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Hear noted American Jewish historian at Pacesetters Dinner

Dr. Gary Zola to speak on August 30

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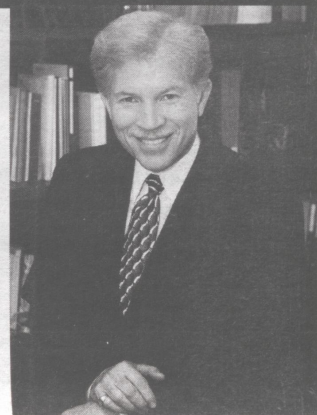
Please join us on Sunday, August 30 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the home of Judy and Bob Baumann for the annual Pacesetters Event, a gathering of donors who contribute a minimum of \$1,000 each to the 2009 Central Kentucky Jewish Federation campaign. Dr. Gary Zola, noted scholar and American Jewish historian, will be our guest speaker. Wine and cheese will be served.

Dr. Zola is executive director of the Jacob Raider Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives, the world's larg-

est freestanding research center solely dedicated to the study of the American Jewish experience. Dr. Zola also serves as professor of the American Jewish Experience at Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati.

In 2006, Dr. Zola became the first American Jewish historian and the first American rabbi to be appointed to the Academic Advisory Council of the congressionally recognized Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. He initiated the national commemoration of the 350th anniversary of Jewish life in America, marking the establish-

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Dr. Gary Zola

Community welcomes new rabbi to OZS

By Marcia Blacker

A frequent category on the quiz show *Jeopardy* is one in which three items, seemingly disparate, actually share a common bond. For example, three such items might be "a traffic light, slang for money, and a lawn." And the answer (phrased in true *Jeopardy* fashion as a question) would be: What is the color green? Now that you know the rules, let's play: a math teacher, a martial arts student, a rabbi. And the answer? Who is Moshe Smolkin?

Rabbi Smolkin officially became the spiritual leader of OZS on July 15. He has been in Lexington since June, however, becoming acquainted with the city and doing some serious house hunting.

Born in Atlanta, Rabbi Smolkin has spent most of his life in the Southwest, most recently in Los Angeles where he completed his rabbinical studies.

Asked when he knew he wanted to be a rabbi, he replied, "When I was 15 or 16. As an adolescent I wanted to find answers. Orthodox Judaism provided concrete answers and filled a void." A little later, he found Conservative Judaism a better fit, but is grateful for the "good foundation in Judaism through orthodoxy."

Rabbi Smolkin holds a BA degree in mathematics from Brandeis University. He earned his MA in math at Tufts University, where he also did some graduate work in ethics and metaphysics. He taught math

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Know Your Board

CKJF inaugurates new slate

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Jane Chaput has lived in Lexington since 1999, when she transferred here to be an administrative officer for Girl Scouts – Wilderness Road Council. After her retirement in 2004, she became involved with the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah, serving as donor chair for two years. She is currently vice president of programming. She also serves on the TAI Sisterhood board as coordinator of the temple's Oneg Shabbat celebrations and is a member of the *Shalom* editorial committee.

Her previous volunteer work focused on the Temple Beth Shalom in Anchorage, Alaska, for which she served as religious school principal, as a member of its board of directors, and as first vice president for four years. She also served on the Municipality of Anchorage's Cemetery Commission, followed by four years on the Ethics Commission. Jane has a B.S. degree from Boston University.

Susan Cobin was born and raised in Los Angeles. She completed a degree in Spanish at the University of California at Santa Barbara and an MFA in creative writing (poetry) at the University of Oregon, where she met her husband, Randall Roorda. Marshall, her son, is a creative writing major as well—at SCAPA at Lafayette High School, where he will be a senior this year. After leaving the West coast in 1990, Susan lived in Ann Arbor and Kansas City before moving to Lexington in 2000. She has experienced a rather eclectic work history, with her most

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UJC announces new president

Gerrald "Jerry" Silverman will be joining UJC (United Jewish Communities) on September 30 as its president and CEO.

Jerry comes from the Foundation for Jewish Camp, where since 2004 he helped the only national organization dedicated to non-profit Jewish resident camps raise awareness and build support for Jewish summer camps.

Jerry was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His father was a cantor and rabbi. Jerry is married to Erica Silverman and is the father of five children, ranging in age from 15 to 24. ☆



Jerry Silverman—New UJC Director

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Deadline for articles for the September *Shalom* is August 10.

Email articles to di-ifr@bardstown.com.

Faith-based communities asked to aid in child abuse prevention?

JFS workshop scheduled for October

By Hanna B. Smith

On April 24, 2009, I attended a workshop, "What Faith Communities Can Do about Child Abuse and Neglect," sponsored by Friends of Children, Inc. and the Commonwealth of Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services. Officially, I was representing Ohavay Zion Synagogue, my faith community. During the introductions it transpired, though, that I was the only representative of a Jewish organization there.

Child abuse and neglect are serious problems in Kentucky and nationwide. The main speaker at this workshop, Director of the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the University of Kentucky Dr. Allen Brenzel, called child abuse and neglect the number one public health issue of our nation. According to Cabinet statistics for 2007 there were close to 3,000 child victims of substantiated physical and sexual abuse in Kentucky, and over 13,000 child victims of substantiated neglect. Twenty-eight percent of these victims were 3 years old or younger.

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services, together with Friends of Children, Inc., want faith-based organi-

zations to help combat child abuse and neglect. By their very nature, religious organizations are already concerned for the welfare of their members as well as those of the larger community.

Child abuse tends to increase in hard economic times. Other contributors are drug and alcohol abuse. Without family support, teenage or intellectually challenged parents are especially vulnerable because of lack of parenting skills, even though their intentions may be good.

The Cabinet advises faith communities to ensure that their congregations and houses of worship are safe places for children. Communities must have policies in place that protect children from abuse and adults from being falsely accused of perpetrating abuse. Recommendations included sharing information with parents about planned activities and pick-up procedures for children, religious school

teachers and daycare providers employing appropriate discipline procedures, and having an open door policy when counseling with children and youths.

School and worship buildings must be evaluated for their child safety. Buildings should be well-lit, and free of hidden and lonely places where a child could be taken without knowledge of the community at large.

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services also asks permission to recruit foster and adoptive parents among faith-based communities. Fostering and adopting pose special challenges for Jewish families in Kentucky because the great majority of children in the care of the Cabinet belong to Christian denominations. Even children not affiliated with any formal religious group are accustomed to celebrating Christmas and Easter.

Nevertheless, members of the Lexington Jewish community have fostered and adopted. They should be asked to share their experiences and how they handled religious differences between themselves and the children.

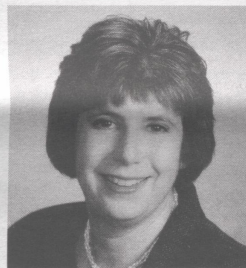
Jewish Family Services will hold a workshop for the Jewish community in October on child abuse and neglect prevention. Workshops on fostering and adopting and on positive parenting are in the planning stage. ☆



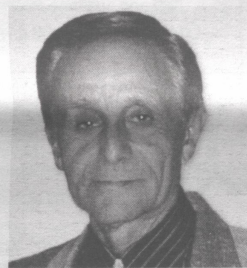
Jane Chaput



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David Shakib

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recent employment in advertising sales. In the past year, she has helped bring new advertisers into *Shalom*, so anyone interested in taking out an ad there, please contact her.

Rabbi Audrey Korotkin combines her joy of Jewish living with serious, deep study of Jewish texts and tradition, connecting the ever-changing challenges of everyday life with the eternal messages of Torah. She also brings twenty years of pre-rabbinic experience as an award-winning broadcast journalist and public-relations specialist.

Following ordination from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 1999, Rabbi Korotkin served six years at Temple Judea Mizpah in Skokie, Illinois. She relocated to Lexington in 2006 with her husband, journalist Don Clippinger,

became editorial director for *Thoroughbred Times*. Rabbi Korotkin now splits her time among her work for CKJF (including the JFS board and the CRC), serving as part-time rabbi for Temple Adath Joseph in St. Joseph, Missouri, and studying as a Ph.D. candidate at HUC-JIR Cincinnati, in the fields of Liturgy, Talmud and Jewish law codes.

She also serves as a voting member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis' Responsa Committee, which issues frequent answers to lay and rabbinic questions on contemporary religious practice.

David Shakib was born in Isfahan, Iran and came to the U.S. to continue his education when he finished high school at age 18. After receiving his master's degree in mechanical engineering, he was hired by IBM while continuing his training in electrical engineering at UK. In the course of a varied 27-year career at IBM, he was the recipient of several patents. He was also a residential builder for many years. Fifteen years ago, he and his New-York-born wife, Phyllis, developed and built a number of luxury houses in their subdivision. In fact they have designed every house they have built. The Shakibs have a daughter, two sons, and several grandchildren. They love this country and are also avid supporters of Israel. ☆

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President's Message

Linda Ravvin

One of the definitions of "community" in the *Webster's New World College Dictionary* is "a group of people forming a smaller social unit within a larger one and sharing common interests, work, identity and location." It is also, according to the same dictionary, "the condition of living with others and a friendly association/fellowship." I can't think of a better example of community than ours: the Jewish community here in Central Kentucky. We interact with each other as an extended family: we learn together, play together, pray together, and provide support together both within and outside our Jewish community.

We have accomplished much over the past year, including the establishment of a new JFS director, Paula Clancy, and of a new CKJF executive director, Judy Wortman.



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for their outstanding service to the
Central Kentucky Jewish community
over the years and particularly
during the past year.**

Ricki Rosenberg
President's Award

David Feinberg
*Cookie Wencker Volunteer
of the Year Award*



**The community thanks both
Ricki and David for their
extraordinary volunteerism.**

This was a challenging year for the staff and volunteers associated with CKJF. We dealt with the absence of an executive director from the end of September 2008 until May 1. All of our programs continued because of the dedication and hard work of our staff and volunteers.

The most exciting news is our expanded friendship with and support of Ben Yakir, a youth aliyah village just outside Hadera in Israel. For the next three years we will be directing our Israel allocation to support the music program at Ben Yakir. The Equine Division of CKJF/UJC Campaign has for the last few years already been assisting with a therapeutic horseback riding program at this residential program for children considered high-risk (because of their family situations and their vulnerability). In most cases, this is the last chance to reach, educate, and rehabilitate these problem children; they are referred to Ben Yakir because they must be removed from their normal environment and schools. Both the music program and horseback riding program offer the students a way to gain confidence, learn a new skill, develop teamwork and trust, build relationships, and motivate them academically. The association we had for three years with Hadassah Neurim and the Net@ program has been fulfilled and we are very pleased to expand our relationship with Ben Yakir.

I also want to thank and congratulate our award winners, Ricki Rosenberg and David Feinberg. Ricki Rosenberg received the President's Award for her long-standing dedication to the community. Ricki has been instrumental on the Board and in our CKJF/UJC Campaign for many years, chairing the Campaign Committee for more than three years. She has also been involved in community activities, especially Tikkun Lexington, and is one of the most committed and steadfast visitors to the Stewart Home. David Feinberg has been one of our hardest-working volunteers. CKJF and our community have been lucky to benefit from his time and expertise. He has fulfilled two full terms on the Board and served as CKJF president. He has volunteered for the Campaign Committee and for Jewish Family Services and has been a truly valued member throughout. This past year David chaired our Executive Director Search Committee, a volunteer effort that took many hours of discussion, interviews, and meetings. It is particularly because of his role with this committee that David received the Cookie Wencker Volunteer of the Year Award. Mazel Tov to David and to Ricki!

We also recognize and thank those members of the CKJF Board who just stepped down. We appreciate and laud their participation and leadership: David Feinberg, Lowell Nigoff, Linda Noffsinger, Ruth Poley, and Elissa Weinstein. We welcome the new members to the Board: Jane Chaput, Susan Cobin, Rabbi Audrey Korotkin, and David Shakib. I thank you for your community efforts.

We are a community, an extended family, here in Central Kentucky, committed to living together and to helping, both within and outside our immediate community. Our goal is to strengthen our Jewish life in Central Kentucky, in Israel, and throughout the world, while participating in *tikkun olam* whenever and wherever possible. Help us to accomplish our goals by your participation and support. ✪



In the foreground (from left to right) Jane Chaput, Gail Cohen, Marcia Blacker, and Stan Saxe enjoy chatting prior to Annual Meeting.



Ricki Rosenberg receiving President's Award from Linda Ravvin.

Third Opinion

Stanley Ned Rosenbaum, PhD

Abstinence makes the heart grow fonder

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Conservatives who preach "abstinence" to teen-agers are right, but for all the wrong reasons. It's not essentially a moral issue. But first, a little history.

In the Tanach, if two eligible people coupled, they were considered married. Period. Unless the union was adulterous or incestuous, it "counted," even if one partner wasn't a willing participant. The idea is that when two people "cleave together" they really become "one flesh."

And it was usual for Israelites/Jews to get married shortly after puberty, sometimes even before, so that abstinence, meaning refraining from sexual activity until graduation from medical school, was simply not a category of thought.

Jewish tradition includes abstinence, but within the marital union. Traditional Judaism decided that couples should refrain from relations during the woman's menstrual period and for a week thereafter. This, I'm sure, makes their hearts grow fonder, (and also has the effect of putting their subsequent reengagement very close to the woman's time of ovulation). Orthodoxy also mandates that marital relations are enhanced by being performed on Sabbath, that is, even for couples whose lives privilege them to live under the same roof. (The Talmud has a "schedule" that varies with the husband's occupation!) That led to some abstinence during the course of each week, with concomitant elevation of attraction levels through anticipation. And that's the point.

Marriage is a tough act to pull off. In this age of no-fault divorces, half of our unions get dissolved. Why? Well, we live in a throw-away society and one that indoctrinates us to seek our own pleasure. That's one reason so many people have sex before marriage.

But sex before marriage is like having dessert before dinner, or, if you will, like opening a bottle of Champagne the day before you intend to drink it. Champagne goes flat, and so can marriage if the transcendent "pop" that ought to be a special feature of the union has preceded it. Familiarity breeds contempt, but long before that it can breed boredom.

The first year we were married, Mary and I got into a pattern of having arguments almost every Friday. We acquired enough perspective, finally, to label these the "Friday night fights," and to see that they were a response to the tensions that had accumulated at work (hers) and graduate school (mine) during the week. So we made a pact not to pick fights with each other on Fridays, but to let grievances lay over until Saturday, to be trot-

ted out only if they still required discussion.

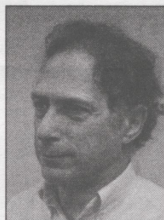
Well, you know what's coming. On Saturday mornings we usually couldn't even remember what we'd been bothered by the day before. The power of physical love, that we'd been careful not to engage in before marriage, still had the healing effect that it was meant to have. In other words, the bubbles were still in our Champagne.

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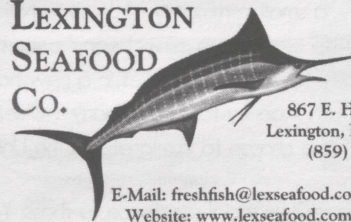
It's tough to sell kids in the post-industrial age on abstinence, so a lot of people favor providing them with the means for safe sex and sexual education. But safe sex is still sex and, I think, substitutes the physical thrill for the healing power that sex should have after marriage. Dessert before dinner.

I hope that conservative people will realize this and not preach to, bully, or threaten their young. Maybe, just maybe, kids can be shown that it is to their everlasting advantage to reserve marital behavior to the period after marriage and not squander its power by premature indulgence. ☆

Stanley Ned Rosenbaum, PhD (Brandeis), is an adjunct professor of Hebrew at UK and professor emeritus of Judaic Studies at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Penn. The title of this recurring column is drawn from the old chestnut, "Two Jews, three opinions."



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Keep the flame alive. Celebrate our Jewish future.

From the Director

Judy B. Wortman



Vision for Central Kentucky Jewish Federation

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At CKJF's Annual Meeting on June 24, after being here only two months, I spoke about my vision for Lexington's Jewish community and outlined eight steps that would lead to the actualization of that vision. I shared this personal statement about the community with those who attended the meeting, but it was not approved by our Board or any official committee. I welcome your comments and suggest that you might want to respond by letter or by email to ckjf@jewishlexington.org.

I would like to see a caring, interdependent, Jewishly knowledgeable, passionate community that strategically plans services and programs for us and that raises adequate funds to provide programs and services locally and for our brothers and sisters in Israel and in endangered situations throughout the world. While we are on our way to being there, we have not yet made it. That said, what are the steps we need to take?

I would like to see a caring, interdependent, Jewishly knowledgeable, passionate community...

1. We need to rewrite our mission statement. Nowhere does it say that we are the Jewish community's planning and fundraising agency. On the other hand, it does say that we provide moral and financial support for the State of Israel, which is not true. We fund programs for those in need in Israel.
2. We need to take a different approach to fundraising. It is not a dirty word. Fundraising is friend raising. We need to reach out to people on a face-to-face basis and understand that the fundraiser is not asking for himself or herself, but for those who cannot ask for themselves.
3. We need to sponsor a mission to Israel. It is through these special kinds of visits that strong Jewish leaders are cultivated and educated.
4. We need to develop a high quality leadership development program for CKJF and for the congregations and organizations. We should develop a pattern of leadership succession.
5. We need to become involved in a serious strategic planning process. We need to examine carefully what we have been doing and where we want to be going. We shouldn't repeat programs just because they have always been done. We need to look for gaps in service and avoid duplication.
6. We need to involve the entire community in a topnotch program of adult Jewish education. The congregations have the expertise to plan this, and as in larger communities where Federation funds the agencies, Federation should allocate funds to the congregations to make this happen. Perhaps if CKJF were able to provide funds to the congregations, our campaign could increase.
7. We need to ensure that during this time of uncertainty, no one in the community has fallen through the cracks.
8. Finally, we must reach out to as many people in the community who have not yet become involved as we can.

At the Annual Meeting, we had the opportunity to thank departing Board members and elect new ones. I hope to be able to introduce these ideas to our new Board. ✧

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Ask a Rabbi

Rabbi Moshe Smolkin



Q : Why have some congregations chosen to use musical instruments on Shabbat, while others have not? And what practice should we adopt now?

A : Today, many congregations use musical instruments in their Shabbat prayers. Reform congregations have used musical instruments in their Shabbat services for just over 200 years, and a number of Conservative congregations now do as well. But traditionally, if you had asked whether musical instruments should be used during Shabbat services, the answer would have been a resounding "No."

To see why, let's take a quick look at what the Talmud says. As the main source of traditional Jewish practice, the Talmud lays out three main reasons why musical instruments should not be used on Shabbat. As we'll see, for those who want to use instruments on Shabbat, it is possible to address each of these concerns.

Number One: Thou shalt not make any music whatsoever. (*Gittin 7a*)

In the aftermath of the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple in 70 C.E., many rabbis felt that any music was simply inappropriate, not just on Shabbat but at any time. They felt that we must all perpetually mourn the destruction of the Temple.

Needless to say, this idea is not currently in vogue. Moreover, for some thousand years, Jewish leaders have allowed singing as part of Jewish worship. Thankfully, they have also allowed joyous music at weddings. (Sorry to all those who love a good wedding dirge.)

Number Two: Thou shalt not make or repair instruments on Shabbat. (*Beitza 36b*)

While the tradition clearly saw Shabbat as a time to take a break from the completion of crafts, this idea got a little out of hand. At one point, clapping your hands or tapping your foot was also proscribed, lest someone be overcome with an irresistible urge to whip up an instrument. Even in the Talmud itself (*Beitza 30a*), the rabbis note that everyone claps and taps their feet on Shabbat when there's a good song being sung.

In the Middle Ages, the group of rabbis known as Tosefot gave their formal approval of clapping and tapping on Shabbat, saying (*Beitza 30a*, paraphrased): Maybe in the old days they knew how to whip up an instrument on the spot, but certainly in our day, your ordinary Nachum and Raizel are not quite that skilled.

Today, I would agree that few among us are skilled enough to quickly create new instruments on Shabbat. On the other hand, it is very common for flautists know how to link the parts of their flutes together or for guitar players to restring their own guitars and so forth. So for the musicians themselves, I would advise that they ready their instruments before Shabbat and that they simply wait till after Shabbat to fix any malfunctions.

Number Three: Thou shalt not carry your instruments to synagogue on Shabbat. (*Sukkah 42b*)

When the Temple in Jerusalem stood, Levites used instruments as part of their worship. Unlike the shofar, which was brought to the Temple for the special occasion of Rosh Hashanah, these instruments were used daily. As such, they were simply stored in the Temple. When the Levites would arrive at the Temple, they would pick up their instruments and praise God.

For musicians today, I would recommend bringing your instruments to synagogue before Shabbat.

While the tradition clearly saw Shabbat as a time to take a break from the completion of crafts, this idea got a little out of hand.

Alternatively, it might be possible simply to store the instruments at the synagogue. The synagogue might even have instruments dedicated for use in services.

At this point I'd like to switch gears and look at some of the possible benefits of using musical instruments on Shabbat. In an article entitled "Rocking out the Shabbat: U.S. synagogues turn to music," from March 11, 2008, *Ha'aretz* made some pertinent observations.

According to Shawn Landres, director of research for Synagogue 3000, an organization dedicated to helping synagogues succeed, "There's a trend around the country of ramping up musical instrumentation in services. It's part of a broader trend where changing music and music styles is associated nationally with congregational revitalization."

Ron Wolfson, president of Synagogue 3000, remarked, "Those Jews who don't know the structure, or don't know Hebrew, will only give you an hour. You've got to grab them spiritually and emotionally right off the bat, and music is the key to engaging them."

Instrumental music might very well aid many of us in our Shabbat worship, and synagogues around the country have reported increased participation and excitement after incorporating instrumental music into their services. So everyone should

embrace instrumental music on Shabbat, right?

Well, not so fast. Let's consider the following Talmudic story (*Eruvin 104a*):

A man once banged on Rabbi Menashah's door during Shabbat, "Who would do such a thing as this," the rabbi exclaimed, "to make such noise on Shabbat?" Rabbah tried to calm him down, "No, no my friend, the only sound that is forbidden is the sound of song, not sound in general." In spite of his assurance, the rabbis promptly proceeded to debate whether any disruptive sound might not be forbidden on Shabbat.

This story clearly mentions an injunction against music. (Interestingly, it does not specify whether the prohibition is vocal or instrumental, it simply says that what is forbidden is "the sound of song." Moreover, it does not mention which of the reasons discussed above is the reason for the prohibition.) But, given its context, the real import of the story seems to be the expression of the rabbis' concern about disrupting the peace of Shabbat.

This raises one of the most important issues we face concerning instrumental music on Shabbat: Does the use of instruments disrupt or engender the sense of peace and enjoyment inherent in Shabbat?

The answer invariably depends on the person. One person might be elated by the thought of a Friday night service in which singing is facilitated by the use of guitar, but that same person might be distraught if we throw in some of the dissonance of an electric guitar. Another person might be uncomfortable with any instrumental music on Shabbat, feeling that it simply does not mesh with the mood of Shabbat. Another might only be moved to come

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2009 Pathways directory released



For the past 25 years, *Pathways* has been the popular comprehensive directory of community resources for older people and their caregivers. For several years we have been waiting for an update. Thanks to the efforts and support of the Bluegrass Area Agency of Aging and Independent Living, Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, and many other organizations and people in the community—it's here!

There are free copies of *Pathways 2009* in our office at the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation and also at the Lexington Senior Citizens Center at 1530 Nicholasville Road. For the first time this year, *Pathways* is available on the Internet, at www.bgadd.org; type "Pathways" in the search area.

Pathways is an indispensable guide for older people and their families, and for professionals. As services and programs grow and change to meet needs, *Pathways* contains current information on many topics, including Medicare, Medicaid, nursing homes, health care, home care, and advanced directives. The 2009 edition also incorporates such new guidance as an emergency caregiver guide, emergency preparedness information, pointers for grandparents raising grandchildren, and information on alternative therapies as a supplement to traditional health care.

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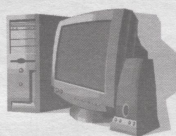
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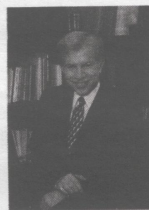
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Rabbi Smolkin (from page 1)

for a time and has a special passion for teaching. "Caring about students" is tops on his teaching priority list.

Martial arts interested Rabbi Smolkin, so he studied at the Boston Martial Arts Center. He laughed when asked if this skill would be evidenced should anyone fall asleep during a sermon.

For the last two years, Rabbi Smolkin has interned at Mishkon Tephilo Synagogue in Los Angeles while he completed rabbinical studies at the Ziegler School. He spent a "wonderful" year in Israel.

Rabbi Smolkin said, "I'm excited to be at OZS and very much looking forward to serving the congregation, but also being involved in the wider Jewish community." He also feels fortunate to live closer to his parents, who make their home in Charlottesville, Virginia. His father is a physician specializing in internal medicine, and his mother is chair of the Curry School of Education at the University of Virginia.



Rabbi Moshe Smolkin

Rabbi Smolkin and Talia Scharlin, his fiancée, are looking forward to their life together here in Lexington. Talia is finishing her degree in social work and will intern with Jewish Family Services and CKJF while she is completing her degree. She is currently doing course work at Yeshiva University in New York, but will be back in a few weeks when "we will be making plans for a late summer or early fall wedding."

CKJF extends best wishes to Rabbi Smolkin and looks forward to working with him. ☆

Winner of "What Israel Means to Me" Essay Contest 2009

What does Israel mean to me?
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By Charlie Flomenhoft

What does Israel mean to me? To me Israel is the strength of the Jews. it reminds us of hardships we faced and how we pulled through it. We have been harangued and chased after for well over 3,000 years. But still we have survived and thrived. Israel shows me that the Jews now have a place to call home. We have been pushed and chased out of countries and now we have our own. The Jews turned their desert home into an oasis, an opportunity, a new life for us. Our desert home Israel has the holiest of holy cities, there, Jerusalem.

Israel gives me strength. I know that no matter what happens I can always go there. The law of return makes us all safe. The law of return means that if your parent or grandparent is Jewish, even if you are not, you can still go to Israel. This helps to protect Jews from genocide. If we are hunted again, it's good to know that we can go to Israel. It makes me feel safe.

I like that Israel is a democracy. It is one of the only democracies in the Middle East. Because it is a democracy, many religions are practiced in Israel. Israel lets in many people besides Jews, even though sometimes those they let in have been their persecutors in the past. It reminds me that Jews are fair.

To me Israel means many things, but most of all Israel is the feeling of home, strength, and the overall sense of peace. We won't be hunted and killed again without having a safe place to turn to. Israel is my home. ☆

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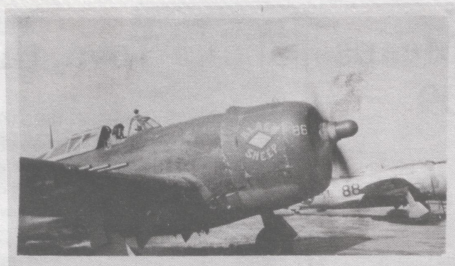
Thunderbolt

By Jerry Wurmser

It's early April, 1945, several miles south of Lunieville, France. A Jeep slows almost to a stop, and a 22-year-old red-haired lieutenant jumps off in front of his recently assigned airplane, a P-47D Thunderbolt, olive drab and bearing the number "86" on the cowling. The name "Black Sheep" was also painted on, just behind the number, a name chosen by the unknown pilot who had previously flown it out of Britain. The paperwork, "form 1," informed the new "owner" that the plane had been badly damaged by German flak, but the wounded pilot had managed to nurse it back to England before crash landing it on an emergency landing strip. After extensive repairs and a new engine, "Black Sheep" began life anew, with a young man from Louisville, Kentucky as its new master.

The pilot walks clumsily toward his plane, with his .45 caliber automatic pistol slapping his thigh, and an unwieldy parachute banging his seat. Attached to the chute harness is a morphine syrette. The flight surgeon's advice was "just jam it into your damn thigh" if he were wounded and in heavy pain. Sergeant Heitz, standing on the wing, gives him a hand up. After the pilot is firmly in the seat, safety belt and shoulder harness fastened, radio wires plugged in, and oxygen supply checked, he starts the engine. The crew chief, standing by with a fire extinguisher, forces a smile, throws him a thumbs-up good luck sign.

This fighter-bomber, 14,000 pounds of engine, metal, armament, and fuel, sits awkwardly on the hardstand.



P-47 Thunderbolt.

In the spring thaw, the plane is more a wallowing walrus than a graceful bird. While it can taxi unaided on a hard surface, a tractor is needed to pull it through today's almost foot-deep mud. Once it reaches the steel matting runway, it can make it on its own.

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Ask a rabbi (from page 7)

to services if they exuded the liveliness that comes with instrumental music.

Our people are not uniform in their practice of Judaism, and our diversity, thank God, provides for a range of possible Jewish paths. It is important to realize that there is not just one way to be Jewish, and that we must do our best to honor the variety of Jewish practices.

That being said, I believe that there should be opportunities for worship with musical instruments on Shabbat. I also believe that there should be opportunities for worship without musical instruments on Shabbat. We must honor the people in our community and their Jewish expression. Sufficient opportunities must exist so that all may be able to find both joy and peace in their Shabbat prayer. ✧

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Profile: Rob Siebert

One Torah, Many Verses

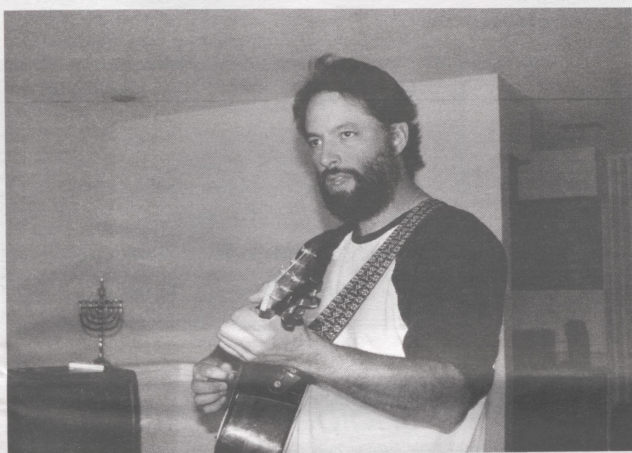
By Jonathan Schwab

Since the mid-1990s, two things have remained constant in Lexingtonian Rob Siebert's life: Judaism and music.

Ethnically Jewish, but raised as a Christian, Siebert, who taught himself to play guitar when he was 15, reflects Jewish themes in his lyrics, although his topics range far beyond religion. Siebert, 37, turned to Judaism at age 30 after becoming disillusioned with the theological incon-

making *teshuvah* I didn't have the motivation."

After nearly giving up music in his late 20s, Siebert, who works with fiber-optic technology for a telephone construction company, now regularly performs in Lexington, playing guitar and harmonica and singing almost every Monday for Open Mic Night at Common Grounds Coffee House in downtown Lexington.



Rob Siebert practicing.

sistencies in church he experienced growing up.

"I've been attracted to Judaism for quite a while, since the mid-'90s. I just read for myself and came to certain conclusions that I disagree with the Christian faith," he said. "I have my own opinions about who I think the Messiah is. There is a Messianic figure in Judaism, and I have certain beliefs about that."

Siebert considers himself an independent thinker, not feeling that he fits in with Conservative, Reform, or Orthodox Judaism. His primary focus is his music.

"I can't say (Judaism) is largely connected to the music, but it influences it a lot," said Siebert. "There's definitely a lot of Jewish soul to the music, and it encourages me and increases my desire to accomplish the goals I have, whereas before

Siebert doesn't take music lessons but he said he picks up tips from other musicians he meets or performs with.

Siebert's most recent album, *Fire Behind the Smoke* (2008), has a few

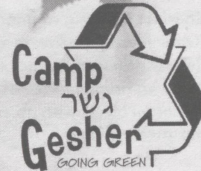
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appropriate songs for the Jewish community.

One of these is "One Torah," which is unique to the album in that it mixes Siebert's rhythmic verses with a reggae background and rap verses by Skyy King, the Knoxville, Tennessee producer of the album.

The two met at a small *beit midrash* about four years ago in Knoxville. King soon learned that, when playing

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in groups, Siebert sometimes used hand percussion such as egg shakers, rain sticks, and African hand drums. But it was about a year before Siebert told him he was a songwriter, and the two decided to record *Fire Behind the Smoke*.

"One day I brought in some music I had been messing around with, and I think he recorded half a CD in one night," said King, explaining that he provided the beat to Siebert's words.

King's rapping in "One Torah" in both English and Hebrew, came from the two deciding to freestyle in the studio. Siebert liked the new sound and urged King to record it.

"I had a difficult time with the Hebrew pronunciations," said King. "But I do a lot of spiritual stuff and think I can make anything work with a song."

Another spiritual song, "Light of Yisrael," was inspired by the biblical story about the defeat of the evil King Sisera by Yael. Siebert emphasized the fact that it took a woman

to win the battle, "a significant accomplishment in what is usually a patriarchal text," he said. "It's a victory song of strength and dignity in battle."

The song "Pride of Jacob" was also inspired by the Tanakh in prophecies such as Isaiah 60 and Jeremiah 33:14-16. While playing Latin hand percussion and acoustic guitar, accompanied by the sounds of birds chirping,

Siebert sings, "Restore the pride of Jacob. Return your inheritance. Let our whole land become fertile. Bring our children back home to us."

Another one of Siebert's songs is the title track, "Fire behind the Smoke." In it he refers to his desire for people to dig deeper to see what's true, what's real.

"A lot of times, you see lots of smoke but you want to see the fire that's producing the smoke," said Siebert. "A lot of people put up smoke screens, a lot of facades, and I want them to get to the heart of the matter. I want them to see the fire."

Fire Behind the Smoke is available at www.cdbaby.com/cd/robseibert, where browsers can sample tunes before deciding whether to purchase. Listeners can hear the full versions of several songs and find out more about Siebert at www.myspace.com/robseibertmusic.

Siebert said his upcoming album promises to be "more Kentuckified," with the goal of making it more agreeable to the regional audience. With the help of a Richmond-based alternative country bluegrass band called Fall Flatlick Fall, the new album will be including a touch of Appalachian folk and bluegrass influences. Siebert plans to begin recording new material this summer, making it his first album including a full studio band.

Open Mic Night at Common Grounds Coffee House is from 8:45 to 11:00 p.m. every Monday. The café, at 343 E. High St., has a website at www.commongroundsofalexington.com. ☆

Tikkun Lexington's Stewart Home visits inspire, entertain

By the Goldstein family, longest-standing members of Tikkun Lexington

The Stewart Home is a facility in Frankfort that provides a school and residence for the developmentally disabled. They learn at the school how to work, play, exercise, socialize, and lead a healthy lifestyle.

Charles: Building memories

Remembering our years and our visits to the Stewart Home bring back many warm memories. These memories often blend with milestones in our personal lives.

These visits have always strengthened my understanding of the unending opportunities to give to those around us. To see the boundless joy in the residents' eyes and the excitement in their voices is always amazing. It sometimes seems as though time stops for them until our next visit. They will often pick up threads of conversation almost where they left off at our last visit. Volunteers have all noted how residents can recall details from things we have told them in the past.

There are, of course, occasional darker moments, and questions without easy answers arise. The decline in the number of volunteers has been disheartening and places an unfair burden on those who do go, who then can't give the residents the time they need. But we still have fun. Hope we can see more of you coming along. Meanwhile, here are some impressions from our children.

Nathaniel: Bringing—and getting—happiness

We have been going the Stewart Home to visit since I was 5 or 6 years old. We have enjoyed going there because it makes the residents so happy to have people come to visit them. We have gone whenever we can when the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation has scheduled visits, sometimes going alone when otherwise it would have been cancelled. When we were really young (during the first three visits), Julie, a resident there, would make sure that my sister, Emily, would spend time with her.

Since we have been going, some residents have left and some new ones have come. They generally have the same number of people there and they have a kind and caring teacher who keeps them under tight supervision. They have a pretty straightforward routine and we have to stick to that.

We have had fun and we will be continuing to visit the Stewart Home in the future. The good thing is that every time we go they change the activity a little bit so you never get tired of going.

Emily: Having fun at the Stewart Home

My father and brother and I have been going to the Stewart Home for at least ten years. We try to go every month for a Jewish holiday or an evening of fun and games. The residents are very nice and are always happy to see us. Sometimes we play bingo, or make cards or decorations to give to family members, and sometimes we just talk to one another. But whatever we do we all enjoy every minute of it.

What I like the most is seeing the people and seeing how excited they are when we come for a visit.

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B'tayavon (Hearty Appetite)

By Ruth Poley



Even though the kids are almost back in school, it's still August, and it's still summer. This recipe takes advantage of fresh summer tomatoes, cucumbers, and basil. It's also light and refreshing, very easy to make, and can be prepared ahead. And if you add some tuna, diced cold cuts, or leftover chicken, it's a whole meal. ☆

Panzanella (Italian Bread Salad)

- 1/2 lb. Italian bread, 3 to 4 days old, cut into 1-inch thick slices
- 1/2 cup cold water
- 1 medium cucumber, peeled, seeded, and cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- salt
- 1/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- freshly ground black pepper
- 1 1/2 to 2 lbs. ripe tomatoes (about 5), seeded and cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 medium red onion (4 to 5 oz.), cut into 1/2-inch dice
- 1/2 cup loosely packed fresh basil leaves, torn

Sprinkle the bread with the water and let stand about 2 minutes. Gently squeeze the bread dry as you tear it into roughly 1-inch pieces. Spread the pieces of torn bread on paper towels to dry, slightly, about 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, spread the cucumber pieces on a paper towel and sprinkle with salt. Let stand about 20 minutes to extract the bitter juices. Put the cucumbers in a strainer and rinse with cold water. Pat dry.

In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the vinegar, garlic, and olive oil. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Add the cucumbers, tomatoes, onions, torn basil, and bread. Toss to combine and let stand until the bread has absorbed some of the vinaigrette, about 20 minutes. If preparing ahead of time, leave the bread out until about 20 minutes before serving.

Capers, celery, anchovies, hard-cooked eggs, white beans, and tuna are also delicious additions to this salad.

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 rgp@insightbb.com.

Dr.Zola (from page 1)

ment of New Amsterdam's first Jewish community in 1654. He organized and chaired the Commission for Commemorating 350 Years of American Jewish History, a consortium of research institutions established to promote the study of American Jewish history and thereby enhance the significance of the 350th anniversary.

Dr. Zola's publication topics include the Americanization of the prayer book, women rabbis, and Reform Jewish camping. He has been actively involved in national and local Jewish communal affairs and with the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati.

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Letter to the Editor

A Third Opinion

In borrowing the view of "Two Jews, Three Opinions," I offer a response to a recent letter to *Shalom* by Lowell Nigoff. In his letter, he gave an extensive critique of "gross misrepresentations" in my description of my brief trip to Israel.

I am not about to disagree with any of his personal observations or experiences: those belong to him as seen through his eyes. We all have our personal blinders and "preconceived notions" and I suspect he is no more immune to them than I. For example, apparently I recall more women covered in black robes or burkas than he did, either because there were fewer of them where he was or because he did not notice them.

My letter described my personal experience and the information I received from others to my questions. What I wrote were accurate recollections of what I saw, and what I was told by others. If my experience does not match his, I suspect it is due less to my "Feminist Blinders" than to differences in what we saw and what we chose to recall. Memory of things past is always reconstructed, and his memories may reflect the facts differently than mine. There is no way that one person can "correct" the experience of another, but we can disagree on almost anything.

He took many more trips to Israel than I, thus being exposed to many more experiences and observations. The

information that he received from one email correspondent does not negate the information I received from those with whom I personally spoke. I was told, for example, that many more women than men in the military were assigned to desk jobs. This does not negate that many women are also assigned to combat duty.

As I understand it, Hadassah College Jerusalem was founded by Hadassah, the "Zionist Women's Organization of American, Inc." and is supported by Hadassah women world-wide. I certainly appreciate the contributions of the men who belong to Hadassah as "Associates" through their relationship to a Hadassah woman member. Many Associates contribute their time, expertise, and financial support to Hadassah College Jerusalem.

May our correspondence continue on a cordial level and may we continue to educate one another. ✧

Judy Worell, Ph.D.
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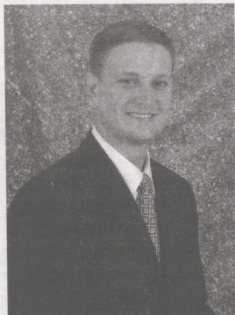
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Sim Shalom faces rewards, challenges

By Jesse Weil

There is some good news and some bad news this month. The good news is about small changes for the better in the recognition of Sim Shalom Congregation as a legitimate part of the greater Jewish community. One sign of change was that our rabbi, Kati Kelemen, was invited to participate in a Holocaust Victim Memorial Service at a restored synagogue in a small provincial town called Janoshalma, in southern Hungary. Rabbi Kelemen gave the main address, in which she spoke about the need for all parts of the Hungarian community, both Jewish and Gentile—including Gypsy—to speak together, and work toward a diverse and integrated society that accepts all people of good will. This is a particularly timely message after the surprising recent election of several Hungarian radical rightists to the European Parliament. It differed from the usual sermons that dwell on the persecutions Jews have suffered, and how one could try to understand those persecutions. Very few Jews live in Janoshalma anymore, and the audience contained many of the local governmental officials and town leaders, mostly Gentile. The special significance of this invitation is that the synagogue is nominally under the control of the Neolog branch of Judaism, which in the past has refused to give any recognition to the legitimacy of Reform Judaism in Hungary. However, the leader of the renovation has become a good friend of Sim Shalom and our rabbi.

The other hopeful sign was that, for the first time in ten years, Sim

Shalom was invited to send representatives to an annual conference sponsored by the Neolog Movement. The theme of the conference was how to rebuild Judaism in small communities that had lost most of their Jewish population to the death camps in World War II. Attendees were not only from Hungary, but included people of Hungarian ethnicity from the surrounding countries of Slovakia and Romania where only tiny Jewish communities remain. Our past president, Bernadette Gardos, attended the conference. It was very appropriate that we were included in this conference since the goals of Sim Shalom are very much in line with this rebuilding effort. And as you can see, the ashes of the Holocaust continue to play a big part in the life of the Jewish communities of Central and Eastern Europe.

The bad news has to do with the dashing of our hopes that we had finally found affordable premises suitable for our religious and educational programs. Two months ago I reported that we thought we'd found such a place, but that the financial feasibility of renting it depended on conversion of its heating system from very expensive electricity to cheaper gas heat. We've just learned that it is not reasonable to install gas heating because of the great expense of connecting to a very old gas supply system in the building. Also, the city is not willing to allow us to count the renovation costs against the rent, as they had earlier indicated. This is very sad news, and means we have to go back to searching again for a suitable place. ☆

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The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah

Lynn Furness, President

A few years ago, Hadassah started a campaign called "Legacy" that uses the slogan "Hadassah: Your choice for today. Your legacy for tomorrow." This sentiment resonates with me as the daughter of both a long-time life member and an associate. Although only newly active in the Lexington Chapter, I was keenly aware of the contributions of those who came before me both here in Lexington and around the Hadassah world plus the potential of those just learning about the good works of Hadassah. As the incoming president of the Lexington Chapter, I am even more aware of the strength of Hadassah and the meaning of choice and legacy.

Hadassah helps each of its members to make choices for today in many ways. Members make choices through the educational programs that Hadassah provides as well as helping on Hadassah projects such as Hadassah College Jerusalem, Young Judaea, or Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO). Within each project, there are other areas of interest enabling further choice for each individual. Hadassah also encourages leadership skills that enable choices because each person's unique talents or skills are recognized and developed. In turn, everyone in the group learns and grows.

Hadassah also helps each of its members to contribute toward a legacy for tomorrow. For example, common

beliefs in the State of Israel and *tikkun olam* create an *esprit de corps* that enables us to advocate for building the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower, the latest addition to the Ein Kerem campus of HMO. This tower, with its state-of-the-art equipment and services, will be an inspiration for many generations, just as the building of the original Hadassah Hospital on Mt. Scopus inspired ours. Hadassah's commitment to providing medical care to any and all provides a powerful model for others to emulate.

As president, I hope our chapter can contribute to making positive change in the world through the actions we take, the choices we make, and the values we share. Together, we can create something bigger than ourselves, a proud legacy that indelibly links the gifts of the past to the richness of the current moment and carries them forward into a healthy and productive future. ☆

The Lexington Havurah

Judy Goldsmith, President

The Lexington Havurah, founded in 1978, is a network of diverse people dedicated to Jewish learning and renewal, community building, and tikkun olam (repairing the world). A havurah is defined as a gathering or community of friends. The Lexington Havurah is affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the National Havurah Committee. Members plan, conduct, and share responsibilities for all services. For additional information about services or membership in the Havurah, please contact me at (859) 269-7218, goldsmit@cs.uky.edu, or the co-chairs of the Membership Committee, Evelyn Geller (859) 278-3609, evelynkadimah@aol.com, or David Feinberg, (859) 223-1304, kdajm@insightbb.com.

The Havurah had its annual general meeting in June. The new officers are:

President: Judy Goldsmith
Vice-president/bulletin: David Wekstein
Secretary: Eve Podet
Treasurer: Terry Wilson
Education Committee: Larry Bitensky and Judy Saxe
Religious Committee: Marilyn Cherson and Uri Smith
Social Committee: Judy and Bob Baumann
Membership Committee: Lynn Furness

Jeremy Popkin will continue to serve on the Havurah board as the representative to the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation.

Upcoming events:

On Saturday, Aug. 15, we will have a potluck and a Havdalah service at the home of Lynn and Jim Furness. Beth Glazier-Macdonald, professor of religion and the Sturgill Chair of Social Sciences at Centre College, will speak on the topic, "Abraham (A Blessing.... Are You Kidding?)"

There will be morning services on both days of Rosh Hashanah, on Kol Nidre/Erev Yom Kippur, and on Yom Kippur. All are welcome. It is not yet clear where services will held; for more information, call Judy Goldsmith at (859) 338-5725, or check the next *Shalom*. ☆

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Chavurat-Chochma (A Friendly Gathering of Wisdom)

We will meet on August 7, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. While invitations are sent to members of the congregation 60 years old and *better*—all are welcome! We meet most months to schmooze, nosh (lunch), and share our wisdom.

Kollel Study Group

Joe Engelberg leads this study of fundamental ideas of Jewish life and thought. Among these are spirituality, the nature of God, biblical and traditional injunctions and laws, Jewish history, principles

of the Reform movement, and the relation of Judaism to Christianity, Islam, and Buddhism. Drop in the library on alternate Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. and join in the provocative and friendly discussion. **August 8 & 22.**

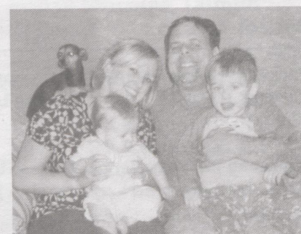
Torah Study

Rabbi Kline conducts the study of the Tanakh (the Bible) from the Book of Joshua and beyond using the new Jewish Study Bible on alternate Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Library. **August 1, 15, & 29.** ☆

TAI would like to welcome the following families to our congregation

Beth Ellen Rosenbaum, Al Shapere and Family

Beth Ellen Rosenbaum is a musician. She is an accompanist at the UK Opera Theater and is also the director of the Children's Music Workshop. Al Shapere is a professor of physics at the University of Kentucky. Beth Ellen and Al have two children—Eliana and Benjamin Shapere. Eliana, 9, and Benjamin, 6, are both students at Maxwell Elementary.



Beth Rosenbaum, Al Shapere, Eliana and Benjamin Shapere.

The Yelowitz Family

Aaron Yelowitz is an associate professor of economics at the University of Kentucky, and does research on health economics and tax policy. Aaron enjoys watching UK basketball, and likes to keep up with the latest economic policies. He is also involved with the Down Syndrome Association of Central Kentucky. Aaron's wife, Beth, grew up in Kentucky and enjoys gardening and keeping up with their two children, Wexler and Corrine. Wexler is 3 and attends the TAI preschool. The family celebrated Corrine's first birthday in May. ☆

TAI High Holiday Schedule

September 18

Erev Rosh Hashanah
7:00 p.m.—Child Care
8:45 p.m.—No Child Care

September 19

Rosh Hashanah
8:30 a.m.—Child Care
10:45—Child Care
Tashlich, Youth Service and
Picnic 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Jacobson Park Shelter #3

September 20

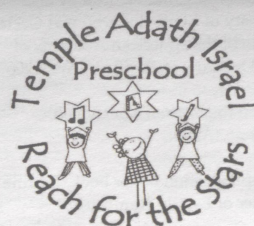
2nd Day Rosh Hashanah
Torah Study 10:30 a.m.

September 27

Cemetery Memorial Service 1:00 p.m.
Lexington Cemetery
Kol Nidre
7:00 p.m.—Child Care
9:00 p.m.—No Child Care

September 28

Yom Kippur
8:30 a.m.—Early Service—Child Care
10:45 a.m.—Late Service—Child Care
1:30 p.m.—Children's Service—No Child Care
1:30 p.m. Afternoon Study—No Child Care
3:00 p.m.—Afternoon Service—Child Care
4:30 p.m.—Yizkor Service—Child Care
5:15 p.m.—Concluding Service—Child Care
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Mazel Tov to...

Pat and David Shraberg on the marriage of David's daughter **Elizabeth** to **Jason Hurst** in Lexington on July 11, 2009.

Laura and Jim Rosenberg on the marriage of their daughter **Jessica** to **Zachary Moore** on July 18, 2009, in Lexington.

Dale and Elaine Schermer on the marriage of their daughter **Ryann** to **Ankit Sharma** on May 16, 2009 in Lexington.

Ben and Ruth Baker on the marriage of **Greg** and **Lee Ann Baker** on June 6, 2009.

B. J. and Lori McCreary on the birth of their son, **Ethan Gordon McCreary**, on May 23, 2009.

Ari Sogin, who has been selected for the Governor's School for the Arts in Architecture. Ari is the son of **David and Debbie Sogin**.

Nancy and Carey Smith, for their design and donation of a 24-foot PowerfoilPlus fan for the Lexington Habitat for Humanity ReStore.

Robert Baumann, Professor of Child Neurology and Pediatrics at the University of Kentucky, who was elected to the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Neurology at its annual meeting in Seattle in April 2009.

Sue and Barry Ezrine on the birth of a grandson **Abraham Meir Wasserman (Avi)**.

Leslie Guttman on the publication of her book, **Equine ER**, Leslie is the daughter of **Estelle Hamburg**.

LisaMarie DeYoung and Lance Coleman on their marriage on July 12, 2009. LisaMarie is the daughter of **Lynn and Karyn Martin**.

Bnai Mitzvah...

Nathan McKee
Nathan McKee, son of **Julie Diamond McKee** and **Chadwick McKee**, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah at TAI on August 15, 2009. His brother, **Aaron**, will also be part of this rite of passage.

This summer, Nathan, who is a cellist, attended an orchestra camp held for string players who want to hone their skills. Nathan also went to a week-long overnight Boy Scout Camp where he had an interesting experience. He is a vegetarian, and one night the staff did not prepare enough vegetarian meals. As a consequence, his supper that night was three scoops of peas.

In the fall, Nathan will be an eighth grade student at Winburn Middle School. As result of organizational changes at the school, his grade is part of a group consist-

ing of the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. In addition, he is in an accelerated cluster. As part of his extracurricular activities, he plays cello not only in the orchestra, but also in the "Centurions," who play both in the band and the orchestra and for the choir. He hopes to be able to go to some games this year.

The subject he likes best is "probably science because I like science. My brother is a science guy and my father was in science research when he was young." Nathan likes "to do stuff in science." He entered the science fair once in middle school and twice in elementary school. In sixth grade he advanced to the regional fair with one of his projects.

Outside of school, Nathan has played soccer since he was "really young." In addition, he is active in Boy Scouts.

Nathan reported that he had some difficulty finding a Mitzvah Project that fit him. He started by helping in an elementary school homework club in ESP, but did not find this gratifying. Although he is too young to give direct help to the animals at the Humane Society, he has found satisfaction in collecting supplies for the Society in his neighborhood.

Nathan believes that his Torah portion supports his contention that people should "pay attention and do what you can do to help people. We need to slow down and see what needs to be done to help."

Mara Rose Slepyan

Mara Rose Slepyan, daughter of **Karen Petrone** and **Ken Slepyan**, will enter the ranks of adult Jewish life when she is called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on August 22, 2009 at Temple Adath Israel. Her sister, **Anyah**, will also participate in this celebration.

We were unable to contact Mara before this issue of *Shalom* went to press. Her interview will appear in the next issue.

Jack Kaplan

Jack Kaplan, son of **Carol and Paul Kaplan**, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah and initiated into Jewish adulthood on August 29, 2009 at Temple Adath Israel. His sisters, **Katie** and **Caroline**, will be part of this joyous event.

At the present time, Jack is on an exciting trip to Israel with his aunt. Therefore, his interview will not appear until the next issue of *Shalom*.

William Beck

William Beck, son of **Angela and Antony Beck**, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah at TAI on September 5, 2009. His interview will appear in the September issue.

Condolences to...

Sandy Adland on the death of her mother, **Norma Chapman**, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on May 30, 2009.

Carol and John Gardner on the death of Carol's father, **Benjamin Maxwell Lazarowitz**, on June 2, 2009.

Marty and Diane Friedman on the death of Marty's father, **Jake Friedman**, on June 2, 2009.

Val Nicholson and Brent Haskell on the death of Val's mother, **Cly Nicholson**, on June 27, 2009.

Carol and John Gardner on the death of their sister-in-law, **Sue Fasulo**, on June 28, 2009.

David and Jan Doctrow and the entire Doctrow family on the death of David's brother, **Kenny Doctrow**, on July 9, 2009.

Karen and Jerry Sander on the death of Karen's mother, **Katherine Machesney**, on July 14, 2009.

Karyn and Lynn Martin on the death of Karyn's mother, **Beatrice Costanzo**, on July 14, 2009.



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August will be anything but slow around OZS as we start the new school year and begin preparations for fall activities and the High Holidays. We welcome Rabbi Moshe Smolkin to OZS and we welcome back everyone from summer activities!

Installation of Rabbi Smolkin and OZS Board of Trustees and Welcome Back

After the long summer, come join your OZS friends at a special Welcome Back and Installation Program on Sunday afternoon, August 23. We will gather to welcome and formally appoint Rabbi Smolkin as the new rabbi at OZS. In addition, Beth Goldstein will be installed as the new OZS president along with several new board members, and awards honoring those who have made outstanding contributions to the OZS community will be given. We extend a special thanks to outgoing President Art Shechet and those board members completing their tenure. Join us as we celebrate our congregation, its leaders, and the vision we hold for an exciting future. For more information, call the OZS office.

OZS Education News

The new religious and Hebrew

school year begins this month with some exciting changes. OZS has become a part of the Institute for Southern Jewish Life's education program. As one of 61 congregational schools in eleven states participating in the program, OZS will be using a new Judaics and Hebrew curriculum designed to create a relevant Jewish educational experience for our students—one that will unite OZS kids with a common body of knowledge shared by other children in our region. Throughout the year, ISJL Education Fellows will be visiting OZS for special programming and to provide training for our teachers. In June, Education Director Ilona Szekely, along with veteran teachers Sue Westerman and Tina Trent, attended the ISJL's annual education conference in Jackson, Mississippi, and returned with great enthusiasm for the program. We are extremely excited by this new partnership and look forward to the new opportunities it will provide our

OZS students and parents. You can find out more information about the ISJL and their education program at www.isjl.org or call Ilona at OZS.

The new school year begins officially with Teacher and Aide Orientation on Sunday, August 16. The first day of religious school for students and parents will be Sunday, August 23 at 10:00 a.m. We have a wonderful staff returning for another year of learning and fun! For more information about religious school registration and the school schedule contact Ilona Szekely.

The first **Junior Congregation** of the new school year will be Saturday, August 29, at 10:45 a.m. in the Gan Shalom Music Room. Don't miss out on this opportunity for *ruach*, fun, and learning. There may even be some candy to eat! Parents are encouraged to attend with their children.

Senior Chai, our OZS and TAI Jewish study program for 11th and 12th graders, will continue this fall. Now in its eighth year, Senior Chai offers our Jewish high school juniors and seniors the opportunity for monthly study and socializing in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Sessions are generally held once a month on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m., beginning with a light dinner and followed by study. If you are interested in participating or need more information, please contact Rabbi Smolkin at OZS or Rabbi Kline at TAI.

Tish Gathering with Rabbi Smolkin

Tish, n. (Yiddish, fr. German *Tisch* table), a gathering around the rabbi's table, usually on Shabbat, often with singing, storytelling, or discussion.

Join Rabbi Smolkin at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, August 28, and at least once each month thereafter, for a joyous and stimulating *tish*. Instead of a regular service, we will sing songs, tell and listen to stories, discuss Torah or other topics, or perhaps listen to invited guests. There will also be light refreshments. Each event will have a different topic to be announced in advance. Call the office for this month's *tish* topic.

Friday Morning Talmud Study

The Talmud Study group meets each Friday morning for prayer, food, and study. The morning begins with the brief Shacharit service at 7:30 a.m., followed by a light breakfast and study. We welcome Rafi Finkel back from his sabbatical year in Ireland, as he continues to guide the group. Newcomers are always welcome.

Weekday Minyan

Our daily minyan is held each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon at 5:45 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please come and help make a minyan!

D'Vine Minyan on Tuesdays

Tuesday is D'Vine Minyan Day at OZS. Join your friends for a relaxing glass of wine and socializing each Tuesday afternoon beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the OZS Library (or outside when the weather is nice). The brief afternoon/evening minyan follows in the sanctuary from 5:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. A great way to end your day.

August Shabbat schedule

Celebrate Shabbat! Through the month of August, we welcome in Shabbat together as a congregation on the first and third Fridays of the month at 5:45 p.m. The Friday night schedule for August:

August 7 – Kabbalat Shabbat service begins at 5:45 p.m. at OZS.

August 14 – Family and Friends Shabbat at Home.

No scheduled OZS service.

August 21 – Kabbalat Shabbat service begins at 5:45 p.m.

August 28 – *Tish* Gathering with Rabbi Smolkin at 8:00 p.m. at OZS.

We hope you will join us for our spirited Shabbat Morning Service each Saturday morning at 9:45 with kiddush lunch following in the social hall.

Membership Committee

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Community Calendar

CKJF - Central Kentucky Jewish Federation - www.jewishlexington.org
1050 Chinoe Road • Suite 302 • 268-0672 • Linda Ravvin, President

OZS - Ohavay Zion Synagogue - www.ozs.org

2048 Edgewater Court • 266-8050 • Beth Goldstein, President
Daily Minyan Mon.-Thurs. at 5:45 p.m.; Kabbalat Shabbat Service, Friday Evenings at 5:45 p.m.; on the last Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. with Oneg & program following • Shabbat Services Saturday at 9:45 a.m.

TAI - Temple Adath Israel - www.lextai.org

124 N. Ashland Avenue • 269-2979 • Samye Miller Stith, President
Shabbat Services first & second Friday at 6:30 p.m., remaining Fridays 7:30 p.m.; Worship Service Saturday 10:30 a.m.

HAD - The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah - www.centralstates.hadassah.org

Lynn Furness, President • mamanewbs@yahoo.com

HAV - The Lexington Havurah - www.lexhavurah.uscjhost.net

269-7218 • Judy Goldsmith, President • goldsmi@cs.uky.edu • Shabbat Services monthly, call for schedule

BB - B'nai B'rith Mid-America Region, Stanley Rose Lodge #0289

1050 Chinoe Road, Suite 302 • Bruce Broudy, President • bbrou@lexclin.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Hadassah Board Training	Camp Shalom Week One Jacobson Park	Camp Shalom Week One Jacobson Park	Camp Shalom Week One Jacobson Park	Camp Shalom Week One Jacobson Park Tisha B'Av	Camp Shalom Week One Jacobson Park Camp Gesher Field Trip	Camp Gesher Field Trip
26	27	28	29	30	31	August 1
Camp Gesher Field Trip	Camp Shalom Week Two BGCC	Camp Shalom Week Two BGCC	Camp Shalom Week Two BGCC	Camp Shalom Week Two BGCC	Camp Shalom Week Two BGCC	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Shalom Deadline	Chabad Rabbi Litvin visits 12 noon			TAI Bar Mitzvah Nathan McKee	TAI Bar Mitzvah Nathan McKee
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
				Rosh Chodesh Elul	Rosh Chodesh Elul TAI Bat Mitzvah Mara Slepian	TAI Bat Mitzvah Mara Slepian
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
OZS Rabbi & Board			CKJF Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.	JFS Family Life Education CKJF office 6:30 p.m.	TAI Bar Mitzvah Jack Kaplan	TAI Bar Mitzvah Jack Kaplan
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
CKJF Pacesetters Event Baumann Home 6:30 p.m.					TAI Bar Mitzvah William Beck	TAI Bar Mitzvah William Beck
30	31	September 1	2	3	4	5