gesture when needed."

While the Habitat house was not a Tikkun project, it certainly brought many people together for a great accomplishment. Since this program ended, Ray Archer has stated he is very interested in becoming

part of Tikkun to help even more people. December 25th is a time that the Jewish community offers services to our Christian friends. Lisa Kaplan, WLEX TV, always anchors the news programs to offer a break to her co-workers and allow them to be home with their families. Tikkun has volunteers pack and deliver Meals on Wheels on December 25th; as well as visit Saint Joseph East and West hospital patients and deliver gifts from their gift shop. It is our goal this year to get enough volunteers to visit other hospitals as well. Call me at 268-0672 ext. 4# or email Tikkun@jewishlexington.org to sign up.

Another volunteer, Barbara Barr fondly retells her story. "I made a weekly call to an elderly woman as a Tikkun project. Each week I would call at a different time and day. I would always start by asking if it was a good time for her to chat? One day, she responded by saying, 'It is always a good time for me when you call.' Not only did it make me feel good, but also it let me know that such a small act of Tikkun makes a difference in the life of someone."

Tikkun Lexington is holding a Volunteer Training Session on Thursday, December 12th in the Ohavay Zion

Synagogue at 7pm. There will be professionals in attendance to train in areas where people may not be comfortable. We are looking forward to enhancing the current program and making it more widely used. There will be desserts to enjoy while you learn the basics of Tikkun Lexington.

We are fortunate in Lexington, Kentucky to have a community small enough to care, yet large enough to have the means to help. People who don't have family come to rely on their Jewish community to become their family. Tasks as simple as snow shoveling, shopping or simply getting out of the house can be daunting to some people. Look around you, see the good things that have been done in the past and look at what we can accomplish by helping one person at a time!! If you know of anyone who needs any of our services, please don't hesitate to let us know. Say 'YES' to Tikkun!!



Tikkun Lexington

We are having a training session on December 12, 7:00 pm at Temple Adath Israel-please join us!!!

☐ YES!! I would like to attend the Volunteer Training Session on December 12.

☐ NO I am unable to attend the Volunteer Training Session on December 12, but would like to volunteer on December 25

My areas of interest for Tikkun Mitzvah Day on December 25 include (check all that apply):

Packaging Meals on Wheels _____ Working in the gift shop at St. Joseph Hospital _____
Delivering Meals on Wheels _____ Delivering gifts to patients at St. Joe's _____
(should not exceed 1.5 hrs of your time) (Hospital shifts range from 2 to 3 hours, depending on the location)

*Wherever I am needed most _____

My hours and location of availability are:

<u>St. Joe East</u>	<u>St. Joe West</u>
10a.m to 12 p.m. _____	9 a.m. to 12 p.m. _____
12 p.m to 2 p.m. _____	12 p.m to 3 p.m. _____

*Whenever I am needed _____

Please mail
email or fax 268-0775
this form back to CKJF,
1050 Chinoe Rd. Ste 203
Lex., KY 40502
tikkun@jewishlexington.org



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Did you know

that Section E-2 is
for the perpetual and
exclusive use of the
Jewish community



On December 2, 1884, the Spinoza Society purchased from the Lexington Cemetery Company an entire section for the perpetual and exclusive use of the Jewish community, according to a short history of the society written by Moses Kaufman, in 1887.

The area purchased by the Spinoza Society was Section E-1, and it sufficed for more than ninety years. In 1977, nearby Section E-2 was secured by the society.

If you would like to know more about space in the Spinoza Society's Section E-2, or other information about The Lexington Cemetery, please give us a call or visit.

The Lexington Cemetery

Established 1849

833 West Main Street • 255-5522 • www.lexcem.org

An independent non-profit corporation administered by a board of directors from this community. Dedicated to preserving memories in a historic site of natural beauty, with room for the next 100 years.

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Volunteers Bring Shabbat Cheer to Frankfort

By Jana LaZur

In mid-October, a group of Tikkun Lexington volunteers went to bring Shabbat cheer to the residents of the Stewart Home in Frankfort. We ate apples and honey to encourage sweetness in everybody's new year. We sang songs, lit candles, recited blessings and enjoyed each other's company. Our ongoing relationship with the staff, residents and volunteers is one that all cherish, and contributed to the festivity of the event. Thanks to those who attended: Barbara Barr, Fran Morris, Tami Ohayon, Janet Powell, Tucky Williams, Charles Goldstein and his children, Nathaniel and Emily. We were so glad to have you.

The next visit is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4th at 6pm, during Hanukah. We will light six candles on our Menorah, eat latkes, play dreidel games and sing songs. It should be a lot of fun. We will again meet at the CKJF office in the Chinoe shopping center at 5:15 p.m. to caravan to Frankfort. This activity really brings good feelings to all involved. Please join us. Tikkun Lexington is the volunteer program of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation.

Barbara Barr with a Stewart Home resident.



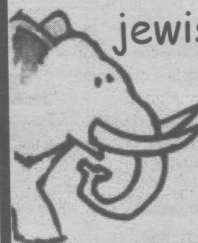
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More than 70 people have already
signed up!!! When will you??

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Central Kentucky
Jewish Federation

Jewish Family Services of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation

invites you to



The 2nd Annual JewLS Hanukkah Party!!!

Saturday, December 7, 2002 7:00pm

at The Greenhouse Clubhouse-3543 Tate's Creek Rd,
(between New Circle and Redding Rd., Lexington)

\$10 per person

Please bring a wrapped gift of no more than \$10 value



JewLS

Jewish Lexington Singles

You won't want to miss this event! We will
have latkes, pizza, delicious
desserts, entertainment, and a gift
exchange!!



RSVP to 269-8244 or jfs@jewishlexington.org by December 5, 2002

Ohavay Zion Synagogue News

2048 Edgewater Court • President: Bennett Bayer, 266-8050

Fall Boards

Fall Boards at OZS were a raving success! Over 110 teenagers and advisors joined us for a fabulous weekend of fun and study.

The next USY event will be Fall Kinnus, November 15-17, in Oak Park, Michigan.

Call Rick Zimmerman or OZS office at 266-8050 for further details.

Junior Congregation

OZS' Jr. Congregation program continues! This program is designed to give students the opportunity to experience the Shabbat morning service in a whole new way. Students will work on their prayer skills through participation and learn more about the various prayers. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children.

God's Pantry

A Family Night Out

God's Pantry has set aside the third Thursday of every month from 6-7:30 pm for OZS to rebag cereal, and sort and repack food. Please come and join us with the whole family to work together for a wonderful cause. We will meet on Thursday, October 17. To sign up, please call Jennifer Goldman at 971-6363.

Ronald McDonald House

Comforting With Food

The Ronald McDonald House provides a "home away from home" for families traveling to Lexington to seek medical care for their children.

OZS is committed to providing dinner for the families on the SECOND SUNDAY of each month. The Ronald McDonald House is located right behind KET off Cooper Drive. We will meet Sunday, October 13. To sign up for a Sunday, call Allison Callar at 266-5282.

Scooter Stein Bar Mitzva

18 Kislev 5763 - November 23, 2002
Ohavay Zion Synagogue joins together at 9:45 am, Saturday, November 23, as Scooter Stein is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

Scooter will also lead Friday Evening Services, August 16, at 6:15 pm

Gan Shalom Hanuka Party

Come & join Gan Shalom as they celebrate Hanuka on Sunday, November 24, at 4 p.m.

Ohavay Zion Synagogue Cordially Invites You to an Art Extravaganza

Saturday, November 2
Ohavay Zion Social Hall
Preview 7 pm, Auction 8 pm
Elegant Wine & Cheese Reception
Bring a Friend and
Learn about Fine Art
"A Wonderful Social Event"
\$5 Admission

The Lexington Havurah News

Lexington, Kentucky • President: Judy Saxe, 859-269-4493

November Service to be held on Saturday, November 9, 2002

Our next service will be Saturday morning, November 9, at 10:00 A.M. We will be reading the Torah portion of the week, Vayetze. A discussion of the film "Trembling Before God" is scheduled. We will meet at the Lexington Hearing and Speech Center, 162 North Ashland Avenue; entrance and parking are in the rear.

On Thursday, November 7, a group of Havurah members will be going out to dinner prior to the 8:30 P.M. showing of the film "Trembling Before God." Please call Ernie Cohen at 272-1459, to make a reservation if you want to join us for dinner. We will be at Ed & Fred's at 6:30 P.M. and will be ordering from the menu. A reservation for the free film is required; please call Temple Adath Israel office, 269-2979.

Hanukkah will be here soon. Plans are afoot for a havdalah, candle lighting, and pot luck latka supper on Saturday evening November 30, beginning at 6:00 P.M. Please call Ernie Cohen at 272-1459, or Judy Saxe, 269-4493, for location and more information about this event.

We are negotiating with performing artist, Laura Wetzler, to conduct singing workshops in the February-March time frame. Two workshops and a community-wide concert are in the planning stages. More information will follow soon.

This is an exciting year for The Lexington Havurah. We will be marking the 25th anniversary

of the organization in May, 2003, and are planning a meaningful and significant celebration to highlight this event.

If you would like more information about The Lexington Havurah, please feel free to contact Michael Rie, Membership Chair, at 859-266-8630. We can be reached by mail at: The Lexington Havurah, P.O. Box 21804, Lexington, KY 40522-1804.

The Lexington Havurah is affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and The National Havurah Committee. We offer

innovative Shabbat and holiday services, cultural activities and adult education programs to enhance and strengthen our positive feelings as Jews. Services are creative within a Conservative religious format. Members plan, conduct and share responsibilities for all services. Both men and women participate actively and equally. While we have no religious school, children are welcome at all services and celebrations. We meet at various venues in Lexington and members' homes.

Please visit our website: www.uscj.org/qlr/lexhavurah

The Lexington Havurah November 9 Shabbat Service

Join us for a Shabbat Morning service as we read the story of Jacob and his dream, wanderings, family and life. We will also discuss the film "Trembling Before God," which will be shown on November 7.

Saturday, November 9, 10:00 A.M.
Lexington Hearing and Speech Center
162 North Ashland Avenue

Entrance and parking in rear

Kiddush will follow service

Temple Adath Israel News

124 N. Ashland Ave. • President: Judith Hersh, 269-2979

SISTERHOOD AND THE STARS...

Present a Night at the Oscars

Enter Stage Left for an evening filled with FUN, FOOD and FRIVOLITY.

When: Saturday, November 23rd, 2002 at 7:30 p.m.

Where: Temple Adath Israel Social Hall

Cost: \$10 per person

What: Talent Contest, Movie Trivia Contests with Prizes

Dress as your favorite actor/actress Contest

Dress for a Night at the Oscars for fun!

Enticing Appetizers & Exotic Desserts & Cold Refreshments

See Classic Movies, Silent and Live Auctions

Raffles & Walk of Stars...plus much more!

Sponsorship Levels:

\$250 Gold	Those who pledge support will
\$125 Silver	receive two tickets to the event
\$100 Bronze	and be publicly recognized

This will be an event that should not be missed! There will be fabulous auction items, prizes and awards for winners of different contests. Everyone will come home a winner!! The majority of the proceeds will be donated to the TAI religious school; as well as other Sisterhood endeavors. Please mail checks to Mindy Heller at 3448 Oakbrook Dr Lexington KY 40515.

Film, Food, and Conversation Video/Film Club

November 24, 2002 - TAI

Library 7 PM, Movie - to be announced

Movie, Coffee & refreshments

Nosh & Discussion following film

Video/refreshments \$1.00

For more details contact

Fran Bloom 223-8700, TAI 269-2979

Centennial Celebration

Temple Adath Israel will celebrate its 100th anniversary with a series of concerts, speakers, reunions and other activities beginning September 2003 and lasting through April 2004.

In conjunction with these activities, the 100th Anniversary Committee seeks artifacts, photos and other memorabilia for display throughout the celebration. If you have any items and would loan them for public display, please contact committee co-chairs Harold and Anita Baker at 266-8675 or Tomas Milch, H at 263-4421. Please watch future bulletins for a schedule of events and other details of this exciting year-long celebration.

Adult Jewish Growth Series with Larry Kant.

"Finding A Jewish Path While the World Shifts Beneath Us"

All classes are on Sundays at 10 a.m. Class dates for the year are: 11/10, 12/15, 1/12, 2/9, 3/9, and 4/20.

TRIP TO THE SPEED MUSEUM Sunday, November 24, 2002

See the blockbuster Art Exhibit of 2002 at the Speed Museum: Millet to Matisse: Nineteenth and Twentieth Century French Painting for Kelvingrove Art Gallery, Glasgow, Scotland. Enjoy a special viewing of this exhibit with friends from Temple Adath Israel. We will carpool from the Temple parking lot (departure at 9 a.m.) to arrive at the Speed Museum for a docent led tour at 10:30 a.m. After the tour, we will reconvene at LYNN'S PARADISE CAFÉ for a 1 p.m. lunch reservation. Make your reservations by calling the Temple office. Let us know if you are willing to drive and, if so, how many passengers you can take. Directions to the museum and the restaurant will be made available to all drivers. Tour cost is \$13 per person. Cost does not include lunch

Temple Food Drive: Best Ever!

This year's Sukkot Food Drive was the best ever. We collected 3,299 pounds of food for God's Pantry. This was 250 pounds more than last year. (We filled 14 barrels.) Thank you to Bruce Engel, Anne Graff, Austin and Susan Cantor and the Temple Social Action Committee for all of its work in preparing the bags and seeing the project through. Thank you also to everyone who took the time to shop for and bring in a bag or two of food.

Jewish Family Services of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation invites you to



THE ANNUAL LEISURE CLUB HANUKKAH PARTY

Thursday, December 5, 2002 • 12:15 pm

at Temple Adath Israel Social Hall

124 N. Ashland Ave., Lexington



We will be treated to a delicious lunch, beautiful music, and our senior friends from the JCC in Louisville will join us too!!

cost: FREE

RSVP no later than December 2, 2002 to 269-8244 or jfs@jewishlexington.org

Leisure Club is a program of Jewish Family Services of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation





Around The Community



CKJF - Central Kentucky Jewish Federation (1050 Chinoe Rd., Suite 203, 268-0672, Stan Saxe, President)

OZS - Ohavay Zion Synagogue (2048 Edgewater Court, 266-8050, Bennett Bayer, President)

Daily Minyan Mon.-Thurs. at 6:00 p.m.; Kabbalat Services Friday evening at 8:00 p.m., except the fourth Friday of the month at 6:00 p.m.;
Shabbat services Saturday at 9:45 a.m.

TAI - Temple Adath Israel (124 N. Ashland Ave., 269-2979, Judith Hersh, President)

Shabbat Services Friday 7:30 p.m.; Worship Service Saturday 10:30 a.m.

HAD - Lexington Chapter of Hadassah (Alissa Levine, President)

HAV - The Lexington Havurah, 269-4493 (Judith Saxe, President)

Shabbat Services monthly. Call for schedule.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Kadema Retreat - OZS Temple Tot Shabbat	
October 27	28	29	30	31	November 1	2
		Election Day Temple Adath Israel Board of Trustees Meeting	Tikkun Lexington Committee Meeting	"Trembling before God" Film		
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Shalom Deadline Tikkun Lexington Hospital Hospitality House Cleanup JFS/Hadassah Health & Beauty Fair 10	Veterans' Day 11	Chabad Rabbi Visits 12	JFS Meeting 13	Hadassah Discussion Group CKJF Women's Division Meeting 14	OZS Religious School Service TAI TRYB Shabbat 15	16
Tikkun Lexington Hospital Hospitality House Cleanup 17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Gan Shalom Chanukah Open House Tikkun Lexington Hospital Hospitality House Cleanup 24	Community Activities Committee Meeting 25	CKJF Executive Committee Meeting CKJF Board Meeting 26	27	Thanksgiving Day 28	Hanukkah-light 1st candle 29	Hanukkah - light 2nd candle Havurah Hanukkah program 30
Hanukkah - light 3rd candle December 1	Hanukkah - light 4th candle 2	Hanukkah - light 5th candle Temple Adath Israel Board of Trustees Meeting 3	Hanukkah - light 6th candle Tikkun visits Stewart Home 4	Hanukkah - light 7th candle Rosh Chodesh Tevet Leisure Club Hanukkah Party 5	Hanukkah - light 8th candle Rosh Chodesh Tevet Kadema Weekend OZS 6	Kadema Weekend OZS JewLS Annual Hanukkah Party 7