



Shalom

November 1998

Heshvan-Kislev 5759

Is It Time For A JCC?

by Joel H. Eizenstat

Since the first article appeared in the Lexington Herald-Leader describing the possible sale of the Lansdowne Club to the Fraternal Order of Police, I have had almost daily conversations about the possibility of the Lansdowne Club becoming a Jewish Community Center (JCC) for Central Kentucky. It turns out that the Lansdowne Club has not been sold, but the pool has been closed. The owners are seeking a buyer that would continue to operate the pool and club. If they do not find such a buyer, they plan to develop the seven plus



Could this be the future Jewish Community Center?

acres. Now is definitely the time to ask, "Is it time for a Jewish Community Center in Central Kentucky?"

What would a JCC mean to Central Kentucky? The primary purpose would be to enhance the quality of Jewish life here in Central Kentucky. To accomplish this mission, a JCC would serve as a common meeting ground for all people and all segments of our Jewish community. It would provide meaningful group and individual experiences which the members of our community view as enhancing the quality of their lives. It would strengthen family life through programs for all members of the family, recognizing that families come in all sizes. A Central Kentucky Jewish Community Center would not be in competi-

tion with the other Jewish organizations in our community, but would serve as an asset.

A JCC could provide full and part-time programs in child care and preschool, in recreation, informal education, cultural and performing arts, physical education and sports. The JCC would strive to make available opportunities for authentic Jewish experiences, to develop community based leadership, and to work toward building a sense of community for people of all ages.

Some of the services that a Jewish Community Center could provide include:

Early Childhood Development - providing full-day, high quality day care for infants (beginning @ 6 weeks) and pre-schoolers, 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. weekdays.

Health & Physical Education Programming - initially featuring aquatics and tennis. Upon completion of a gymnasium facility, additional programs could include aerobics, individual and team sports, blood pressure and other health screenings, fitness assessment and personal training.

Senior Adult Programming - this would represent a continuation and expansion of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation's Leisure Club activities for seniors. Some of the activities would include bingo, socials, day trips and arts & crafts. It is possible that a "hot lunch" program could also be developed.

Camp Shalom - this would be an expansion of CKJF's thirty-one year old Camp Shalom to a full summer (8 weeks) camp for children 5 - 13 years old. In addition, the Camp would provide leadership opportunities for Counselors and C-I-T's. Camp Shalom is a Jewish camp which offers a unique outdoor experience through games, music, physical activity, drama, nature appreciation, and

arts & crafts.

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Youth & Teen Programming - offering social, educational and creative activities while strengthening Jewish identity.

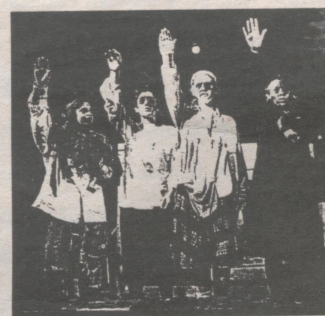
Cultural Arts/Adult Programming - this would represent a continuation and expansion of CKJF's Community Activities programming with community-wide activities such as Yom Ha' atzmaut, Yom Hashoah, community Chanukah party, concerts and speakers. Other activities will include art exhibits, classes, trips and socials.

For a Central Kentucky Jewish Community

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DON'T MISS IT!



TEREZIN

CHILDREN OF THE HOLOCAUST

by Anna Smulowitz

November 5th at 4:30 p.m.

Ohavay Zion Synagogue
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Robert & Karen Cole on the death of Karen's father, **Edward Levy** on September 14, 1998.

Austin & Susan Cantor on the death of Austin's uncle, **Ben Cantor** on September 23, 1998.

Alvin & Ellie Goldman on the death of Ellie's father, **Harold Paris**, on September 23, 1998.

Bill & Regina Meece on the death of Regina's grandfather, **Robert Meade, Sr.** on October 6, 1998.

We note with sorrow the death of **Helen Goldfarb** on October 3, 1998. May her memory be for a blessing. *Zichrona Livraha.*

MAZEL TOV TO:

Bob & Judith Baumann and **Shirley & Sol Aizenstein** on the marriage of their children **Barbara Baumann** to **Howard Aizenstein** on August 23rd. The couple will reside in Pittsburgh.

Stephen & Nancy Kesten on the marriage of their daughter, **Sara Ellen** to **William Jackson Howell III** on Wednesday, October 10, 1998. The newlyweds will reside at 416 Clinton Avenue, Lexington.

Marcelo & Carina Kugelmas on the birth of their daughter, **Juliana Claire** on October 14, 1998. *

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The President's Message

by
Evelyn Dantzic Geller

WHAT IS REVEALED?

The Jewish people recently celebrated the event which truly marked our place and purpose in the world; the revelation of Divine Law; of the specifications for living a good life. I've already done "good" - see last month's message for starters - and I constantly harp on mitzvot. So this message will have to be about revelation. Once again though, I entreat you to remember that whatever is written here has no basis in deep study. But, as one with an opportunity to speak, coupled with a penchant for philosophical preaching, how can I pass up an opportunity like this.

It may be difficult for some of us in this day and age of sophistication and erudition (I also like big words), to envision Moses ascending Mt. Sinai and literally receiving tablets inscribed by G-d with the holy words. Consider a possible, even plausible, modern day interpretation. Perhaps what occurred at Sinai was that we had reached a point of in our ethical and intellectual development which allowed us to set forth a codification of principles that could serve to guide human behavior in just about any situation. It may have been that ever since Adam and Eve were ousted from Gan Eden, humans had been trying to figure out what to do with the insights they had gained by eating of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge. After many years, and lots of hard knocks, maybe they finally figured out some essential tenets of conduct which would guide their paths to peace and progress. Remember, my ideas are just conjecture. Many people believe literally in the Biblical description of the revelation of Torah. Either way, or using any other interpretation or explanation you have, and keeping in mind that anything is possible, it would appear that revelation gave human beings a prescription for living without prejudice or malice or evil. We had the foundations for living with love, respect, justice and equity.

Let me ask you now to consider an additional question about revelation. Was revelation a one time thing, or is this Divine inspiration an ongoing miracle? Is it possible that, as society moves forward and becomes more complex, we need to stop every once in a while, take stock of what we are doing to one another and to the earth, and - should we find ourselves wanting - seek Heavenly direction for our actions?

Look around folks. Those of us who have are having more; those without are doing with less. And while charitable giving is up, our elected officials are cutting social programs so rapidly and drastically that the need for increased giving is swelling at an even greater rate. We know that the highest level of Tzedakah is to enable the recipient of our largess to become self sufficient.

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FEATURE

I REMEMBER ANNA SMULOWITZ

by Marilyn Moosnick

It all happened in one year. From the summer of 1971, just after she received her Masters degree in Theatre from the University of Cincinnati, until the end of the school year of 1971-72.

Even though she had spent four years here in Lexington, from Fall 1966 to Spring 1970, as an undergraduate in theatre arts at the University of Kentucky, it only took Anna Smulowitz one season as director of the Lexington Children's Theatre to stamp her indelibly on the hearts and minds of every child, parent, theatre professional and theatre lover she came in contact with.

Anna Smulowitz made a tremendous difference in a lot of things about LCT productions: she used "casts of thousands," and she had an amazing season of outstanding performances: "Wizard of Oz," "Peter Pan," "A Christmas Carol," "Livin' de Life," based on the Brer Rabbit series; and finally at the close of the year, a play she had written as basis for her Masters' thesis. It was then called "The Children of Terezin." It was an affirmation of the lives of her parents, a tribute to them, and it was the most heart-wrenching, powerful play any of the children of LCT had ever tackled. The first four Children's Theatre productions that year were presented in the UK Fine Arts Building Guignol Theatre at the behest of Wallace (Wally) Briggs, then director of the Department of Theatre, whose personal recommendation of Anna Smulowitz was the primary reason for her selection as LCT director. But the late Spring production of "Children of Terezin" was staged in the University's Laboratory Theatre which seats 110 persons, now officially named the Briggs Theatre.

One of the remarkable things about the impact Anna Smulowitz made on her cast members was the high percentage who went on to major in theatre arts in college and/or go to New York or another major city to begin a career in theatre. To name a few: Rose Buckner, who earned a degree in theatre at University of Illinois, and with her theatre-department-director husband established a major summer theatre in the Champagne-Urbana area (Rose played Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz). The Corea sisters and Jack Hickey who were in that 1972 cast of Terezin went to New York to pursue New York theatre careers, as did the Garland sisters and Steve Currents. Hope Garland played one of the youngest children in "Terezin." Cheryl LaLonde Mooney, a Lexington attorney who was in the cast of most of the 1971-72 plays, and played Wendy in "Peter Pan," had this to say about that season, "For all of us in Children's Theatre at that time, there never was anything like that year, before or after."

In a very personal way, Anna Smulowitz started our four children's lifelong love of theatre. In "Wizard of Oz" all four were in the cast: Greg was the mayor of Munchkinville and Madeline (Mimi) and Ross, of course, were Munchkins; Jeff played the Scarecrow and went on that year to take the lead in "Peter Pan" and "Livin' de Life." He found his "Never, Never Land" 20 years ago in the Aravah desert in Israel, where he has been lead singer in an on-again, off-again professional band.

However, Janet Berry, who played a mermaid in "Peter Pan,"

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Winner of the 1984 American Children's Television Award.

TEREZIN: Children of the Holocaust

by Anna Smulowitz

Presented **FREE OF CHARGE** by
Central Kentucky Jewish Federation
at Ohavay Zion Synagogue Social Hall
Thursday, November 5th at 4:30 p.m.

For Fifth Graders through High School Students and their parents

Anna Smulowitz was raised in America, the daughter of two survivors of Auschwitz. Their stories and those of other relatives who did not survive the death camps were related to her as a child. Putting pen to paper against racial intolerance, Smulowitz wrote *Terezin*, a play about six children in a concentration camp cell. Terezin was established by the Nazis in 1941 in the former Czechoslovakia. Of the 15,000 children imprisoned there between 1942 and 1944, fewer than 150 survived. At Terezin, children left behind remarkable works of art, poetry and letters, testimonies to their inhumane treatment. Their compelling message was that "you must never forget what happened here, or else it will surely happen again!" Anna Smulowitz's production raises awareness about racial intolerance in today's world. Through the compelling discussions led by the young actors following the performances, students begin to grasp the invaluable lessons of the Holocaust.

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Some 60,000 memorials recognize the mothers, fathers, farmers, clergy, merchants, horsemen, bankers, lawyers and people from all walks of life who rest at peace. Due to the planning and stewardship of the trustees, management and workers there will be space available for the next 100 years for people who will have contributed to the growth and well-being of Lexington-Fayette County.

As we observe the sesquicentennial anniversary of the charter that enabled this community asset to exist, may each of us reflect upon the sacrifices and glories of those who have preceded us and rededicate ourselves to perpetually care for the natural beauty and serenity of the community memorial grounds.

The Lexington Cemetery

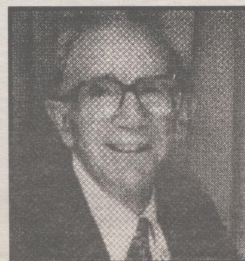
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FEATURE

DARKENING CLOUDS

by Michael E. Adelstein



Gerhard Schroder's campaign and victory over German Chancellor Helmut Kohl was widely reported in the American media. As the accounts went, it was the younger generation against the older, fresh ideas against failed ones, American-style campaigning against a traditional one, and a physically attractive man a la Bill Clinton and Tony Blair against a pudgy, graying politician. And, of course, there was the promise of creating thousands of new jobs to replace the high unemployment in eastern Germany that existed under Kohl.

There were other issues, one of particular concern to us: Kohl had planned for a Holocaust memorial to be erected in the center of Berlin near the Brandenburg Gate and the American Embassy. In that location, it would be seen by millions of Germans and visitors to Germany and serve as a reminder of that country's most cruel, vicious, and inhumane deeds.

Enter Gerhard Schroder, opposed to the centrality of the memorial if not the memorial itself, espousing a vision of a glorious future not weighed down by past memories. In this respect, he was spurred on by the polls, which revealed that a majority of Berliners were against the memorial.

Not surprisingly, Schroder appealed to the young Germans who wanted to be relieved of the guilt of an older generation.

As one newspaper columnist put it, "What nation would come up with the idea of putting the most horrible acts of its own history in such an exposed position in gigantic dimensions in its capital?"

Perhaps—perhaps—the Germans may not be able to forget so easily. A short walk from the center of town, a new Jewish Museum is being constructed. Like the spectacular Gehry-built museum in Bilbao, Spain, this one by the Polish-American Daniel Libeskind is similarly surreally lopsided with tilted windows and other architectural contortions. It will attract many sightseers, stand as a marked contrast to the nearby traditional Berlin Museum, and may remind many viewers of the anguish of the Holocaust and the tortured existence of the German Jews.

Unfortunately, Germany is not the only country in which there is some semblance of growing anti-Semitism. The problem is even stronger in Russia. The scenario there is a familiar one: In dire economic times, people look for a scapegoat. Just as historically the Jews have been blamed, so this is occurring in Russia today. It will probably increase what has been a slowing exodus to Israel and the United States.

Finally, a vexing question: With Rubin and Greenspan being the prominent managers of the US economy, could a recession spark a rise in anti-Semitism in the United States? *

COMMUNITY

Lion of Judah Conference

by Nancy Hoffman

On September 13-15, I had the unique opportunity to join 1,200 committed Jewish women in Washington, D.C. for 48 hours of briefings and workshops on subjects important to the Jewish community and to women. The theme of the UJA Women's Division Conference was "Let us gather as one from the four corners of the earth." Looking back over my notes and the program, I cannot believe I saw and heard so much in such a short time.

There were a number of experts on the situation in the Middle East, including His Excellency Zalman Shoval, Israel's Ambassador to the U.S.; The Honorable Nasser Al-Kidwa, Ambassador of the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the U.S.; Martin Indyk, Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs; and Dennis Ross, Special Middle East Coordinator. I also attended workshops on Women in Politics and heard from one of the authors of "The Money Club," a book on financial planning for women. There was also a very heated discussion about the current situation with President

Clinton at a workshop with Ann Lewis, Director of Communications for the White House; Eleanor Clift, Contributing Editor of Newsweek and panelist on "The McLaughlin Group; and Lester Crystal, Executive Producer, NewsHour with Jim Lehrer.

Highlights of the meeting included an evening at the Kennedy Center (thanks to a generous corporate sponsor), "Israel at 50," a celebration with the National Symphony Orchestra and last but certainly not least, the keynote speaker at our closing program, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton who spoke eloquently about how far women have come but how far we have to go for equality.

If it seems that I have glossed over a tremendous amount of important information, it is because I feel that the most meaningful moments came during a presentation of where our UJA money goes. A film described the elderly citizens of the Former Soviet Union who are alone because their children and grandchildren have emigrated. Our donations pay for these elderly Jews to be picked up and taken to centers where

they can socialize and be fed. For those who cannot leave their homes, food is delivered to them.

The most moving moment was a young Israeli woman who grew up in Ethiopia. She described her childhood in a small village and her parents who talked about not "if" they would go to Jerusalem but "when." She told of their journey across the Sudan with her 100 year old grandmother and other family members, some of whom died before they reached Israel. Their joy in reaching Jerusalem was surpassed by the surprise they felt in seeing white Jews for the first time.

I was in awe of this lovely young woman who was so poised and spoke such beautiful English as she shared her story of reaching Jerusalem. There was not a dry eye as she thanked us for our contributions to the rescue of the Ethiopian Jewish community.

In this New Year, let us dedicate ourselves to teach our children the true meaning of Tzedakah, righteousness, by giving of ourselves. How do we take care of our spiritual needs? By taking care of the physical needs of others. L'Shana Tova. *



TORAH TOTS

December 4

6:00 Services • 6:30 Dinner (Synagogue Shabbaton)

Ohavay Zion Synagogue

Call Synagogue (266-8050) for reservations

This is the first in a series of seven programs this year for pre-schoolers (to age 4) and their parents or grandparents. The remainder of the calendar will be announced shortly. All children in the Jewish Community are welcome. For further information call Kathy Feinberg (223-1304).

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LEISURE CLUB UPDATE

by Ruth Moser

After all that kvetching and kvelling in September, the Leisure Club was finally able to sit down and enjoy a leisurely lunch at the Woodland Grill. The kvetching and kvelling was great, and we were delighted to see so many New Americans there. They are always welcome, and we look forward to having them as our guests once again at our annual Channukah celebration.

We have almost always met on the third Thursday of the month, so please remember that both our November luncheon at the Campbell House and our annual Channukah celebration will be on TUESDAYS. This will enable some people to come who have standing appointments on Thursday.

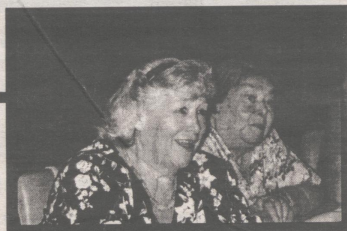
The Channukah party will be December 15 at Temple Adath Israel. We have an exciting program planned following the lighting of the menorah:

Dr. David Haller, former Chairman of Drama at Transylvania University, will delight us with his beautiful singing voice and piano accompaniment.

Our very own Bob Orbach will entertain us with his famous rendition of the epic poem Casey at the Bat.

Remember, you don't have to be a "member" to belong to the Leisure Club. Just come and have a good time. *

"Kodak Moments" from September's Kvetching and Kvelling



Central Kentucky Jewish Federation

Leisure Club

MEET & EAT BUFFET LUNCH

at

Campbell House Dining Room

1375 Harrodsburg Road

TUESDAY, November 17th

11:45 a.m.

In November and December we will meet on Tuesday. Thursday meetings will resume in January

RSVP by November 12th

268-0672

Join the Hadassah Volunteers at UK Children's Hospital

by Judy Baumann

Here's an opportunity to spend one afternoon or evening a month working at the Parent Resource Center and Library at the UK Children's Hospital. Be part of the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah's exciting new community service project! Here's what we've accomplished so far!

- Boxes and boxes of books have been delivered to the library. They are being entered by our Hadassah and other Children's Hospital volunteers into a database, color coded and shelved.
- Hadassah volunteer Linda Ravvin, a librarian, has been instrumental in classifying the books by reading level.
- Two classes for using the Internet to access information for parents have been attended by Hadassah volunteers, including Judy Baumann, Evelyn Geller, Linda Ravvin, Ruth Moser, Natalie Sherman and Hanna Smith.

AND, as a result of a Hadassah Region Enhancement Grant our chapter received...

- 50 cloth dolls with hospital gowns have been enthusiastically received by Judi Martin, UK Children's Hospital Child Life Coordinator to use with young patients prior to various procedures and operations. The dolls are being sewn (25 more are ready to be stitched) by a cadre of Hadassah volunteers including: Norma Allweiss, Shirley Bryan, Liz Broudy, Susan Cantor and Ann Freund. Under the able leadership of Leisure Club coordinators Annette Milch and Ruth Moser, Leisure Club members stuffed the dolls at two of their meetings.

The wheels are rolling, and WE NEED AS MANY PEOPLE ON BOARD AS POSSIBLE to become part of our Hadassah volunteer corps! Come help us make this Parent Resource Center and Library a state of the art facility and more accessible to the parents and children in the hospital.

Our goal is to have two afternoons and one evening a week be staffed by Hadassah volunteers. This includes Hadassah members, Associates, teenagers, friends and family. Sundays are also possible. Please call Judy Baumann at 223-1299 NOW to offer your help. *

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The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation "Leisure Club" & Hadassah presented

The 50th doll to the UK Children's Hospital



These dolls were cut out, sewn together, stuffed and labeled by Susan Canor from Hadassah and Norma Allweiss from the Leisure Club. The hospital gowns were sewn by Norma Allweiss and Liz Brody from Hadassah. The entire Leisure Club dressed the dolls at the September Leisure Club meeting held at the Synagogue. This entire project has been organized and carried out under the leadership of Ruth Moser (Leisure Club liaison to Hadassah), co-sponsor of the Leisure Club.

Hadassah General Meeting November 10th • 7:30 p.m. Subject: Alzheimer's

The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah will hold its General meeting on November 10, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Adath Israel. Subject: "Alzheimer's: Update on Important Medical Research and an Overview of Services," presented by Roberta Davis and Gail Cohen of the U.K. Sanders-Brown Center on Aging, Lindsey Eim of the Alzheimer's Association, and Elizabeth Stotler of Richmond Place.

Babysitting is available—call Susan Hellerman at 268-8442

Lexington Havurah

Friday, October 30th – 8 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Services

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Friday, November 20th — 8 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Services

(For location please contact Jeremy Popkin at 271-3187.)

The Lexington Havurah was founded in 1978 and is affiliated with both the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and The National Havurah Committee. Our members come from diverse religious backgrounds - from the unaffiliated, to Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist and Orthodox. Our services are egalitarian, and our educational programs take full advantage of the wealth of knowledge of people both inside and outside the Lexington community. Our membership includes families with young children and teens, couples and singles. Many members also belong to one of the other Jewish congregations, and participate in both groups. We have no building or professional staff. We have a tremendous amount of energy, creativity and the desire to live a meaningful and spiritual Jewish life. So, whether you are new to Lexington or have been here for a while, we invite you to attend our services. They are announced monthly in *Shalom* along with phone numbers for more information. If you wish additional information please call Jeremy Popkin, 271-3187 or Judy Baumann, 223-1299. You can also get updated information at our web site: www.uscj.org/ohio/lexhavurah *

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FEATURE

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Center to become a reality, a tremendous commitment, both financial as well as personal, on the part of the Central Kentucky Jewish community would have to be made. We would have to undertake a major Capital Campaign. Members of our community must become involved in focus groups and task forces to help shape the vision of the JCC. A commitment by a substantial majority of our community to become members of the Central Kentucky Jewish Community Center is necessary.

During the three years that I have been the Executive Director for the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, I have often heard the comment, "What we really need here is a JCC!" Now is the time to stand up and be counted. Call the CKJF office (268-0672) and voice your support. Volunteer to help shape the vision of the Central Kentucky Jewish Community Center. Perhaps the time has come for a JCC here in Central Kentucky. *

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Might this not reveal to us that, beyond not coveting, we are responsible for supporting - in all ways - our neighbors in need until they reach the point of self sufficiency?

People the world over are suffering because of social and physical isolation. Elders are dying, literally, because they have been abandoned to institutions or poverty. Children who have no positive role models turn to lives of crime because they have to prove themselves to someone. People without transportation do without jobs, medicines, and countless other necessities; they have no way of getting to them. Might this not reveal to us that in addition to honoring our parents, we should honor all humankind? After all, by extension, every person has been or could be a parent.

The point of all this is to ask you to open your eyes, your hearts, and your minds so that you may see that which has been, is, and will be revealed. None of us can do it all, but all of us can do something. *

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"Glory Days?!"

by Shane O'Connor

They say that your senior year in high school is the best year of your life. Since hearing this, I have come to the conclusion that "they" must have totally forgotten what their senior year was like. Well, let me remind them now: senior year is a living nightmare. Things like the upcoming prom and the pressure of getting into college make what should be a nice relaxing year into a mad anxiety-fest.

Of course, there are those people who take care of those things in advance. You know who I mean. Those people who play on a varsity team, have a job they love and a 3.8 GPA, and always go out with the right people. Those are the people who have a prom date lined up months in advance and have already gotten early acceptance to an Ivy League college. Don't you just hate those people?

Senior year is a mad dash from one horrible project to another. Take, for example, the SATs (which, for the acronymically-challenged stands for "Sadistic Anxiety Test"). Did you ever notice how the SATs are always taken on a Saturday morning, in school? I can assure you, this is no coincidence. Instead, it is a carefully hatched plot by the college board, or as we students call them, the Dark Overlords. The Dark Overlords are an august body of old men who are always in a bad mood because the younger generation does not have to, a) walk twenty miles uphill to school in the snow with no shoes, or b) listen to them tell us about how they had to walk uphill twenty miles in the snow with no shoes.

As such, they decided that it was their duty to make our lives a living hell, so bad that it would make Joseph Stalin say, "whoa, lighten up guys!" To do this, they first decided that four years of grades were not enough to judge students with. The students also needed to take a huge comprehensive exam. Even better, they decided, let's have them take it on a Saturday morning, when they would be so tired that they would have to deliberately think about how to walk and breathe simultaneously.

Of course, the college board isn't the only evil syndicate out to screw us students over. Somewhere along the line, someone, probably the superintendent (though, I should mention, I have yet to find anything super about him, intended or not) decided we need something called portfolio pieces to graduate. These portfolios can be divided into two groups: English and math. The math portfolios consist of us saying that one plus one does indeed equal two, why it equals two, how it equals two, and how this can be applied in real life. The English portfolio has us write about a major world event, usually one that happened before we were born, and how it has altered us on a spiritual level.

This is the kind of thing that we have to put up with for nine-and-a-half months. And people wonder why we all get drunk when we graduate. So remember, the next time you tell someone, "relax kid, these are the best years of your life," don't be surprised if they burst into tears. *



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has sung consistently in several successful bands in this area.

Anna Smulowitz's one memorable year as a professional theatre director in Lexington ended when her mentor, Wally Briggs, recommended her to the University of Maryland theatre department as a faculty member who worked well with children and had experience with play writing. She was first choice over 42 candidates, and her play-writing example was "Terezin, Children of the Holocaust" which she has since rewritten and polished many times.

In the ensuing years, during the time she has taught theatre arts in public schools and colleges, she has produced "Terezin" with no less than 25 different casts, including two German casts who performed the play several times in a number of Berlin public schools. An American cast presented the drama at the Terezin "showplace" camp and at Auschwitz.

Ms. Smulowitz is extremely excited about returning to Lexington to present her Holocaust play in the place where her theatre career and the first ideas for "Terezin" and its actual staging began. After the four performances using two casts, in Lexington, she will go to Louisville with her Boston area group of children, accompanying parents, husband of thirteen years, Alan Schutz, and a 21 year old technical director. On Friday, November 6, the company will do several performances in Louisville, where Anna grew up, and where her parents, Holocaust survivors Helen and Sam Smulowitz lived after World War II. Sam, the only survivor of his 250 member family, operated the Hikes Lane Deli for many years. Anna said, "Don't forget to ask folks from the synagogue if anyone remembers that I taught Hebrew School at the old Ohavay Zion shul, and was a close friend of Rabbi Schwab." And she added, "Actually, his father was my Hebrew School teacher." She says that as each of her productions of "Terezin" begins she silently says to her parents, both dead now, "See, we *did* survive. We beat him." *



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Federations in the driver's seat as 'road to merger' nears its end

By Julia Goldman

NEW YORK, Oct. 8 (JTA)—As 1998 winds to a close, the leaders of the United Jewish Appeal and local Jewish federations are gearing up to complete the overhaul of American Jewry's central fund-raising establishment.

This month, an outside facilitator, Jeffrey Solomon, began meeting with top professionals at UJA and the Council of Jewish Federations to keep their merger from idling on the way to a self-imposed year-end deadline.

When it emerges after nearly a decade of conceptual planning, the new entity—born of the union of UJA, CJF and the United Israel Appeal—will have a single chief professional officer and a unified organizational structure.

It will also have a new system of governance that puts federations squarely in the driver's seat of North America's primary Jewish charity, which raises over \$1 billion a year for Jewish needs, both nationally and overseas.

"I think it's appropriate that the federations control the system," Dr. Conrad Giles of Detroit CJF's president, said in a telephone interview. "It is their system. They are paying for it, and whatever sense of loss of control they have had in the past is regrettable."

That sense, he explained, grew out of a perception that the national organizations, although supported by local federations, were not responding to the communities' needs. As a result, an increasing number of federations began to demand a louder voice and a greater share in deciding how funds would be allocated here and in Europe and Israel.

Last month in Washington, a three-day quarterly meeting of the UJA-CJF-UJA partnership, which currently is being called the UJA Federations of North America, yielded a basic outline for operations. It gives federations a majority voice in the partnership's governing bodies.

"I'm convinced that with the ownership of the new organization," Giles said, federations "will also accept the responsibility of making certain that the system does its best for all of its members."

Still to be resolved are several potential sticking points.

For example, the structure and function of committees will reflect widely debated issues, such as the need for a Jewish renaissance committee to address concerns about education and continuity or a committee to oversee and secure funding for national social service agencies.

Moreover, a recommendation endorsed by the committee drafting the plans for the new entity centers around one of the merger's most divisive issues: collective responsibility—the degree to which federations should be obligated to contribute at set levels to nationally determined fund-raising priorities.

The drafting committee's report proposes that communities voluntarily commit to maintain current levels of overseas allocations for the next two years to provide security for agencies administering funds abroad, namely the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency for Israel.

Significantly, the drafting committee's report represents "an effort rising up by those who will own the organization" rather than a "top-down effort," UJA President Richard Wexler of Chicago said in a telephone interview.

Ideas about governance, funding and the distribution of funds raised by the new entity, he said, "rose directly from the federations themselves" at the meetings in Washington. Those talks really helped energize the partnership, Wexler said.

"That's our biggest challenge," he said. "How do we assure that the new organization has the kind of engagement by the leadership of the fund-raising world, overseas advocacy, mega-donors and federation leaders in a new organization with vision and dynamism? That's been our failing to date."

The committee of over 40 lay leaders and professionals charged with fashioning the partnership's new structure reached broad consensus related to three key concerns: ownership/governance, collective responsibility and sources of funding (a combination of dues and allocations).

Under the new system, the centralized entity would be governed by:

- a delegate assembly of hundreds of representatives from federations and national beneficiary agencies, such as the Jewish Community Centers of North America and the National Foundation for Jewish Culture;

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- a board of trustees with between 100 and 120 members, the majority of whom would be nominated directly by and from federations; and
- a 20-person executive committee composed of officers, major standing committee chairs, representative federation presidents and the five chairs of the consolidated UJA-CJF regional offices (in Chicago, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Bergen County, N.J., and Deerfield Beach, Fla.).

The drafting committee distributed its report last month to federation and partnership leaders. The committee will meet on Oct. 20 to discuss more precise details of structural and conceptual points.

And while fundamental issues—including an overall vision and mission statement—have yet to be determined, the drafting committee's report is seen as a major milestone along the "road to merger."

Until last month, that road has been a bumpy one, snarled in what Wexler described as "gridlock" between professional and lay leaders coming to the partnership from organizations with distinctly different policies, practices and procedures.

To keep the conversation flowing—and to clear the way for a new chief executive—the partnership has engaged Jeffrey Solomon, president of the Andrea and Charles Bronfman Philanthropies, who until last year was the chief operating officer of the New York UJA-Federation.

"Bringing someone like Jeff in to help us frame the partnership and to facilitate meetings and thinking," Wexler said, "was vital to assuring we could meet the time frame we've committed ourselves to."

The mega-philanthropy is scheduled to begin operating under a new name and a new chief executive by the end of the year.

"We're hoping to at least help the new executive meet the ground running," said Solomon, hours before he headed to the partnership's headquarters in downtown Manhattan, where CJF, UJA and UIA set up shop together in June.

A search committee, headed by lay leaders Richard Pearlstone of Aspen, Colo., and Daniel Shapiro of New York, will meet for a third time this month, but, despite rumors about prime contenders, no official candidates for the position have been named so far.

Meanwhile, Jay Yoskowitz, the former senior associate executive vice president at CJF, has taken over as CJF executive vice president, succeeding Martin Kraar.

Yoskowitz says he will stay on for "the duration," until a new chief executive gets behind the wheel of the centralized system.

And while he admitted no worries, his future role there and, by association, that of his UJA counterpart, Bernard Moscovitz, is, as yet, unclear.

"Whoever the chief is, whoever the new professional and lay people are, they will need to develop a system that is comfortable for them," Yoskowitz said in a spare moment between meetings.

"We're moving along, working as quickly as we can," he said, to come to conclusions "as we move closer and closer to the new entity." *

Gore takes a shot of vodka at synagogue's holiday service

by Mica Schneider

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15 (JTA)—Vice President Al Gore stood in front of a Conservative congregation with a shot glass filled with vodka in his left hand, and a pickle and piece of pumpernickel bread in his right.

"Rabbi, teach me how to do this," Rabbi Leonid Feldman said Gore asked him Tuesday morning.

Gore joined 150 congregants of Temple Emanuel in Palm Beach, Fla., in their Simchat Torah service before attending a Democratic Party fund-raising event that raised some \$500,000.

Congregant Daniel Abraham, the founder of Slim Fast diet aid and chairman of the Center for Middle East Peace and Economic Cooperation, held the luncheon fund raiser, which President Clinton had originally planned to attend.

What a way to start a day," said Gore, according to witnesses. "A shot of vodka taken in a synagogue."

The Soviet-born Feldman introduced the vodka tradition into the shul's Simchat Torah and Purim celebrations 10 years ago.

"Mr. vice president, you have met many rabbis, but I am sure they didn't feel the way I do today," said Feldman, who was imprisoned in the former Soviet Union for his Jewish activities. "When I was a dissident and in hunger strikes I knew Americans cared about freedom and freedom of religion."

In brief remarks to the congregation, Gore said America stands for freedom and mentioned a bill President Clinton will sign into law later this month—the Freedom From Religious Persecution Act—which seeks to punish foreign countries that persecute religious minorities through sanctions and other measures.

Gore and Abraham left after services and surprised congregants by walking the two blocks to Abraham's home.

Gore, who also visited a Jewish nursing home on his trip to Florida, was heckled by an elderly resident who spoiled his often-told joke about the first Jewish president, according to witnesses.

As Gore approached the punch line of the joke—at the inauguration of the first Jewish president, his mother elbows the Cabinet member seated next to her—one resident beat the vice president, shouting repeatedly, "My other son's a doctor." *

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FBI team collecting evidence in terror murders of Americans

by Matthew Dorf

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20 (JTA)—An FBI delegation has visited Israel to gather evidence with an eye toward extraditing Palestinians suspected of murdering American citizens to the United States.

The seven-member delegation began its trip this week by meeting with Israeli police and Justice Ministry officials. In the last five years, Palestinian terrorists have killed 11 American citizens. The Palestinian Authority is holding at least nine suspects connected with these attacks, according to Israel officials.

After Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat refused Israeli requests for extradition, Jewish groups and some victims' family members began calling on the United States to prosecute the terrorists.

U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno and U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright have promised to examine the possibility of such an arrangement, which is complicated by the lack of an extradition agreement between the Palestinian self-rule government and the United States.

An FBI team first traveled to Israel in March to begin collecting evidence from the terrorist attacks.

The 1996 anti-terrorism act permits the prosecution on American soil of suspects who allegedly killed U.S. citizens abroad.

In May the House of Representatives unanimously passed a resolution calling on President Clinton to address the matter.

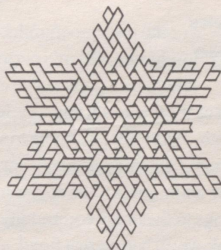
Responding to this issue, 62 members of Congress sent a letter to Reno, asking her to investigate, indict and convict those who killed American citizens in terrorist attacks.

Morton Klein, executive director of the Zionist Organization of America, who has led the campaign for extradition said he was worried that "this is simply just a show to appease those of us who are deeply concerned about this issue."

Klein said the FBI mission might show some movement but it is still "a far cry from what the Clinton administration should be doing."

An arrangement to try the suspects in the United States could clear up a major sticking point in the Middle East peace talks under way near Washington. Arafat has refused to turn over Palestinians to the Israeli justice system. An American trial could clear the way for justice to be served without direct Israeli involvement.

FBI officials in Washington refused to comment, citing the ongoing investigation. *



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Jewish Life on Campus

by Austin Cantor

For the past two months, I have been writing about the upcoming performance of Ellen Steigman. Ellen's performance is now history. This event, I am happy to report, turned out to be a great success for a variety of reasons. By having the backing and the cooperation of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation and our local Stanley Rose Lodge #289 of B'nai B'rith, JSO/Hillel was able to sponsor this type of event on campus for the first time in our recent history. Our students really appreciated the support of these community organizations as well as their willingness to be co-sponsors. On behalf of JSO/Hillel, I wish to say todah rabah. And thanks to the many community members who came to campus to attend this evening of comedy. I think we all had a great time!

Successfully putting on the Ellen Steigman performance gave our students a real sense of pride, accomplishment and unity. In addition to just wanting to have a fun event to be enjoyed by students as well as the Jewish community, we wanted to have an event to create a greater awareness of JSO/Hillel on the UK campus.

In addition to sharing many laughs at the performance on Saturday night, a number of our students spent most of Saturday afternoon on campus with Ellen Steigman. First, we had a luncheon to welcome Ellen as well as to welcome a small group of students from the West Virginia University, who came to join us for the weekend. We found Ellen to be a most delightful person. She really enjoyed the opportunity to interact with the UK and WVU students. After the luncheon our students took Ellen and the WVU group (Sam, Elisha, David and Director Richard Gutmann) for a tour of campus. This gave Ellen a chance to come up with some local material for her act.

This was the first time that we had a visit from the WVU Hillel. Their group arrived as strangers and departed as dear friends. Brad Fine, our JSO/Hillel president, and I both agreed that their presence made the Ellen Steigman weekend extra special.

And finally, I must mention that the idea of bringing Ellen Steigman to UK was proposed by Brad Fine. Brad and his fellow students worked hard to make this a success and deserve our congratulations. *

Ben & Jerry's angers Jewish groups by boycotting Israeli water company

by Mica Schneider

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4 (JTA)—The conflict in the Middle East has given Ben & Jerry's several chilly licks recently.

Under a hail of protest from anti-settler groups, the ice cream manufacturer's Israeli franchise canceled a contract last month to purchase water from Mei Eden, a mineral water company based in the Golan Heights, to make sorbet.

But some Jewish organizations consider the move to break the contract—and endorse calls for boycotting certain Israeli products—a slap in the face of the peace process.

The president of the Zionist Organization of America, Morton Klein, said Jewish entrepreneurs Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield have sent a message to all Jewish businesses to boycott Israel.

Criticism of Mei Eden began in September 1997, after an Israeli group, Gush Shalom, urged consumers to boycott goods produced in Israeli settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and in the Golan. The group published a list of Israeli companies, including Mei Eden, that operate in those areas.

Israel captured the Golan Heights from Syria in the 1967 Six-Day War—and annexed the territory in 1981, a move that is not recognized by the international community.

Perry Odak, the chief executive officer of Ben & Jerry's, was inundated with letters and e-mails criticizing the company after the Mei Eden contract was revealed in Israeli newspapers in June.

New Yorkers for a Just Middle East, a loose interfaith coalition, was one of the first groups to contact Ben & Jerry's, urging Odak in an Aug. 13 letter to "terminate any existing contracts" with the mineral water company.

"Should an agreement indeed exist between Ben & Jerry's and Eden Springs, and should you continue this agreement, we will consider calling for a boycott of Ben & Jerry's products," the group wrote.

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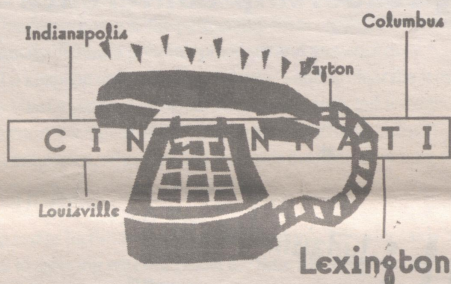
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On November 5, Dr. Nahum M. Sarna, a renowned Jewish biblical scholar and author, will be the guest speaker for The Franklin B. Moosnick Lectures in Judaic Studies held annually at Lexington Theological Seminary.

The lecture will be given at 10:00 a.m. in the Seminary's Fellowship Hall, and at 7:30 p.m. in Ohavay Zion Synagogue, located at 2048 Edgewater Court, Lexington.

At 10:00 a.m., Dr. Sarna will speak on "Rashi and His Impact on Christian Biblical Commentators." At 7:30 p.m. his topic will be "The Problem of Tolerance in the Hebrew Bible."

Sarna, of Newton, Massachusetts, is Professor Emeritus of Biblical Studies at Brandeis University. He is an editor and translator for the Jewish Publication Society's translation of the Bible, general editor of its Bible Commentary series, and author of the JPS Commentaries on Genesis and Exodus.

Dr. Sarna was born in London, England where he earned a bachelor's degree in 1944 and a Master of Arts degree in 1946 from the University of London. He continued his studies and earned a minister's diploma from Jews College, London in 1947.

In London he mastered a wide range of Jewish studies, including Rabbinics, Semitics and Biblical Studies. During a short visit to Israel, he developed a deeper interest in biblical studies and moved to Philadelphia to study with Cyrus Gordon at Dropsie College. He was awarded a Ph.D. from Dropsie in 1955.

From 1955 until 1963, he was on the faculty of Jewish Theological Seminary of America, serving as Librarian and Assistant Professor of Bible. In 1965, he joined the faculty of Brandeis University as Professor of Bible and served as chair of the Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies.

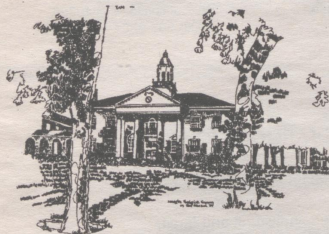
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"Mr. Krislov brings to Michigan a rich and distinguished record, including trial experience and many years of public service," Bollinger said. As acting solicitor in the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D.C., he manages more than 700

employees and an annual budget of \$70 million. Previously, Mr. Krislov served as associate counsel in the Office of Counsel to the President, where he handled litigation and policy matters, many relating to higher education, including affirmative action, information policy and immigration.

"Mr. Krislov is highly respected in the legal community," Bollinger added. "I look forward to working with him and believe that the University will benefit enormously from his legal and administrative skills and personal leadership."

As vice president and general counsel, Krislov will be responsible for the University's legal affairs, including establishing goals and strategies; serving as senior legal counsel to the Board of Regents, the University administration and units; and supervising the professional staff required to carry out these activities. He also will manage the University's relationships with outside counsel.

In his current position and as deputy solicitor for national operations in the Labor Department, Krislov is the primary legal adviser to the Secretary of Labor. He provides legal advice in legislative, regulatory and policy areas, including pension and welfare benefits, safety and health, civil rights, and wage and hours laws.

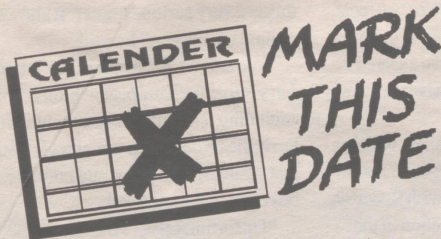
While a trial attorney in the Criminal Section of the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil

Rights Division in 1989-93, Krislov prosecuted racial violence and police brutality cases in grand jury investigations and at trials throughout the country. He also taught law at the National Law Center at George Washington University in 1991-93.

Krislov received a B.A. degree in economics and political science in 1982 from Yale University. He graduated summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa and received the Alpheus Henry Snow prize upon graduation for scholarship and character. A Rhodes Scholar, he studied at Oxford University's Magdalen College, where he received an M.S. degree in modern history in 1985. He served as an editor of the Yale Law Journal and earned a doctor of laws degree from Yale Law School in 1988. He worked as a law clerk for Judge Marilyn Hall Patel of the U.S. District Court in San Francisco in 1988-89.

In addition to Krislov, his wife, Amy Sheon, Ph.D., will join the university. A public health specialist, Amy's work has focused on AIDS, cancer, genetics, and oral health.

Marvin Krislov's parents are Joseph and Evelyn Moreida Krislov. *



Central Kentucky Jewish Federation's 4th Annual

Winter Jewish Community Party

Thursday, December 24, 6:30 p.m.

Portabella's, 115 North Locust Hill Drive, Lexington, KY
Space is limited so buy your tickets early! Watch for the ticket registration form in the Dec./Jan. issue of *Shalom*

If you would like to be a part of the planning group for this fun and exciting evening, please call the CKJF office at 268-0672.

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FEATURE

Campaign launched to recognize vegetarianism as ultimate kashrut

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen

NEW YORK, Oct. 1 (JTA)—The Jewish Vegetarians of North America have launched a campaign to convince more people that abstaining from eating animal products is the highest form of kashrut observance.

The campaign, launched just before Sukkot, a holiday rooted in the harvest festival, is aimed at getting vegetarianism on the Jewish agenda, according to Richard Schwartz, a member of the vegetarian organization, which has about 350 members.

Vegetarianism "is the diet that God would prefer," Schwartz wrote in a newsletter mailed to 3,650 rabbis of all denominations in early September. He cited Jewish sources including the Bible, Maimonides' commentary, the Talmud and articles in medical journals.

In the newsletter, Schwartz outlines five points supporting his cause, including "ba'al tash' chit," the Jewish mandate not to waste or unnecessarily destroy anything of value, and "tsa' ar ba'alei chayim," the prohibition against inflicting pain on animals.

"In view of these powerful Jewish mandates to preserve human health, care about the welfare of animals, protect the environment, conserve resources and help feed hungry people, and the extremely negative effects animal-centered diets have in each of these areas, we believe that committed Jews should sharply reduce or eliminate their consumption of animal products," write Schwartz.

It was his hope, in organizing the special newsletter, to convince rabbis to talk about vegetarianism from the pulpit.

"We're doing this campaign because we feel it's so important, and it's still not in the mainstream," Schwartz, a professor of mathematics at the College of Staten Island, N.Y., said in an interview.

In the almost 35 years since the first international Jewish vegetarian group was organized, and since they first gathered for a conference in the United States in 1979, awareness of the cause has grown—but only to a limited extent.

Some traditional rabbis have objections to complete vegetarianism that are rooted in Jewish law, or halachah.

"The Torah will not allow someone to be a strict vegetarian," said Rabbi Moshe Tendler, a widely-respected Orthodox expert in bioethics.

The problem with what Jewish vegetarians advocate is that "they have lumped it all together, so that a meatball is the evil of evils, destroys the rainforest and causes famine throughout the world," Tendler said.

Perhaps more daunting, say supporters of the vegetarian cause, is the deeply ingrained Jewish association between meat and holy days.

Even among those for whom awareness of the custom's genesis—the sacrifice of animals in Jerusalem's Temple—has long been lost, a holiday or Friday night dinner is synonymous with a nice piece of brisket or

well-roasted chicken.

"The problem is that the vast majority of Jews don't take Judaism seriously enough, and so wouldn't recognize kosher for its true intent," said Rabbi Rami Shapiro, one of 20 rabbis who signed on to Schwartz's newsletter.

Others to do so include Rabbi Harold Schulweis of Congregation Valley Beth Shalom in Encino, Calif., and Rabbi Rolando Matalon, of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun in New York.

Shapiro, a Miami-based Reconstructionist rabbi who has been a vegetarian for the last eight years, said that kosher is about all consumption.

"It relates to meat, cars, everything—and means that we should make all of our consuming as holy as possible, so that we do it in a way that does the least amount of damage to the environment."

Growing awareness of what Eco-Kosher means has, perhaps, been the biggest recent consciousness-raising boon to Jewish vegetarianism.

Eco-Kosher, coined by Jewish Renewal leader Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi in the late 1970s, and propagated as a term for social change in the early 1990s by Rabbi Arthur Waskow, does not directly relate to vegetarianism.

Eco-Kosher "is not restricted to food," Waskow said in an interview.

"It's about the mindset out of which the Jewish people generated kashruth in the first place. It's about a sacred relationship with the earth, and food as the major nexus of that relationship."

In ancient times "food was the major form of the relationship with the earth, but now humans 'eat' coal, oil, electric power and plastics. We consume them and that raises the question of needing to have a sacred relationship with those things as well as what we literally put in our mouths," he said.

Waskow is director of the Shalom Center, which is part of the Philadelphia-based politically active Jewish Renewal group ALEPH: Alliance for Jewish Renewal.

"It is Eco-Kosher to move in the direction of the minimal use of meat without thinking it's absolutely necessary to exclude it totally from the diet," said Waskow, who is not a vegetarian but also signed onto Schwartz's newsletter.

The value of a low-meat, more vegetarian orientation is making headway even in the most traditional quarters.

There are ardent vegetarians in Chasidic and other Orthodox communities across the country.

And Tendler, who is a respected posek, or interpreter of Jewish law in his hometown of Monsey, N.Y., and who is far from an ideologically-motivated vegetarian, has prohibited the consumption of white veal in his community.

White veal has been banished from the cases of Monsey's kosher butcher because of the inhumane—and hence unkosher—conditions under which baby cows are

raised in order to make their flesh pale and marketable.

And for health reasons, Tendler said he and his wife eat red meat only on the three occasions a year when they feel it is required by Jewish law—on the three festivals of Passover, Shavuot and Sukkot, when Jews made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem in Temple times to offer an animal sacrifice. *

Ben & Jerry's continued from page 14

Nathan Krystall, a 33-year-old Jewish founder of the coalition, said members are concerned that none of the profits from businesses like Mei Eden are reaching the Arab population in the Golan.

Arab American groups also criticized the popular ice-cream company.

In an Aug. 24 letter to Odak, the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee's president, Hala Maksoud, said it was appalling that a company that "has prided itself" on promoting humanitarian and environmental issues is "essentially legitimizing Israeli violation of international law and illegal occupation of Arab land."

Maksoud threatened to recommend a boycott of Ben & Jerry's products if it did not end the water contract.

Last month, Ben & Jerry's announced that its Israeli subsidiary had changed water companies.

Jewish organizations are protesting the decision.

Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, said succumbing to boycotts only strengthens them.

Although Ben & Jerry's "may have been well-intended and are supporters of the peace process, this is a very serious matter. It shows peace is not around the corner," he said.

Foxman wrote in a Sept. 25 letter to Ben & Jerry's that the European Union is considering excluding Israeli products manufactured in disputed territories from preferential trade benefits. He added that Arab organizations and countries are urging boycotts of Israeli goods.

"Unfortunately," Foxman wrote, "Ben & Jerry's has given the appearance of acquiescing to this campaign against Israeli products."

The ZOA's Klein also wrote a letter to Odak, cautioning that Ben & Jerry's should be careful about "delving into historical areas with which it is obviously unfamiliar."

Ben & Jerry's opened its first Israeli ice cream shop 10 years ago in Tel Aviv. Sweet Fifty, a flavor developed to celebrate Israel's 50th anniversary, and other Ben & Jerry's favorites are now sold in eight shops across Israel.

Bram Kleppner, the international products manager for Ben & Jerry's, said on an Israeli radio show that Ben & Jerry's decided to "upset less people rather than more." He added that many countries "have occupied the Golan over the past 3,000 years, so who are we to decide who is right?" *

COMMUNITY



We invite you to join us
in celebration
for the Bar Mitzvah of
Robin Louis Michler
Saturday, November 21, 1998
Ohavay Zion Synagogue
2048 Edgewater Court
Lexington, Kentucky
10:00 am
Kiddush luncheon to follow services
Robin will lead services
Friday, November 20 at 8:00 pm



"...we shall thank You forever, for
generation after generation we
shall relate Your praise."
(Psalm 79)

Please join me and my family
when I am called to the Torah
as a Bar Mitzvah
Saturday, November 28, 1998
at 10 o'clock in the morning
Ohavay Zion Synagogue
2048 Edgewater Court
Lexington, Kentucky

Ross Dakota O'Connor
I will conduct Friday evening services
at 8 o'clock

Please come to worship with us as
DAMIAN LAURENCE TAPIA

**IS CALLED TO THE Torah
as a Bar Mitzvah
Saturday, the seventh of November
Nineteen hundred and ninety-eight
At ten-thirty in the morning**

**Temple Adath Israel
124 North Ashland Avenue
Lexington, Ky**

**Kiddush luncheon following services
Andrea Tapia
Damian will also lead the Friday evening
service which begins at 7:50 PM**



CKJF November Community Calendar

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TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL

Worship

Announcements

You are invited to attend...

SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, November 6

Shabbat Vayera
Service 7:30 PM
Damian Tapia Bar Mitzvah
Candle Blessor: Andrea Tapia
Kiddush: Damian Tapia
Oneg Shabbat Hostesses/
Hosts

Tapia family and friends
Ushers: Chela Kaplan
Odette Kaplan

Child Care Available
Saturday, November 7

Torah Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Damian Tapia Bar Mitzvah
Vayera - Genesis 18:1-22:24

Friday, November 13

Shabbat Chaye Sarah
Family Shabbat 7:30 PM
TAI Makhela will sing
2nd Grade Presentation
Story Sermon
Candle Blessor: Jane Grise
Oneg Shabbat Hostesses/
Hosts

Jane & Bill Grise
Fran & Bill Bloom
Tina & Mark Simpson
Ushers: Jane Grise
Kaye Kaplan
Jim Levenson
Alan Bernard

NO Child Care Available

Saturday, November 14

Torah Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Chaye Sarah - Genesis 23:1-25:18

Friday, November 20

Shabbat Tolodot
Tot Shabbat 6 PM
Temple Pot Luck 6:30 PM
Service 7:30 PM
Marilyn Langley will sing
Candle Blessor: Rose Rita Wurmser
Oneg Shabbat Hostesses/
Hosts

Rose Rita & Jerry Wurmser
Linda & Jeff Noffsinger
Judi Wurmser & Paul Cabel
Ushers: Shirley Bryan

Leona Stern
Child Care Available
Saturday, November 21
Kollet Study Group 9 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Tolodot - Genesis 25:19-28:9
Friday, November 27
Shabbat Vayetze
Service 7:30 PM
Oneg Shabbat Hostesses/
Hosts

Betty & Lowell Nigoff
Rosemary & Jim Levenson
Ushers: Alan Kaplan
Lou Shain

Child Care Available
Saturday, November 28
Kollet Study Group 9 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Vayetze - Gen. 28:10-32:3

Special Messages To Our Members REFUAH SHLEMA

continued speedy recovery to:
Ira Gewirtzman
Nell Stepman
Helen Paritz
Ann Levenson
Evelyn Hymson

BULLETIN DEADLINE

The next Bulletin deadline
for the December issue
is November 10th.

*For the beautiful pulpit
flowers that were supplied
for Rosh HaShanah and Yom
Kippur.
Thank You to the Baker,
Hymson and
Straus Families
Harold & Anita Baker and
Gene & Barbara Straus
donated the Rosh HaShanah
flowers in memory of Maree
Barnett Winters and Freda &
Ben Roos.
The Yom Kippur flowers
were donated by Harold &
Anita Baker and Evelyn
Hymson in memory of Ida &*

*Morris Baker, Gloria Baker
Siegel and Maurice Hymson.*

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED IMMEDIATELY

A TEACHER FOR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL IS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY. ONE OF OUR TEACHERS WILL BE LEAVING US AND WE ARE IN NEED OF A REPLACEMENT. PLEASE CALL MARSHA MATTHEWS AT 263-9606 TO HELP COMPLETE THE STAFF FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL YEAR.

DAMIAN TAPIA BAR MITZVAH PROJECT



For my Mitzvah Project, I am collecting used car seats for infants and children in the Hispanic community. If you could please donate a car seat your child has outgrown or if you know someone who has a car seat to donate, please call me at 268-3353. I will be happy to pick up the seat from your house and clean it up. The car seats will be delivered and distributed through the Hispanic Association to families that need them. This project will continue throughout the school year. I would be grateful to you for donating these much needed car seats. You may reach me at 268-3353. If I am not at home, please leave me a message and I will return your call as soon as possible and set up a pick-up time.
Thank you, Damian.

PRESCHOOL NEWS Got Scrip ????

TAI Preschool continues to offer the Kroger Certificates Program. If you shop at Kroger, PLEASE support this "no cost" fundraiser by calling the Temple Preschool at 269-2979.

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SISTERHOOD NEWS Sisterhood Nov. programs



Sunday, November 15th from

2 to 4 PM will be the Chai Tea, a fund raiser (Cost \$8.00) hosted by Bonnie Sobel at her home at 2220 Shannawood Dr. Space is limited. Make your reservations early to Mindy Heller, 3448 Oakbrook Dr., 40515

New Member Meeting November 18th

MUSIC TO SOOTHE THE SOUL

12:30 PM
at Temple Adath Israel
Please RSVP to TAI:
269-2979.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, Nov. 3, 7:30 PM
PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Adult Jewish Growth Committee

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 7:30 PM
Youth Education Committee Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 7:30 PM
Sisterhood Board Meeting
Monday, Nov. 16, 7:30 PM
Infrastructure Committee Meetings

Thursday, Nov. 19, 7:30 PM

New Shabbat Service Schedule

Temple Adath Israel will hold a regular Shabbat Morning service in the sanctuary. The service will occur on each Shabbat morning that follows a 7:30 PM, Erev Shabbat service the previous evening. The service will begin at 10:30 AM and last approximately one hour. The format of the service will include the traditional Reform Jewish Shabbat morning liturgy, a Torah reading, and Torah discussion.
Service dates for November are: 7, 14, 21 & 28

TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL

Members Musings *The Marriage of Inner Growth and Tikkun Olam (repair of the world)*

By Lisa Miller

The self-help industry thrives because enough of us realize we are devoid of inner peace. I think this is a wonderful fact. It means we are finally admitting we are emotionally unhealthy and are seeking help. Yet, sometimes the answers have been with us all along and we have neglected them. In Mishna Avot 1:2, Rabbi Simeon ben Gamliel stated simply that, "the world endures only on account of three things: justice, truth and peace." Our prophets, Rabbis and scholars have spent centuries defining our moral responsibilities to this end. From the Tikkun Olam values of **Bechirah Chofshit**, (freedom of choice) and **Yatom, Almanah** (protection of the weak) to **Halbanat Panim** (prevention of the public humiliation of another) the road is direct. The beauty of such Judaic guidelines is in the way we simultaneously develop inner strength through outer focused actions.

And there seem to be many beautiful ironies in our framework. Even if we somehow miss the boat on recognizing the need to heal, the first commandment of parenthood offers an incredible opportunity to learn the truth. Not only are children notorious vehicles for presenting our faults, by replacing ourselves in the world, we have strengthened our capacity to continue as a culture. Our teachings and laws truly create for us a perpetual cycle of strength though we may not always realize we have contributed.

It seems there is always hope. We strive toward spiritual answers by virtue of

being born human. Luckily, by seeking justice, truth and peace through a rich Jewish framework, we are awarded wisdom and fulfillment early in life. Necessarily, understanding Tikkun Olam strengthens our collective resolve while acting as a self-help industry in itself. With answers and methods so available, perhaps the greater challenge lies in our ability to clearly recognize them when offered.

TAI Sisterhood Fundraiser Hi! Chai! Hi! CHAI TEA

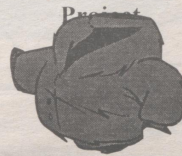


Come join us for Chai Tea, Chai chatter, Chai fun...scones, clotted cream, mini-sandwiches, chocolates and tea too!
DATE: Sun., Nov. 15, 1998
Time: 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Location: Bonnie Sobel's home
2220 Shannawood Dr.
To reserve your place, please send a check to Mindy Heller, 3448 Oakbrook Drive, 40515 Chai-\$18. Donors (double Chai) or more of course ...Proceeds benefit our Sisterhood projects. (Limited seating)

The next TOT Shabbat Service is scheduled for Nov. 20th, beginning at 6 p.m. The next Temple Pot Luck is scheduled for Nov. 20th, at 6:30 p.m. Please sign-up in the Temple office and bring a main course and side dish to serve eight.

An invitation to all our members to attend services on Nov. 20th. The service begins at 7:30 p.m. and child care will be available.

Winter Coat Drive Rachel Leep's Bat Mitzvah Community Mitzvah



Keep a needy person warm this winter. Give your old winter coats!

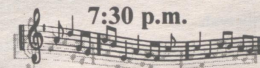
All donated coats will go to Hart's Dry Cleaners where they will be cleaned and sent to the Salvation Army to be distributed to needy people. There will be a collection box at the front of the temple for you to give your coats. To contact Rachel Leep, call 272-9607.



will lead the music as our guest cantorial soloist at the December 11, Family Shabbat Service. The TAI Makhela will sing a few songs with her.



Family Shabbat Service 2nd one of the year!! November 13th, 7:30 p.m.



Sandy Adland and the TAI Makhela will sing! Rabbi Adland and Katani will tell a story! 2nd grade class presentation. November birthday

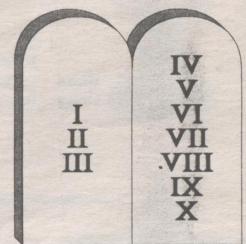
blessings will be offered!

6th Annual Lexington Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service Nov. 25, 1998 7:00 p.m.



Woodland Christian Church
Sponsored by: The Cathedral of Christ the King, Faith Lutheran Church, Park United Methodist Church, Second Presbyterian Church, Temple Adath Israel, Woodland Christian Church.

Please bring a canned food offering for God's Pantry. A collection will be taken for the Resource Office for Social Ministries.



OHAVAY ZION SYNAGOGUE

Congregation Ohavay Zion *Chronicles*



November 1998

Cheshvan-Kislev 5758

**Nov 6-7, Cheshvan 18
Shabbat Va-Yera**

Friday Evening 8:00 pm
Bima USY Convention
Oneg Arlene & Harry Cohen
Anne Mervis
E. J. Christensen

Shabbat Morning
Preliminary Service 9:30 am
Shacharit 10:00 am
Bima USY Convention
Gabbai Doug Rank
Torah Reader Oscar Haber

**November 13-14, Cheshvan 25
Shabbat Chayei Sarah
6th Grade Religious School Service**

Friday Evening 8:00 pm
Bima Bruce Broday
Oneg 6th Grade Religious School Service
Ricki & Joe Rosenberg
Marilyn Robie & Art Shechet
Judy & David Marwil

Shabbat Morning
Preliminary Service 9:30 am
Shacharit 10:00 am
Bima Charlie Spiegel
Gabbai Beth Goldstein
Torah Reader Raphael Finkel

**November 20-21, Kislev 2
Shabbat Toledot
Robin Michler Bar Mitzvah**

Friday Evening 8:00 pm
Bima Rick Zimmerman
Oneg Robin Michler Bar Mitzvah

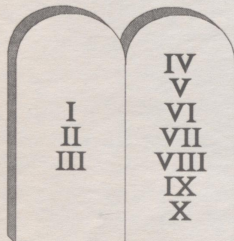
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Preliminary Service 9:30 am
Shacharit 10:00 am
Bima Rick Zimmerman
Gabbai Bar Mitzvah
Torah Reader Robin Michler

**November 27-28, Kislev 9
Shabbat Va-Yetze
Ross O'Connor Bar Mitzvah**

Friday Evening 8:00 pm
Bima Bennett Bayer
Oneg Ross O'Connor Bar Mitzvah

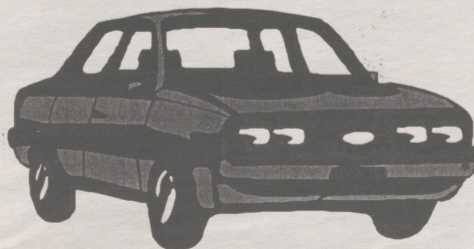
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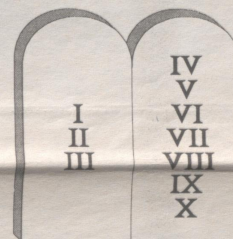
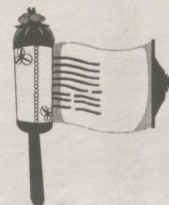
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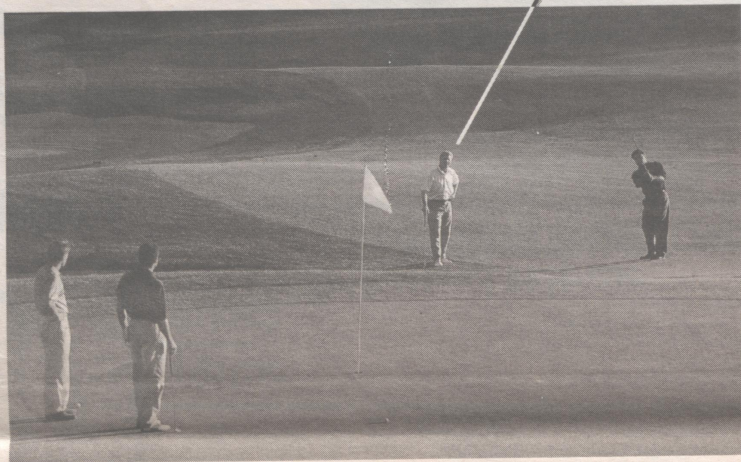


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