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General Assembly of the United Jewish Communities Challenges Leadership to Think Outside the Box

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By Daniel Chejfec

Between November 14th and November 17th Cleveland was home to the Annual General Assembly of the United Jewish Communities. The theme was "Imagine."

At the opening Plenary, hosted by Joshua Malina of West Wing fame, the attendees were handed a challenge: "Imagine what we can do together." We heard the music of Gospel singer and African-American Jew, Joshua Nelson; we listened to Ethiopian Israeli activist Avraham Adgah and to Rabbi David Wolpe from Los Angeles; but the highlight of the testimonies to our achievements was probably the story told by Alina Spaulding.

Alina's father was a champion in the Soviet ski team, but after a training accident the Soviet State took everything

away from him and did not even provide appropriate medical care. By the time doctors looked at his injury three days after the accident, he was not given much hope. Enter the local rep of the JDC, the only Jewish organization allowed to function in the Soviet Union. The JDC took care of Alina's father, arranged for their emigration to America, and eventually helped in their resettlement. Originally, her father was given no more than four years to live, so when they arrived in America three years later, they tried to find help. And somebody knew somebody who knew somebody... her father had the operation he needed, and her parents had a baby a year later. Alina's father survived thanks to the support of the JDC and the American Jewish community.

Much time was devoted to the situa-



Master of Ceremonies Joshua Malina of NBC's *The West Wing*.

tion in Israel, especially in light of the death of Yasser Arafat. Delegates received briefings from David Landau (HaAretz), Mosheh Arens, Dennis Ross, Haym Ramon, Ygal Ben Shalom and many more. Obviously, no single perspective appears to be emerging yet, but there was one common denominator, caution. Everybody agreed that

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CKJF Day of Giving Offers a Record Number of Volunteer Opportunities

Wouldn't it be great if we could reach out every week of the year to people in need? The Day of Giving offers each of us the opportunity to help others. There is something for everyone this year, ranging from hands-on work to dropping off items during December at the Temple, Synagogue, or CKJF office. Or you can bring your donations to the Giving Tent located outside the Chinco Shopping Center on December 24th and while you are there, feel free to enjoy warm beverages, donuts, and bagels just for stopping by.

Tikkun Lexington allows the Jewish Community to come together one day of the year by offering many places and ways to volunteer. This day, formerly sponsored by B'nai Brith, is now a program administered by Tikkun Lexington. The Day of Giving demonstrates that the Jewish community wants to give something back. It represents a willingness of the Jewish community to step forward and work in hospitals, homeless shelters, and animal shelters, and deliver meals to those in need. It offers Christians on December 24th a chance to enjoy their holiday with their families, who might otherwise have to work.

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The goal of \$ 400,000 was set to cover our local needs and services as well as our commitment to the overseas needs of the Jewish people in Israel, Eastern Europe, South America, and all over the world, whom we serve through our two main overseas partners: The Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)

If you are one of those contributors who for whatever reason we have not been able to contact yet – please make your commitment today by phone, by email or by regular mail. Together, we will continue to enhance Jewish life in Central Kentucky, in Israel, and around the globe. Your contribution is important – Join us, please!

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- David and Deborah Sogin on the death of David's mother, Ruth, on November 15.
- Dr. Elizabeth Piercy and Dr. Roger Fleischman, on the death of Elizabeth's mother, Elizabeth Miller, on October 24, 2004.
- Annette Milch and family on the death of her husband, Tomás, on November 8, 2004.

Refuah Shlemah (Get Well Wishes) to...

- Ruth Kessler
- Barbara Grossman
- Bob Baumann
- Max Kovinow
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Mazel Tov to...

- Adam J. Miller on receiving the Master of Fine Arts degree in Theatre Management and Producing from Columbia University School of the Arts on October 20, 2004. The formal graduation ceremony will be held in May. Adam is currently living in New York and working as Associate Company Manager for a Broadway production. Adam is the son of Jack and Susan S. Miller.
- Annette Milch, on the birth of her grandson, Oscar Edward Nolan Milch, on November 3, 2004. The proud parents are Libby and Fred Milch.
- Kevin and Clair Palley on the birth of their son, Nathan Palley, on November 7, 2004.
- Marilyn Lieber on her installation as a regional Vice-President of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) at the Midwest Region Biennial.
- Judy Hersh on her installation as a board member of the URJ at the Midwest Region Biennial.
- Marty and Odette Kaplan on the birth of their granddaughter Nicki Cassandra, born on November 3. She is the daughter of Marty's son, David, and his wife, Elizabeth.
- Brett Caller on his appointment to the National Advisory Committee of the United Jewish Communities.

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Sixty-Eight Years of Turf Catering at Keeneland

By Larry Wolken

In the late 1920s Joseph Wolken (my father) and his brother Bill were the proprietors of a small restaurant in northwest Chicago. Bill Wolken was a sometime (often) patron of Hawthorne Race Track in Cicero, Illinois, a western suburb. He became acquainted with the Carey family, owners of the track, and persuaded them to let him and his brother take over the food and beverage service at the track. The new company was formed in 1929 as the Hawthorne Catering Company and began service that season. There were two other tracks in the Chicago area, Arlington Park and Washington Park, owned by Mr. Ben Lindheimer, and within a year the company began service at both. Since each track had a seasonal meet, there was no conflict of service. The company was renamed Turf Catering at that time.

A new opportunity presented itself when the company was awarded the "Orange Crush" concession at the "Century of Progress World's Fair" in Chicago in 1932. It was at that time that a new partner joined the company, Mr. Ben Koppel of Chicago, who was a caterer to various club organizations.

The history of the organization of Keeneland Race Course is well known, so I will proceed with how Turf Catering happened to be in the mix.

In the Summer of 1936, Keeneland was preparing to open its inaugural

meeting in October of that year. Mr. Hal Price Headley (the founder of the track) approached his general manager, Roy Carruthers, whom he had brought down from the aforementioned Arlington Park in Chicago, with the question of how to secure a food and beverage company for the new track. Mr. Carruthers suggested Turf Catering Company as he had worked with them for several years in Chicago.

My father had one meeting with Mr. Headley and on his return to Chicago drafted a letter covering the terms of the companies' proposed agreement (rental, investment, etc.), signed and returned to Mr. Headley. It was returned signed and that was the only contract ever between Keeneland and the Turf Catering Company. It was not notarized or countersigned, therefore not a legal contract, but to this day the only one!

The rest is history, 68 years of trust and respect. My father died in 1965 and I joined the company. Soon thereafter, I bought out Mr. Koppel. My sons Brad and Mike joined me along the way, and here we are!

NOTE: We would like to publish an article about a Jewish-owned local business each month. If you would like to see your business featured, please write an article and send it to ckjf@jewishlexington.org. We reserve the right to edit the material submitted.

Did you know

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



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

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

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Teachers who participated in trip to Holocaust Museum. Left to right are Susan Harley, Susan Montgomery, Robin Reid, Meg, Bryan Wilson, and Kevin Ward.

Local High School Teachers Visit U.S. Holocaust Museum

Program Sponsored by CKJF
Completes Its Third Year

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On November 20th and 21st, a group of six local high school teachers visited the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC as part of the third annual Michael Adelstein Holocaust Education Program. The participants, Social Studies teachers from high schools in Winchester and Lexington were introduced to the permanent museum exhibits as well as two temporary exhibits.

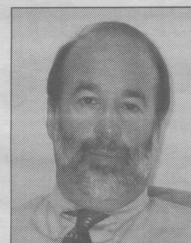
One exhibit, "Deadly Medicine," describes the medical experiments perpetrated by Nazi doctors on inmates of the concentration camps. This exhibit also included a description of the "T-4" program, designed to exterminate

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President's Message

David Feinberg



Do You Believe In Miracles?

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Hanukkah is coming and the annual frenzy has begun. What will we buy for the kids? Can anyone remember where the holiday card list is? Where did I put the latke recipe from last year?

We all know that the miracle of Hanukkah has to do with the recapture of the Temple and the fight against the Syrian-Greeks led by the Maccabees. We were able to overcome staggering odds to assert our right to practice our religion. Our ancestors found a small amount

of oil in the temple that miraculously burned for eight days.

The real miracle of modern life is to make the holiday special and spiritually meaningful without it becoming a salute to Toys R Us. How do we make the Hanukkah-story stay alive and feel relevant to our children and ourselves? I cannot tell you I have all the answers as that would certainly be untrue. I can tell you that I struggle to make it meaningful both in terms of the gifts and gelt, and also, as a further expression of my family's Jewishness.

Each year I work at renewing the holiday in some small (or hopefully large) way. I now realize this is as

much for my own needs as it is for the needs of the family. Retelling the story of Hanukkah is part of it. Though the kids like to watch it, I find viewing the Rugrats' Hanukkah video not quite up to my spiritual aspirations. Every year I collect different Hanukkah books for us to read to the boys. Though they are becoming accomplished readers, I relish the sharing that comes from reading to them. We will discuss the story as a great story but also in terms of its symbolic importance. We will talk about the need to share our holiday with Jewish and non-Jewish friends and neighbors.

On Hanukkah, we need to pause from all the festivities and present-giving

to be thankful for the miracle of deliverance and to appreciate the spirit that enabled the Maccabees to defy the odds and emerge victorious. We light the menorah to reaffirm our commitment to our Jewish roots and values. The miracle of present-day life is to hold onto the spiritual meaning of the holiday while also enjoying the presents and the holiday whirl. Keep the miracle going in your home, and have a wonderful (and meaningful) holiday.

join us for CKJF's

10th Annual

Winter Dinner/Chanukah Party

Sunday, December 12, 2004

6:00 - 8:30 pm at Rossi's Restaurant
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- 4 course buffet meal in Rossi's style.
- Chanukah party complete with latkes.
- Traditional Chanukah songs by Vivian Bowling.
- Convenient location.
- Free childcare-Have your kids enjoy fun craft projects and games in a supervised setting.
- Ample parking.
- The cost is \$18 for adults, \$5 for kids 6-12, and no charge for children 5 and under.
- Try Rossi's at this special rate.
- Bring your chanukiah and candles and celebrate the 6th night of Chanukah with us.
- As always, we are supporting God's Pantry. We ask that you bring two non-perishable food items for each person in your party. If you forget to bring food, you will be asked for a \$2 per person donation.
- There will not be any tickets sent prior to the event this year. Your name will be placed on the reservation list at the door where you will be able to check in upon arrival.

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CKJF is Recipient of A Significant Portion of the Sherman Book Collection

By Judy Levy

The scope of Natalie and Larry Sherman's collection of Jewish books is remarkable. The Shermans have been collecting books of Jewish interest for most of the past 50 years. Beginning in 2003, they began donating large parts of their collection to the community. CKJF is the recipient of hundreds of books on subjects such as the history of Israel, the Holocaust, Jewish literature, Jewish theater, and Israeli politics. The Shermans have donated other parts of their collection to the Lexington Public Library and the University of Kentucky Library.

Through 50 years of marriage, the Shermans have nurtured their love of books. Larry graduated from the University of Kentucky School of Law in 1941. He met Natalie, a native of Poland who emigrated to New Jersey in the late 1930s, when he was stationed at Fort Monmouth in New Jersey. Soon after their wedding, he was sent to Europe, arriving after the Battle of the Bulge.

The books remind Natalie and Larry of the richness of their life experiences. When reflecting on what he considers to be one of the most meaningful books in the collection, *The History of the Jews*, by Abraham Sachar, Larry remembers his time in France and Germany immediately

after World War II. He recalls coming across a group of young Jews who led him to a Displaced Persons (DP) camp near Frankfurt. They had established a *kibbutz* at the DP camp. Larry was the first Jewish soldier they had ever seen, and they were ecstatic when he greeted them with "Shalom." He and his army buddies brought them food and supplies, and Natalie remembers sending vitamins and stationery overseas for the young survivors. Larry grew up in a *glatt kosher* home in Baltimore, and he spent his summers working in the Catskills. His WWII experiences fueled his pride in Judaism and his love for the State of Israel.

Despite their enormous book collection, Larry and Natalie are modest about their enduring intellectual curiosity. Natalie still reads about a book a week; she participates in the Book Buddy program, started by OZS member Annette Mayer in conjunction with the Lexington Public Library, and she was delighted to find that Zantker Professor Oliver Leaman was her assigned "book buddy." Books are delivered directly to the Sherman house since it is difficult for Natalie and Larry to get to the library.

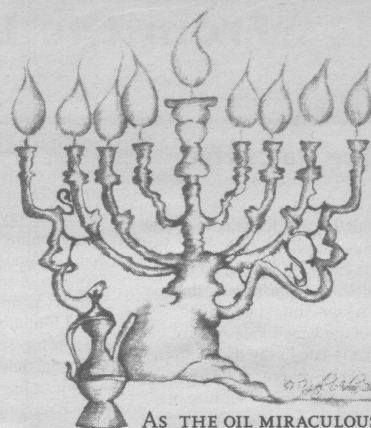
Natalie admits that it was sad to box up the books, which represent so many years of collecting. They began buying books in 1946 when they lived downtown on a street where the Rupp Arena parking lot now stands, and they moved them three times before settling in the Gardenside neighborhood in 1965. She wistfully remembers when many of the books were purchased.

Natalie and Larry both hope that the books are made available to the widest audience possible. "They reflect the remnants of our people," Larry explains; "We would love to see the entire community use them."

CKJF is considering possible venues for the Sherman Collection. A deep and heartfelt thank you is extended to the Shermans for their generosity in sharing their extensive collection with all of us.



Larry and Natalie Sherman



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From the Executive Director

Daniel Chejfec



The Day After

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As I write this article, Arafat has just been pronounced officially dead and a *troika* is expected to take up his responsibilities. Considering the impact Yasser Arafat had on the history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, it is safe to say that with his passing a new chapter will begin — for better or for worse. Because of this new beginning, it might pay to take stock of the new realities in this post-November 2004 world and its implications for Jews in general and American Jewry in particular.

Bush has been reelected as our President, with the support, according to exit polls, of about 25 % of the Jewish vote. What will the new Bush administration mean for the Jewish agenda?

On issues related to the domestic agenda, the Jewish community is polarized, particularly on the issue of Federal support for faith-based initiatives. This is true not only when it comes to religious education, but also in regard to faith-based delivery

of social services. The once-upon-a-time sacred Jewish credo of separation of Church and State is shifting in favor of private Jewish education fueled by fears of assimilation. As the cost of Jewish Day School education rises, their supporters are looking at the faith-based initiatives as a way to finance the system. The same can be said for the social delivery system of American Jewry: Family services, Jewish nursing homes, etc.

The new Bush

support for Israel and the political initiatives of the Likkud-led government of Ariel Sharon. This position also represents a fault line among American Jews. While support for Israel as a Jewish State remains strong across the Jewish community, criticism of the Likkud policies is growing, for a variety of reasons. The four years of the Intifadah have polarized American Jewish opinion between those who believe that the policies of the Sharon government will indeed bring peace

wing parties or even the right wing of his own Likkud party. Israel is, however, not planning any prisoner release gesture, although it does plan to limit its military incursion into Palestinian controlled areas in an attempt to bolster the new Palestinian leadership. Some Israelis, however, feel that Abbas will not be

able to establish himself and the result will be a short-term mandate followed by a new, and more militant, generation of Palestinian leaders. The most burning question is how Hamas will participate — or not participate — in the Palestinian attempt at National unity.

The worst case scenario shows a breakdown of Palestinian society

followed by a "free for all" grab for power leading to bloodshed among Palestinians as well as Israelis. Considering Arafat's track record in life, this outcome would indeed be a proper, although unwelcome, memorial — his true legacy of violence and blood.

Europe is in a process of change. A Dutch writer who denounced extremist Islam in his films and warned Europe about the dangers of a growing Muslim population, was killed by "enraged Muslims offended by his latest film." This killing appears to have galvanized those who believe that Europe should preserve its cultural heritage and recognize its Christian roots. The conflict between them and those who are staunch supporters of a secularist Europe was evidenced in Rome at the signing of the European Constitution. On the other hand, Anti-Semitism in Europe, and particularly in France, continues to rise.

In a related phenomenon, American society is also changing. I participated recently as an adult counselor of a program promoting multiculturalism and diversity among ninth graders in our city. The program itself was well thought out

During the opening session, when the different ethnic combinations (African Americans, German Americans, etc) were called to show people the diversity of the audience, the students applauded enthusiastically to practically all the ethnic backgrounds with one exception — when they called "Jewish Americans" and five of us stood up, a group of students felt it was OK to boo.

administration is likely to continue, at least in the beginning, its strong

and security to the Jewish state and those who believe they will further alienate those on the other side willing to negotiate.

But November was not only the month of the US elections. It was also the month of Arafat's death. Yasser Arafat led the Fatah movement from the time he was hired by the KGB in 1958 to harass the Israelis and wage a terrorist campaign from its Gaza headquarters for Fatah and later, since 1965, the PLO of which Fatah is part. As Israel occupied the Gaza strip, the headquarters were moved to different places, sparking serious conflict wherever he went — Jordan in 1970, later Lebanon and Tunisia, and since 1993 the West Bank and the Gaza strip. Arafat's track-record as a political survivor is indeed remarkable, and it was possible because of his ruthless extermination of any political competitors, which leads to the current power vacuum.

As Palestinians prepare for a new chapter in their existence, so do Israelis. The Sharon government appears willing to resume talks based on the "Road Map," which is performance-based, rather than demanding a strict timeline. With Abbas likely in the role of P.L.O. Chairman, Sharon might feel he does have a partner for negotiations. These negotiations, however, might cost Sharon his coalition with right

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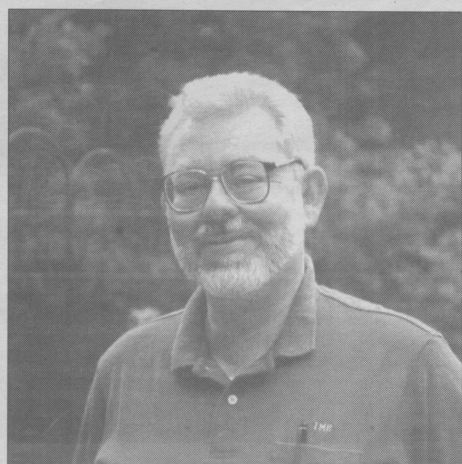
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12:00 noon



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Remembering Tomás: 1943-2004



Tomás Milch H.

The body of B. Franklin, Printer, (Like the cover of an old book, its contents torn out, and the script of its lettering and gilding) Lies here, food for worms, but the work shall not be lost; for it will (as he believed) appear once more, in a new and more elegant edition, revised and corrected, by the author. - "Eulogy," Rabbi Marc Kline

On November 8th, the Jewish community of central Kentucky lost a devoted, committed leader, Tomás Milch H. A native of Quito, Ecuador, to which his Czech father and Swedish mother escaped just before the beginning of World War II, Tomas remained devoted to his native land where he had been a paratrooper in Ecuador's Air Force,

see *Milch Memorial*, page 14

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The 1 billion, colossal structure covers 6800 acres of land and transforms Ben Gurion Airport into one of the most modern, efficient and beautiful portals in the world. The new state-of-the-art terminal consists of two "Buy and Bye" mega commercial centers which offer a vast array of domestic and duty-free stores for the shopping pleasure of departing and returning travelers, their arrival and departure escorts, and the public at



large, comfortable restaurants and refreshment areas; banks; drug stores; computer centers and more. Large elevators leading to and from exits and parking areas are placed throughout the terminal for those burdened with luggage and trolleys. Access to all stores and departure gates will be available via moving ramps and walkways throughout the terminal.

The terminal features stunning architectural designs and arches, terraced gardens, multi-level bridges and spacious parking areas. All terminal 3 facilities will offer easy access to handicapped travelers.

The new Terminal 3 features ancient mosaics unearthed in archeological excavations in Israel.

This initiative satisfies a dual aim - that of the Antiquities Authority to take out of storage archaeological treasures excavated at various locations in Israel and display them to the general public, and that of the Airports Authority to welcome passengers entering Israel with an impressive and unique display symbolizing the link between this modern and innovative national project and the deeply rooted history of the Land of Israel.

A joint team, set up by the Airports and Antiquities authorities, selected three mosaic floors discovered at three different archeological sites:



- Mosaic floor from the fifth or sixth century A.D. uncovered in the Beit Sh'ean excavations. The floor is decorated with birds wearing ornamental bands, and above the decoration appears the inscription, written in Greek: "Blessed shall you be in your comings and blessed shall you be in your goings."

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Holocaust Museum (from page 3)

the mentally disabled in a way similar to the "Final Solution" implemented for Jews. It also described the sterilization programs conducted by the Nazi regime to prevent "further contamination of the Aryan race."

The second temporary exhibit focuses on the current situation in Darfur in the Sudan, a situation so dire that it merits the first ever official genocide warning by the Holocaust Museum. One of the highlights of this exhibit, housed in the Wexner Learning center at the Museum, is a documentary by Jerry Fowler, a photographer who documented the plight of those fleeing attack by the government-backed militias. Most of the photographs are of refugee camps in neighboring Chad and include the testi-

mony of those who survived the trip across the desert.

The Holocaust Education Program, instituted three years ago in memory of Michael Adelstein, has underwritten the visit of twenty High School teachers to the Museum. This program, an important example of your campaign dollars at work, helps teachers develop information for their classes to confront and prevent bigotry and intolerance. (See story on page six.)

The program also includes some free time on the second day so teachers can visit other sites of interest in our nation's capital. Some visited the exhibit "The Price of Freedom," a history of all American wars starting with the War of 1812. Others visited the new World War II Memorial on the Mall.

The program is part of a general effort to raise awareness of the horrors of the Holocaust and the lessons it can teach students about tolerance and diversity. Part of this effort by CKJF also includes our annual "Emily Szekely Holocaust Awareness Essay Contest" open to students in the Central Kentucky schools.

Rabbi's Corner

Rabbi Sharon Cohen



December Dilemma



So, here it is December once again, the time of the year when we are reminded nearly 24 hours a day that we live in an essentially non-Jewish world. December is the month that features a major holiday that is not ours, foods we don't eat, colors we don't generally use together, and songs we don't sing.

This year, it seems that December started at the end of October! The first advertisement with a Christmas theme (that Santa might enjoy an Outback Restaurant appetizer more than cookies and milk) that I saw was on October 31st. As I write this, with over two weeks yet to go before Thanksgiving, the Christmas advertisements have already taken over the airwaves. The Halloween decorations in the neighborhood came down immediately after the holiday and twinkling lights, holiday flags, door wreaths and even Christmas trees are already adorning the homes in the area. One of my dogs, Maggie, was finally beginning to realize that the fall pumpkins sitting on people's porches were not motionless orange kitty-cats trying to avoid a chase, nor were they scary objects worthy of receiving a glare and a howl. There is no telling what poor Maggie will be thinking when she realizes that the figures in the manger scene down the street aren't really waiting for her to come over to play!

There is no doubt that December can be an awkward time for us as Jews and for others who do not celebrate Christmas. Despite the law of separation of church and state, our city (and country for that matter) still puts up an official Christmas tree downtown and our children are still bombarded by Christmas-themed activities and decorations in or around their schools. I find it fascinating that the *Chevy Chase* already called to do an article on Hanuka, and many schools and businesses schedule cultural programs during the month of December designed to give us the feeling that Christmas is not the only game in town during this cold winter month. In particular, this December, the Children's Museum has put together a wonderful program on holidays celebrated by other religions this time of year and on ways in which Christmas is celebrated by cultures outside of the United States. I, along with other members of Ohavay Zion, are helping out with the Hanuka presentation at the museum with the hope of teaching others what the holiday is all about. I applaud those of you who have gone into your child's classroom or your workplace to teach that not everyone celebrates Christmas and that other religions have equally meaningful holidays. The truth is, however, that one hour of exposure to the customs of other faiths does not offset the weeks of hidden and obvious messages dealing with Christmas which pervades the schools and society in general.

We recognize, of course, that there really can be no parity between our celebration of Hanuka and the observance of Christmas. Christmas, of course, is a major holy day on the Christian calendar, much like Rosh ha-Shana and Yom Kippur are on the Jewish calendar. Although Hanuka is a holiday filled with special rituals that remind us of the gift of freedom, the pride we should have in our heritage,

and the great miracles that can happen in life, it is still considered a "minor" holiday on the Jewish Calendar. It is a post-Biblical holiday that traditionally included the lighting of candles each night, songs and games (draydel being the most well-known), and foods that remind us of the miracle of the oil. Only later in history, especially with the commercialization of Christmas, did Hanuka become a focal point of our year. I must admit that I enjoy informing people unfamiliar with Judaism that Hanuka, while special,

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does not share a similar status as Christmas does on the Christian calendar. Many are often surprised to find out that Hanuka is not the centerpiece of the Jewish year (even though our youngsters might argue differently).

Each December, and as we are bombarded with the influences of a holiday that is not our own, we can usually take some refuge in the celebration of our own special holiday, minor or not. With Hanuka close at hand, I tend not to be too distracted by the Christmas influences around me. This year, however, Hanuka will be over on

December 15th, just as the Christmas season hits a crescendo, and with the spirit of Hanuka behind me, I wonder how much patience I will have for the myriad of Christmas-related sights and sounds. I worry, in particular, about our children who, I fear, will feel the influence of Christmas even more strongly than usual with their winter holiday already behind them.

I have no easy solutions to this December dilemma, but for those of you who share my concerns, I have a few suggestions: during Hanuka, pay great attention to the Maccabees' message of pride in being Jewish and of standing up for religious freedom, and after the holiday set a goal of keeping alive in your thoughts and actions these important themes. Then, put those themes into action. Attend a weekday or Shabbat service during the month. Not only is it a mitzva, but a specific reminder of our connection to Judaism and to the values of our unique heritage. Set aside some time to study a Jewish topic you always wanted to know more about — be it Jewish cooking or Jewish Medieval philosophy! Check out some Jewish folktales or Jewish-themed stories from the library (OZS, TAI or the Public Library) for your children to read during the month. If you want to watch a movie, there are plenty of films available on video and DVD with Jewish influences or content (from *Fiddler on the Roof* to *An American Tail!*) for both children and adults. Finally, remember that Shabbat each week gives us the unique opportunity to pull away from our regular influences and routines. In fact, Christmas happens to fall on Shabbat this year. What better way to spend December 24th/25th than gathering with others for a Shabbat meal or Havdala, participating in a Shabbat service, and/or taking quiet time to read, study, or visit with friends.

I wish all of you a very bright and meaningful Hanuka and a December that is filled with laughter, fun, and wonderful Jewish memories.

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"We Came Because We Are Jews"

By Shifra Paikin

The Jewish Agency for Israel is the "Global Jewish Partnership with Israel at its heart". Before there was a State, the Jewish Agency was the Yishuv's (Community) governing body. Its role has always been central to the Zionist enterprise and their devoted work has helped millions of immigrants to come to Israel's shores and start a new life. Today, the Jewish Agency (JAFI) continues with its historical role as it helps Jewish communities in the FSU and Eastern Europe to reconnect with the Jewish people. JAFI's work is best described by the people it helps

"The old people always spoke about Israel," recalls Nigosa Sisai, a slight, thirty-something immigrant from Ethiopia. "I remember at age five my grandmother and grandfather telling me, 'Some day we'll get to Israel.'"

That day came at the end of 1999, when Nigosa arrived in Israel on a Jewish Agency flight, together with his wife and two daughters, then age five and two. (Another daughter was born in mid-2002). "We came because we are Jews," he states simply.

The family was referred to the Jewish Agency's Nahariya absorption center, where they spent two years. "It was very hard not knowing the language," he says. "And we didn't even know how to go to the grocery store to buy bread, how to go to the health clinic. . . ." The intensive ten-month *ulpan* — five days a week, for five hours a day — provided by the Jewish Agency enabled Nigosa to learn Hebrew. Lectures and workshops provided an introduction to virtually every aspect of Israeli life ranging from health care, hygiene, and diet to home care - and acquainted them with institutions such as medical clinics,

schools, banks, post offices, community centers, etc. in preparation for the move to permanent residences.

Nigosa and his wife made that move last year when they bought an apartment in Beit Shemesh, an old-new community about a half-hour's drive from Jerusalem. Before moving he checked out the town. "I saw children going to schools; it looked like a nice place," he says. Nigosa, who worked in the fields in his Ethiopian village, found a job cleaning. But when he heard about the welding course given by the Technological Training Center operated by the Ministry of Industry and Trade in Beit Shemesh, he jumped at the opportunity to learn a trade. The Center provides vocational training for unskilled workers in response to market demand: courses in welding, computerized office skills, CNC, computerized graphics, fashion design, and autotronics. Nigosa registered for a welding course, together with eleven other immigrants from Ethiopia and the FSU, which includes both theoretical study and hands-on training in automobile repair



Nigosa Sisai at Elkayam Metal Industries.

He recently began working at the Elkayam Metal Industries in Beit Shemesh. The company provides a starting salary of NIS 5,000-6,000 per month — a very respectable salary for blue collar workers — plus a wide variety of job benefits.

"I have work," says Nigosa. We are healthy. My parents, brothers and sisters live nearby in Rishon, Netanya, and Beit Shemesh. "Everything is great," he says emphatically.

When you ask yourself what your campaign dollars are doing, remember Nigosa Sisai and all the millions like him who came to Israel because they are Jews.

Ben Gurion (from page 7)

- Mosaic floor from the sixth century A.D. found in Bethlehem in the Galilee, ornamented with vine tendrils woven about figures of animals and birds as well as trees, a grape basket and a conch.
- Mosaic floor from the sixth century A.D. dug up in Caesarea, adorned with geometric patterns, animals, trees, structures and the figure of a rider. Standing at the center is the figure of a woman carrying a fruit basket. The woman's rare Greek name, "Kalokaria," hints at the personification of the word "beneficent" or "plenty."

You can now get directly to the new terminal by train. Sixty four trains, including night trains, will take passengers to and from Nahariya, Haifa, and Tel Aviv. The trains will also leave incoming passengers at the Airport's new Terminal 3.

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Israel and the Territories After Arafat

By Daniel Cheffec

When history judges who the most successful politician in the Middle East was during the 1990s and beginning of the 2000s, chances are historians will choose Yasser Arafat.

Egyptian-born Mohammed Abdel Raouf Arafat al-Qudwa al-Husseini came to world attention for the first time in 1957 when, along with a group of Palestinian refugees, he founded Al-Fatah in Kuwait, where he was working as an oil engineer. In the 47 years that followed, with the support of his KGB sponsors and funded by the Soviet Union first and the European Union later, Arafat deceived everybody and stayed in power by killing his political enemies. He was indeed a survivor, both politically and literally.

As long ago as 1978, according to Ion Pacepa, former chief of Romanian intelligence, Arafat's Communist buddies were advising him to pretend to accept Israel, establish a base in the occupied territories, and wage a terrorist war from there. He finally accepted the advice and, at a meeting in Cairo in 1984, a group of intellectuals from the Arab world came up with a plan for the destruction of Israel in stages, called "The Four Point Plan." This plan called for:

- Establishing some form of Palestinian self-rule in "any part of Palestine that the Zionist Entity will be willing to vacate."
- Encouraging "Palestinization" of the Arab citizens of Israel
- Inciting a general uprising against Israel and turning world opinion against Israel
- Getting the West to pressure Israel into surrendering. Failing this, all-out war with the support of Arab countries.

While this plan was never official, it corresponds closely with the events which started on September 13, 1993 when Yasser Arafat signed the Declaration of Principles on the South Lawn of the White House with Yitzhak Rabin (Z'L) and Shimon Peres.

Since 1993, Yasser Arafat has managed to dupe Europe into providing more than one billion dollars in aid, a quarter of which is unaccounted for; he managed to deceive the Clinton Administration into pressuring Israel to make further concessions in spite of the fact that he did not live up to his side of the bargain;

he destroyed any Palestinian who appeared to threaten his power; he maintained ironfisted control over security forces which were more than 30% over the numbers allowed in the Oslo agreements; he polarized Israeli public opinion and, in the aftermath of Rabin's assassination, his actions moved the Israeli electorate to the right, bringing Sharon to power; he used Sharon's past as a military leader to try and de-legitimize his credentials, he established a coalition with the anti-globalization left and initiated an anti-Semitic/anti-Israel worldwide campaign with significant success. Yes, Yasser Arafat was the most successful politician of the Middle East at the end of the 20th century and the beginning of the 21st.

But Arafat's success was at the expense of his people, who are today poorer, more divided, less educated than they were in 1993. His terror campaign has made the dream of a Palestinian State more ephemeral than real. Now Arafat is gone.

Israeli politics is already feeling the aftershocks of his death. On the one hand, far-right religious parties in Sharon's coalition withdrew from the government in disagreement over the Gaza withdrawal plan, but on the other hand Benjamin Netanyahu, who threatened to quit the government and the Likkud party if Sharon did not implement a referendum over the Gaza plan, backed off and will remain in the coalition.

It is, however, very likely that militant settlers' groups will increase their pressure against the Sharon Administration in ever-growing militant and maybe even violent ways. Sharon might be forced, in an effort to consolidate his hold on power, to find an accommodation of some kind

with the main opposition, the Labor Party. This accommodation must not necessarily be power sharing. It can take the form of political arrangements and compromises. But even this accommodation might further stress an already shaky coalition, even to the point of breaking and forcing a realignment of political forces. Either way,

Israel will have to overcome a serious political crisis.

In the short term, the Gaza withdrawal will proceed, and Israel will very likely attempt to bolster the more moderate leadership of Mahmoud Abbas by easing restrictions on the Palestinians. In the long term, Israel will have to finish the separation fence and be ready for more violence.

While the leadership which stepped in to take over from Arafat is by and large more moderate and amenable to dialogue and negotiation with Israel, there is still a large number of people and groups, like the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade and Farouk Kadoumi, who will feel left out because they received not only political and financial support from Arafat, but also his strategic guidance. There are other groups, such as Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad, which did not align with Arafat, but shared some of his most violent goals for their own reasons. As a result, the position of the new Palestinian leadership is shaky at best, untenable at worst and, perhaps by the time you read these lines, will have already been replaced by a more militant, younger leadership raised under Arafat's rule.

The second Bush administration needs to find ways to "patch up" the relationship with Europe, and Arafat's demise is providing Washington with precisely such an opportunity. The revival of the Road Map or some incarnation of it is very likely. The real test of its success will of course lie with the Palestinian

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Jews in the War Between the States

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In 1861, when the War Between the States started, the Jewish population of what is today the United States was just 150,000, and German Jews were coming into the country. Organized Jewish life was limited: there were only a few Jewish schools, mostly in New York and Philadelphia; the first American Reform Congregation of Charleston, South Carolina was only 37 years old; the idea of a National Reform Movement was still in the future; and the Jewish Theological Seminary was just a vague idea. B'nai Brith, the first secular Jewish organization in America, was barely 18.

On the issue of slavery, the Jewish community was, by and large, opposed to it. While some Jewish merchants did participate in the slave trade in the 18th and early 19th century, this never translated into Jews possessing large numbers of slaves. Those who did were mostly in the South and did so out of social conventions and as a sign of status. Yet in 1856 an American Rabbi, Sabato Morais, from congregation Mikveh Israel in Philadelphia, valiantly spoke against slavery from the bimah. It is a tradition of social involvement that American Jewry was to perpetuate through its history.

Jewish participation during the Civil War – on both sides – was remarkable. Of a total population of 150,000 Jews, about 8,500 served as soldiers. In the Union Army there were many Jewish officers: eight Generals, 21 colonels, nine lieutenant colonels, 40 majors, 205 captains, 325 lieutenants, 48 adjutants, and 25 surgeons. Two thousand Jews from New York and 1,000 from Illinois volunteered in the army. Among those who served were Colonel Edward Solomon, hero of Gettysburg; Sergeant Leopold Kapeles, the first Jew to earn the Congressional Medal of Honor; and drummer Benjamin Levy, who served at Appomattox.

In the Confederate Army, Jews were also well regarded, particularly in the Southern Legion – all were volunteers, and served as officers and enlisted men. They distinguished themselves to the point that T.N. Waul, who commanded the legion, said of the Jewish volunteers that "...As soldiers they were brave, orderly and well disciplined...I never saw or heard of any Jew shirking or failing to answer any call of duty or danger." Captain J. Roessler and Private Leon Blum are widely recognized for their role in the Southern Resistance.

But Jewish participation was not limited to the military aspects of the war. Judah Benjamin became Secretary of State for the Confederacy in 1862, and Jewish elected officials served in both the Union and the Confederate Congress. It was also during the Civil War that the Union Army appointed its first Jewish chaplain. Abraham Lincoln's telegraph operator was Edward Rosewater.

Also during the Civil War, in 1862, General Ulysses S. Grant issued General Order 11 expelling all Jews "as a class" from Union-controlled Tennessee and Missouri. Adolphus Simeon Salomons, co-founder of the Red Cross, helped convince General Halleck to rescind the order, but General Order 11 remains in American Jewish history as a stain. In 1871 Salomons was to be elected



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However we look at the particulars of how Jews participated in the Civil War, it is very clear that they saw the conflict as their own. They felt part of American society, they participated in the political process of the time, and they felt duty-bound to defend their ideas side-by-side with their fellow Americans, both in the trenches or the Halls of Congress.

The end of the War Between the States marked the beginning of a new chapter in American Jewish life, a chapter dominated by the massive immigration of Jews from Eastern Europe and a reshaping of Jewish institutional and religious life in America.

Winter Dinner Attracts Record High Attendance

We hope you have already reserved your spot on December 12th for the 10th Annual Jewish Community Winter Dinner to be held at Rossi's restaurant in the Chinese Shopping Center from 6-8:30 p.m. This year the dinner has attracted many more people. So far (end of November) we have almost 140 people attending and

numbers are growing every day. It should be fun and a great chance to try the new location of a restaurant with great food at a much discounted price. We expect to be at capacity by the time of this publication.

The Community Activities Committee is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help plan and coordinate events throughout the year. These include the Spring Concert, Women's Seder, Yom Ha'atzmaut, and a summer picnic. If you want to become more involved or help out with a single event please call Jana at 268-0672 extension 4# or email activities@jewishlexington.org. Your help is needed.

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After Arafat (from page 10)

willingness to give up violence, and their leadership's ability to curb it. A good start would be dismantling the Arafat-financed terrorist structure and confronting the Hamas-led opposition. Their probability of success is low.

A very distinct possibility is the breakdown of the Palestinian Authority and a free-for-all power grab in Palestinian society. This would lead to bloodshed of both Palestinians and Israelis, for Palestinian militants will attempt to consolidate their power by showing their effectiveness in attacking Israel. Should this come to pass, it is very likely that Israel's relations with Jordan will cool down or even deteriorate; Israel's relations with Egypt might completely break down. The relations with Jordan and Egypt will suffer, not because of their support for the Palestinian cause but because of their own internal difficulties.

Arafat left a legacy of death and violence that Palestinian society will have a hard time putting behind.

IMAGINE (from page 1)

the ball is now in the Palestinian court and that Palestinian leaders must prove themselves trustworthy before expecting any kind of concessions from Israel. As for the current Palestinian leadership, while there was no consensual opinion, it is a widespread belief that at the end of the power struggle, Marwal Barghouti, currently in an Israeli prison, might emerge as the next Palestinian strongman.

Workshops on Sunday dealt with contemporary Jewish issues such as the initiative for an Israeli Constitution, global Anti-Semitism and the meaning of Jewish peoplehood today. The day was crowned by a Celebration of Israel with Israeli music, Israeli wine and Israeli cheese.

Monday morning the day started very early with many options. One was a breakfast with Haim Ramon, a Labor Party leader who tried to explain the current political situation. He noted that the Labor opposition party provided the support for Sharon's Gaza withdrawal initiative. He emphasized that this support had less to do with geography than with demography. For Israel to remain a democratic Jewish State, he noted, the key battle today is not about geo-



Alina Spaulding

Security for the Jewish community was also part of the program, with several workshops and a plenary dedicated to the subject. Of special importance was the official launching of SCAN (Security Community Alert Network), a national system that will allow fast communication to leadership and local communities in case of a serious security threat directed at the Jewish community.

Aging and poverty were also important topics during the GA, and communities had a chance to exchange ideas and models about how to provide services for an aging population as well as to how to help improve the lives of those living under the poverty line.

An extremely interesting session was the one with Rabbi Michael Paley and author Irshad Manji (*The Trouble with*

Islam) where both panelists explored the difficulties for the modernization of Islamic society and the appalling conditions in Arab countries. Other sessions addressed Birthright Israel, the Divestment Initiative, the growth of Israeli Philanthropy, Israel Advocacy in campus, etc.

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graphic boundaries but about demographic balance.

Other workshops offered participants the opportunity to listen to Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, Prof. Deborah Lipstadt, and Rabbi David Wolpe. By 9 a.m., considered "mid-morning," another plenary session allowed participants to listen to motivational speaker Jim Collins, and to the new UJC President and CEO, Howard Rieger. Rieger stressed the importance of participation and engagement, as well as the centrality of community building.

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Meals on Wheels: Volunteers are needed to deliver meals to the elderly from two different sites this year.

Catholic Action Center: Volunteers are needed to serve lunch on December 24th or to donate items such as warm clothes, blankets, coats, and toiletries.

Woodford Humane Society: Volunteers are needed to work at the shelter on tasks such as cleaning, bathing, walking or mending, or to donate items such as pet food, toys, chewies, collars, leads, etc.

Ronald McDonald House: Volunteers are needed to bake and drop off items to the Giving Tent or to donate new or gently used toys.

Please see the ad on page 13 for exact details.

If you are coming to the Winter Dinner on December 12th, a table will be set up for volunteer sign-up. This will be the last opportunity to get an assignment and we will also have the volunteer packets available containing T-shirts and specific instructions for the various assignments.

Come to the Giving Tent on December 24th located in front of the CKJF office in the Chinoo Shopping Center anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to drop off collections of pet supplies, toiletries, baked goods, new or gently used toys, and warm items such as blankets or coats. If you haven't picked up your volunteer packets, they will be available as well.

Please call Jana at 268-0672 extension 4# or email Tikkun@jewishlexington.org or fill out the form on page 13 of *Shalom* and mail to 1050 Chinoo Road, suite 203, Lexington, Kentucky, 40502 if you are interested in giving, or have any questions. Thank you in advance for making this the biggest year yet.

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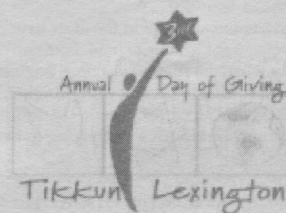
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Why I Deliver Moveable Feast

By Rebecca Meece

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Know Your Board

By Steve Kesten

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Ray Archer is a counseling psychologist at UK. He and his wife, Colby, are members of Temple Adath Israel and co-chairs of the Social Action Committee there. Ray is also a member of the CKJF Tikkun committee and in his fourth year on the CKJF board. His always cool, positive demeanor, reflects his professional training and makes him an easy person to work with. This was a positive when he served as project coordinator for the Jewish community's Habitat for Humanity house several years ago.

Ray Archer and Colby Cohen met in graduate school at Virginia Commonwealth University, in Richmond, Virginia. Colby teaches social psychology at Midway. Colby and Ray are proud parents of Jessalin, aged 16 months. Ray is athletic and enjoys playing golf, soccer, softball, and volleyball. He grew up in Missouri, while Colby is from South Carolina and Florida. Our community badly needs more young people like the Archers who are so giving of their time and skills.

Gerald Dubilier has lived in Lexington most of his life. He is the only boy among four children of Vinnie and Lou Dubilier, who have long been active members of the Jewish Community.

Gerald attended Tulane University and graduated from Transylvania University in 1985. He has been a successful businessman, beginning as a downtown restaurant owner. Early in his career, while in the restaurant business, he started investing in real estate in the bluegrass. Since 1989 he has owned shopping centers, apartments, and office buildings, and has been in joint ventures with his father and Brett Caller.

Gerald is an avid tennis player, and a member of the Lexington Tennis Club. He is the father of twins Alex and Gabrielle, aged 7. They also play tennis. He belongs to Ohavay Zion Synagogue, and is serving his first year as a member of the CKJF board.

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and always remained an avid fan of its national soccer team. Tomas went to college in St. Louis at Washington University where he studied electrical engineering. Later, he switched careers to become a stockbroker. Tomas, an unassuming, organized person with an amazing work ethic, accomplished much after moving to Lexington many years ago.

Tomas and his family became an active part of the Central Kentucky Jewish community though his participation in Temple Adath Israel and the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation. He served on the Board of Directors of CKJF in the early 90s, becoming the organization's president from 1995 to 1997. Tomas participated in Campaign Committee activities by soliciting pledges, aiding the Campaign Committee, getting his family involved in Super Sunday sessions, and chairing the Men's campaign.

Tomas pursued all of his volunteer activities with vigor and commitment. Among his activities for Temple Adath

Israel was co-chairing the 100th Anniversary Celebration Committee with Anita and Harold Baker during 2003. According to Harold, "He chaired the meetings in an unemotional, conscientious manner and did an excellent job. He was very interested in the historical project and was very well organized, demonstrating his great capability, leading to a successful year of events." Marilyn Moosnick commented that "When Tomas was President of CKJF during arrangements for an event, he displayed a personal commitment to the success of the event. He put himself into it personally in a very warm way. He was a real host."

As a stockbroker with Wachovia

Securities (previously Prudential-Bache Securities) he was well regarded by his co-workers and his clients. One of his clients, Evelyn Geller said "He was unfailingly honest in his business dealings. He was to be trusted implicitly." She also indicated that his favorite greeting to women was "Hello beautiful. He made it sound as if he genuinely meant it."

Tomas leaves behind Annette, his wife of 37 years, a daughter, Miriam Bidlack of Indianapolis, a son, Frederick of Columbus, Ohio and a newborn grandson, Oscar Edward Nolan Milch. Tomas will be sorely missed by his family, his friends, and the Central Kentucky Jewish community which he served so well.

Thresholds: Expressions of Art and Spiritual Life

An Interfaith, Intercultural Grand Opening
and Progressive Dinner
Thursday, January 20, 2005
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"Thresholds: Expressions of Art and Spiritual Life" is a visual journey into the spiritual and religious inclinations of the artists from five Southeastern states. Thresholds is a joint effort of the Kentucky Arts Council, the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs, the North Carolina Arts Council, the South Carolina Arts Council and the Tennessee Arts Commission. Thresholds examines the tendency in a growing number of artists to draw on their religious backgrounds or spiritual inclinations as a subject matter for art.

Questions of the meaning of religious faith and its place in public life are critical now in the international arena where extremist versions fuel war and civil conflict, and within the United States where questions of the proper relationship of Church and State are constantly being revisited. Workshops and seminars will be conducted throughout the month of January at various locations, refer to www.thresholds-lexington.com for more information.

Attendees may choose from three different Progressive Dinner Routes, each with a different set of beautiful and historic places. The majority of the exhibit will be located at the Morlan Gallery on the campus of Transylvania University, with the remaining works located at off-site venues. Each dinner route also ends at Morlan Gallery.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER ROUTES - appetizer, entree, dessert

5:30 Route: Mission House, First Presbyterian Church, St. Paul Catholic Church

6:00 Route: Muslim Community at the Carnegie Center, Christ Church Cathedral, Mecca

6:30 Route: History Museum, Temple Adath Israel, 2nd Street Christian Church

Tickets: \$15, students and seniors \$10

Ticket price includes your choice of one route, along with a three course meal.

To Purchase Tickets: Tickets are limited. They are available at the Lexington Arts and Cultural Council Box Office, located at 141 E. Main St. in the Downtown Arts Center. Call 859-225-0370 or email tlowman@lexarts.org.

Saturday, January 22: Loudon House, Art and Spirituality classes featuring participating artists

Thursday, February 3, 7 p.m.: Transylvania University Carrick Theatre, Eleanor Heartney, the curator, a nationally recognized independent cultural critic and curator from New York, will be the lecturer for the evening.

Exhibit will continue until February 18, 2005. If you would like more information on the Thresholds exhibit, please go to www.thresholds-lexington.com.



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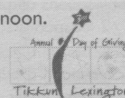
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Attention Day of Giving Volunteers

Come to the Giving Tent on December 24, 2004
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
located in the Chinoe Center parking lot.

This will be your last chance to drop off your
donated items, and pick up your Tikkun Volunteer Packet.
Donated items must be dropped off by noon.



Hillel Happenings

By Leah Craft, Hillel President

Hello Shalom recipients! As the current president of the University of Kentucky's JSO/Hillel(Jewish Student Organization), I'd like to share with you our recent and upcoming events. Last month, the Grossman family generously hosted our Shabbat dinner. They offered some ravenous college students delicious latkes, vegetarian lasagna, and Kathy's fantastic one-of-a-kind warm apple crisp. Apart from the scrumptious goodies and highest quality of company, the night's mood was slightly gloomy, as it marked the final Shabbat dinner hosted by last year's Hillel president, Andrew Grossman. Come December, he'll be sorely missed, but we wish him the absolute brightest of futures.

December 2nd marked our annual Chanukah party. This year it was a bit different in that we have invited

the community to hear the story of Chanukah presented by Dr. Sandy Goldberg. Other professors may speak as well, but at the time we wrote this article the details were still not certain. See next month's issue for details and pictures.

In the upcoming months, apart from our traditional monthly Shabbat dinners, we're hoping to book speakers, see some musicals, and possibly even spend spring break with other Hillels around the US. We're anticipating an exciting semester, and we encourage our readers to always feel welcome to get to know our local Jewish college students. Anyone interested in hosting/hostessing a Shabbat dinner, please call Jana at 268-0672 extension 4# or hillel@jewishlexington.org.

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and positive, but I saw some indications of difficult issues.

During the opening session, when the different ethnic combinations (African Americans, German Americans, etc) were called to show people the diversity of the audience, the students applauded enthusiastically to practically all the ethnic backgrounds with one exception — when they called "Jewish Americans" and five of us stood up, a group of students felt it was OK to boo. I see this as an indication that denying Jews the same respect they show for other groups was acceptable to these students even at a program designed to counteract hatred and bigotry. I believe this issue is a spillover of the ongoing anti-Jewish campaign waged in campuses across the country by the Palestinian propaganda machine and their extreme-left supporters. While this

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B'tay Avon (Hearty Appetite)

Ruth Poley



Chanukah is here—no time to waste. As you're planning your holiday dinners, you might want to consider this new take on latkes. The tradition of potato latkes really is about the oil, not about the potatoes; in fact, in Israel they frequently serve *sufganiyot* (fried donuts) for Chanukah. Because so many people are looking for low carb alternatives these days, or perhaps because you just want to serve something a bit different this year, I'm offering two

recipes for vegetable latkes. We are still frying in oil here, so I'm not going to suggest that these are a whole lot healthier than potato pancakes, but they will be different (and tasty). And beets and carrots, while relatively high-sugar vegetables, are still lower in carbohydrates than potatoes. These recipes are from the December 2004 issue of "Bon Appetit" magazine.

Gingered Carrot Latkes

(Makes about 15)

6 cups coarsely grated peeled carrots
6 tablespoons all purpose flour
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
3/4 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
7 teaspoons finely grated peeled fresh ginger
3 large eggs, beaten to blend
Canola oil (for frying)

Place carrots in large bowl; press with paper towels to absorb any moisture. In another large bowl, whisk flours, salt, baking powder, and pepper to blend. Mix in carrots and ginger, then eggs.

Pour enough oil into heavy large skillet to cover bottom and heat over medium heat. Working in batches and adding more oil as needed, drop carrot mixture by 1/4 cupfuls into skillet; spread to 3 1/2 inch rounds. Fry until golden, about 5 minutes per side. Transfer latkes to rimmed baking sheet. (Can be made 6 hours ahead. Let stand at room temperature. Rewarm in 350° oven until crisp, about 10 minutes.)

NOTE: If you have an appropriate food story you'd like to share, or a recipe you think others in the Jewish community might enjoy, please email me at poley@prodigy.net.

Cumin-Scented Beet Latkes

(Makes about 15)

6 cups coarsely shredded peeled fresh beets (about 6 medium)
6 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
3/4 teaspoon ground coriander
3/4 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
3 large eggs, beaten to blend
Canola oil (for frying)

Place beets in a large bowl; press with paper towels to absorb any moisture. In another large bowl, whisk flour and next 5 ingredients. Mix in beets, then eggs.

Pour enough oil into large skillet to cover bottom; heat over medium heat. Working in batches, drop beet mixture by 1/4 cupfuls into skillet; spread to 3 1/2 inch rounds. Fry until golden, about 5 minutes per side. Transfer latkes to baking sheet. (Can be made 6 hours ahead. Let stand at room temperature. Rewarm in 350° oven until crisp, about 10 minutes.)

"Bon Appetit" suggests you serve these latkes with either or both of the following accompaniments.

Apple, Green Onion, and Jalapeño Salsa

(Makes about 3 cups)

1 1/2 pounds Fuji apples (about 3 large, peeled, halved, cored)
1/2 cup minced green onions
2 tablespoons minced seeded jalapeño chiles
1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
2 tablespoons honey
4 teaspoons (packed) finely grated lemon peel

Coarsely grate apples into strainer set over large bowl. Press and turn apples to drain off excess juices. Transfer apples to medium bowl; stir in green onions and chiles. Whisk lemon juice, honey, and lemon peel in small bowl to blend; mix into apples. Season salsa to taste with salt and pepper. (Can be made 6 hours ahead. Cover and chill.)

Celery and Cilantro Relish

(Makes about 2 cups)

2 cups finely diced celery
3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
2 tablespoons minced fresh cilantro
2 teaspoons Sherry wine vinegar

Combine all ingredients in medium bowl. Season relish with salt and pepper. Let stand at least 30 minutes. (Can be made 6 hours ahead. Cover and chill.)

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sentiment is not yet mainstreamed but remains the province of extreme left and extreme right movements, it is worrisome that young minds are beginning to consider it acceptable.

Some might say that I am extremely negative with the picture I am painting, and I hope they are right. Current evidence, however, leads me to believe that 2005 is not going to be an easy year. While I look forward to the Israeli withdrawal from Gaza as an opportunity to turn the tide in World public opinion, I am not confident it will bring the results people expect. Even when I know that Jews in America enjoy a degree of acceptance unparalleled in the history of the Jewish Diaspora, I think this might begin to change and not for the better.

Ultimately, whether my opinions are on target or not, they are only opinions. Time will tell whether they are on target, but I keep being reminded of something my grandfather used to say: "When a Jew walks into a room through the door, he is already looking for a window." Maybe it is time to start rethinking how we operate as a community; maybe it is time to start looking for the window.

THE LEXINGTON HAVURAH NEWS

President, Gail Cohen • (859) 272-1459

The Lexington Havurah, founded in 1978, is a diverse network of people dedicated to Jewish learning and renewal, community building and Tikkun Olam (repairing the world).

It is affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the National Havurah Committee. Members plan, conduct, and share responsibilities for all services.

Feast of Lights will Brighten December

Chanukah will be the focus of activities in December for the Lexington Havurah. The Annual Chanukah party and pot-luck will take place on Saturday evening, December 11, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the home of Kathy and David Feinberg. Members will bring their favorite latkes and side dishes to share. Applesauce, sour cream and soft drinks, as well as sufganiot (jelly doughnuts) will be provided by the Havurah.

As the party is on Saturday night, those assembled will observe Havdalah. Each family is asked to bring a chanukiah and candles. The prayers will be chanted in unison and the candles lit. The beautiful display of lights will illuminate the proceedings as Chanukah songs are sung and dreidles are spun.

Hosts for the evening will be Kathy and David Feinberg and Gail and Ernie Cohen.

Havurah Conducts Tu B'Shevat Seder

January at the Lexington Havurah will feature the annual Tu B'Shevat Seder to be held on Friday, January 21, at 7 p.m., at Lexington Theological Seminary. Tu B'Shevat is the "New Year of the Trees." In Israel, this festival is celebrated by the planting of trees. Here in the United States we have devised our own way of celebrating this holiday.

During the course of the Seder, participants will sample many corporate foods. At least fifteen kinds of fruits and nuts, many of which grow in the land of Israel, will be eaten. This is accompanied by the drinking of wine (or grape juice), the singing of songs, and the reading of psalms and poetry, all of which are appropriate to the season.

This year, the Seder will be led by Francie Chassen-Lopez and Judy Goldsmith. The hosts for the evening will be Judy and Bob Baumann, Jeremy Popkin, Judy Goldsmith, and Eve Podet.

Bitensky, Cohen Lead Shabbat Morning Service

On November 13 the Lexington Havurah conducted its first Shabbat morning service of the New Year. The service was planned and ably led by members Larry Bitensky and Ernie Cohen. The service took place at the Lexington Hearing and Speech Center.

Ned Rosenbaum, Education Committee Chair of the Havurah, led a stimulating discussion relevant to the Torah portion for the week.

A Shabbat morning Kiddush following the service was provided by Gloria and Michael Rie and Larry Bitensky.

For more information please call Gail Cohen, President, at 272-1459.

THE LEXINGTON CHAPTER OF HADASSAH NEWS

Elise Mandel, President

Report on Hadassah Donor Phonathon 2004

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Once again the members and friends of the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah contributed generously to make the Donor Phonathon very successful. To date we have received approximately \$10,000 in pledges, with over half of the pledges already paid. In addition, we have 13 Keepers of the Gate who give annually at the \$1,000 level. We thank and appreciate every member and friend of Hadassah who donates to its worthy causes.

We also want to thank the volunteers who met to prepare

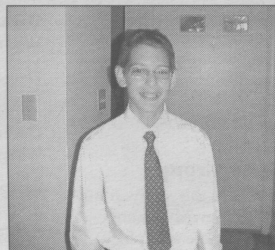
the pledge letters and to make calls at the Phonathon and after for all their efforts.

If anyone has questions about making a Donor contribution or becoming a Keeper of the Gate, please feel free to contact either Lynn Furness, Fundraising VP (859-873-0328) or Carole Wilson, Donor Campaign (859-277-0979)

BAR/BAT MITZVAHS

OUR B'NAI MITZVAH

By Evelyn Dantzie Geller



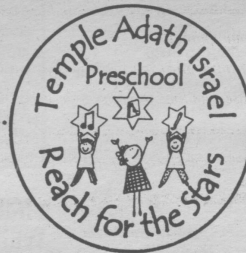
Alex Parker - OZS

On December 4, 2004, Alex Parker, son of Mimi Haley, and grandson of Marcia Blacker, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah at Ohavay Zion Synagogue.

Alex is a seventh grade student at Morton Middle School where his favorite subject is his best subject, math. He also finds home ec classes interesting; they have only done sewing so far, so he is waiting to see how the cooking classes will go. Alex said he also "sort of likes science."

For his Mitzvah project, Alex plans to tutor students at his school in math.

As extracurricular activities, Alex enjoys playing basketball, football, and soccer.



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TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL NEWS

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Torah Study

Rabbi Kline conducts Torah Study in the TAI library, Saturdays at 9 AM on alternate weeks. He is joined by a congenial group that brings together members of TAI and others, who, following the ancient tradition of Judaism, love study and matters of the mind. The present study centers on the Book of Deuteronomy. If you enjoy wrestling with problems of life and faith, join this friendly group.

Dec. schedule is 12/11, 12/25, 1/8, & 1/22.

Kollel Study Group

Joe Engelberg leads this study of fundamental ideas of Jewish life and thought. Among these are spirituality, the nature of God, a critique of Biblical and traditional injunctions and laws, Jewish history, principles of the Reform movement, the relation of Judaism to Christianity, Islam, and Buddhism. The purpose of the Kollel group's study is not to assert these principles as eternal truths, nor to refute them, but to discover the wisdom there is in them and to expand upon them. Drop in any time and join in the provocative and friendly discussion.

Dec/Jan schedule is 12/4, 12/18, 1/1, and 1/15.

Craft & Kibbitz

We continue to look for people to join us for the Handcrafters group. The times may change in order for more people to participate. Watch your bulletin or an e-mail to keep informed of the days and times of the meetings.

Please call the Temple office at 269-2979 and join this great group of people.

Tuesday Bridge Club

The Tuesday Bridge Group meets in the Temple Library beginning at 11 AM. Bring your lunch and play until 2 PM. You don't have to be an expert to join. This group is going strong, so if you like to play bridge, here's your chance to join and socialize with fellow Temple members.

If you wish to join in, please check with other players or the Temple office each week to see if the group is playing.

Rabbi Kline Offers

Wednesday A.E. Classes at 12:15 p.m. & 7 p.m.

These classes cover varied topics that

relate to Judaism and are of interest to the Lexington community. They are free and open to all. Please come join us for an informative discussion of topics.

December 1 — 7 p.m.

Ask the Rabbi

December 8 — 7 p.m.

Why is This Night Different?

December 15 — 12:15 p.m.

What's A Haftarah?

December 22 — 12:15 p.m.

What's Jewish About Winter?

January 5 — 7 p.m.

A Systemic Response to Outdated Ways of Viewing Jewish History - Part I

January 12 — 7 p.m.

A Systemic Response to Outdated Ways of Viewing Jewish History - Part II

January 19 — 12:15 p.m.

How Jewish Was Martin Luther King, Jr.?

January 26 — 12:15 p.m.

365 Birthdays a Year

per week golf league beginning in the spring. The league would be open to both men and women. We are still considering which day we would play (leaning toward Tuesday or Wednesday), and where we would play.

If you are interested in possibly participating in the golf league, please contact Bill Spickard by phone (223-8489) or e-mail (BillyS2298@aol.com).

5765: A Year of Focus On Poverty

Chanukah/Ner Shel Tzedakah:

A Night of Gifts for Those in Need
As a part of this year's special initiative, the candle we light on December 10, the night of our Temple's Chanukah Pot luck dinner, will be dedicated as a candle for those in need. On this night (or on any night you may choose) we encourage families to give to a charitable organization or donate to a gift collecting group such as the toy collection drive by Lexington's Firefighters or the

Tu B'shvat Celebration

Monday, January 24, 7 - 8:15 p.m.

Come celebrate Tu B'shvat, the new year of the trees, with a dessert seder. Rabbi Marc Kline will lead our seder and David Gabbard of the Lexington-Fayette County Division of Engineering will tell us about ecological and environmental programs around town. We'll also learn ways to contribute to the well being of our planet in our daily lives. This program is for people of all ages!

TRYB Membership Growing

Our Temple has much to be proud of in the attitudes and behavior of our teenagers. One example is the growing membership and participation in the high school youth group, TRYB. TRYB members join together for social action projects, educational programs, regional NFTY events, and recreational activities. TRYB's membership reflects the diversity of our congregation and shows how teens with a wide variety of interests can come together.

This year's membership includes:

Zach Kratzer	Travis Lonsbury
Rachel Rosenberg	Rachel Plavin
Rachel Heller	Leah Martin
Katie Rose Taulbee	Kaitlin Graff
Jared Noffsinger	Janelle Geddes
Jordan Barnhill	Gabi Price
Danny Engel	Celia Sogin
Ariel Gold-McCoy	Allison Schneider
Alan Sea	Miles Heymann

It is never too late to join TRYB and participate in their activities. Contact TRYB president Jordan Barnhill or TRYB advisors Mary Engel or Nancy Redmon or Program Coordinator Toni Reiss for more information.

We Need Your Help!!! (And your junkie)

The Social Action Committee is asking for your donations of garage sale and silent auction items for the Chanukkah Carnival. Garage sale season has pretty much come to a close, so if you missed out and still have items that you don't need, we'd greatly appreciate you bringing them to the Temple and donating them for the sale. The event is scheduled for December 12th, so the sooner you can bring them in, the better. And don't forget to come enjoy the Carnival.

Thank you in advance for your support. Ray Archer and Colby Cohen-Archer, Social Action Committee Co-Chairs

Come One, Call All, to the TAI Hanukkah Carnival

When: December 12, 2004, 12:00 p.m.
Where: TAI Social Hall

The social action committee is once again sponsoring a Hanukkah Carnival. Everyone is invited and there will be plenty of games and activities for the kids with fun prizes. In addition, there will be latkes, pizza, baked goods and a garage sale and silent auction for both children and adults. Please mark this event on your calendar and come out for a wonderful time and celebration. If you would be interested in helping with the event or baking goods for the sale, please contact Ray Archer at 219-9854 or email him at rarcher@midway.edu. A portion of the proceeds will go to the TAI religious school's social action fund.

Angel Tree program at Fayette Mall.

Drop off a new and unwrapped child's toy at Temple during Chanukah and your donation will be delivered to the firefighters' toy drive.

Book Discussion Group

On October 27, a group gathered to discuss the book *The Red Tent*. We so enjoyed ourselves that we decided to do it again. On January 26 from 7:30 - 9 PM we will meet in the Temple Library to discuss *The Ladies Auxiliary* by Tova Mirvis. If you want to order the book as part of a discounted group order, contact Toni Reiss by Dec. 7.

Finding A Jewish Path While the Ground Shifts Beneath Us

This class will take place this year on the following dates: 12/19/04, 1/23/05, 2/13/05, 3/20/05, 4/17/05, and 5/22/05. This is an adult discussion group led by Larry Kant, that studies traditional Jewish sources in novel ways as we seek to reclaim a modern Jewish path. As in previous years, times are on selected Sundays from 10:00 am until 12 noon. This year our theme will be "Difficult Bible Passages."

Brotherhood Golf League?

The Temple Brotherhood is exploring the idea of establishing a one evening

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*We look to December and January with a sense of anticipation and joy as we celebrate a Bar Mitzva, Hanuka, and the New Year.
We wish everyone a very Happy Hanuka and a very Happy 2005.*

Hanuka at OZS

Join us for our annual OZS Congregational Hanuka Party on Tuesday, December 14th at 6:00 p.m. as we welcome in the 8th and final night of Hanuka. Bring your own dairy/veggie dinner and your Menora and candles to light. Singing, food, fun, and dreidel games are in store as we celebrate the Festival of Lights. Call the office for more information or to let us know you are coming.

Gift Shop

*Hanuka's near, but do not fear
The stock we have, will make you cheer.
Come by on Sunday
(10 a.m. - 12 p.m.), or give us a call.
Do your shopping here, not at the mall!*

The OZS Sisterhood Gift Shop is well-stocked with some fantastic and unique Judaica items, including Hanuka candles, menorot and other related gifts. Why shop on-line or in other cities for Jewish gifts? Call Harriet Cooper, Susan Caller or the OZS office for more information.

Blood Drive

Give Blood, Get Bagels! Help the Central Kentucky Blood Center increase their much needed blood supply by joining the OZS vs. TAI Blood Drive. Each year TAI and OZS challenge one another to see which congregation can have the most donations. The point, of course, is to have fun while helping in a very worthy cause! The Annual Blood Drive at OZS will be held on Sunday, December 12th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.. Call the OZS office or Jan Cerel for more information.

Adult Education News

The Adult Education Committee is excited to offer a new opportunity for Jewish learning. In honor of the 350th anniversary of the arrival of Jews in America, Prof. Sandy Goldberg and Rabbi Sharon Cohen are offering an adult education course examining the literature and history of the Jews in America. Although we are discussing the history of the Jews in America from 1654 onwards, the literature will focus primarily on the 20th Century. We will be discussing such themes as the immigrant's perspective, assimilation and its costs, Judaism as religion vs. Judaism as culture, and the roles of Jewish Americans in the

development of American culture, society, and politics. Above all, we hope this class will be fun and informative; we will aim to complete one book every second week, making the course last approximately 20 weeks in total. Although the first session was held in November, it is not too late to join. Currently, the class is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, 12/1 and again on 12/15, from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at OZS. January dates are to be determined. If you are interested in joining the class contact Sandy Goldberg by email, at scgold@uky.edu or call the OZS office.

Adult B'nai Mitzva

For the past 11 months, a group of dedicated individuals have been studying Jewish liturgy and learning Torah Trope, Haftora Trope, and prayer skills in preparation for affirming their role as Adult B'nai Mitzva - as Jewish adults dedicated to mitzvot. In addition, each member of the class will present a d'var Torah during a Shabbat morning service. The schedule of D'verei Torah for December and January is as follows: December 11th -

*Meekaytz/Hanuka - Vlad Seder
January 22nd -
B'shalach/Shabbat Shira - Ellen Leichtman*

We congratulate our upcoming Adult B'nai Mitzva and encourage everyone to support the class members as they give their d'var Torah as well as at the special Shabbat services June 3-4.

Shabbat at OZS

Celebrating Shabbat is always the focus of our weekly events here at OZS. Normally, the Friday evening service follows an every other week early/late schedule, however, December will be a bit different. In January, the Friday evening service will return to the usual schedule (1st/3rd week of the month at 6 p.m.,

2nd/4th week of the month at 7:30 p.m.).

Please note the following service times for December:

12/3 - 7:30 p.m. (Alex Parker Bar Mitzva, note change of time for Bar Mitzva)
12/10 - 7:30 p.m. (Religious School Leads)
12/17 - 6 p.m.
12/24 - 6 p.m.
12/31 - 6 p.m. (Champagne Shabbat, note change of time for winter break)

Say farewell to the old and ring in the new on December 31st (Erev New Year's!) at 6 p.m., during our special Champagne Shabbat Service as we toast the arriving New Year with prayer, song, and of course a little Champagne and nosh. Don't miss out on this special early Shabbat and New Year's Eve service and celebration!

As always, the community is welcome to join us for our spirited Shabbat Morning Service each Saturday morning at 9:45 a.m.. Kiddush Lunch follows each week. On December 3rd and 4th we will celebrate with Alex Parker as he is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzva. Alex, we are proud of you!

Social Action - Make a Difference: God's Pantry

We are happy to have an ongoing relationship with God's Pantry as we visit their facility one Tuesday a month to help sort and bag food items for distribution to those in need. Come and join us with the whole family as we work together for this wonderful cause. Call Sue Dworkin at 389-8888 to sign up.

Daily Minyan

Our daily minyan continues to meet each afternoon Monday-Thursday at 5:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please come and help make a minyan!

OZS Religious School News

The Religious School had a busy

November with lots of music, arts, storytelling, and visits to/from the Temple Religious School. December and January will include a special Hanuka party on December 12th and Tu bi-Sh'vat celebration at the end of January. The next Religious School Service is on Friday evening, December 10th, at 7:30 p.m., and again on January 21st at 6 p.m.. The students have been working hard on learning their t'filot (prayers) using both Traditional melodies and new ones taught by Sharon Katz. Join us for these very special Friday services as the students lead us in prayer and song.

Our Junior Congregation program continues on January 8th at 10:30 a.m. in the Music Room. The program is coordinated by Steve Davis-Rosenbaum and led by Heidi Zimmerman. We encourage parents to attend with their kids!

Youth Group News

Our USYers are beginning a special SATO (Social Action/Tikkun Olam) project! For a nominal donation, USY will send a birthday card to those people who you want to know you are thinking about on their special day. The money raised will go to support local and regional USY Tikkun Olam programs. For more information call the OZS office or Solomon Alkhasov, SATO Vice-President.

In January, Kadima will once again be joining the Jewish and greater Lexington community in the annual Martin Luther King March downtown, following a special lock-in the night before. If you are interested in participating with our young teens as they demonstrate their understanding of the importance of social justice and equality through this special march, please call the OZS office.

Save the Date for Fun and Games!

Do you enjoy a good game of cards? How about a board game? Do you like shmoozing and noshing with friends? If so, then keep your eyes open for further information about OZS' Games Night for adults. The event is being planned for late January. Call Harriet Cooper if you would like to help out or for more information.

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CKJF - Central Kentucky Jewish Federation • 1050 Chinoe Road • Suite 203 • 268-0672 • David Feinberg, President

OZS - Ohavay Zion Synagogue • 2048 Edgewater Court • 266-8050 • Nancy Hoffman, President
Daily Minyan Mon.-Thurs. at 5:45 p.m.; Kabbalat Services on the 1st and 3rd Friday evenings at 6:00 p.m.,
on the 2nd and 4th Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. • Shabbat Services Saturday at 9:45 a.m.

TAI - Temple Adath Israel • 124 N. Ashland Avenue • 269-2979 • Starr Gantz, President
Shabbat Services Friday 7:30 p.m.; Worship Service Saturday 10:30 a.m.

HAD - The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah • Elise Mandel • President

HAV - The Lexington Havurah • 272-1459 • Gail Cohen, President • Shabbat Services monthly. Call for schedule.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Hillel Chanukah Program	• Alex Parker Bar Mitzvah - OZS • Tikkun/Stewart Home Chanukah Party	Alex Parker Bar Mitzvah - OZS
28	29	30	December 1	2	3	4
5	6	• OZS Board Meeting • TAI Board Meeting	• Chanukah • JFS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	• Chanukah • Tikkun delivers Moveable Feast	Chanukah	• Chanukah • Havurah Havdallah & Chanukah Party
• Chanukah • TAI Chanukah Carnival • OZS Blood Drive 9 a.m. • CKJF Winter Dinner	• Chanukah • Rosh Chodesh Tevet	• Chanukah • Chabad-Rabbi Litvin visits	Chanukah	Leisure Club Chanukah Party		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	• Asara B'Tevet - Fast of Tevet • CKJF Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. • CKJF Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	22	CKJF's 3rd Annual Jewish Day of Giving	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	January 1
2	3	• OZS Board Meeting • TAI Board Meeting	4	5	6	7
9	10	• Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat • Chabad-Rabbi Litvin visits	JFS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	Tikkun delivers Moveable Feast	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	Tu B'Shvat - Jewish Arbor Day	• CKJF Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. • CKJF Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	27	28	29
30	31	February 1	2	3	4	5