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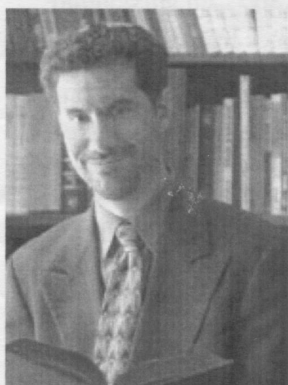
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Temple Adath Israel Welcomes Rabbi David Wirtschafter Home

By Jonathan Miller



When Thomas Wolfe penned "You Can't Go Home Again," he hadn't met former Kentucky Governor A. B. "Happy" Chandler who wisely observed "I never met a Kentuckian who wasn't coming home."

Indeed the arrival this summer of Rabbi David Wirtschafter to the pulpit at Temple Adath Israel is an ultimate homecoming.

On July 1, Rabbi Wirtschafter will become the first native Lexingtonian to serve as permanent spiritual leader of a synagogue in his hometown. Spending the first seven years of his life in Lexington, David was consecrated and attended religious school at Temple Adath Israel, while attending St. Peter Claver Montessori and Cassidy Elementary for his secular education.

The fourth of five children, Rabbi Wirtschafter was raised by two deeply respected leaders in our community. His father, the late Dr. Jonathan Wirtschafter, was first Jewish Department Chair at University of Kentucky Medical School, founding its Ophthalmology Department. His mother, Carol Wirtschafter, founded the Jewish Federation's Camp Shalom along with several friends, and served as its first director. The family was jointly affiliated, and older brothers Jacob and Benjamin led their bar mitzvot under the tutelage of the legendary Rabbi Bernard Schwab at Ohavay Zion Synagogue.

The Wirtschafter family left Lexington for Minneapolis, MN in 1978, and Rabbi David later graduated from Brandeis University, and was ordained by HUC-JIR in 1997. After serving congregations in New York and California, David has lived in Minneapolis since 2008, where he has served as Rabbi in Residence for the Minneapolis Jewish Day School, Scholar-in-Residence for The Jay Phillips Center for Interfaith Learning and part-time Rabbi for the Ames Jewish Congregation in Iowa.

But Kentucky never left David's heart – he continues to this day to root for his beloved Wildcats and has always considered Lexington his hometown.

So when a rabbinic vacancy occurred at (continued, pg. 2)

Temple Adath Israel Bids a Fond Farewell to Rabbi Daniel Roberts and Elaine Rembrandt

By Deborah Nelson

Please join Temple Adath Israel as we bid a fond farewell to Rabbi Daniel Roberts and his wife, Elaine Rembrandt as they prepare to return to their home in Cleveland. Rabbi Roberts will lead his final service at TAI on June 26th, followed by a "chocolate oneg." Although Rabbi Roberts' tenure as interim rabbi lasted only one year, he and Elaine have established a presence that will continue at TAI and in the broader Lexington Jewish community for years to come.

Since Rabbi Roberts began at TAI in July of 2014, he has guided the temple with calm wisdom through a year of transition, shared his gentle good humor, and brought extraordinary spiritual comfort to many congregants. He helped TAI to identify its strengths and continuing challenges, including the great potential for Lexington Jewry to work together for a stronger community. Rabbi Roberts also helped to introduce new initiatives such as JELLI, a cooperative adult learning effort of TAI and OZS, and TAI's peanut butter and jelly onegs (continued pg. 2)

CAMPAIGN NEWS

Camp Shalom 2015 opens July 20

That time is here again. Campers and staff alike will be back at Camp Shalom for another season of exciting activities, Jewish learning, and celebration. This year our camp director Tamara Ohayon is returning along with assistant director Dani Rosenkrantz, and we will again reside at Camp Shawano. Camp Shalom is one of the Federation's flagship programs. Almost all of our local families have had a child or grandchild participating since the camp was established in 1968. For many of these children, particularly those who are not yet enrolled in religious school, being in camp is the only time they are with lots of other Jewish children. This is quite a change from the school environment in which they may be the only Jewish child in the class. Although families do pay tuition, the costs of operating camp are heavily subsidized by the Federation campaign. Because of this subsidy, we have been able to operate at a high staff per camper ratio ensuring that children are carefully supervised. In addition, campaign funds are utilized to pay for scholarships for families in need. No child has ever been turned away from camp because of an inability to pay. (continued, pg. 3)



Director's Report

Judy B. Wortman

Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass aids the Jewish community in the Ukraine

At the March meeting of the Jewish Federation Board of Directors, the board unanimously agreed to send an additional \$1,300 to the Jewish Federations of

North America to help our fellow Jews in the Ukraine. Each federation was asked to allocate additional funds beyond our usual allocation to JFNA for overseas needs to assist the estimated 350,000 Jewish living in the Ukraine. The amount requested was based on the size and the campaign of each community.

The Ukraine has been torn apart for the last year, and the conflict has resulted in economic and political instability. Thousands have been forced to flee their homes in eastern Ukraine. Others remained trapped in the battle-torn region. For decades, the Ukrainian Jewish community has depended on the support of the Jewish Federations. Now the American Jewish community has responded to the crisis by establishing the Ukraine Assistance Fund that is meeting the immediate needs of Ukrainian Jews and facilitating aliyah for those who want to relocate.

Through this fund we are able to deliver food, medicine and emergency home care services for tens of thousands of Jews. We provided the nearly 7000 Jews who had to flee their homes or who remain trapped in conflict zones with basic necessities and trauma support and related services, to help them survive in radically changed living circumstances. We provided funds for security services for Jewish schools, synagogues, and community centers. In addition we have assisted those who have decided to move to Israel by providing transportation and housing for the new immigrants in Israel. As always, our community has responded to the crisis. If you would like to make an additional gift to the Ukraine Assistance Fund, we would welcome your support.



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(TAI Welcomes, cont. from pg. 1) Temple Adath Israel, Rabbi Wirtschafter leaped at the chance to lead our congregation. The feeling was mutual. As the board representative on the temple's rabbinic search committee, I can attest that we interviewed nearly a dozen potential candidates – an outstanding and diverse roster, giving all of us great hope for the future of Reform Judaism. But even among this stellar group, David stood out as singularly impressive.

A congregation-wide open house gave him exceptional marks, and after impressing all of the Temple leadership, the search committee unanimously recommended his hiring. Unanimous votes from the Temple's board of directors and its annual meeting soon followed. After transcending a difficult time of transition, there's a buzz in the air at the Temple, as we are all excited to see what David's dynamic leadership will bring to the congregation and the community.

Best yet, the Jewish community gets a 4 for 1 deal. David's very impressive wife, Shana Lisa Sippy, is a Professor of Comparative Religions, and they boast two outstanding children: Zachariah Wirtschafter Sippy, age 15 and Emanuelle Wirtschafter Sippy, age 12.

Those of us who have gotten to know David and his family over the past few months are thrilled that the Wirtschafters will be joining us soon. We encourage all members of the Jewish community to reach out to Rabbi Wirtschafter when he joins us in July.

And be sure to say: "Welcome back home!"

(TAI Bids Farewell, cont. from pg. 1) that provide sandwiches for the homeless. As worship leader, Rabbi Roberts conveyed the sense that each Shabbat we are receiving the Torah at Mount Sinai and a deep gratitude for divine gifts as expressed in the prayer *modim anachnu lach*.

Among Elaine's many wonderful qualities, TAI will remember her warm smile, kind words, dedication to helping the less fortunate, and her always beautiful, colourful jackets. Whether greeting congregants at Shabbat services, teaching Sunday school, attending committee meetings, playing mah-jong or just lending a helping hand, Elaine has warmed just about every room in the temple and many others in Lexington. Congregants also experienced a taste of Elaine's theatre background in her flair for reading during services.

Rabbi Roberts reports that he and Elaine have come to feel at home at TAI and in Lexington's fabulous extended Jewish community: "There is truly such a thing as Southern hospitality and we have experienced it in a big way." They are "far richer" for their

experience in Lexington and will miss, among many things, the music at TAI, daily walks at Griffin Gate, visits to the Toyota factory and bourbon distilleries, the state's beautiful scenery, history, horses, and, OF COURSE, UK basketball and the spirit of the whole city during basketball season. However, both have old friends and many activities to enjoy upon returning to Cleveland. Elaine's activities will include gardening and being a docent at the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage while Rabbi's will include telling stories to third grade Jewish day schoolers, playing racquetball, publicizing his book on clergy retirement, and being a rabbi on a cruise ship that travels from Buenos Aires, through Antarctica, to Chile. "It is tough work but someone has to bring Hanukkah to the High Seas."

When asked what might entice them back to Lexington for a visit, Rabbi responded, "An invitation for some special occasion or a driving trip to Florida where we could stop and refresh our souls by visiting people we have come to adore."

(Campaign News, cont. from pg. 1)

Community members have helped subsidize camp costs in a number of ways beside their annual campaign gift. Some have given funds specifically for scholarships. Others have contributed to the Dill Darlington Fund to help provide supplies and the Anita Morris Fund for staff development. Several families have contributed funds to pay for Camp Shalom t-shirts.

We are also grateful to the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, a foundation in Louisville, for funding most of the costs of camp transportation and the salaries of our Jewish program specialist and camp nurse. Thank you to the Jewish Heritage Fund and to our generous donors for supporting our children and providing them with a joyous Camp Shalom experience.

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ASK JFS

Mimi Kaufman

It is estimated that Alzheimer's disease impacts more than 15 million family members, friends and caregivers in America. It is the most common form of diagnosed dementia. Dementia is a general term for the loss of memory and other intellectual abilities

serious enough to interfere with daily life. There are several other types of dementia. If you or a loved one are experiencing memory difficulties in such a way that they are interfering with daily life, I would encourage you to talk to your physician. Also, you can get guidance from the Alzheimer's Association.

The Alzheimer's Association is the world's leading volunteer health organization in Alzheimer's care, support, and research. Their mission is to eliminate the disease through advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. The association has a network of local chapters throughout the country. Our local chapter provides services to 125 counties across greater Kentucky and southern Indiana.

The Alzheimer's Association offers a variety of programs and services. They have a very informative website that has event calendars, current support group listings, and research updates. If you have a loved one that you suspect has a memory disorder, visit www.alz.org/kyin

There is also a helpline that is toll free anytime day or night 1-800-272-3900. The helpline can connect you with staff that can help with:

- Understanding memory loss, dementia, and Alzheimer's Syndrome.
- Medication and other treatment options
- General information about aging and brain health
- Skills to provide quality care and to find the best care from professionals
- Legal, financial and living-arrangement decisions.

Correction:

In the President's Message of the May issue of *Shalom*, it was Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel who marched with Dr. King and Father Hesburgh, not Rabbi Theodore Heschel.

Letter to the Editor

There is much with which to disagree in Gary Yarus' op-ed letter in the April Shalom newspaper. The first is the idea that Palestinian refugee status was the "negative result of expulsion, flight, and defeat," as if to suggest it was the nascent state of Israel that expelled them. In fact, 170,000 Arabs chose to remain in Israel at its founding, while 725,000 chose to flee because of the war that the surrounding Arab states started.

Israeli Arabs now number over a million with full status as Israeli citizens. They vote (both men and women), they serve in the government, and they teach at the universities. They are not required to serve in the IDF, but some do nonetheless. Most of them are loyal citizens and rarely engage in terrorist activities. While it is true that the socioeconomic circumstances of the Israeli Arabs are not up to those of the Israeli Jews, it is not because the Jews exclude them from any of the professions or deny them the opportunity to pursue their interests. For these reasons, I would hardly call them "second-class citizens," as does Mr. Yarus.

Mr. Yarus makes the point that the ideal of Jewish statehood and the ideal of democracy are mutually exclusive. He says, "Israel will be Jewish, yes, but hardly democratic." I would respond that it is not uncommon for nations to try to maintain a majority population that reflects its religious and cultural character, and yet function as a democracy. That is why Pakistan is a majority Muslim country, and India majority Hindu. The western democracies are founded on Greco-Roman political principles and Judeo-Christian ethical principles. That is why there is pushback against the establishment of Sharia law by Muslim minorities, and yet Muslims maintain their human rights in those countries.

Mr. Yarus puts Israel's Independence Day and Nakba Day on equal footing and suggests that "the Nakba must be absorbed into the Jewish mainstream consciousness." Believe me, it has already been burned into the Jewish consciousness many times since the inception of the Jewish state. Independence Day celebrates the creation of Israel; Nakba Day hopes for its destruction. That is not a premise from which the two sides can have "authentic dialogue."

But however much I disagree with the points Gary Yarus makes, I fully support his right to express them. The editorial staff at Shalom was right to print his letter in the first place and should not have bowed to the outcry of those who found his ideas uncomfortable. One can make the case that Mr. Yarus seems to have an anti-Israel and pro-Palestinian bias, but I think he is sincere in what he believes, albeit misguided. His letter does not rise to the level of "hate speech," where

one deliberately tells an untruth in order to do harm. That would certainly be reason not to publish it. But it is not hate speech if it is simply speech that one hates. Tolerance should run in both directions.

David Marwil

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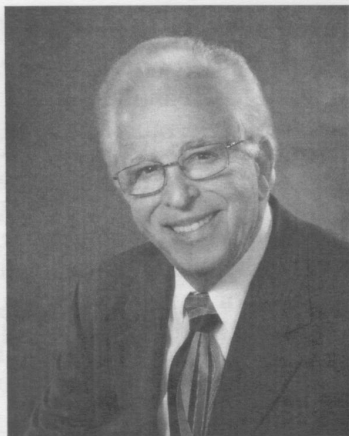
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Ask a Rabbi— Rabbi Daniel Roberts

Question : Rabbi, my child and I are embroiled in a long conversation about Cremation vs. Burial. In my mind there are numerous reasons for cremation, but my child furiously opposes it. Please help me understand why I should not be cremated.

Answer: I thank you for being open-minded enough to listen to another point of view. The newly popular practice of cremating among the Jewish community is due to both feelings of taking up green space, as well as thoughts about the practicalities of cost.

Need I remind you that Judaism has never condoned cremation, although, scattered as we were, we have lived among many cultures where cremation was popular. Our belief has always been, as we find in the Book of Genesis (3:19), ***By the sweat of your brow shall you eat bread until you return unto the ground, from which you were taken: For you are dust, and to the dust shall you return.*** This relationship between the body and the ground has molded Jewish law from the Torah and the Talmud for thousands of years. Our belief and, ultimately, our practice is that our bodies do not belong to us, but rather that they were a gift from God, lent to us for our use. They are not to be abused and are to be returned to the earth as the other creatures of the world. Cremation was an abomination practiced by the pagans. We choose to honor the remains of a loved one by lovingly washing the body and accompanying it to the grave; both are a Mitzvah. For those who believe in resurrection, (you might not believe in it, but perhaps your child or your grandchild does) intentional cremation (versus those who died in the Holocaust) according to traditional belief puts one outside of the possibility of a place in the World to Come. So perhaps you do not subscribe to the dominant Jewish belief of resurrection, but why would you impose your beliefs upon the very people you love and who care for you by denying them the thought that perhaps someday they will meet you again in the Olam HaBa (the World to Come)? So I say to you that if it is important to them as survivors of your death, then I believe it it should be important to you.

Much of mourning is psychological. It is an adjustment to a new world without you. You should not do anything to harm your loved ones psychologically with your last act on earth. Let them decide how to the

handle your death.

I am sure you have thought, as we all have, about who will come and visit your grave in the years to come. Maybe you have thought about having your ashes scattered over a favorite place. Well, let me offer another thought. I begin with the Midrash (Sotah 34b) about Caleb on his way home from scouting out the Promised Land. The Midrash tells us that Caleb detoured to visit the graves of Abraham and Sarah. There, standing at the Machpela, the cave where they were buried, Caleb found the strength and courage to stand up to the negative reports of the 10 other spies. It was there that he felt the connection to his ancestors and the mission they have been given. As you probably know yourself, there have been moments in your life when you have been pulled to return to the graves of your loved ones. Maybe it hasn't been often, but something deep in your soul has brought you to stand there, needing to reflect over the memorial stone that speaks to you of a life lived. So, why would you deny that opportunity to your children who also have this need? Very often when visiting a grave with a grown child, so many wonderful memories spill out, telling stories of the loved one's uniqueness and what they accomplished in the world.

If modern science is correct and we each have a unique blueprint of DNA, then cremation will wipe out your uniqueness. So in the physical sense, after cremation the living person is as if he/she never existed. There is no trace left of human DNA. It's like wiping out your spiritual DNA afterlife.

I could go on and on with Jewish sources and statements, but I only appeal to you to give serious consideration to those who will be mourning your loss, to those who love you and what their needs will be. Let them get involved with making the final decision as to what they need when dealing with your demise. I urge you not to rule from the grave by forcing the very ones you love to go against their beliefs or feelings. In other words, if any one of the survivors objects to cremation, allow them the veto power, for it will say to them that you love them more than yourself.

Have a question? Ask a rabbi.

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

Op-Ed: Jewish History Is Among Casualties of ISIS Victories

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May 26, 2015

Somewhere in the background noise, as we go about our busy lives, terrible events unfold in Syria and Iraq as ISIS expands its caliphate. We read the reports of how ISIS has captured another city or attacked yet another minority group, and it all seems so far away.

But from the perspective of Jewish history, these places have not always been so far away. Many of them were places where Jews once lived. Some are mentioned in the Bible or the Talmud or surface in Jewish folklore.

Some play important roles in Jewish history; some minor ones, but they were all places where Jews, Muslims and others once shared lives. Consider the following:

In January 2014, ISIS captured Fallujah, the first Iraqi city to fall to the group. Fallujah was once the site of Pumbedita, the renowned Babylonian rabbinic academy that was active for 800 years. Some of the greatest sages of the Talmud studied there.

In the summer of 2014, ISIS took control of Mosul, a city in northern Iraq with a population of more than a million residents. It expelled the city's remaining Christian citizens and destroyed a number of holy sites (including the tomb of Jonah, the prophet who was chagrined at the idea of God showing forgiveness to the enemy), and thousands have fled or are suffering in an environment of repression and desperation.

There was once a great yeshiva in Mosul at the beginning of the 16th century and in the 12th century, Jews fled there to seek Muslim protection from the Crusaders.

Among many other sites devastated during this period is Dura Europa, a site of an incredible ancient synagogue celebrated for the pictorial art on its walls. Satellite imagery indicates that most of Dura Europa, once a multicultural Roman city, has been looted.

Just a few days ago, ISIS captured the Syrian city of Palmyra, an oasis city known as Tadmor in Hebrew. After witnessing what happened to the antiquities and treasures of the cities previously captured by the group, there is fear of what will become of the city's population and its history.

Palmyra had a Jewish community as early as the Mishnaic period. The rabbis of the Babylonian Talmud had reason to resent Palmyra because of its role in helping the Romans, but Palmyra was also home to the legendary Queen Zenobia, who may have been Jewish.

The United States has been involved in an air campaign to reverse ISIS' advances, but it is not clear what more can be done given the complexity of the situation and our country's tragic role in the region. Certainly, there are many refugees who need care or a place to go.

What is clear is that we must keep this part of the world in our hearts — and make it a major issue in the next presidential election — and not only because Jews, too, have a stake in this region.

When Jews lived in the Middle East beyond Israel, it was a place of great religious and cultural diversity; what is left of that diversity is now in danger of extinction. Archaeological and world heritage sites have been destroyed or are in danger.

Most devastating of all — the most important reason for Jews to care about what is happening there — are the hundreds of thousands of lives that have been lost and the millions that are imperiled by the war between the Syrian government and ISIS and other insurgent groups.

The prophet Jonah once tried to turn his back on the city of Nineveh, near Mosul. Let us not forget the prophet and the terrible mistake he made.

Dr. Steven Weitzman, the Ella Darivoff director of the Herbert D. Katz for Advanced Judaic Studies, is the Abraham M. Ellis Professor of Hebrew and Semitic Languages and Literatures in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Pennsylvania.

[Dr. Weitzman is also the husband of Rabbi Mira Wasserman, PhD, Judy Wortman's daughter.]

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B'tayavon: Three Bean Salad

Submitted by Vivian Bitensky

This is great for summer picnics. Keeps well and serves a lot of people.



Serves 8 +

INGREDIENTS

½ (15 ounce) can green beans or ½ lb. green beans trimmed and halved cross-wise. Boil in salted water for 2-3 minutes. Drain and rinse under cold water.

2 tablespoons of cider vinegar

3 tablespoons olive oil

1 tablespoon fresh oregano leaves (finely chopped)

1 shallot thinly sliced or ½ onions sliced

2 tablespoons grainy mustard

1 can (15.5 ounces) rinsed and drained red kidney beans

1 can (15.5 ounces) rinsed and drained chick peas

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Add beans and toss well to combine.

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ISRAEL 21C: Israel's BreezoMeter invited to White House

Posted By Abigail Klein Leichman

May 11, 2015



BreezoMeter founders, from left, Ziv Lautman, Emil Fisher, Revital Hendler and Ran Korber.

The environmental engineers who founded the Israeli company BreezoMeter were invited to meet US President Barack Obama at the White House today, along with about 100 other forward-thinking young entrepreneurs, half from the United States and half from other countries.

BreezoMeter, launched by Zvi Lautman, Ran Korber, Revital Hendler and Emil Fisher in February last year, pioneered the world's first real-time, location-based air quality and health recommendation platform for consumers and businesses. A free mobile app was introduced several months later.

"We are very excited to tell you that only four weeks after the United Nations recognized BreezoMeter as a company that 'can contribute to address today's social and environmental challenges, through new groundbreaking ideas that can become successful business,' we were invited to take part at the Global Emerging Entrepreneurs Event at the White House on Monday, May 11th," BreezoMeter posted on Facebook.

This Washington event comes ahead of Obama's trip to July's Global Entrepreneurship Summit in Kenya "and provides a unique opportunity to galvanize global attention on emerging women and young entrepreneurs," according to a White House statement.

The statement explained that the event is intended "to highlight the importance of investing in women and young entrepreneurs to create innovative solutions to some of the world's toughest challenges, including poverty, climate change, extremism, as well as access to education and healthcare."

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together with unique algorithms, BreezoMeter tracks and interprets the level of air quality, right down to street level.

The Haifa-headquartered company, originally incubated in Jerusalem's SifTech and the Technion's BizTech accelerators, won the 2014 Global Entrepreneurship Week's StartUp Open Israel Competition and was named one of the World's Top 50 Most Promising Startups (the GEW50). BreezoMeter also made CNBC's "20 Hottest Startups in the World" list for 2014.

The Shalom Editorial Committee is seeking enthusiastic new members to join their team. The Editorial Committee convenes once per month to edit Shalom articles and have a short meeting. If you are interested in learning more or wish to volunteer, please contact Judy Wortman at (859) 268-0672 or jfb@jewishlexington.org



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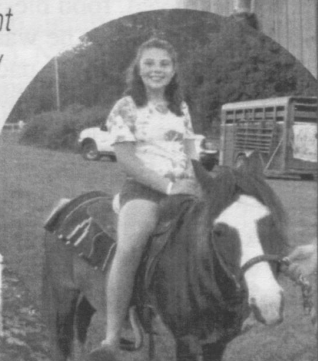
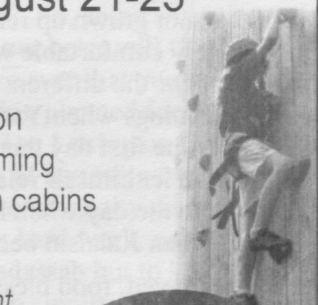
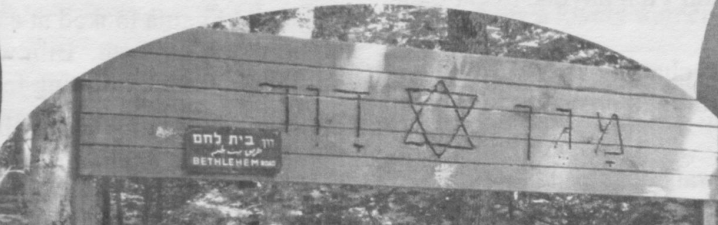
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Gail Cohen, President

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By Judy Goldsmith

Bibi's wrist vibrated, and he reached for the leather straps that would bind his J-watch to the back of his hand for morning prayers. His roommate, Yankel, bound traditional Tefillin; Bibi could feel Yankel's disapproval from across the room. But then it was time to pray, and their voices joined.

Bibi had not grown up religious, and he was not yet completely comfortable with the rituals. The watch had apps for the different prayers, and he'd practiced in the evenings when Yankel was out with his friends. This was the first day that morning prayers came easily, and he let himself relax into the ritual. He looked forward to the day when he could fully inhabit the prayer, when Judaism became his home.

Prayers prayed, food blessed and eaten, the J-watch reminded Bibi that he was carpooling with Shaina and Tziporah, and to pack himself a lunch. He was sure that he had somehow chosen the Jewish mother default. Apple watches didn't tell anyone to eat their vegetables. Did they?

In the car, the women were chatting about people at work, and Bibi fought the urge to check his email on his wrist.

"Do you want to go for a walk after work?" Tzipi asked.

Bibi was going to say no, but he felt the watch vibrate. When he looked down, the word "Yes" appeared on the small screen. He hesitated, and felt an insistent buzz against his skin.

"Sure," he said, and the others agreed. He had only had the watch for a week, and was not sure which functionality had prompted that push. Was it the step counter? Some social-life monitor that had determined he was spending too much time at home at his computer? A matchmaker app he hadn't known he had?

He looked at Tzipi, who lowered her eyes away from his gaze. She looked pleased. He wondered what constituted a date in this community.

Work passed in a haze of anxiety and speculation. He took his sandwich box out onto the terrace where the smokers used to congregate, and asked the watch about dating among the Orthodox. The answers did

little to lower his anxiety.

After work, they drove to the local university's arboretum and set out on the walking trail, talking about tomatoes and flowering vines. Like him, Shaina had discovered vine-ripened tomatoes later in life, and they agreed that there was little connection between home-grown tomatoes and the red spheres the supermarkets of their childhood had on offer. He remembered his first sun-warmed tomato, and listened to Shaina describe the same experience. He caught himself as he reached out to pat her shoulder. The watch had said, no touching.

He looked over at Tzipi to see if she had noticed, and she lowered her eyelids and blushed deeply, even the little bit of her neck that he could see turning an angry red.

On the way back to the car, they passed a couple arguing. The subject of the argument was not clear, but they all saw the man pull himself up straight, his fist bunching. They saw the woman pull herself small.

Tzipi and Shaina looked at each other and walked quickly past the fight. Bibi was going to follow them, but his wrist was vibrating ferociously.

He stopped and took a deep breath. To his surprise, his lips formed the words of a prayer, dear G-d, give me strength.

He walked around the fighting couple until the man could clearly see him. His wrist continued to buzz quietly. "Is there anything I can do?" he asked.

The man replied with a string of profanity. Bibi stood his ground, waiting for inspiration. The woman took a small step backwards and waited for a reaction, but the man was focused on Bibi. She backed away another step, paused, and another.

"What the %^&* do you think you're doing?" the man asked.

Bibi stepped toward him, staring intently so as not to watch the woman suddenly break into a run.

"There seemed to be a problem, and I wondered if there was anything I could do," Bibi said. And then the man's fist connected.

Bibi came to, wrapped in the wail of an ambulance siren. Tzipi was beside him, his hand in hers.

THE LEXINGTON CHAPTER OF HADASSAH

Melanie Shapiro, President

Dear Hadassah Friends,

During the summer, we all tend to use more electricity. Our air conditioners, refrigerators, and pool pumps are all working

overtime to keep us cool as the temperature rises. I want to suggest to you that we should use the "dog days of summer" to recharge our batteries.

Summer for children is a time of high energy and fun. What place does Hadassah have in all of that? Young Judaea camps around the country and Young Judaea summer programs in Israel reinforce the joy of Judaism and the love of Israel all summer long. Hadassah members' scholarship donations are bringing fun and Jewish/Zionist education to girls and boys who would otherwise not be able to join in. Those young girls are the Hadassah leaders of tomorrow. There are many teens and adults right here in Lexington who will be happy to tell you about the positive, life-long influence Young Judaea has had on their lives and their commitment to Judaism and Israel. Our chapter is proud to continue its support of all Young Judaea programs, but particularly, Camp Young Judaea Midwest. This happy place has a significant history with our community and it is our hope that with your help, it will continue to serve future generations of our Jewish youth.

We may be relaxing and enjoying our leisure time here in the US, but our state of the art hospitals and incredible physicians and staff have been hard at work in Jerusalem and around the world. Most recently, Hadassah doctors were at the scene of the tragic, devastating earthquake in Nepal.

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Are you walking for your heart's sake? Hadassah's 6 month walking program "Every Step Counts" continues until Sukkot. Come join us for a friendly stroll through the beautiful UK Arboretum on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 4 p.m. Meet at the water tower by the parking lot and feel free to bring the pooches or the strollers. Our special event on April 12 featured a wonderful array of medical professionals and experts from John's Run/Walk Store. Did you know that 150 minutes of walking a week (30 minutes x 5 days) can help you lose up to 18 pounds a year? Did you know that regular physical activity can extend longevity by six years, but even better, lead to many more disease-free years of your life? So, come and join us for a "Buddy Walk" soon. Your heart will thank you. Before closing, I want to make sure that you know about a very special event being planned for September 6 (Labor Day weekend). The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah has the privilege of honoring two of our finest and most distinguished community members, Judy and Stanley Saxe. Their hard work, commitment and generosity not only to Hadassah but to Lexington as a whole, is unparalleled. To signify the importance of this occasion, Marcie Natan, National President, of Hadassah the Women's Zionist Organization of America, will give the keynote address. Please plan to join us for a lovely dinner and memorable tribute to the Saxes.

Until then, I wish you a summer of good reading and learning, good health, long walks and enjoyment.

B'Shalom,

Melanie Shapiro
Hadassah President

(Havurah continued from pg. 10) "Shaina's taking the woman to a shelter," Tzipi said. "Apparently, your watch called the only ambulance company in town that takes your insurance. Who knew?"

Bibi shifted, took a deep breath, and wondered if he had a broken rib.

"You probably shouldn't have done that," Tzipi said. "But it was a real mitzvah. The woman said she thought he was going to kill her, for sure. You're just lucky the ambulance crew showed up when they did. How did you have the courage?"

The melody of the Shehecheyanu prayer came faintly from his wrist.

The Lexington Havurah is meeting, without J-watches, this summer in July and August. For information, please contact Gail Cohen at (859) 272-1459 or gail.cohen@twc.com.

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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!

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

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!

TALMUD STUDY

The Talmud Study group meets each Friday morning for prayer, food, and study. The morning begins with a brief Shacharit service at 7:30 a.m., followed

by a light breakfast, and then fascinating study of the Talmud. Newcomers are always welcome!

GENEALOGY PROJECT

Help us catalog the Jewish sections of the Lexington cemetery for use in JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry - (JOWBR) an affiliate of the Museum of Jewish Heritage. This information will help people in searching for their ancestors. We anticipate this project will start in May a beautiful time to be in the cemetery. Contact the office at 859-266-8050 or email office@ozs.org for more details or to sign up to participate.

SUMMER PROGRAM INFORMATION

If you are interested in receiving information about summer happenings at OZS and are not currently on our mailing list please contact the office at 859-266-8050 or email office@ozs.org.

INTERESTED IN OZS?

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

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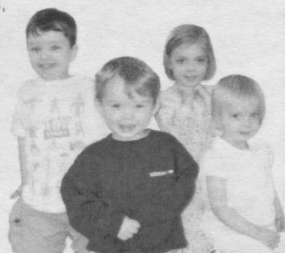
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WHO WE ARE

Temple Adath Israel is a Reform Jewish congregation - We celebrate Torah, Justice, Tradition, and Faith. Our mission is to inspire Jews, to ensure a vibrant Jewish present and future by nurturing a multi-generational love for our tradition. Our "Community Center" approach to Judaism gives families a host of unique ways in which to love living relevant, soulful and experiential Jewish lives. Please call the Temple Administrator for more information if you are interested in affiliating with the Temple. The phone number is 269-2979.

FAMILY SHABBAT

Our lively **Family Shabbat** takes place on the second Friday of each month at 7 p.m. We sing songs and enjoy great stories geared to our families and their young children, but with valuable messages for all. TAI has a potluck dinner preceding the service at 6 p.m. on Family Shabbat night. **Our Family Shabbat will resume in the Fall.**

KIDS' SHABBAT

Our **Kids' Shabbat** Friday night service is held on the last Friday of each month (during the school year) and is geared towards children 7 years old and younger and their families. **Our Kids' Shabbat will resume in the Fall.**

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 June 6th & 20th and July 4th & 18th.**

TALMUD STUDY

We are studying the *Pirke Avot; Ethics of the Fathers*, 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 June 13th & 27th and July 11th & 25th.**

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 June 13th & 27th (Bar Mitzvah on June 6th and Bat Mitzvah on June 20th) and July 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th.**

SISTERHOOD NEWS

"It's summertime and the livin' is easy." That is our motto in Sisterhood. We are going to step back and relax and prepare for our next programming year. We will re-charge and renew so that next year is better than ever!

We had a wonderful final event at El Toro restaurant with our "Margaritas in May". I thank each and every one of the wonderful women who joined us for making the event so fun and successful!

Be on the lookout for your invitation to our membership event in August. The summer will go quickly and we can't wait to see both new and old friends at this event.

If you want to become involved with Sisterhood in any way, please give me a call (269-2979) or e mail (taisisterhoodpresident@gmail.com) over the summer and I will gladly find you a place to fit in!

Enjoy those summertime days!

Laura Creamer

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 be having a few events:

- June 5th (Friday night) Shabbat Dinner theme: BBQ/Backyard Cook out.
- June 11th (Thursday) Legends game.
- July 3rd (Friday night) Pre-shabbat BBQ with whole temple and drinks after services.
- July 19th (Sunday) Beer Crawl.

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

IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the loss of Phoebe Schermer, step-mother of Dale (Elaine) Schermer on April 24, 2015.

--- 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:

- Penina Goldstein and Robin Michler on the birth of their son Simon. Mazal tov to Simon's grandparents Beth Goldstein and Rafi Finkel, and Claudia and John Michler.
- Carrie and Adam Miller on the birth of their daughter, Ivy Caris Miller, on May 5, 2015. Mazal tov to Ivy's grandparents, Susan and Jack Miller, and brother Leo.
- Leon Cooper who received the President's Award at the Federation's annual meeting.
- Jane Chaput who received the Cookie Wenneker Volunteer of the Year Award at the Federation's annual meeting
- Mickey Hernandez who received the Young Leadership Award at the Federation's annual meeting.
- David Vulakh who won a first place in physical sciences at the 2015 Kentucky Science and Engineering Fair. David is a student at Tates Creek Middle School and the son of Constantine and Olga Vulakh.
- Jim Furness for receiving the American Foundry Society's Award of Scientific Merit. Jim received the award for his scientific contribution to the metal casting industry in the areas of pollution control, research and implementation of innovative foundry systems.

Mazel Tov to our high school and college graduates:

- Ryan Dunahue, son of Stacy and Art Dunahue, graduated from Sayre School and will be attending the University of Kentucky.
- Jacquelyn Dan Engel, daughter of Beth Engel and Paul Engel, graduated from Henry Clay High School's Liberal Arts Academy and will be attending Centre College.
- Merav Eres, daughter of Ronit and Avi Eres graduated from Sayre School and will be attending Tel Aviv University.
- Maxwell Isaac Bean Hirschowitz, son of Aimee Lynne-Hirschowitz and Edward Hirschowitz, graduated from Paul Laurence Dunbar High School and will be attending New York University.
- Rachel Kaplan, daughter of Kimberly and Randy Kaplan, graduated from Lafayette High School and will be attending the University of Kentucky where she will be double-majoring in Music and Chemical Engineering.
- Jonathan Karp, son of Margie and Benjamin graduated from Washington University with his degree in English.
- Benjamin Eli Meece, son of Regina and Michael Mizell, graduated from Scott County High School and will be attending the University of Kentucky.
- Samantha Jill Reaguer, daughter of Debra Reaguer, graduated from Paul Laurence Dunbar and will be attending the University of Kentucky in the fall studying education.
- Isaac Satin, son of Lisa and Jonathan Satin graduated from Henry Clay and will be attending Brandies University.
- Zachary Schneider, son of Dianne and Mark Schneider graduated from Lafayette High School and will be attending the University of Kentucky.
- Sara Rose Cerel Suhl, daughter of Sylvia Cerel-Suhl and Jeremiah Suhl, graduated from Lexington Catholic High School and will be attending University of California, Berkeley.

Condolences to:

- The family of Phoebe Schermer, step-mother of Dale (Elaine) Schermer.
- Marty Barr and family, on the death of his beloved wife Barbara.
- Wayne Sexton, on the passing of his wife, Dale Brichta z"l, and Dale's family, mother Elaine Brichta, and brothers Alan and Donald Brichta.

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B'nai Mitzvah Announcements

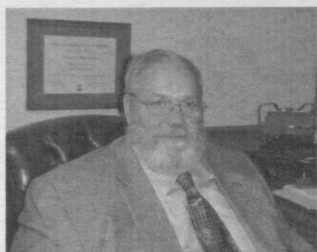
With your upcoming Bar or Bat Mitzvah, the Jewish Federation in Lexington wishes to announce your event in their newspaper "Shalom". If you could please email Barbara Goldman (shalom@jewishlexington.org) the following information by the 15th of the month prior to the event, she will make the announcement. Please include the student's name, when and where the event is being held, mitzvah project, names of parents and grandparents, as well as a photo.



June 6th 10:30 a.m. Temple Adath Israel – Benjamin Clayton Booker, son of Debra and Bill, grandson of Rose Garden and Lucy and Bill Booker. Ben chose as his Bar Mitzvah project "A Deed a Day". He wanted to make a habit of doing a "good deed a day" and then writing about it in a notebook. It

has made him feel good to help others and he hopes these small acts of kindness will inspire others to "pay it forward," to then in turn be kind to yet more people. It has made him happy to put a smile on others faces. Whether standing up for a friend, helping a teacher after school, opening doors for people, making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for needy community members at the Catholic Action Center, or calling his grandparents...he has a broader sense of how small acts of kindness can make a big difference in our world.

Jim Furness receives award



On April 23, 2015, Jim Furness received an Award of Scientific Merit from the American Foundry Society during its meeting in Columbus, OH. The award was given to Jim for his scientific contributions to

the metal casting industry in the areas of pollution control, research and implementation of innovative foundry systems. Jim is married to Lynn Furness. They are members of Temple Adath Israel, Ohavay Zion, The Lexington Havurah, and active in Hadassah.



June 20th 10:30 a.m. Temple Adath Israel-Samantha Robin Levine, daughter of David Levine and Lara Levine, granddaughter of Robert Levine, Janet Dilts, and Robert and Sherri Weber. For her Bat Mitzvah project, Samantha volunteered at Veterans Elementary Patriots Pacers Program and Lexington Country Place.



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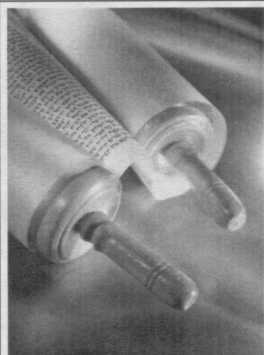
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June 30 with Rabbi Uri Smith
(There will not be a class in July.)

At 12 noon on the last Tuesday of each month, in the JFB office, rabbis, on a rotating basis, will be discussing the holidays, the Torah portion of the week, and other topics of interest. A dairy lunch is offered at a nominal charge. If you are interested in attending, please call Judy Wortman at 859-268-0672 so we can order lunch for you.



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First and third Sundays of the month
Yiddish Drop-in!

10:30 a.m. at the JFB office. An hour of Yiddish with Refoyl Finkel (Rafi Finkel). Beginners welcome, fluent speakers welcome, and those who remember "a por verter fun der heym" also welcome. We'll adjust waht we do to the levels of those who come. No long-term commitment necessary. No charge. Worth every cent, at least!