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CKJF's Community Relations Committee On The Move Committee members to promote Federation in 2002

by David Wekstein, member, CKJF Community Relations Committee

The Community Relations Committee (CRC) of the Federation, under the guidance of its chair, Rabbi H.D. Uriel Smith, has moved to expand its work to increase awareness of Jewish community activities in Central Kentucky. This will be accomplished with a new undertaking through which the Committee will inform both the Jewish and non-Jewish communities in Central Kentucky about the wide variety of programs and activities sponsored by the Federation. This information will be disseminated through press releases, press conferences, and radio and television appearances by key members of the Federation. Whenever possible, media publicity will stress how a particular program furthers the goals of the Federation. In addition, media contacts will continually and consistently emphasize one or more of the key values of the Jewish community; in particular, social justice, respect for all people, the love of learning, and serving the needs of people. The publicity itself will emphasize that the Federation works both locally and abroad; that it strives to make Lexington a better place for all people; and that it provides

services to both the Jewish and non-Jewish communities.

Major events obviously will warrant more publicity than less important events. This spring, for example, the Committee will report the activities from Yom Hashoah to Israel Independence Day as one program with a number of important components. As one member of the committee said "From tragedy to celebration." The committee will attempt to obtain extensive media coverage about these activities and hopes to involve one or more public officials in these programs.

The Committee feels a particular obligation to support and protect the children of the Jewish community. Previous activities in this realm have included meeting with key administrators of the Fayette County school system, as well as with individual school principals to inform them about the Jewish holidays and the public school. This will be strengthened by providing the media with information about the variety of ways Jewish families celebrate the holidays. This is particularly true for the High Holy Days and Passover.

Appropriate press releases will be distributed to inform the media of other programs and activities which are of equal importance. This would include items such as the upcoming KODA conference on organ donation; election of officers and board members of the Federation; campaign goals and reports; and allocations of funds that are pertinent to the community.

Our Central Kentucky Jewish Federation CRC, as do the CRCs of 189 other North American federated communities, act to promote their Jewish Federations which work with a network of local, national and international organizations to mobilize ideas as well as human and financial resources to pursue justice and repair the world.

2001 Campaign Successfully Concluded

The 2001 CKJF/UJC Community Campaign officially ended on December 31. Contributions from 460 members of the community totaled 330,000 dollars, which is essentially the same amount collected in the 2000 campaign. The economic recession and the events of September 11th no doubt affected contributions. Voluntary contributions across the country were down, in first estimate, by about 10 %. If we exclude the September 11th-related donations, that setback is almost 15 %. Considering those factors, the 2001 Campaign was remarkable, and the credit goes to those who made it possible. Chair Alan Stein, Super Sunday Chairs Gail Cohen and Lowell Nigoff, Kick-off Event Chair Sue Ezrine, and the long list of Campaign Cabinet members and volunteers who helped make the necessary contacts with potential donors deserve our gratitude. In 2001, we raised an additional 35,000 dollars for the Jewish Community Habitat Project, through the hard work and dedicated efforts of the presidents of all local Jewish organizations, Colby and Ray Archer, and Laura Loventhal O'Dell. As a community, we actually raised 365,000 dollars.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors and the tireless efforts of the CKJF staff and campaign volunteers, this community will enjoy another year of services, programs, and activities.

Plan now to help us exceed this year's success in 2002!

Yossi Olmert to Speak at U.K. February 4th

On Monday, February 4th at 8:00 p.m. Yossi Olmert, Israeli political scientist, will speak at the William T. Young Library Auditorium co-sponsored by the Community Relations Committee of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation; the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce; the U.K. Department of Political Sciences; the U.K. Judaic Studies Department; and the University of Kentucky Jewish Student Organization/Hillel.

The evening lecture is free and open to the public. Dr. Olmert will also speak with University students from the Patterson School and political

science classes earlier in the day.

Yossi Olmert is the brother of the current mayor of Jerusalem, Ehud Olmert. An advocate for the Jewish National Fund (JNF), Dr. Olmert has been described as a dynamic speaker with deep and significant insights into the current situation in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.



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MAZEL TOV TO:

Dr. Julie Fischer, daughter of **Steven and Jan Fischer** and a graduate of Somerset High School for her work on Capitol Hill for Senator John D. Rockefeller IV. Fischer will work on the veterans affairs committee which deals directly with public preparedness for bioterrorist attacks.

Marty & Odette Kaplan on the birth of their grandson, **Tyler Disken**, on November 12, 2001. The proud parents are **Nicole & Tony Disken**.

Joe & Suzanne Miller on the engagement of their son, **Stephen** to **Rachel Keller**. Stephen is an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of New York. Rachel is a 3rd year medical student at Rutgers. An October wedding is planned.

Jeremy Crystal on his graduation from college. Jeremy majored in criminal justice and plans to work in crime scene investigations in Florida. Jeremy is the son of **Dr. Ralph & Elayne Crystal**.

REFUAH SHLEMAH (get well wishes):

Ernie Jarvis, Rosalind Weisenberg and Emilie Szekely.

CONDOLENCES TO:

Sharon Helfand and Bill Prewitt, on the death of Sharon's godmother, **Mady Alterman**, on October 17, 2001; and Sharon's great aunt, **Rose Teicher**, on November 1, 2001.

Jonathan & Angie Smith, on the death of Jonathan's mother, **Judy Smith**, on November 15, 2001.

Norma Chapman and Sandy & Jon Adland, on the death of Norma's brother and Sandy's uncle, **Harvey Dwork**, on December 28, 2001.

Barbara & Richard Grossman on the death of Barbara's father, **Murray Baum** on January 9, 2002.

Bea Milner on the death of her brother, **Joseph W. Rattner**.



President's Message

by
Stan Saxe

Frequently Asked Questions

Web sites have promoted FAQs, frequently asked questions, as a means to quickly and easily give forth information. The United Jewish Communities website (ujc.org) is not different. Check it out. For your ready reference I am reprinting some FAQs from the website.

Our Central Kentucky federation joins with 188 other federated communities to make up United Jewish Communities (UJC). Remember that UJC is the result of the merger of United Jewish Appeal and Federated Jewish Communities.

Q: What is UJC?

A: United Jewish Communities (UJC) represents 189 Jewish Federations and 400 independent communities across North America. UJC reflects the values and traditions of education, leadership, advocacy and social justice, and continuity of community that define the Jewish people. Last year, 700,000 people contributed over \$2 billion to enable the UJC to provide life-saving and life-enhancing assistance to millions of vulnerable Jews and non-Jews through a wide range of social service delivery programs.

Q: What is (a) federation?

A: Federation is the heart and soul of North American Jewry's philanthropic and humanitarian activities. It embodies a 3,500 year old tradition of caring that goes back to the giving of the Torah and sustains us in the bold pursuit of Jewish community, Jewish values and Jewish people-hood. Federation is the people who care enough to want to perfect an imperfect world. Federation is the passion of commitment, where tzedakah and a sense of social justice can make a difference in someone's life.

Q: What does the federation do?

A: Federation is the one place that belongs to every Jew, the place where philanthropy, volunteerism and shared commitment come together to make a difference, to repair the world. As part of a continent-wide system, federation has the capacity to reach every Jew in need with a social-service network unparalleled in the world. These resources and the experience and reach if its two preeminent overseas partners-the Jewish

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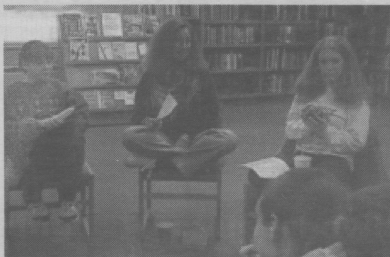
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Julia Kroot (left) and Tasha Sharer (right) hold fruit during the ice-breaker, as Dr. Gabriella Pessah (middle) explains the exercise.

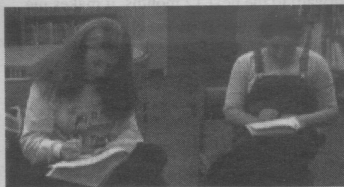
Gabriella Pessah Leads Workshop for Jewish Teen Girls

by Fran Morris, Director, Jewish Family Services

Body image and eating disorders were the focus of the third workshop sponsored by Jewish Family Services of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation for teenagers. The workshop, held in mid-January, featured Dr. Gabriella Pessah, a clinical psychologist at the University of Kentucky Counseling Center. Dr. Pessah's specialty is eating disorders and she has worked with young women on such issues for twelve years. We were very fortunate to have some students from the University of Kentucky "U.K. Cares" program attend this workshop as assistants to Dr. Pessah. These three young women graciously shared their personal experiences with body image and eating disorders, and helped to make the girls feel comfortable by speaking so openly to the group.

Each girl attending received a packet of information on taking care of their bodies, including tips on how to break down negative stereotypes on appearance and on how to engage in positive self-talk. We adults were not surprised to learn that young girls deal with complex body image issues on a daily basis. With the help of the U.K. students, the teenagers attending now know they aren't alone, and it was comforting for everyone to know that one's peers have had similar experiences.

Other important things we learned included the solution to a healthy body can be very simple, and there is no such thing as "good or bad food." Moderation, and variety are essentially the keys to good health.



Tasha Sharer (left) and Heidi Zimmerman (right) sign their "No Weigh" contracts.

Vicki Atha named as CKJF Activities Director

Iwould like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, and to thank those who played a part in my appointment as Activities Director for the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation. Since accepting this position, I have greatly enjoyed meeting many of you, and am looking forward to working with all of you.

I have worked closely with local Jewish federations in my nearly twenty years in Broward and Dade counties in South Florida as an Activities Director/Volunteer Coordinator in nursing/rehabilitation centers. I feel fortunate to have had the experience I had in South Florida in meeting people of many differing backgrounds and from many different countries. However, my home has always been Kentucky, where I spent my youth. To once again know the warmth and caring which I left here those years ago, is a blessing I had to grow older to understand.

Even in my few days here with you, I can see

that compassion, as well as the strength of conviction which I believe is characteristic of Kentuckians. As I learn of the programs and services provided by the Federation members, I am excited about being a part of this work. I look forward to working with all CKJF's members for the benefit of our local community as well as communities in Israel and around the world.

I am grateful for this opportunity to work with all of you. My experiences as an Activities Director have given me great satisfaction, and I know this will continue. I appreciate the guidance I am receiving at CKJF, and will strive to be an asset to the realization of our goals and ideals for those we all serve.



Vicki Atha

Kosher Wine Tasting In Early March

Ruth Poley

Passover will be here before you know it (the first seder is March 27th), and the eternal problem of choosing a good kosher wine will be facing us yet again. Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, in conjunction with the Liquor Barn, is offering a wine tasting to help you solve the problem easily and enjoyably this year.

On the evening of March 7th, you will be able to taste a variety of red and white wines, all kosher for Passover, and a Liquor Barn expert in the subject will offer information about how to judge them.

The wine tasting will be held at the Hartland Clubhouse on Hartland Parkway on March 7th at 7:00 p.m. For a modest charge of \$18 you will have

the opportunity to taste about eight different wines, along with cheese and crackers. If your idea of appropriate Passover wine is a big old sweet bottle of Manischewitz, you're in for a surprise and a treat.

After you decide which wines are most to your liking, you can order them on the spot, either by the bottle or the case, and they will arrive in plenty of time for your seder table.

Two years ago we had a great turnout for this event. Space in the Hartland Clubhouse is limited so please call early to reserve your place. Call Vicki Atha at the CKJF, 268-0672, and let her know you're coming-you won't be sorry you did.



Kelsey Kroot (left) and Elizabeth O'Dell (right) pore over their informational packets.

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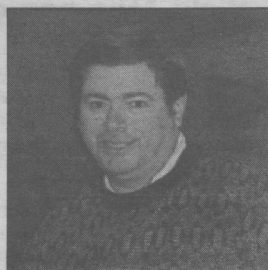
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What a Way to Start a Century!

By Daniel Chejfec, Executive Director
Central Kentucky Jewish Federation

together in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. We started two new programs: Tikkun Lexington now building up to new heights, and the Singles group which is bringing together a significant number of singles, affiliated and unaffiliated. We have identified close to 150 new families in the course of the year. We have seen our newspaper grow. In the midst of diminishing community campaigns nationwide, our local campaign was stable.

And what can we expect for 2002? In today's world, probably the only adequate response would be – expect the unexpected. An unstable situation in the Middle East, a global economic crisis and increasing environmental problems will still be there. But so will our determination to face each and every challenge. Let me tell you a story.

It is said that the leaders of several great monotheistic religions were called by the Almighty to receive a message. And the message was: "I am fed up with the way you are mistreating the world I gave you, so I will destroy the world with another flood in two weeks. Go back and prepare your people." They all go back to Earth. The Pope calls for a Mass in St. Peter's square and tells those assembled: "Let us repent from our sins and prepare to face the Judgement of God, for the world will be destroyed in two weeks by another flood." One of the leading Protestant ministers pronounced, "Let us repent and try to fix our mistakes, for we have offended God with our laziness and He will destroy the world in two weeks by Flood." The Chief Rabbi of Israel, during the Shabbat service at the Wall, tells the Jewish world, "We have two weeks to learn how to breathe under water." We will face what the New Year throws at us – and we will succeed.

Yes, it has been a difficult year. It was full of crises, of catastrophic events and emergencies. But it has also been a year full of achievements and growth. When I look back over the past 12 months, it makes me proud of this community. When I look forward to the next 12 months, it makes me eager to face new challenges.

Whether it is the secular version or the Jewish version, reflecting on a year that ended is always difficult. But 2001 is certainly setting new standards for the word "difficult."

How can I convey all that I think and feel about the year that has just passed? Should I talk about the ongoing violence in Israel, claiming new lives every day? Should I talk about the economic downturn? Or should I address the event that changed all of our lives on September 11th? Or about the War on Terrorism? Or about anthrax? Or maybe something that affected me more on the personal level, specifically the riots in Buenos Aires and the final collapse of the Argentinean state and my concern for the well being of my parents? There has been no shortage of bad news in 2001.

However, I choose to focus on the positive. Confronting all the calamities, we continue to support a State of Israel that is still trying to get back to the path of negotiation. As I write these lines at the end of December, it appears that maybe, just maybe, there is a chance for peace. We continue to provide for the needs of people locally, across the country, and across the globe. In Ethiopia, in Argentina, in the former Soviet Union, and of course in Israel with its 500,000 children living in poverty. And we helped raise \$5,000,000, and counting, to provide support for the victims of September 11th.

I choose to focus on our achievements here in Central Kentucky. Over the past year we had more programs for the community than ever before. We held the most successful Camp Shalom in the 34 year history of the program. We were able to meet the growing need for financial help and emergency support. We built a house

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Olmert has a Ph.D. in Middle Eastern History from the London School of Economics.

He has served as a JNF Advisory in England, a Lecturer at Tel Aviv University, Director of the Government Press Office and an Advisor to Prime Minister Shamir. In addition, Olmert has served on the board

of The Abraham Foundation; been a member of the steering committee for bringing the remains of Eli Cohen home, and a member of the Board of Directors of the International Policy Institute for Counterterrorism, of the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzliya.

With the deterioration of the prospects for a peaceful negotiated resolution of the conflict, Mr. Olmert's insights will help us to understand the situation.

National Young Leadership Conference to include Central Kentuckians

"Washington 13" speakers include Senator Lieberman, Cokie Roberts, Deborah Lipstadt, other personalities.

By Bret Caller

Three thousand young Jewish leaders will meet in the nation's capital February 9-12 for the 13th biennial United Jewish Communities National Young Leadership Conference. This year's theme is Abracadabra—an ancient Hebrew word meaning "with these words I shall create it."

This three-day conference is like no other. Those attending will learn about their Jewish self, about personal political power, and will socialize with other 3,000 Jewish young leaders. In the schedule are inspiring speakers, fabulous programming, visits with Members of Congress, and fun. These will be three unforgettable days.

At the conference, there are two types of programming sessions, plus a variety of informal socializing activities.

The first type of session is known as The Plenary. All 3,000 registrants participate in the plenary sessions. Confirmed speakers for Washing-

ton 13, include Cokie Roberts, noted TV political analyst; Dennis Prager, nationally syndicated radio talk show host; Dr. Ellen Cannon, national political analyst/radio personality; Dr. Deborah E. Lipstadt, outspoken fighter against those who deny the Holocaust; Hannah Rosental, Executive Director of Jewish Council for Public Affairs; Sallai Meridor, Chairman, Jewish Agency; Senator Joseph Lieberman, (D-Conn.); and Steve Pomerantz, Former Assistant Director & Former Chief of Counter-Terrorism, FBI; and Jonathan Miller, Kentucky State Treasurer. The plenary sessions are held in a large ballroom. The feeling of sitting in a room filled with 3,000 young, energized Jewish individuals like you just can't be described. It is awesome!

The second type of programming session is The Breakout. These smaller sessions range in size from 50-60 attendees. They usually include a question and answer period, so participants can engage in enriching dialogue with each speaker. Breakout topics include: Update on the Peace Process, Jewish Political Clout, Gay

and Lesbian Jewish Concerns, Islamic Fundamentalism, Jewish Women in Power, Relief and Rescue in the World, How to Find Jewish Singles, Jewish Humor, and much, much more.

The Central Kentucky Jewish Community will be represented this year by Jonathan Miller, Fran Morris, and Gabriella Pessah.

Hadassah and Jewish Family Services Co-Sponsor Breast Self-Awareness Program

Jewish Family Services is very excited to co-sponsor the nationally recognized Hadassah program entitled, "Check-it-Out." The program will take place on Sunday, March 10, at 1:30 pm, at Temple Adath Israel. For the first time, the presentation will be directed towards eleventh and twelfth-grade girls AND their mothers.

"Your Body is a Beautiful Responsibility" is the motto of the Hadassah's women's health initiative. Their mission is to encourage eleventh and twelfth-grade young women to take responsibility for their own bodies, and to teach them the skills needed to detect breast cancer early. Since it is never too late to start breast self-examination, we are encouraging mothers to attend with their daughters, for their own benefit, as well as to help educate their daughters.

Along with a complimentary lunch of Subway sandwiches, participants in this workshop will get lots of free, fun, as well as educational materials. All girls will receive a "Check-It-Out" t-shirt, and jewelry kit, and are encouraged to make a bracelet or necklace during the session. Also, each participant will receive a Breast Health Awareness Kit which includes a shower card, a plastic model of a breast, and much more. A nurse will be on-hand to discuss important issues related to breast health, and to help the women use their models to find lumps.

In order to properly prepare for the number of people who may attend, we ask that those interested please RSVP to Jewish Family Services no later than March 8, 2002. You can call JFS at 269-8244, or email JFS at jfs@jewishlexington.org.

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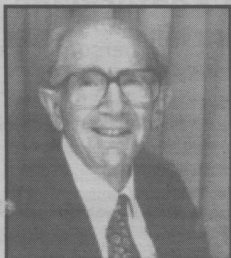
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The Case Against The Popes

by Michael E. Adelstein

I've just finished reading a fine book, but one I don't recommend to you for light reading. It's David Kertzer's *The Popes Against the Jews*, a scholarly tome of some 350 pages complete with endnotes, a bibliography, and a lengthy list of references. Containing recently released information from the Vatican archives, it depicts the Popes' past role in the rise of anti-Semitism, mainly from the eighteenth century to the Holocaust, showing that the Catholic Church had laid the groundwork for the Nazis atrocities against the Jews.

In the process, Kertzer refutes the Vatican's contention that it was not anti-Semitic but may have been guilty of anti-Judaism. He negates this dichotomy by showing that the Church promulgated both the religious anti-Judaism arguments as well as the social, economic, and political anti-Semitic beliefs. As a result, Kertzer refuses to allow the distinction which the Church has used to mitigate its responsibility for the Shoah.

He quotes evidence from Vatican publications, letters, documents, and Church newspapers that disclose its concern with "The Jewish peril." These sources reveal the Vatican's accusations that the Jews were interested in taking over the world, that they "had spread their tentacles

to Austria, Germany, France, Hungary, Poland, and Italy, that they sought to accumulate gold at all costs, that they were unconcerned about ruining Christians, and that they were unpatriotic."

Kertzer concluded that the Vatican approved "the extermination of the Jews (albeit quietly)" and that "the teachings and actions of the Church, including those of the Popes themselves, helped make it possible."

The main accusation against the Jews throughout the years was the so-called "blood libel": the claim that Jews captured, tortured, and extracted the blood of children for ritual purposes such as the making of Passover matzah or use in marriage ceremonies. Kertzer writes in detail of several trials in which the mutilated body of a child had been found. Jews in the vicinity were blamed and secretly tortured until they confessed to the murder. Gory press reports of these numerous murders and trials inflamed the public in several European countries and increased hatred toward Jews.

What is surprising in the litany of charges against the Jews that Kertzer has unearthed from his examination of newly released documents is the general absence of the Christ-killer accusation. It seemed to me that this would have been prevalent. It may be, however, that he emphasized others

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by Lori Zimmerman

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We can travel the country with Annie and Frank in 'Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show,' while hearing showtunes including Berlin's "There's No Business Like Show

Business," "You Can't Get A Man With A Gun," and "Doin' What Comes Naturally." 'Post' critic Vernon Rice declared in his review, "Irving Berlin has outdone himself this time. No use trying to pick a hit tune, for all these tunes are hits!"

Thanks to the senior discount from the Lexington Opera House, and the subsidy provided by CKJF, tickets will be only \$25. The show is being put on by Broadway Live at the Opera House on Wednesday, March 20 at 2 p.m.

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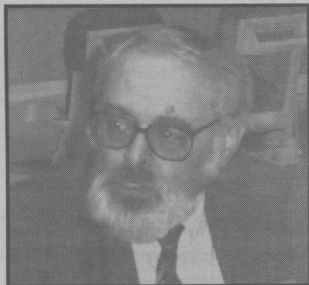
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Rabbi's Corner

There, But for the Grace of God.

by Rabbi H. D. Uriel Smith

Sometimes, when I read the Psalms I am struck in seeing how things were the same over two thousand five hundred years ago. Just read Psalm 120. It ends, referring to places in Northern Arabia:

Woe is me, that I sojourn in Meshekh,
that I dwell among the tents of Kedar!

Too long has my soul dwelled
among those who hate peace.

I am for peace;

but when I speak, they are for war!
The worst thing is that they have
"lying lips and a deceitful tongue."

Psalm 144:11 similarly cries out,

Rescue me from the cruel sword,
and deliver me from the hand of aliens,
whose mouth speaks lies,
and whose right hand is the hand of falsehood.

Till this last year, many of our more liberal brethren, both here and in Israel, projected their own basic decency upon the Palestinians and assumed that only if we would push a little harder we would together find a way to make peace. Now, most of us have demonized the Palestinians. Even A. B. Yehoshua, an Israeli author who is a leading figure in the Peace Camp, is crying out in frustration, "I hate Arafat from the bottom of my heart." We also note in complete bewilderment that the Arabs have demonized the Israelis and Jews. They are circulating in their society the calumny that the Mossad knew ahead of time about the assault on the Twin Towers on September 11. They claim in their demonizing lie that the Mossad warned the Jews, so that 4000 Jews stayed away from work that day.

Now, it is clear that these demonizers are projecting their own callousness upon the Jews. They are the ones who are willing to fight Israel to the last Palestinian, and so they are quite ready to believe that Jews would fight the Palestinians to the last American. They have caricatured the Israelis and Palestinians in their minds, turning them into Doppelgängers, doubles, one being the photographic negative of the other, and both becoming demonic.

The secular Zionists and liberal rationalists among us still wanted to deny this. After all, the State of Israel was supposed to normalize us, so that we would be more like the gentiles. Yoram Hazony, in an excellent book, *The Jewish State*:

The Struggle for Israel's Soul, describes how the left wing of Israel's population, the "enlightened" ones, have tried to dismiss the sacred forces. They tried to eliminate Zionism from the state schools, so that Israel would become a purely secular democracy, treating all citizens in a secular equality. But, while they paid great attention to the theory of equality they did not pay enough attention to the actuality of the Palestinians, how they really felt and acted. They paid little attention to Hamas taking over the Palestinian schools, teaching the children to love death and prepare themselves to die for their homeland. They wanted so much peace and equality that they projected that yearning falsely into the Palestinians, seeing for the most part only the superficial words of their counterparts and

liberal brethren. For example, they made it impossible for the liberals to see that our tradition demands that resident aliens be treated as equals with native-born citizens, even if the aliens remain in their own monotheistic religious traditions and do not convert. (The Bible [Exodus 12:49] states, "There shall be one law for the native and for the stranger who sojourns among you.") The term *ger* used there covers both the convert and the resident alien.) Thus there was no need to search in alien fields for traditions demanding full equality to all residents.

Because the secularists could not sense the full sacred powers of the Holy Land, they could not deal with its effects, some which spread the Jerusalem syndrome in strange ways. We need to recognize (as Rudolf Otto showed in his book, *Das Heilige*) that the sacred is not moral in itself, but that we have to be moral if we hope to survive in its presence. The sacred magnifies the harmony of harmonious lives, but it demonizes any disharmony.

The disharmonies between the Israelis and Palestinians have turned the combatants

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not seeing into their hearts.

The secularists in some ways were also blind to the sanctity of the country and towns in which they were living. Just as we do not sense the air unless it is in motion, blowing past us in gusts of wind, so the secularists do not sense the sacred forces pervading the Holy Land and the Holy City, except in rare moments. And some have blocked those forces out almost completely. It is not objective, and therefore cannot be real. Religion is the opiate of the masses.

One problem is that they cannot learn about sanctity from our Orthodox brethren. The leading Orthodox sense the sacred forces too completely. Taking a Talmudic tale, they are like Rabbi Shimeon bar Yohai after he spent twelve years in the cave studying with his son and experiencing the full glory of the sacred presence. The story says that when they left the cave Rabbi Shimeon could not understand why people were doing regular work in the fields, instead of experiencing the holy presence. So he flashed upon the fields with his eyes, and those harsh looks burned up the fields. Whereupon God told Rabbi Shimeon to return to his cave until he learned not to destroy God's world. These ultra-orthodox sense God's presence in the traditions so strongly that they cannot conceive that there are other ways to serve God. They thereby block other sacred paths, which could be open to their more

into demonic figures, even though they themselves do not recognize that. The Palestinians know that Muhammad, their prophet, once said, "War is deceit." In the sacred context this had led them to lie repeatedly in their dealings with the Israelis. By their lying they thereby proclaim to all who know Muslim traditions that they consider the Israelis to be their implacable enemies. By their lying they make it impossible to find a path to peace.

Nevertheless, we dare not simply demonize the Palestinians. We have to recognize that they are our cousins. Some are descendants of Jews who centuries ago converted to Islam in order to get a tax remission. We should recognize that under the same historical conditions we could easily follow the same path. "There, but for the grace of God go we." There are many more forces, cultural, social, educational, religious, linguistic, and so on, which constrain both the Palestinians and the Israelis. We will have to understand these forces, recognizing on the one hand how the sacred magnifies the disharmonies, and on the other hand how our opponents in their simple humanity are thus pulled along by these forces. Only by recognizing these forces can we oppose their misuse, and discover the way to use them to create a harmony, leading ultimately to peace. We have to deal rationally with the irrational. We cannot make a quick change, but we have to begin.

JEWISH COUNCIL FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS HOLDS PLENARY SESSION FEBRUARY 16-19

The Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA) will hold its annual Plenary Session in Washington, DC between February 16 and 19. JCPA is the national umbrella organization for 129 local Community Relations Committees and 19 other national Jewish organizations, including the three major religious movements, for matters of public policy and Jewish security.

JCPA promotes a surprising variety of issues including pro-Israel advocacy, security of Jewish communities around the world, protection of the environment, legislation on cyberspace issues, and poverty in America. The best way to understand the importance of the JCPA is by understanding how this agenda is constructed.

The first step every year is an invitation to all communities and national organizations to present issues and/or resolutions for consideration at the Plenum (as the Plenary Session is commonly known). These proposals are processed by a special commit-

tee and translated into a common form, merging those proposals which overlap and generating new proposals not covered by the ones presented by the grassroots. All these proposals are sent to the communities and national organizations for consideration, with a time frame to return proposals for changes or amendments. At the end of that period a new version of the policy document is drafted and forwarded to the communities for consideration at the Plenum.

At the Plenum itself, participants have a chance to participate in a wide variety of workshops with experts on the many issues to be decided upon, and a chance to discuss the individual communities positions on those issues. All this process culminates in the actual Plenary Session, at which the proposals and resolutions are put out for a vote.

But of course, before the vote, the delegates are invited to discuss the resolutions. After what usually is a heated discussion, consensus is reached in the text and content of the resolution, and the delegates vote.

Some organizations, however, might still be in disagreement with the consensus on specific issues and feel strongly about it. In those cases, notes are added to the resolutions and policy statements stating such a disagreement. If one looks at the JCPA Annual Policy Statement, it does in fact look somehow like the Talmud, with majority and minority opinions all reflected in the text.

When everything has been said and done and the policy statement has been written, it is normally shared with elected officials, government officials, and of course the Jewish community at large. Participating in this highly democratic process is the right of every Jew in the United States, and it can be exercised by participating in any of the local or national organizations. Participating in the Plenum is also an experience unlike any other, for you do indeed feel you are helping to shape the opinion of the Jewish community.

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because they are not as well known.

Also surprising to me was Kertzer's contention that the 1917 Russian Revolution greatly contributed to the Vatican's anti-Semitism. Because some of the leaders of this "godless movement" were Jewish, the Vatican blamed all Jews and embraced Fascist parties in Italy and Germany.

Kertzer describes in well documented detail other Church accusations that contributed to hostility toward the Jews. Among these were the charges that they were immoral, that they cared only for money, that their control of the press and banks resulted in the ruin of many Christian families, that they sought to destroy the Christian religion, and that they were unpatriotic. Kertzer convincingly documents in scholarly detail how such charges resulted in the Popes' dehumanizing the Jews, encouraging large numbers of Europeans to view them as evil and dangerous and to treat them as second class citizens.

Not all the Popes are denigrated. Kertzer has some kind words for a few: Clement XIV, who allowed Jews to practice medicine, to work as artisans, and to sell new goods instead of being confined to the sale of old clothes and rags; Pius VII, who abolished the practice of restricting Jews to the ghetto (only to have it reintroduced by his successor, Leo XII); and to some extent Pius IX, who abolished the practices of parading the Jews before jeering mobs at Carnival time and subjecting them to attending Church services at the end of which they were forced to stay for a sermon urging them to convert.

But the most praise goes to the current Pope, John Paul II, who before a television audience of millions last year offered apologies for the Church's sins of the past and sought repentance.

Among minor matters that Kertzer touches on is the beneficial influence of the Rothschild family, especially the Baron, who was able on several occasions to persuade Metternich, the powerful Austrian prime minister, to alleviate the persecution of the Jews. (In fact, I was so intrigued by the Rothschild family that I may bore you with a column about them some day.)

Speaking of boring leads me once again to state that I do not recommend your reading Kertzer's book unless you have some special interest in the subject. In addition to its being heavily documented with numerous quotations to prove its controversial case against the Church, it is a depressing work, filled with distressing tales of persecutions. Definitely not light reading.

What impact will it have? It joins two other recent works — James Carroll's *Constantine's Sword* and John Cornwell's *Hitler's Pope* — in revealing the Church's hostility toward the Jews. Perhaps because David Kertzer is the son of a rabbi, many may feel that he is biased and therefore they will discount what he has to say.

Yet the book with its calm, judicious presentation of well substantiated conclusions about the Popes will be difficult to refute. In addition, Kertzer has touched upon a more general and universal theme: the importance of guarding against a country, race, or religion that believes it is the only possessor of the Truth and that any other, particularly as he points out, a despised minority, "is an agent of the devil."



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ASK JFS ABOUT...

What to do when work stresses you out

Ask JFS About...is a monthly advice column with questions from members of the community requiring assistance with a wide range of issues. If you have a problem or a concern that you would like addressed in this Shalom column, please send your queries to Ask JFS c/o Jewish Family Services, 340 Romany Road, Lexington, KY 40502. You can also call in your confidential questions at 269-8244 or email them to us at: JFS@JewishLexington.org.

Dear JFS,

I work in a small office, with only a few other employees. Recently, besides stress that has occurred through my job, I have had some conflicts with my co-

workers. It makes my day very long and increases my stress level, to a point where I don't know what to do to stay healthy, short of taking a very long vacation! What do you suggest I do to make my work life more bearable?

Sincerely, Stressed Out

Dear Stressed,

Work stress is something with which we can all identify. Whether you work for a small non-profit organization or for a very large, for-profit corporation, job difficulties and personal conflicts with co-workers can arise. The difference between a small and a large work environment is that in a large office, the solution can seem much easier; you can ask your superior to pair you with other employees, so that you may not need to work with the personalities that cause a problem for you. In a situation like yours, where you work in a small office and are forced to deal with the few other staff members that are there, the situation may seem more difficult due to the space restrictions.

First, I would suggest you speak with someone you trust (not associated with your office) and sort out the issues. It sounds like there are multiple issues here and the main task is to separate the job-related stressors from the personal problems you are having with an individual or individuals. Once you have determined which issues are job-specific and which issues are person/people-specific, then you can begin to deal with each directly.

It is best to handle conflict as soon as possible when you are dealing with a co-worker or co-workers. My suggestion is to seek out a mediator at work, who can facilitate a meeting between all parties. Often, conflict can arise as a result of miscommunication between individuals who work closely with each other. Sometimes just a glance, or the way something is said, can be misinterpreted. When confronting a person, be sure to remove blame and emotion from your speech. That way you can deal with facts and concrete situations and together come up with ways to avoid conflict in the future.

To handle the stress that is job-specific, talk to your superior. There may be a way to lighten your load if the volume of work gets to be too much, or there may be other solutions you haven't thought about on your own. Perhaps it is time to plan a vacation, even if you don't leave town. Regardless, in order to prevent stress-related illness, you must remember to take good care of yourself by getting proper rest, nutrition, and exercise.

If you would like more information on dealing with stress and/or conflict in the workplace, including obtaining a list of books this topic, or if you would just like to talk to someone, please call the JFS office at 269-8244.

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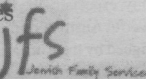


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Singles Celebrate Hanukkah 2001

by Fran Morris, Director of Jewish Family Services

On December 15 new and old members alike joined the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation Singles group for a holiday party to celebrate Hanukkah. We enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner and had much more food than we could consume in one evening. Thanks to everyone who contributed to an impressive spread. It was so much fun watching those brave enough to sing karaoke for everyone; I promise not to sing another Britney song next time (wink)! Thanks also to everyone who brought such wonderful gifts to contribute to the gift exchange game. I think we were all excited about the gifts we got to take home!

Here's what Singles' attendee Andrea Tapia had to say about the evening:

"December's Jewish Singles Hanukkah party that was held at the beautiful Greenhouse Clubhouse on Tates Creek Road, included guests from both the Lexington and Louisville area. The fun started at 6:30pm with a wonderful potluck. Lots of good food, stimulating conversation, and an unbelievable cheesecake. (Thanks Sara!) The highlight of the evening was a 'white elephant' gift exchange. Everyone brought a gift valued at no more than \$10. We all drew numbers and the first person picked a wrapped gift from the pile. The people who followed could either pick a gift from the pile or 'steal' an opened gift from someone else. Most of us ended up with something nice to take home.

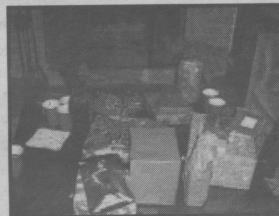
The night's promised entertainment was

Fran Morris singing her heart out, accompanied by a karaoke machine. The rest of the group slowly but surely got over their reserve and joined in. The microphones were passed back and forth between folks with varying degrees of singing talent, well into the night.

Thank you CKJF for organizing a most enjoyable evening!"



Ruth Adams and Ed Kahn



Gifts for the gift exchange



From left to right: Sara Shapiro, Mike Mayer, Fran Morris & Stephanie Courtney.

Jewish Singles to Celebrate Purim on February 23

On February 23, 2002, the Lexington Jewish Singles Group will celebrate Purim at the home of Chas Hite. This is going to be a fun-filled evening; you can dress up if you want to, but it is not required. We will nosh on hamentashen and other delicious food, drink, and be merry. We will have music, though we will be taking a break from karaoke for a while. Everyone

is welcome, old and new members alike. Since we have been so successful joining this group with the Louisville KJP group, we will invite them to join us again here in Lexington. If you would like more information about the Lexington Singles Group, please call Fran Morris at Jewish Family Services, 269-8244 or email JFS at jfs@jewishlexington.org.

Central Kentucky Jewish Federation Presents--A Kosher Wine Tasting--March 7, 2002

Not sure what to serve this year??? We can help !!

We are having a kosher wine tasting so you can sample your Passover wine before you buy it - you'll never have to drink that same old sweet wine at your seder again!!

The wine tasting will be held at the Hartland Clubhouse on Hartland Parkway on March 7th at 7:00pm. A wine consultant will be on hand to guide our tasting of about eight different wines. We promise you're in for a treat.

The Liquor Barn's Rob Rosenstein has put together a wonderful selection of wines, as well as assorted cheeses to complement the wine. We guarantee you'll find one (or more) that's just right for your Passover table. After you decide which wines are most to your liking, you can order them on the spot, either by the bottle or the case, and they will arrive in plenty of time for your seder.

The charge for this event will be \$18 per person !! Space in the Hartland Clubhouse is limited so please call and make your



Send this form with your check for \$18 for each person attending to:



Central Kentucky Jewish Federation
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Chag Sameach Purim

by Evelyn Dantzic Geller

Once again Purim is here. Time for Hamantaschen or Soufganiot with all types of yummy fillings. However, this go around we will not present another recipe for either of these traditional Purim goodies. Instead, I would add one more story to the many you already have heard about this unique festival. In some communities Purim food is limited to dairy products. Why? Well, we all know that Esther initially concealed her Judaism. Therefore, in order to observe the dietary laws, she ate only a vegetarian diet. In light of this fascinating revelation, this month we are offering a recipe for three-cornered cheese kreplach; a different culinary reminder of Haman's hat. The recipe, and the story, are adapted from Claudia Rodin's "The Book of Jewish Food."

Purim Kreplach

Make a soft dough in the following manner. Beat 1 large egg with a pinch of salt. Add about 1 cup of flour gradually; at first with a fork and then with your fingers. Knead until the dough is smooth and elastic. Add a bit more flour if the dough is too sticky or a drop of water if it is too dry. This can take up to 15 minutes, so you might want to consider kneading the dough in a food processor. Wrap the dough in plastic wrap and let it rest for 1/2 hour at room temperature.

To make the cheese filling, mix the following ingredients.

5 ounces of cream cheese or farmers cheese
1 to 2 Tbsp. sugar
2 Tbsp. fine dry bread crumbs or matzo meal
1 small egg, lightly beaten
grated zest of 1/2 lemon
1 Tbsp. raisins, plumped in hot water and squeezed dry

Assembly:

Bring a pot of salted water to a hard, rapid boil. Roll out the dough as thin as possible on a lightly floured board. Cut into 2 1/2 inch squares. Put a teaspoon of filling into the center of each square and fold over diagonally to form a triangle. Seal the edges well, using a drop of water is needed to dampen the dough. If you wish, you may then bring the two longer points of the triangle together and press firmly to make certain they stick together. Drop the kreplach into the rapidly boiling water being careful not to stop the boil. They may drop to the bottom at first, but should rise to the top once they are caught up in the boiling process. Reduce the heat to a medium boil and cook for about 20 minutes. Remove with a slotted spoon and drain well. Serve hot with either sour cream or applesauce and a sprinkling of cinnamon.



Shmoozing and relaxing

Winter Dinner Scores Again!

by Ruth Poley

We ate, we socialized, we ate, the kids played, we ate — a good time was had by all. The Seventh Annual Central Kentucky Jewish Federation Winter Dinner was a huge success again this year. On the evening of December 24, more than 130 of us gathered at the Sheraton Suites for an evening of camaraderie.

With no special agenda, other than to have a good time, the annual Winter Dinner again fulfilled its promise. We were in a new venue this year, and the Sheraton Suites met our needs admirably. Gathered in one large room (with a separate adjoining space for children's activities) we were able to meet new friends, chat with old friends, and eat a delicious meal.

Musical entertainment was provided by Harold and Marianne Sherman. The Shermans volunteered their considerable talents, Marianne on the bass guitar and Harold on the keyboard, and created just the right atmosphere in which to enjoy the evening. Marianne is also a DJ and is available for all parties and simchas.

As usual, we took the opportunity, at this event, to collect food for God's Pantry. This year you brought 232 pounds of food and contributed \$100 for this terrific cause.

The Winter Dinner is possible because of the effort put forth by the CKJF Community Activities Committee. If you enjoyed yourself on the evening of December 24th, take the time to thank Phil Berger, Aviva Bowling, Odette Kaplan, Ginger Knight, or Ruth Poley. They worked very hard to organize it for you.

Plan to celebrate Camp Shalom's 35th anniversary

Camp Shalom 2002: July 29-August 9

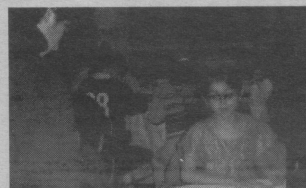
The Camp Shalom Committee is happy to report that plans for camp 2002 are rolling. Because of its accessibility and amenities, camp will be held at the Landsdowne Club for the third year in a row. Together, campers and staff will kick off two weeks of summer fun

on Monday July 29. Brochures will be mailed out in March.

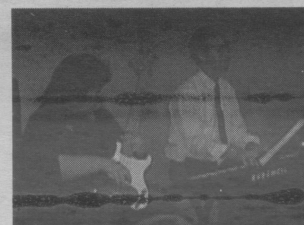
2002 marks a big year for us as we celebrate the 35th anniversary of Camp Shalom! Festivities will be built into camp programming, so stay tuned!

CKJF President Stan Saxe welcomes attendees

Participants enjoying the party



Jason Heyman (left) helping to supervise children's activities



Marianne and Harold Sherman providing musical entertainment

TIKKUN LEXINGTON TO BRING PURIM CELEBRATION TO STEWART HOME

On Thursday, February 28 at 6:00 p.m., Tikkun Lexington, the community volunteer program of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, will travel to Frankfort to bring the story, sounds, and excitement of Purim to residents of the Stewart Home School. The Stewart Home School, a residential school for the developmentally disabled, has been the site of successful holiday programs since Tikkun's inception in 2000. This year, Tikkun volunteers will be pulling out those Hamantaschen recipes to provide a special treat for Stewart's residents, crafting some noisemakers and masks with the residents, and bringing the story of Purim in song. Although this is the first Stewart Home event in 2002, others are being planned, including a possible Passover event held at the home. Anyone interested in volunteering for these events should contact Vicki Atha, at CKJF.

In mid-December, a group of devoted Tikkun Lexington volunteers met at the Stewart Home School to celebrate Hanukkah with the Jewish residents. It was the most joyful event to date! There was Jewish music, dancing, latkes, a candle lighting session, and the retelling of the age-old Hanukkah story. Altogether there were five volunteers and one CKJF staff person who participated in this wonderful holiday celebration. A hearty thank you to all the volunteers who gave of their time and energy to spend a night of Hanukkah

with the Stewart Home residents.

On December 25, a pair of volunteers met at St. Joseph East, while another pair met at St. Joseph West to bring some holiday cheer to the patients. This year, as representative of CKJF and the entire Jewish community, volunteers handed out small gifts for those unfortunate enough to be in the hospital on Christmas Day. Both staff and patients were excited to have visitors on a day that most Christians would prefer to be at home with their families. Thank you to Barbara Grossman, manager of the St. Joe's gift shop and coordinator of this program.

Also on December 25th, five Tikkun Lexington volunteers paired with a family member (one driver, one runner) set out with holiday lunches from the "Meals on Wheels" program. Meals on Wheels delivers meals to Lexington residents who are limited in their activities and require help. In years past, members from the Jewish community have been performing this service which is now being coordinated by Tikkun Lexington.

Tikkun Lexington is a CKJF program introduced in November 2000, and is actively recruiting volunteers to enhance community services. The function of Tikkun is promotion of volunteer services, and to "make the world a better place." If you are interested in becoming a Tikkun Lexington volunteer, please contact Vicki Atha at the CKJF office: 268-0672 or Vicki@JewishLexington.org.



From left to right: Amy Crystal, Barbara Grossman & Elaine Crystal work in the gift shop at St. Joseph West on Christmas day.

Tikkun Lexington at Area Hospitals on December 25

By: Fran Morris, Director Jewish Family Services

On December 25, 2001, a pair of volunteers met at St. Joseph East, while another pair met at St. Joseph West to bring some holiday cheer to the patients. This year, as representatives of CKJF and the entire Jewish community, volunteers handed out cute holiday cups as small gifts for those unfortunate enough to be in the hospital on Christmas Day. Both staff and patients were excited to have visitors on a day that most Christians would prefer to be at home with their families. Thank you to Barbara Grossman, Director of Guest, Volunteer and Senior Services, St. Joseph Hospital for helping coordinate this December 25 program. If you would like to be a Tikkun Lexington volunteer for December 25 at the hospitals in 2002, please contact new Tikkun Lexington Co-ordinator, Vicki Atha at the CKJF office: 268-0672.

Tikkun Lexington brings Hanukkah to the Stewart Home

By: Fran Morris, Director of Jewish Family Services

On December 13 in the evening, a group of devoted Tikkun Lexington volunteers met at the Stewart Home School for the disabled in Frankfort to celebrate Hanukkah with the Jewish residents. It was our most joyful event to date!



Volunteers and residents do the hora together.

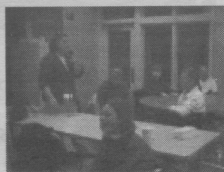
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to all the volunteers who gave of their time and energy to spend a night of Hanukkah with the Stewart Home residents.

We are planning a trip again in March to celebrate Purim with the residents at the Stewart Home School. If you are interested in becoming a Tikkun Lexington volunteer to visit the Stewart Home, or if you have another Mitzvah task in mind, please contact the new Tikkun Lexington Co-ordinator, Vicki Atha at the CKJF office: 268-0672.



Barbara Kline and Alan Phillips enjoy the Hanukkah



Judi Oer retells the Story of Hanukkah

What is Tikkun Lexington?

Tikkun Lexington is a volunteer program for the Jewish and wider Lexington community that was incubated through Jewish Family Services of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation in the fall of 2000. The program was spear-headed by Lisa Miller and continued on by Fran Morris. In just over one year, Tikkun has provided volunteers for such important community tasks as celebrating holidays with the Jewish residents of the Stewart Home School in Frankfort; sending volunteers to area hospitals on Christmas; providing telephone support to isolated and homebound seniors; linking up established members of the Jewish community with newcomers; and coordinating volunteers to bake and cook for individuals and families in need. There are many other mitzvah tasks that are in the works. Some Tikkun tasks are meant to be a one-time event, and some are on-going. Tikkun is always looking for new volunteers. If you would like to volunteer for one of our established Tikkun mitzvah tasks, or if you would just like to volunteer and aren't sure exactly what you want to do, we can use you! We will work with you to find the most appropriate match. To volunteer, or for more information, please call the new Tikkun Lexington Coordinator, Vicki Atha at 268-0672.

Modern technology and the Jewish way of life: A Purim Spiel

A "Purim Spiel" is a fanciful tale. One explanation for telling such stories is to mimic the tales told for entertainment at the lavish parties held in Shuskan during Esther's time.

We Jews have always been eager to adopt new technology when it promotes our way of life. In this brief report, I would like to bring to your attention several recent innovations that can help you live a frivolously observant life.

Have you ever wondered whether a particular pot you haven't used in years is milkhik or fleyshik? There is a new chemical marketed as "tam-shmek" that can solve this puzzle easily. You place a drop of tam-shmek in your pot, your flatware, or serving dish, and wait ten seconds. If the item is pareve, the drop remains clear. If the item is fleyshik, it turns red; if milkhik, blue; if treyf, black. You blot the chemical with white paper to see the color. For an additional cost, you can also get a chemical that will detect khomets.

How many times have you faced the heartbreak of blood-spotted eggs right after you have cracked them into your challah dough? Now you no longer have to rely on the old-fashioned small glass; just scan your entire carton of eggs under the new "teapot dahm" device, and the computerized readout will tell you which eggs have blood spots. As an added benefit, it will also identify if the eggs are fresh or double and whether they are from free-range hens.

Last-minute cake decoration on Shabbos is always problematic. If you are sure the "happy birthday" writing will be sliced on the same day, you can write it in icing without breaking the Shabbos (on a technicality), but when was the last time people actually ate all your cake? Of course, you can always do what your grandmother taught you, which is to use a toothpick to write the words as a groove. Unfortunately, the latest rulings from Kfar Ugar indicate that this activity is considered plowing, and is forbidden on Shabbos as well. Technology to the rescue! You can now buy Scrabble (TM) with the letters made of icing in designer colors. Keep a spare set in the freezer for emergencies. Replacement letters can be made after Shabbos with the templates (included) and fresh icing (not included).

The comfort foods we associate with the holidays are all quite fattening: chicken soup with a layer of golden fat, latkes, blintzes, gribenes, and so forth. The low-calorie recipes just don't taste the same. But as we all know, the real pleasure of these foods isn't in the eating, or even in the cooking, but in the fragrances and in the sounds of satisfied fressing. Now you can get "A shmek un a klang", an integrated high-tech solution to your comfort-food worries. The kit includes concentrates of the finest fragrances from a Jewish kitchen. You need to specify Ashkenazic or Sephardic, and the latter is subdivided into Tunisian, Moroccan, Egyptian, Spanish, Italian, Iraqi, Turkish, Yemenite, and the ever-popular "other". There is a small warming tray and a fan, allowing the odors to waft through the house. When it is time to eat, you set plain rice in front of your guests (potatoes if you prefer, or just plain tofu), and you turn on the

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"klang" attachment, which emits yum-yum sounds as your guests devour their feast.

Not all technology is aimed at home and at foods. There is some marvelous new synagogue technology as well. Much of it is electronic, which can be problematic for Shabbos and Yontir use in Conservative and Orthodox shuls, but it is often possible to establish clocks to start and run it in a hands-free way.

The first development is the "parsha projector". As the Torah reader chants the portion, the words are projected above the bima, both in the Hebrew (with dots!) and in the English translation (also available in French). The mechanism automatically adjusts to the speed of the reader. Reading mistakes can be highlighted in red during practice sessions, although you want to turn off that feature for the public reading. (There have been embarrassing events.)

The next development is the "mit-zinger". When only a few congregants are present, as often happens at the start of services, the room sounds empty. This device recognizes the background level of noise, estimates the size of the crowd, and adds voices until the desired level is reached. The voices can be pre-programmed from the actual voices of congregants davening, and the mit-zinger coordinates the voices with the actual davening and congregational singing. Rabbinic authorities are unanimous that those whose voices are produced by the mit-zinger do not thereby satisfy any of their obligation for davening, but the Rabbis also recognize that this device improves the atmosphere for those who are present, leading to a much more prayerful experience.

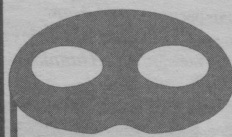
Congregations have come to rely in the last few years on the new stem-twirler technology. To get a scroll ready for a reading, you just set it (vertically or horizontally) in the stem-twirler and select where you want the scroll to be wound to. You can select by parsha (triennial cycle included) or by chapter and verse. The stem-twirler uses a sophisticated weighing scheme to determine where the scroll

currently is set and to roll it to the right place. The stem-twirler can be calibrated for each scroll for even more precise control; it identifies each scroll by its unique weight.

Publishing houses have recently introduced the personalized congregational prayer book. A congregation first gets a set of "standard" prayer books on a three-month loan. The prayer book committee (every congregation needs one!) collects a list of constructive criticisms, such as "the tshiribim should be spelled in modern Yiddish orthography", "we want to include shakhar avakeshko before nishmas", "put a 'turn to page xxx' at the bottom of page yyy", "change the word Lord to 'the Eternal' throughout", and "put in the daily Maariv". These criticisms are sent to the publisher, which then constructs a personalized edition for that congregation. The cost is based on the number of changes, with credits for actual errors that the congregation noticed and fixed. A test printing with cheap paper and spiral binding is sent to the congregation for the next three months, and any last minute corrections are then incorporated into the final deluxe edition. The congregation can recoup the cost of their edition through royalties if other congregations adopt it.

A similar idea leads to the interactive chumash. Every year a congregation that subscribes to this service gets a new set of commentaries for their chumash; the commentaries are based on remarks sent in throughout the year by congregants throughout the world with new insights on the text. The cost to each congregation is adjusted with credits for any insights from its own congregants.

Space does not permit me to go into the details of other marvelous innovations, such as the automatic calligrapher (especially for ketubos), the eulogy generator, mood lights for Tisha B'Av, the kosher chicken pin-feather remover, and the shalekh-mones delivery service. I just want you to know that technology is your friend, and great minds are steadily at work making it easier for you to live an effortlessly deep spiritual life.



costumes are optional

Jewish Family Services
of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation
is sponsoring a

PURIM party

for the Lexington Singles Group

Saturday, Feb. 23rd 7:00 at the home of:
Chas Hite, check your email for address & directions
or call JFS at 269-8244 or email at: jfs@jewishlexington.org
for more info.



GOT TIME?

In February, Tikkun Lexington
NEEDS YOU!!
Your help is needed in February
for the upcoming mitzvah...

PURIM at The Stewart
Home School
Thursday, February 28 – 6:00 p.m.
please call us
to volunteer at
268-0672



Nearly \$2 Million in 9/11 Aid Dispersed from United Jewish Communities Emergency Fund

Total Contributions
Approaching \$5 Million;
Additional Allocations to be
announced

United Jewish Communities (UJC) has
already dispersed \$1.8 million from its
Emergency Fund to aid those affected by
the terrorist attacks on September 11th and to
support agencies providing services.

To date, the Emergency Fund has collected \$4.7
million from nearly 80 federated Jewish communi-
ties and 14 non-federated Jewish communities. In
addition, about 4,600 donors have made direct
donations to the fund and others have contributed
through the libertyunities.org website.

The \$1.5 million dispersed to the UJA Federation
of New York is part of a comprehensive plan to
provide services to Jewish and non-Jewish resi-
dents of the New York metropolitan area who have
been affected by the terrorist attacks.

The allocation will fund services for emigres
from the former Soviet Union. An estimated 80
new American families were affected by the loss of
a family member on September 11 and programs
and services will be provided to allow them to heal
and regain emotional and financial stability. Other
populations served will include Holocaust survivors,
veterans and the unemployed.

The UJC Emergency Committee was created in
1989, and has facilitated the rapid and resounding
responses of the North American Jewish commu-
nity in the aftermath of floods, hurricanes and other
disasters.

United Jewish Communities (UJC) represents
189 Jewish Federations and 400 independent
communities across North America. Together,
they continue to demonstrate unparalleled
philanthropic success.

Central Kentuckians Undertake to Clear Minefield in Mozambique

The Bluegrass Chapter of the United Nations
Association launches its initial minefield clearance
effort with the proclamation by Lexington May
Pam Miller of Bluegrass Adopt-A-Minefield
Campaign Month. The goal of the UNA, in corpo-
ration with other local non-governmental organiza-
tions and churches, is to raise \$28,251. This will
pay for clearing a 10,667 square meter portion of a
larger minefield in Maputo Province, Mozambique.
Clearing this area will permit safe access to
agricultural fields and forests, a graveyard and dip
tank used to treat livestock.

Dr. George Zack, music director and conductor
of the Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra, has
agreed to serve as Honorary Chairman of the
campaign. One of Dr. Zack's musical colleagues,
Sir Paul McCartney, has taken the landmine issue
as a personal one. He has stated, "The legacy of
landmines is an extremely serious issue that we can
all do something about. We must reawaken
people's consciousness about the horrors of
landmines and the unspeakable human suffering
caused by these indiscriminate weapons of war."

The recent maiming of U.S. servicemen by

landmines in Afghanistan has again
brought the issue of the use of these
devices to public attention. What most
people do not realize is that there are
between 60 and 70 million of these
silent killers contaminating the planet.
Africa is the most heavily mined area
and Mozambique is second only to
Zambia in the number of landmines
remaining. While some 40 percent
have already been cleared, it is estimated that it will
cost 300 million to complete the demining effort in
Mozambique, one of the world's poorest nations.
Complicating the effort there is the severe flooding
of recent years which has washed mines onto
previously cleared areas, rendering them again
unsafe and useless.

The Adopt-A-Minefield campaign is conducted
in cooperation with the United Nations Association
of the U.S. A., the U.N., the Better World Fund,
and the U.S. Department of State. All funds
collected go to the U.N., the organization tasked
with directing the clearance program, there being
no administrative cost to the local campaign, and
those of the national agency being borne by the
Better World Fund. All contributions are tax-
deductible and may be sent to Bluegrass Adopt-A-
Minefield Campaign, Box 25026, Lex 40524-5026.



*Dr. Robert Hensley, Mayor Pam
Miller signing proclamation, and
Dr. George Zack of the Adopt-A-
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Around The Community



CKJF - Central Kentucky Jewish Federation (340 Romany Road, 268-0672, Stan Saxe, President)

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

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

TAI - Temple Adath Israel (124 N. Ashland Ave., 269-2979, Jane Grise, President)
Shabbat Services Friday 7:30 p.m.; Worship Service Saturday 10:30 a.m.

HAD - Lexington Chapter of Hadassah (Nancy Menard, President)

HAV - The Lexington Havurah, 272-1459 (Emie Cohen, President)
Shabbat Services monthly. Call for schedule.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 27	28	29	30	31	February 1	2
Super Bowl Party OZS 6:00 p.m.						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
"Washington 13" Young Leadership Conference Wash., D.C. Annual Retreat Lexington Havurah 10:00 a.m.	"Washington 13" Young Leadership Conference Wash., D.C.	"Washington 13" Young Leadership Conference Wash., D.C.	JFS Committee 6:30 p.m. CKJF			JCPA Plenary Mtg. Wash., D.C.
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
JCPA Plenary Mtg. Wash., D.C.	JCPA Plenary Mtg. Wash., D.C.	JCPA Plenary Mtg. Wash., D.C.	JCPA Plenary Mtg. Wash., D.C.	Leisure Club bingo & pizza 12:15 p.m. OZS CRC Committee 7:00 p.m. CKJF		Singles' Purim event Chas Hite's 7:00 p.m.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
TAI Megillah Reading and Purim Carnival 11:00 a.m. OZS Purim Carnival noon	OZS Megillah Reading 6:30 p.m. Lexington Havurah Megillah Reading 8:00 p.m.	PURIM	Shushan Purim Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. CKJF Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. CKJF	Tikkun Lexington Purim Party at the Stewart Home, Frankfort 6:00 p.m.		
24	25	26	27	28	March 1	2
				CKJF Wine Tasting Hartland Clubhouse 7:00 p.m.		
3	4	5	6	7	8	9

OHAVAY ZION SYNAGOGUE

Ohavay Zion Synagogue
2048 Edgewater Court, Lexington
(859) 335-9922

New Adult Education Opportunities Coming in 2002!

Adult B'nai Mitzva Class Now Forming!

Any Jewish Adult above the age of 13 is considered a bar/bat mitzva, a person obligated to do the mitzvot. However, we know that the hallmark of becoming a bar/bat mitzva usually comes as a teenager participates from the bima by reading from the Torah and leading the congregation in prayer.

In January, Rabbi Cohen will begin an Adult B'nai Mitzva Class designed for adults who never had or who wish again to have a taste of the bar/bat mitzva experience.

After February, when the meetings will be on Feb. 3 and Feb. 10, the class will meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at OZS. If you are interested in joining the class please call the OZS office and leave your name. For more information, call Rabbi Cohen.

Beginning Hebrew

OZS will once again be offering a Beginning Hebrew Class for adult members of our community who would like to learn the Alef-Bet and develop Hebrew reading skills and vocabulary based upon the Siddur (prayerbook).

The class will meet Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at OZS, and will be taught by our congregant and Adult Ed Committee member, Scott Diamond. There will be a small fee for the textbook and materials.

Please call the OZS office if you are interested in joining the class.

For more information contact Scott Diamond at 266,0762, (work) 323-1870, or email

sedrm@ax.net

It's Superbowl Time again...Well Almost!

Ohavay Zion Synagogue is hosting its 2nd annual Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 3rd at 6:00 pm in the Youth Lounge.

Buy a chance to win BIG! Buy a spot on the board for \$50 and have a chance to win up to \$500/quarter. Half the proceeds go to OZS, the rest to payouts. Your purchase includes admission to this great event, food, and drink. Admission with no ticket purchase is \$10/person.

Call the OZS Office and reserve your chance to win NOW!!

Talmud Class

Talmud Class meets every Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Schedule is as follows:

7:30-8a.m.	Shaharit
8-8:30 a.m.	Coffee & Bagels
8:30-9:30 a.m.	Talmud Study

Purim Carnival

Purim Carnival will be at 12 noon on Sunday, February 24 at OZS. If you would like to volunteer to help out, please call the office at 266-8050.

M'gila Reading & Purim Celebration

OZS will be having a M'gila Reading and Purim Celebration on Monday, February 25 at 6:30.

WANT TO HELP OZS!

Your donation of that unneeded car, boat, business equipment or estate can help OZS



- Pick up can be arranged.
- Full market value may be a tax deduction if you itemize.

CALL Larry Herman at 269-5229

TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL

Adult Jewish Growth

Larry Kant Presents: Finding a Jewish path while the ground shifts beneath us
The calendar for the Adult Jewish Growth Programs to be held on Sundays at 10 AM is as follows:

February 10 March 10 April 14
Various topics will be discussed. Come join the group for a lively, educational experience.

Everyone is invited to drop in for
LUNCH & TALMUD
on Wednesdays from 12:30-1:30 PM
Bring a sack lunch and we will provide drinks. We will study from the Steinsaltz Talmud a little at a time. No reservation required. The dates are: Feb. 6 & 27, March 6 & 20, April 10 & 24, May 8 & 22.

Film, Food and Conversation
Video/Film Club
Next Meeting - February 24 - TAI Library
7 PM - Movie (TBA) - Coffee & refreshments
Nosh & Discussion following film
Video/refreshments \$1.00
For more details contact
Fran Bloom/223-8700 • TAI/269-2979

Other News

Religious School Fund Raiser

Temple Adath Israel's *Recipes for Life* is available for purchase now. The cookbook features delicious recipes and stories to warm your heart and soul. Included are tasty recipes for winter soups, vegetarian and meat entrees and a large section of Jewish holiday foods. Many thanks to the Temple members and friends who have contributed their favorite recipes. All proceeds from the sale of the cookbook benefit TAI Religious School. Cookbooks are on sale for \$15.00 at the Temple office, Joseph-Beth Books, and the Synagogue gift shop. Please continue to buy cookbooks.

Saturday, March 2, 8 PM

Join TAI's theater lovers for Actors' Guild presentation of *Over the River and Through the Woods*. This off-Broadway hit looks at the generation gap through the eyes of four Italian-American immigrants and their up and coming executive grandson. After the show, we'll go to Portofino's for an after theater snack. If you have a season's subscription to Actors' Guild, make your reservations for March 2 and join us!

To make reservations, you must send payment and a self-addressed envelope to the Temple office by February 20. Tickets are \$10 for seniors and \$13 for all others.

Are you interested in helping to organize this year's Women's Community Seder? Volunteers are needed

To continue this emerging Lexington tradition, you can help with cooking, set up and clean up, music and dancing, or designing and leading the Seder. Contact Toni Reiss at 269-2979 or TAItoni@aol.com for more information.

Special Sermons in February

February 1, Rev. C.B. Akins will speak on the initiative "For the Good of our Children." This is a move to get real equity education in our public schools.

February 15, Joshua Adland will speak on his recent experience of living and studying in Israel on the Reform Movement's E.I.E. semester in Israel program.

February 22, Dr. Larry Kant will deliver a sermon titled "The Real Meaning of Shalom."

Be Happy!! It's Adar!!

Time for the annual TRYST
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PURIM CARNIVAL

FEB. 24, 11:30 - 1PM
TEMPLE SOCIAL HALL
LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE
LOTS OF GOOD PRIZES

Megillah reading at 11 AM

TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL
SISTERHOOD

TAI Sisterhood joins
Second Presbyterian Church for:

Lunch and Learn

with Rabbi Adland

Topic:
Feast of Esther

Tuesday, February 19, 2002
12:30 PM TAI Social Hall
\$10.00/person for catered luncheon
Deadline for reservations and payment is
Friday, February 15th
(Transportation and childcare available upon request. Request for either must be made at time of RSVP)

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