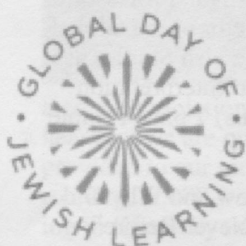


Lexington, Kentucky Joins Global Day of Jewish Learning on November 15



What's Love Got to Do With It?

By Talia Smolkin

Since 2011, our Jewish community in Lexington has come together for Global Day of Jewish Learning. And we've fallen in love with it. Each year, we come together to learn from each other, alongside individuals from around the globe.

On November 15, at 10 am, at Temple Adath Israel, the whole community will come together to celebrate both local and world-wide Jewish unity and Jewish learning.

Global Day of Jewish Learning is based on Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz's mission to provide access to our foundational texts. Rabbi Steinsaltz is a world-renowned distinguished scholar, teacher, mystic, and social critic. His works have been translated into English, Russian, French, Portuguese, Spanish, Swedish, Italian, Chinese and Japanese, and he has been on a life-long mission to make the Talmud accessible to all.

Rabbi Steinsaltz explains his love for learning together in "*The Jewish Week*."

Because so many thousands of people are studying together, the Global Day of Jewish Learning transforms a solitary event into a venture that belongs to everybody. We are uplifted and inspired when people from all walks of life gather together in study; our neighbors and our friends, our families and those whom we have never before met. We have not delegated Jewish knowledge to the professionals. We have made the claim that it belongs to all of us.

And as much as our community loves to learn from our professionals, we also love to learn from each other. We gain new insights, develop our cultural connections, deepen our spiritual journeys, and strengthen our community.

But what's love got to do with it? It's the focus of this year's Global Day of Jewish Learning. This year, we will explore the theme, "Love: Devotion, Desire and Deception."

Using our own resources as well as resources from the Global Day Curriculum, we will explore several aspects of love in Judaism. We will also have (*continued page 3*)

From the Director: Strategic Planning for our Jewish Community

By Judy Wortman



In early October, a distinguished group of 75 Conservative and Reform scholars and leaders signed a statement that was published in *eJewish Philanthropy* entitled *Strategic Directions in Jewish Life: A call to Action*. The signers included professors of Jewish Theological Seminary, Hebrew Union

College, and Brandeis, mega philanthropists who head Jewish foundations, rabbis of large congregations in major American cities, and so on. Their call to action was in response to the fact that in the two years since the Pew Study, *Portrait of Jewish America*, was released, there has been no sense of crisis propelling American Jewry to act to stem the tides of assimilation, intermarriage, late marriages, low birthrates, and the (*continued page 2*)

CAMPAIGN NEWS

2015 Community Campaign to End Soon

By Judy Wortman

The 2015 campaign is drawing to a close next month, and we need your help to meet our goal. Your gifts give us the ability to meet human needs and enhance lives both here in the Lexington area, in Israel, and around the world. As I write this article, tensions in Israel are heightened. The number of terrorist attacks on Israelis has become alarming and the situation is not improving. The funds we raise for Israel are used for social services – to support those impacted by terrorism, to help settle new immigrants, to care for the elderly.

Funds are needed here for so many programs that our Federation offers such as Camp Shalom. The fees that families pay cover only a part of our costs. Funds are also needed to buy books for 150 children each month who are enrolled in PJ Library and to sponsor frequent activities and programming for PJ Library children. Your gifts give us the ability to provide social work services and emergency funds for those in need in our own community. Through Jewish Family Services, we offer counseling, referrals, scholarships for Jewish overnight camps and Camp Shalom, scholarships for Israel (*continued, page 2*)

(From the Director, continued from page 1) disaffiliation of 2 million Jews. Unlike the frenzy of activity following the release of the 1990 National Population highlighting the fact that the intermarriage rate was 52%, the signers say there has been "near in-action that bespeaks a self-imposed helplessness and the time to mobilize the Jewish community to adopt effective policies and programs is now." They then suggest strategies that have been proven to counteract the trends such as Jewish education through adolescence, day schools, Jewish overnight camps, Israel trips, and youth groups.

As might have been expected, in the following week, numerous articles were printed in response to this call to action – half applauding the piece and half criticizing it. Some criticism came from younger Jewish professionals who were, in fact, children of intermarried families, unmarried, and/or childless. One rabbi noted that there were almost no rabbis or scholars from the Reconstructionist or Renewal movements who were on the list and he suggested that they had not been invited to sign. A frequent criticism was that the piece was hostile to intermarried families and rather than suggesting policies of inclusion, suggested more efforts at conversion. One rabbi expressed his belief that the problem is too much real estate in the Jewish community, and if we could divest ourselves of the millions and millions of dollars of Jewish institutional real estate built in the last 60 or so years, we would have plenty of dollars to redirect into effective programming to make Jewish living affordable to all, not to just the wealthy.

It is interesting that this flurry of activity calling for action and strategic planning comes just as our own Jewish community is embarking on a research project to help us determine our own strategic directions. By the time this issue of *Shalom* is published, Dr. Jacob Ukeles, President of Ukeles Associates Inc., will have made his first visit to Lexington to begin an assessment of our Jewish community. His initial visit will be highlighted by meetings with the Presidents' Council, the community's rabbis and Jewish professionals, a number of major donors and lay leaders, JFB's Executive Committee, etc. In addition to this visit and two others later this year, we will be distributing a questionnaire to everyone for whom we have email addresses. We hope that once this research is completed, we will be able to create a road map for the future that will help us put into place strategies that will ensure that we have a vibrant Jewish community in the future. In future articles, I will keep you apprised of the process as it unfolds. We hope you will complete the survey when you receive it and make sure we have your up to date email address so your voice can be heard.

October Events with The University of Kentucky Jewish Studies Program

*Moosnick Events **Nov. 4, 2015** Dr. Lawrence H. Schiffman, Professor of Hebrew and Judaic Studies and Director of the Global Institute for Advanced Research in Jewish Studies at New York University "The Dead Sea Scrolls" Carrick Theatre, Transylvania University 7 p.m.

Nov. 5, 2015 Dr. Lawrence H. Schiffman, Professor of Hebrew and Judaic Studies and Director of the Global Institute for Advanced Research in Jewish Studies at New York University "The Bible and Interpretation of the Dead Sea Scrolls" (Off Campus) 7 p.m. Temple Adath Israel

Nov. 18, 2015, Prof. Lee Levine "How and Why Did Jewish Art Flourish in Antiquity as Never Before" 4:30 p.m. W. T. Young Auditorium

Nov. 19, 2015, Prof. Lee Levine "Jews and Judaism in Late Antiquity (70 CE to 640 CE) - Decline or Vibrancy: A New Historical Paradigm" 7 p.m. Conference/First Lady's Room, Boone Center

Dec. 9, 2015, JHFE Scholars and Dr. Jan Fernheimer, Director of Jewish Studies "UK Jewish Life Celebrating the Sesquicentennial: A Report from the JHFE Jewish Kentucky Oral History Project"

(Campaign News, cont. from pg. 1) programs for teens, family life education, and cultural and social programs for retirees.

We hope that you have made your annual gift already. If for some reason we have not reached you, please call us at the office. We would love to talk with you and tell you more about where your contributions can go. In addition, during November and December you will have the option of making your gift on line through the GoodGiving campaign sponsored by the Blue Grass Community Foundation and Smiley Pete Publishing of which we are a part. For further information, please call Judy Wortman at 268-0572 or email jfb@jewishlexington.org.

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ASK JFS

By Mimi Kaufman

There was a recent article in the Courier-Journal about Kentucky nursing homes seeking less regulation, because they believe regulations are heavy-handed and excessive. There probably are some issues with the regulatory process and fines associ-

ated with violations; however, it concerns me when I hear that we are questioning regulations for the care provided to our most vulnerable citizens. There are roughly 23,000 frail, elderly and disabled people living in Kentucky nursing homes. Through years of personal and professional experience, I have witnessed patients getting wonderful and sometimes not so wonderful care. I could fill the entire November *Shalom* edition with stories. This is a serious matter.

The point of this article is not to discuss and pick apart the problems and lobbying of the nursing home regulatory process, but just to take a minute and remember that those in nursing homes are vulnerable. As community and family members, we should visit our family and friends often. Check in to be sure that needs are getting met, "rattle some chains" as an old friend of mine used to say when referring to checking in on her elderly mother. But the key is rattling chains in a nice and respectful manner. I would recommend visiting as much as you can and also becoming friendly with the staff so that they know you.

There are some things you can do if you know that you are going to need a nursing facility for your loved one. Typically, patients are in the hospital first when they need continued nursing care. The hospital discharge planner should ask family if they have a preference to which nursing facility they would like to try. It is totally appropriate to visit and tour facilities so that you can make an informed choice. Ask questions about issues that concern you.

Here are some helpful websites that keep tabs on how facilities are doing:

The Federal Government offers a rating system for facilities at <https://www.Medicare.gov/nursinghome-compare>

The Inspector General's office for Cabinet for Health and Family Services has inspection reports at <http://chfs.ky.gov/os/oig/>

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.

(*Global Day* continued from page 1) several workshops to choose from, led by community members, and of course a workshop sponsored by Jewish Family Services.

Our children will also have opportunities for great learning. The religious schools from Ohavay Zion Synagogue and Temple Adath Israel will come together to explore the theme. We will have a PJ Library program.

Click here to see all the partners of Global Day of Jewish Learning, such as Jewish Federations of North America, PJ Library, Rabbinical Assembly: The Worldwide Association of Conservative/Masorti Rabbis, Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association, and Union for Reform Judaism. Contact talia@jewishlexington.org with questions about our local Global Day of Jewish Learning.

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Beersheba – A War of Independence Veteran Returns

By Eric W. Blaustein

In May 2015, I was finally able to go on my long-planned nostalgic visit to Israel. My first entry into Israel was in 1948 when I volunteered to join the Israeli army to help in the defense of the newly independent Jewish homeland. Since then I have visited Israel many times, but this trip was different. I am approaching the 90th decade of my life and I wanted to see once more some of the places I helped to conquer. Lieutenant Blaustein was ready for action again, only this time with a cane.

My son had made the arrangements for the trip, and little did I know that everywhere I went he had arranged a welcoming committee for the old War of Independence veteran. It was somewhat embarrassing but, I admit, it was also enjoyable. I visited many of the old battle locations, and most of them had changed beyond recognition. It was "pure fun in memory-land".

The last stop, also the most enjoyable one, was a visit to Beersheba. In 1948, my army unit had played a major role in capturing the city, and my return visit 67 years later was full of anticipation. As it developed, the visit started with a whimper and ended on a very high note. Here is the story:

Our first stop in Beersheba had actually nothing to do with my military experiences in the city. My escort insisted that I first visit a new museum dedicated to the biblical Patriarch Abraham. The place was really very new, and all it had to show was a ten-minute movie

about Abraham's sojourn in Beersheba and an old well, supposedly dug by Abraham himself. Well, maybe. There are a few wells in Beersheba, at least seven, why not this one?

Yet the place outside the museum looked familiar. After I got my bearings I realized that in 1948, about 200 feet south of here, I had spent two weeks in a fox-hole which after the capture of Beersheba constituted the new Israeli frontline in the south. Even the old Turkish viaduct was still there. The first night in the new position we mistook the support columns of the viaduct for advancing enemies ready to attack us and we blasted them with withering fire. Sure enough,

the bullet-chipped stones of the viaduct columns still attested to the trigger-happiness of the B-Company.

But this was all that was left here of my presence in 1948. Where there had once been only a desert landscape there was now a whole district of apartment buildings, with tree-lined streets. Oh Beersheba, you have changed for the better! I even forgive you the tacky Abraham museum.

Since there was nothing else to see here I suggested we move on to the real battle

sites, northwest of the present old city. The old Turkish railroad station which my company had stormed in 1948 is now a railroad museum. It has a nice Middle Eastern restaurant and the grounds around it are used for outdoor entertainment.

The tank trench which the Egyptians had dug in front of the railroad station and which had stopped the first attack by Israeli forces has been (*continued page 6*)



Eric Blaustein in front of the old Turkish railway station in Beersheba, Israel. The station is now a restaurant and entertainment venue. Photo by: Oded Blaustein.

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(Beersheba, continued from page 4) filled in and is now a busy city street. The whole area which used to be open desert land is now part of the city and is built up with rather fancy high-rise apartment buildings. Even so, the place had retained enough of the old features to allow me to visualize myself popping out of the old tank trench and running after the fleeing Egyptian defenders.

After snapping out of memory land, my travel companions and I did the sensible thing and had lunch at the station restaurant.

The first surprise happened before we even had finished our lunch. A local reporter arrived to talk to the visiting War of Independence officer who had fought in the conquest of Beersheba, at this very railroad station. It turned out that she was looking for me.

By now, I was smart enough to know that all this had been prearranged by my son who was my tour guide and driver. Happily I played along and enjoyed every minute of it. I dutifully provided the very young reporter lady with my memories of the battle at the railroad station. That evening I saw myself on Facebook news.

After lunch we moved on, keeping to the way along which my unit had advanced in 1948. This led us through the British World War I cemetery. Here my unit had drawn fire from an Egyptian rearguard unit. The grave stones provided plenty of cover, and I had ducked behind one of the stones. I remembered that the name on the stone was Captain Rosenberg, of the 2nd Australian Light Cavalry, who died in battle in 1915. I also remembered that the grave was either in row 4 or row 5. After some searching, I located the place.

While I was ducking behind the grave stone in 1948, two bullets had hit it. By now the chips in the stone had been repaired. From the location of the chips it was obvious, though, that Captain Rosenberg's grave stone had kept me out of harm's way. Or was it Captain Rosenberg himself? I thanked the good Captain by saying Kaddish in his honor.

We moved on in the direction of the citadel, the British Taggart Fort, which was not easy going. In 1948 this had been an open area. Now it was built up with houses. The concrete wall around the fortress was also gone and replaced by a double chain link fence, topped with barbed wire. In 1948 we climbed over the six-foot-high concrete wall. This time we walked around the fence and looked for a public entrance.

The official entrance was now from a city street, a part of the inner city. I remembered the location as outside of town, on the highway to Gaza. My real surprise was that the building was now a prison. Well, I was

disappointed, because one cannot go sightseeing inside a prison. In my disappointment I had not noticed that one of my travel companions had disappeared into the prison office. He reappeared a few minutes later with a police officer who addressed me directly: "Lieutenant Blaustein, welcome to Beersheba. Come with me. It will be a pleasure to show you the old fortress." And this is how I came to see the inside of the prison of Beersheba.

My primary interest was to get to the roof of the fortress where the Egyptian commander had surrendered in 1948, and where my unit had lowered the Egyptian flag and had hoisted our own flag with the Star of David.

I was daydreaming and looking up to the flagpole when the police officer asked me: "Were you the one who hoisted our flag?" I told the officer that it had not been me, but that I had handed the flag to the guy who did. The police officer thought for a moment and then asked suddenly: "Want to hoist the flag this time?" Noting my surprised look, he said with a smile: "I can give permission for you to do that, I am the officer of this shift."

With that the officer lowered the flag a few feet, handed me the draw chain and told me: "Go on, hoist the flag." Now I can actually boast hoisting the flag of Israel over the Citadel of Beersheba. Do I have to mention that it was not in 1948, but 67 years later?

(In 1948-49 Eric W. Blaustein participated in the battle of Hulikat which forced the Egyptian forces to mass their army in defense of Gaza, leaving Beersheba open to attack. He later participated in the conquest of Beersheba. In 1949, he served in the engineering corps, building the road from Beersheba to S'dom.)

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Charitable Contributions

By Marty Solomon

A very cost effective way to pay your dues to charitable institutions and make money at the same time is to donate appreciated stock that has been held for at least one year. Some people own shares of corporate stock that have risen in value over the years. For example, suppose that a person bought 10 shares of IBM stock in 1992 for \$22 per share or a total of \$220. Today, the value is almost \$150 per share. If those 10 shares are sold, the owner would receive \$1,500 but would be required to pay federal and state taxes on a gain of \$1,280.

But if the stock is donated to Temple Adath Israel, Ohavay Zion Synagogue or the Jewish Federation, the owner of the stock could claim a charitable deduction of \$1,500, plus the donor would pay no federal or state taxes on the transfer of stock.

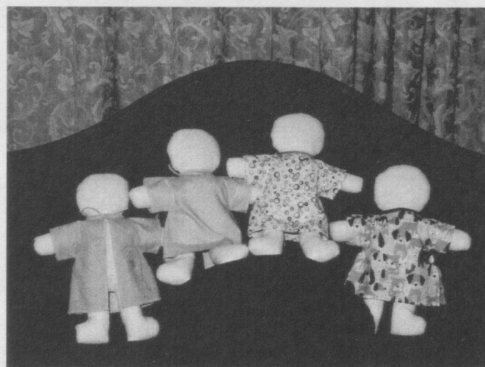
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Several people have been involved as "buddy builders" throughout the years. We still have two women who are making dolls. One of these women, who makes and donates many dolls, needs to cut back. We want to continue providing these dolls for the benefit of the children and as a way to help the community learn about Hadassah.

Ruth Scott has made several connections within the Lexington community to help keep this project going, but more people are needed. If you can sew and/or stuff dolls or would like to contribute for the purchase of materials, please contact Ruth at rascot0@yahoo.com or 859-277-3391.

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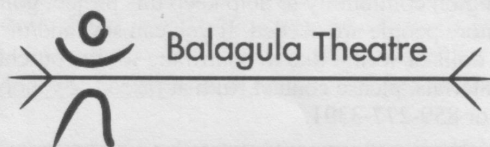
Kentucky Theatres Team Up to Revive LOVEMUSIK



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LEXINGTON, Ky. (August 8, 2015) – Two of Lexington's most dynamic theatre organi-

zations, Bluegrass Opera and Balagula Theatre, are joining forces to mount a newly revised script of Alfred Uhry's *Lovemusik*. Featuring Kurt Weill's original music ("Speak Low", "September Song", and "Surabaya Johnny", amongst many other songs), *Lovemusik* tells the unusual love story of brilliant composer Weill and his wild muse, actress Lotte Lenya, during the 1930s and 40s as they flee Nazi Germany and establish themselves as giants of the American stage. Directed by Gordon Earl Thomas, this play with music features some of Kentucky's best known performers, including Lorne Dechtenberg as Weill, Rachel Lee Rogers as Lenya, Pete Sears as Bertolt Brecht, and Robert Parks Johnson as George Davis. Pulitzer-, Oscar-, and Tony-winning writer Alfred Uhry will attend this Kentucky premiere production. Performances will be at the Farish Theater in the Lexington Public Library on Main Street with performances on November 13, 14, 19, 20, 21 at 7 p.m. and November 15, 22 at 2 p.m. Tickets available October 1st. Visit www.bluegrassopera.org, www.balagulatheatre.org, or call (859) 338-4323. \$25, \$15/students.



Kentucky Vision for Musical that Broadway Got Wrong

When *Lovemusik* premiered at Broadway's Biltmore Theater in 2007, it seemed impossible for the show to fail. Its creator, cast and crew were a who's-who of stage legends. Yet the show was universally panned by critics, and its run closed in less than two months. This November, The Bluegrass Opera, which has made an international name for itself by championing new and under-recognized musical stage works, and Balagula Theatre Company, an established troupe dedicated to avant-garde and non-traditional theatre, will join forces to mount the first professional run of the show since its ill-fated Broadway debut.

The musical, written by Pulitzer-, Oscar-, and Tony-winning writer Alfred Uhry (best known for *Driving Miss Daisy*) is based on the book *Speak Low* (When

You Speak Love): The Letters of Kurt Weill and Lotte Lenya, and it tells the story of the German composer and his complex relationship with the famous actress. Using a score comprised entirely of Weill's songs (orchestrated by Tony-winner Jonathan Tunick), the piece tells the moving, often-funny tale of a love that withstood infidelity, flight from the Nazi regime, and the brutality of the American entertainment industry. It was directed on Broadway by Tony-winner Harold Prince (*Phantom of the Opera*) and starred Tony-winners Michael Cerveris and Donna Murphy in the roles of Weill and Lenya, respectively.

"This is a wonderful piece of Brechtian theater," says Lorne Dechtenberg, Artistic Director of The Bluegrass Opera. "I have tremendous respect for the artists who brought it to life, but unfortunately, they didn't present it as Brechtian theater. They tried to make it into a spectacle, and that's why it failed. I think we can do a better job." And he may well be right. Dechtenberg has already been in touch with Uhry directly, and he has also talked to Daniel Kutner, Associate Producer with the Harold Prince Organization (who was Prince's assistant during the Broadway production). Uhry and Kutner provided a revised version of the script (which has not been officially published), as well as their enthusiastic blessing and their promise to attend the Lexington production in person.

"Uhry's writing is absolutely brilliant," says Dechtenberg, "and Weill's music is masterful. But no one wants to produce *Lovemusik* because of the bad reviews that it received. They're not willing to take a risk—not to mention pay the hefty licensing fee that a Broadway show commands—for a work that wasn't successful with all those big names behind it. We're grateful to both Mr. Uhry and the Harold Prince Organization for entrusting us with this new version of the work, and we're confident that we can help to bring it the recognition that it so richly deserves."

"I returned to my home state of Kentucky a few years ago and was overjoyed to find such a thriving theatre scene, but I've grown increasingly concerned with the sometimes fractured atmosphere of Lexington theatre," says Rachel Lee Rogers, Artistic Director of Balagula Theatre Company. "Theatre is the most collaborative of art forms, and our local audiences deserve a coalescing of the best that the area has to offer in terms of actors, singers, designers, and resources. To this end, I'm over the moon to help Balagula Theatre and Bluegrass Opera, two of our city's most popular and active producing entities, join forces on *Lovemusik*."

Rogers, who trained as a Meisner actor at Rutgers University and subsequently earned certification in Jacobean and Shakespearean Styles from the London

Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts, also founded the New Jersey company Shaking Will, which specialized in unique interpretations of classic material. She has been a long-time performing member of Balagula (which was founded in 2003) and, since assuming the position of Artistic Director last season, has been instrumental in guiding the company through administrative changes and increasing its viability as a producing Lexington arts entity.

Dechtenberg, an award-winning singer-actor who holds degrees in music composition and conducting, co-founded The Bluegrass Opera in 2008. In 2010, he and his Honeymoon Symphony were chronicled in the PBS documentary *Composer at Work*, an effort that brought together members of three orchestras at Lexington's Singletary Center for the Arts (and that continues to be broadcast on KET and KET-KY, channels owned by Kentucky's PBS affiliate).

The joint production of *LoveMusik*, in which Dechtenberg and Rogers will portray Weill and Lenya respectively, will be the pair's first time acting together, but not their first time working together. They met during late 2014, when Lexington artists suggested that Rogers read for a role in BgO's world premiere of William Diebels' operetta *ILLYRIA* (based on Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*). She played the lead role of Viola in that production, which Dechtenberg directed. Rogers is scheduled to appear in at least one other BgO show this season, and Dechtenberg will be appearing in a Balagula production. Both Balagula Theatre Company and The Bluegrass Opera are 501(c)(3) non-profit performing arts organizations. *Lovemusik* will take place on November 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, and 22 at the Farish Theater in the central branch of the Lexington Public Library. During the run, Dechtenberg will also give a lecture on Weill and his music, and Rogers will host a discussion based on her advanced training in Brechtian theater. Tickets are \$25, \$15 for students, and will go on sale Oct. 1.

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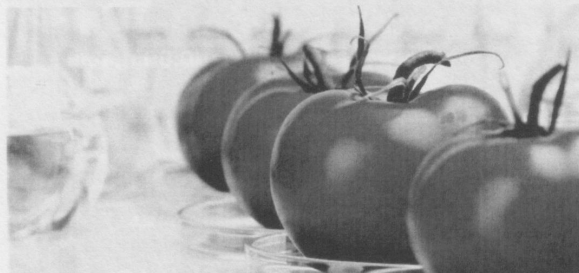
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ISRAEL21C: Israel's Galilee to become global food-tech powerhouse

New Jersey-Israel foods alliance will support scientific research, technology commercialization and startup incubation.

By Abigail Klein Leichman OCTOBER 11, 2015



The new collaboration will focus on formulating advanced edibles to tackle obesity and to manage diabetes, food allergies and other nutrition-related issues. Photo by www.shutterstock.com.

Israel's leading role in medical-device, biotechnology and agricultural innovation is now expanding to the emerging science of functional foods.

A new collaboration between Rutgers University in New Jersey and Tel-Hai College in Israel's Galilee region will focus on formulating advanced edibles to tackle obesity and to manage diabetes, food allergies and other nutrition-related issues spiking to epidemic proportions in developed countries.

The New Jersey-Israel Healthy, Functional and Medical Foods Alliance will support scientific research, technology commercialization, startup incubation and "a world-class business cluster for the development of the healthy, functional and medical foods industry" in both Israel and New Jersey, according to a memorandum of understanding signed on September 18 at the Rutgers Food Innovation Center, a business incubation and economic development program.

"Functional foods" are defined as having a health benefit beyond basic nutrition, while "medical foods" are meant to be consumed or administered under a physician's care. The related field of botanical drugs, also to be explored through the academic and business exchange, consists of vegetable, plant, plant algae or fungi to provide health and medical benefits.

Many Israeli companies are involved in food-tech but not in a dedicated hub.

"This could be an area with international recognition," says Erel Margalit, who spearheaded the alliance as a member of the Israeli Knesset's Economic Development Taskforce and a member of the nonprofit foundation Israel Initiative 2020. Margalit also founded Jerusalem Venture Partners (JVP) and was its manag-

ing partner from 1993 until 2011, when he entered politics.

"This is an amazing new frontier. If I were still running JVP I'd make a major fund around functional and medical foods, and I hope others will do so," said Margalit, speaking with ISRAEL21c from Boston, where he was meeting with potential investors in the public-private partnership.

"Israel's high-tech expertise was instrumental in the communications, big enterprise and medical equipment era, and it's about time we put this expertise to work in one of the biggest themes that the high-tech community needs to address worldwide: food and health."

Beersheva for cyber, Galilee for functional food

Margalit explains that the new initiative is the next step in his vision to develop seven "regions of excel-



Memo of understanding signers, from left, front row: Giora Salz, chairman of the Upper Galilee Regional Council; Yossi Mekori, incoming president of Tel-Hai College; Erel Margalit; and Rutgers School of Environmental and Biological Sciences Executive Dean Robert Goodman, also executive director of Rutgers NJAES. In the back row Lou Cooperhouse, director of the Rutgers Food Innovation Center; Mark Levenson, chair of the New Jersey-Israel Commission; Chris Molloy, senior VP of research & economic development at Rutgers; and Michele Brown, president and CEO of Choose New Jersey. Photo by Ron Sachs

lence" in economically underserved parts of Israel. Each one has a different focus.

He's already proven the concept in Jerusalem and Beersheva.

In Israel's capital city, it took the form of a business, social and cultural hub surrounding JVP headquarters, including JVP Media Quarter, The First Station, Zappa nightclub and Bakehila-JVP Community.

In Beersheva, the focus was making the unofficial capital of the Negev into a global cybersecurity innovation center. The nonprofit CyberSpark Industry Initiative, based in the new Advanced Technologies Park in Beersheva, is a joint venture of EMC, JVP Venture Capital Fund and Ben-Gurion University's technology transfer company.

"Just as we created an incentive package to bring multinationals like EMC, Cisco and Oracle to Beersheva through CyberSpark and now have 2,000 employees there in cyber-tech, we hope to bring multinationals such as Cargill, PepsiCo, GlaxoSmithKline, Abbott and others to the Galilee for food and therapeutic substances that they can create together," says Margalit.

"Why partner with Rutgers? We needed a world-class university to partner with us, and New Jersey is a state that has both food and pharmaceutical companies trying to come into the technology phase. So in this joint venture, Rutgers and Tel-Hai are the basis and there will be more partners. It will give work to graduates of the colleges in the Galilee, while now they have limited employment possibilities."

About a year ago, Margalit called a meeting of 20 mayors from the eastern Galilee, members of the regional business community, and administrators from regional institutes of higher education including Tel-Hai and Bar-Ilan University's medical school in Safed (Tzfat).

"It was more complicated to create a master plan for the Galilee than it was for Jerusalem or Beersheva, because it's all small villages and towns. My demand was that they get together and find what's unique there, and they agreed it is agriculture, food and life



Rutgers University in New Jersey, September 18, 2015. Credit: Ron Sachs

sciences — each interesting on its own but not game-changing. When you put them together, it becomes a major initiative and something unique."

Margalit envisions the Israeli government as an involved partner, perhaps issuing a tender for food-tech business incubators and matching investments from Israeli and international investors.

"We'll turn this into a major government plan," Margalit predicts. "We have a 70-page document that outlines every step of the way."

This article can be found online at <http://www.israel21c.org/israels-galilee-to-become-global-food-tech-power-house/>

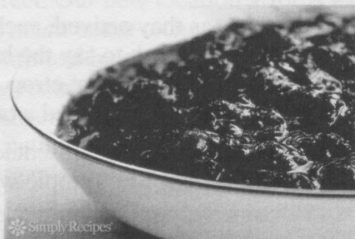
B'tayavon: Cranberry Sauce

By Vivian Bitensky

A
Thanksgiving
classic...

INGREDIENTS

12 ounces
cranberries
1 cup white sugar
1 cup orange juice



DIRECTIONS

In a medium sized saucepan over medium heat, dissolve the sugar in the orange juice. Stir in the cranberries and cook until the cranberries start to pop (about 10) minutes) Remove from heat and place sauce in a bowl. Cranberry sauce will thicken as it cools.

Enjoy!

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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

I have been thinking about leadership. What does it mean to lead, and why do some people become leaders? In particular, why have so many leaders in our Jewish community been members of the Lexington Havurah?

A phrase I hear at work (usually when discussing data mining): Correlation is not causation. The founders of the Havurah were risk takers, people who thought that they might be able to lead a small congregation on their own. New members join for different reasons: some like the intimacy of the services, and some find comfort or desired challenge in the rhythms of the services they have attended. I can imagine joining because the services are in people's homes, and those people have comfortable chairs. (This was very important to me when my back was hurting so badly!)

Members of our Havurah become leaders. We lead services. We organize onegs. Over the years, many, if not most, of us have served on the board. We plan services, educational events, and social events.

Does this mean you have to be a leader to join a Havurah? Not at all. It means you have to be willing to co-lead services, perhaps once a year. It means that you want to participate. (I was shocked to discover that there are Havurot which don't do round-robin readings at all!) A friend visited us for Yom Kippur, and said that she really enjoyed the services, but that there was less time than she was used to for quiet contemplation. I thought about it, and realized that part of my YK observances include a mid-afternoon introspection, between services. She is used to doing her introspection while a cantor sings.

As our membership ages, it is not clear how long the Lexington Havurah will continue. I urge you to join us for services sometime this year. Our services in recent years have not been so radical as they once were, but they are still member-led. We have nourished many leaders and participants over the years. It is time to build institutions --- or just habits --- to nourish future ones.

As for me, leading services was a terrifying thought when I arrived here. Others worked with me and

taught me, and I found niches where I could contribute, despite my inability to read Hebrew at a first-grade level or to carry a tune. I've been honored to contribute to Shalom over the years. It has sometimes forced me to think and articulate what it means to me to participate in a Jewish life. I have learned a lot, and continue to do so, from my participation in the Havurah.

Our next event will be the Hanukkah fried-stuff (latkes, sufganiyot) party. Bring your menorah and a potluck contribution and join us for a light-filled evening! For practical details such as time and place, please contact Gail Cohen by email at gail.cohen@twc.com.

Lexington Havurah celebrates Sukkot

By Hanna B. Smith

The Lexington Havurah met on October 4, 2015 for its annual Sukkot event at the home of Rabbi Uriel and Hanna Smith. Over the years Havurah members have helped each other build sukkot at their homes making sure that every member family had their own sukkah if they so desired.

On October 4, as they arrived, each Havurah member entered the sukkah to say the blessings, shake the lulav, and smell the fragrant etrog. Following these ceremonies, the group enjoyed a tasty potluck lunch.

After lunch, Rabbi Smith presented the day's educational component whose topic was "the Noahite covenant as compared to the Sinai covenant." A lively discussion ensued about the meaning of these two covenants in today's world. Riki Reichman, this year's guest from Israel, presented an Israeli's view which the group appreciated very much.

Further Havurah events planned for 2015 are an Oneg Shabbat in November and a Hanukkah party on Sunday, December 6. For information about time and place about Havurah events, please contact Gail Cohen at (859) 272-1459, or by email at gail.cohen@twc.com.

(Photos from the Havurah Sukkot celebration can be found on page 17.)

THE LEXINGTON CHAPTER OF HADASSAH

Melanie Shapiro, President

Dear Hadassah Friends,

Colored leaves, shorter days, lower temperatures and crisp, dry air all remind us of the delights of fall. On Sunday, November 1, the clocks "fall back" an hour and, in a sense, we get to redo time. I've often thought how wonderful it would be if we could only get a second chance at a period of time. Could our human actions have changed things for the better?

November 9th will be the 76th anniversary of Kristallnacht, night of state-sponsored vandalism of all things Jewish in Germany and Austria. If the world had a "do-over," would it have reacted with more indignant horror and not written the Third Reich a blank check? Veteran's Day is celebrated on a Tuesday this year, not moved to a Monday. Why? Because the "War to End All Wars" ended at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month: November 11. If the Treaty of Versailles had been more constructive and less vindictive or had the U.S. Senate voted to join the League of Nations, would millions not have suffered and died in wars since 1918?

The leaders and members of Hadassah who came before us made many wise decisions and changes, if not "do-overs." Last year Hadassah's National Offices moved to 40 Wall Street. Our new location affords us more efficient space, much better technology and great security. With the continued help of all our donors, most of our operating rooms in the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Hospital Tower are now open, allowing increased benefits to patients and increased revenue to Hadassah Medical Organization.

Because I don't expect to get any do-overs anytime soon, I will concentrate with you on finishing out 2015 as the best Lexington Hadassah year ever! Our mighty little chapter is well on its way to meeting its annual fundraising and membership goals. I must thank the outgoing executive board consisting of Dianne Bazell, Evalyn Block, Jane Chaput, Kathy Feinberg, Kathie Kroot, Betty Nigoff and Linda Ravvin, for their time and dedication to our chapter's pursuits over the past two years. The Tribute Dinner for Judy and Stanley Saxe held in September was an unprecedented success as we raised money for Hadassah and paid this wonderful couple a well deserved honor. Friends and family reached out from all around the country and the world to let the Saxes know just how loved and admired they are. Kudos must be given to the chair and committee who spent over a year planning every

detail: Ruth Scott (chair), Jane Chaput, Vinnie Dubilier, Gail Cohen, Judy Saxe and me.

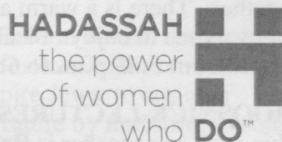
As we head towards Thanksgiving, we are thankful for our new members since last month's column appeared: Danielle Rosenkrantz, Heidi Simons and Katherine Miller. We are so happy to have them and want to do everything in our power to make their Hadassah experience a meaningful one. Don't forget that if you are a life member or associate, you can "gift" a one-year Hadassah membership to any woman age 17 or over until December 31, 2015 at no cost to you! Share the power of Hadassah with someone special in your life who has a heart for making the world a better place. Check out Hadassah.org to enroll your gifted member.

Don't miss the Chanukah Party on December 10th at the home of Kathy Feinberg. This is always a special occasion full of laughter and fun! It is also our annual "mitzvah" to collect toys and items needed for the patients at Kentucky Children's Hospital. A complete list of suggested items will be sent with your invitation, or you can contact Ruth Scott at rascot0@uky.edu for ideas. January 2016 will bring a new executive board installation (check back next month for details), our 3rd annual Hadassah Shabbat, the popular Women's Seder, new books to read and discuss for the Hadassah Book Club, and so much more.

If you are planning your end-of-year giving, please remember that all gifts, no matter the size, are appreciated and needed to carry on Hadassah's mission. Please contact Jane Chaput, VP of fundraising at chaput1@windstream.net or the Hadassah Donor Hotline at 800-928-0685 for advice. Your gifts of love and time are valued above all. May your pie crusts be crispy and your turkey be cooked to perfection. And take comfort, you will get a redo next year!

B'Shalom,

Melanie



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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!

KABBALAT SHABBAT

Please join us on **Friday, November 13th at 5:30 p.m.** for our Kabbalat Shabbat Services. What a terrific way to begin the weekend, 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 on **Friday, November 20 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: December 18, 2015; Jan. 15, Feb. 19, March 18, April 15, May 20 2016.

For more info or to RSVP, email [Dominique Olbert](mailto:Dominique.Olbert@ohavayzion.org).

STEWART HOME KABBALAT SHABBAT

Please join us for a brief but spirited Shabbat service on **Friday, November 13 at 5:30 p.m.** as our friends from Stewart Home come for a visit. For more information please call the OZS office at 266-8050 or email at office@ozs.org. All are welcome!

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!

MOOSNICK LECTURES

This year, our speaker is **Professor Lawrence H. Schiffman**, Professor of Hebrew and Judaic Studies and Director of the Global Institute for Advanced Research in Jewish Studies at New York University.

Dr. Schiffman is **one of the world's leading authorities** on the **Dead Sea Scrolls** and author of many books, including *Reclaiming the Dead Sea Scrolls* and *Sectarian Law in the Dead Sea Scrolls, Courts, Testimony and the Penal Code*.

His presentation at **Transylvania University** will be on **Wednesday, November 4 at 7 p.m.** in **Carrick Theater**. The title for his talk is "The Dead Sea Scrolls: Judaism and Christianity."

The following lecture will be at Temple Adath Israel on Thursday, November 5 at 7 p.m. he will lecture on the topic "The Bible and Its Interpretation in the Dead Sea Scrolls."

[ADDED DATE! See page 16 for a full schedule!]

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 Monday** 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 OZS, 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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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 November 7th and 21st.**

TALMUD STUDY

We are studying the Pirke Avot, a section of the Talmud 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 November 14th and 28th.**

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 November 14th, 21st and 28th (Bar Mitzvah on November 7th).**

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Here we are in November – the leaves have changed, the weather has turned colder, and it is time to give thanks! I want to take this time to thank numerous people – my Board members who keep me on track and in the moment, the members who bring themselves to our events and add fun and conversation to our outings, the members who are not able to come to our events for various reasons, but who still have us in

their hearts, and everyone at the Temple who supports us – Rabbi Wirtschafter, John McDonald, and Rachel Estep, who sets up and cleans up every Oneg (she insists she doesn't mind doing it, but please lend a hand wherever you can!)

Thank you to those who joined us for our co-sponsored Women's Financial Seminar with Ben Kaufmann. It was very informative and we so appreciate Ben taking the time to educate us! I would also like to give a big thanks to OZS Sisterhood. We had a wonderful time with them at our Wine and Canvas painting event. We ate, we drank and we painted! Everyone went home with a beautiful work of art. We look forward to getting together with OZS again in the near future.

If you are not yet a member and would like to join us, please call or get in touch with Laura Creamer – lcreamer1@hotmail.com or 269-2979.

Without you we are one member short!

GENERATION TAI

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:

November 6th (Friday) – Potluck Dinner. Theme is brunch/dinner.

Please contact Reva Schottenstein at rschott86@hotmail.com or call her at 859-221-9473 to reserve your seat.

BAR MITZVAH

Joshua Zeefe – November 7th, 2015

ATTENTION PROUD GRAND-PARENTS, PARENTS, & STUDENTS

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

--- AROUND THE COMMUNITY ---

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

Mazal Tov to:

- To Larry Bitensky, Chair of the Music Program at Centre College. Larry was recently honored as the W. George Matton Professor of Music. Bitensky joined Centre's faculty in 1998, specializing in composition, music theory, musicianship and world music. In 2012, he was named a Centre Scholar, an honor that recognizes faculty who exemplify excellence in teaching, scholarly work and contribution to the College community. In the spring of 2014 Larry was promoted to full professor. That October, he was named the 2014 winner of the American Prize in Composition in the professional band/wind ensemble division for his piece entitled Fearsome Critters, which was commissioned by the best performing artists, ensembles and composers in the nation.
- To Will Crane and Beth Bronner on their marriage.
- To Jonathan Salomon and Caroline Kirk who were married on September 27, 2015 at Calistoga Ranch in the Napa Valley. Caroline and Jon are both attorneys in Louisville, KY.
- To Ben Ezrine and Jess Portugal on their marriage.

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Moosnick Lecture Series 5776



Dr. Lawrence H. Schiffman

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Wednesday, November 4
"The Dead Sea Scrolls"

7:00 PM

at Carrick Theatre, Transylvania University

Thursday, November 5
"Halakhic Perspectives on the Dead Sea Community,
A conversation with Professor Lawrence Schiffman"

12:00 Noon

at Ohavay Zion Synagogue, 2048 Edgewater Court

Thursday, November 5
"The Bible and Interpretation of the Dead Sea Scrolls"

7:00 PM

at Temple Adath Israel, 124 N. Ashland Avenue

The Lexington Havurah Sukkot



The Smith Sukkah: Judy Saxe, Andy Klapper, and Hanna Smith are entering the Sukkah at Hanna and Rabbi Uri Smith's home on October 4. Photo credit: Steve Shedlofsky.



"Shaking the Lulav" in the Smith sukkah. From left to right: Trevor Brown, Minna Katz-Brown, Judy Goldsmith, Riki Reichman, Dianne Bazell. Photo credit: Steve Shedlofsky.



"Havurah members meet in the Sukkah at the home of Rabbi Uriel and Hanna Smith." [seated] Rabbi Uriel Smith, Hanna Smith [standing] Larry Kant, Trevor Brown, Minna Katz-Brown, Judy Goldsmith, Riki Reichman, Dianne Bazell, Stanley Saxe, Judy Saxe. Photo credit: Steve Shedlofsky.



"Havurah members meet for a study session" Pictured: [from left to right] Dianne Bazell, Riki Reichman, Judy Saxe, Kathy Feinberg, Rabbi Smith, David Feinberg, Larry Kant. Photo credit: Steve Shedlofsky.

JELLI Returns!

The Jewish Education Lexington Learning Institute is back. Save these dates: December 6 and 13 3 to 5 pm at Ohavay Zion Synagogue

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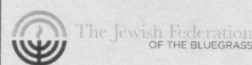
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Lunch and Learn with our
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November 24 with Rabbi Uri Smith

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