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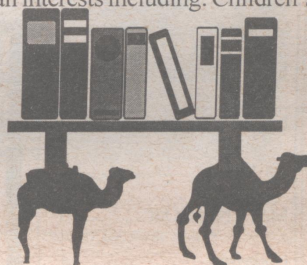
Israel 50 "Jew"bilee

On Sunday, May 10th the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation presents an Israeli "Shuk" Marketplace to celebrate Israel's 50th Anniversary "Israeli Style!" The celebration is planned from Noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Se-

nior Citizens Center at the corner of Alumni and Nicholasville and will include Music, Dancing, Food, "Camel" Rides and activities for all ages!



A special feature of the "Jew"bilee will be The Traveling Jewish Book Fair which offers Israeli music on cassettes and CDs, as well as a variety of books on Israel. The Book Fair offers a large selection of Judaic books of all interests including: Children's Books, Gift Books for Graduation, Confirmation, Weddings, Cookbooks, Women's Studies Books, Jewish Sheet Music Books, Jewish Thought, etc.



The day will offer you and your family a wonderful opportunity to rejoice and celebrate Israel's Birthday with your community. Please mark your calendars today and plan to attend! *

Israel Announces New Jubilee Issue of Israel Bonds

In celebration of Israel's 50th anniversary, the nation's Finance Ministry has approved a new Jubilee Issue of Israel bonds that is now available.

In announcing the new issue, Israel Bonds National Campaign Chairman Irwin Hochberg called the commemorative bonds "a perfect way to establish a personal connection with Israel during this historic anniversary year."

State of Israel Bonds President and CEO Gideon Patt added, "From the first Independence Issue in 1951, Israel Bonds have been closely identified with Israel's extraordinary

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sales period in which the bonds are purchased. Interest is paid twice yearly, on May 1 and November 1.

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MILESTONES

CONDOLENCES TO:

Ken & Alberta Gerson on the death of Ken's uncle, Marvin Harris, on April 9, 1998

Howard Rackmil on the death of his father, Bernard Rackmil.

Bill Wenneker on the death of his mother, Mary Wenneker on April 4, 1998. May his memory be for a blessing. Zichrona Livracha.

MAZEL TOV TO:

Craig and Susan Chasen on the birth of their son, Samuel Louis Chasen on April 9, 1998 weighing in at 7 lbs., 11 oz.

Dan Potter, who was the recipient of the 1998 Master Teacher Award by the UK Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta, the Honor Society of Agriculture. Two of Dan's students also received awards as outstanding graduate students. *

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The President's Message

by
Evelyn Dantzig Geller

HALF A CENTURY; JUST THE BEGINNING

In March of 1948 I marked my eighteenth birthday. In my family, on one's eighteenth year - and every multiple of 18 thereafter - it was customary to celebrate by contemplation of and planning for commitment to a significant aspect of our Jewish life. Someone. I'll bet it was my maternal grandfather, probably had decided that if the letters used to indicate the number eighteen were the same as those which spelled the Hebrew word for life, then we ought to find ways to reinforce our love of and devotion to Judaism no less often than at each eighteenth milestone in our life. It was a wonderful custom. But at age eighteen I was too busy with nursing school to even think of Jewish commitment.

In May of 1948 the modern state of Israel was born. My family was ecstatic! We had been ardent Zionists for as far back as I could remember. We were impassioned believers in the "rightness" of a Jewish state. My parents suggested that, now that "Eretz" was a modern reality, and since I still had time to think about an eighteenth year pledge, it might be appropriate to consider making one that would help insure the viability and growth of Israel. It made sense.

So, my pledge was one of allegiance to the people of the land of Israel. I had no premonitions of the political upheaval or rivalry that was to come. My feeling of responsibility to the people of the land, rather than to the land itself, probably derived from my orientation to human service. Nursing, the art and science of helping people with health problems attain a state of well-being, was my chosen life's work. It was only reasonable then, that I would choose to help the people of Israel attain a condition of well-being, regardless of the political state of affairs. In all likelihood, this was the reason I chose to express my Zionism through an apolitical organization, Hadassah, rather than as a Labor Zionist or a Likudnick.

Fifty years have passed since that most memorable date on which Ben Gurion declared the establishment of the State of Israel. During this half a century, the people of Israel have experienced unimaginable sorrows - such as the wars which cost an untold fortune in human lives and suffering, the horrors of terrorism, and the fear of living surrounded by nations dedicated to their destruction - and great joys - such as the reunification of Jerusalem, the ingathering of Jews from many lands of oppression, and the honor of having a leader who won a Nobel Peace Prize. Beyond their differences in religious practice, Israelis are an uncommonly diverse and divergent group. Our Israeli brothers and sisters were born into or emigrated to a land of milk and honey and a land of bombs and bullets. They live in a land of outstanding

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FEATURE

Michael Weitzman—A moving tribute

Michael Weitzman, who has died aged 51, was an influential scholar and gifted teacher in the field of Jewish studies; he was Reader in Hebrew at University College, London.

Recent decades have witnessed an enormous expansion of Jewish studies, though largely at the sociological periphery. Serious intellectual address to the spiritual (or ideological) challenge requires, as its basis, a rare combination of substantial linguistic ability and painstaking scrutiny of late-antique and medieval texts, in Hebrew and other languages.

It also demands the ability to read between the lines, and to assess the importance of such things as deliberate omissions and subtle semantic twists in translation.

Self-training in such methods makes great demands; the results take time to mature, and many aspiring scholars feel pressurised by the modern academic atmosphere to tackle topics that can produce results more quickly. Yet such considerations did not weigh with Weitzman.

Michael Perry Weitzman was born on July 26 1946, a distant kinsman of Chaim Weizmann, the first President of Israel.

From childhood, Michael Weitzman was fascinated by both Hebrew and mathematics. In 1963 he went up to St John's College, Cambridge, as a scholar in biblical Hebrew and Classics. He graduated in 1967, with Firsts in both parts of the tripos and several university prizes.

His Cambridge tutors did not know that he was simultaneously reading for an external London BSc in mathematics, for which he gained another First in 1968.

For post-graduate studies, Weitzman turned to University College, London. Applying statistical methods to selected blocks of biblical texts, in the Hebrew original and ancient versions, he produced, for his doctorate, a new approach to textual criticism.

Having first familiarised himself with the work of the Classical scholar P Maas, he proposed to replace the convention of genealogical relationship of manuscripts and text-types with centres of gravity around which the manuscript evidence could be plotted on a three-dimensional diagram.

The thesis was never published in full, but it gave rise to a number of articles, one on the text of Cyprian's *De Unitate*. Before Weitzman had completed it, he was appointed, in 1972, to a lectureship at UCL, where in 1997 he was appointed a Reader.

Weitzman contributed to mathematical journals from time to time, but the main focus of his prolific scholarly work became the Aramaic versions of the Bible. A Jewish need for an Aramaic vernacular translation of Scripture emerged in antiquity and in due course produced, and partly stereotyped as an official "authorised version", the so-called Targums.

Eastern Christianity produced its own, known as the Peshitta, in the Syriac form of Aramaic, for the New Testament, and for the Old partly adapted and partly replaced the existing Jewish versions.

Since Judaism and Christianity share most of the Bible, and Hebrew and Aramaic, though distinct, are closely cognate languages, there is a rich ground for the study of interaction, choice of vocabulary, and differing nuances where the word chosen is common to both versions.

A number of Weitzman's articles illuminated this, and he left, in an advanced state, an important work on the subject. One of his very last lectures, not yet published, concerned the qaddish, in Aramaic, which occurs repeatedly in the Jewish Hebrew liturgy as a doxology, and is clearly one of the sources of the Lord's Prayer. Because it is recited by mourners in acknowledgement of the divine dispensation, it is often described, quite erroneously, as a prayer for the dead.

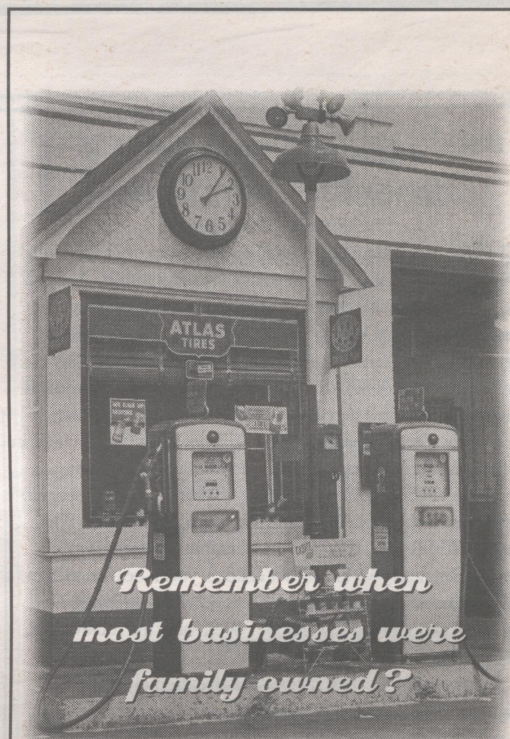
From a close analysis of its terminology, Weitzman felt that he could identify quasi-political factors in its formulation, as an oblique assertion of a Jewish "congregationalism" - the centrality of laity rather than of the priestly caste of Aaron's descendants.

In 1984, shortly after the first publication of the 2nd-millennium BC texts from Ebla, written in a language akin to biblical Hebrew, Weitzman published a book explaining their contents and the problems of interpretation. This was written jointly with Chaim Bermant, a gifted journalist who predeceased him by a matter of weeks. The book was widely acclaimed.

Michael Weitzman was endowed with an outgoing and friendly personality. He gave generously of his time and help to those who sought it, and his manner, no less than his lucidity, endeared him to his students.

None who knew him could doubt his loyalty to Jewish tradition based on faith and conviction. Nevertheless, his unconcealed awareness that, since the intellect is a God-given faculty, theological problems are not to be bypassed by facile harmonisations meant that he

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FEATURE

Japanese Offered at Henry Clay High School

by Shane O'Connor

Hi! I'm Shane O'Connor, a junior at Henry Clay High School, and I'm here to ask you something. Are you looking for something unusual to put on your high school transcript? Do you want to know a foreign and exotic language? Do you just want a reason to attend Henry Clay High if you're out of district? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then here is the solution for you: Japanese.

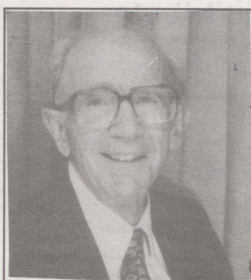
Japanese is now being offered at Henry Clay High School in the foreign language department. Unfortunately, not many people know of this development, as nobody took any steps to alert the public to this. Of course, that's not entirely fair. This year, the 97-98 year, was the first year that Japanese was offered. But next year is another chance, you'll be able to sign up for Japanese I or II, with another level being added each year, until about IV or V, we hope. Well, now the secret's out, so come sign up!

Many people feel that Japanese is an extremely difficult language. This is extremely untrue. It isn't the easiest thing in the world to master, granted, but it is no more difficult than any other language. It can even be fun, after all, everyone knows someone who takes boring old Spanish or French, but how many of you can boast that you speak Japanese? It never fails to impress.

Also, this is a practical business move when you think about it. Japan is a major economic power, and growing all the time, so speaking Japanese would be an advantage in tomorrow's world. After all, how often are you going to go to a country that has Latin as it's national language?

You're probably saying, "But I know it's hard, their alphabet has three different styles, with ten thousand characters each," well friend, here's the school's answer for that: You don't have to learn the Japanese alphabet. While you take this class, you'll only study the spoken language. The only written words you'll see will be in *roma ji*, Japanese written in phonetic English. If nothing else about this class appeals to you, then consider that you'll never be tested on writing a word.

On a last note, I'm sure that some of you watch Japanimation, (or, as we insiders call it, anime) right? Taking Japanese is definitely the language for you then. You'll even have an edge if you have been watching the videos that are still in their original Japanese. On that note, I'll just say *Ja ne, anata wa omoshiroi desu yo!* See ya in class! *



Whither anti-Semitism?

by Michael E. Adelstein

Writing in the April issue of *First Things*, David Klinghoffer calls the American obsession with anti-Semitism "an irrational fear." He goes on to say that "American children are in far greater danger of getting run over by drunk drivers, or electrocuting themselves by dropping a plugged-in radio in the water when they are taking a bath, then they are of getting as much as a hair on their heads plucked out by a neo-Nazi." I don't think that the anti-Defamation League would agree with him, but then they have a vested interest: Their jobs depend on obtaining contributions by claiming we are at great risk.

Yet we hear little about anti-Semitism these days. And in some of the cases, the anti-Semitism is relatively benign. For example, there is a brouhaha at Harvard over the fact that the former Jewish editors of the Harvard *Crimson*, the college newspaper, felt that too many Jews were columnists. Of the ten regulars, seven or eight were Jews. The new editors, both of them Jews, have tried to solve the problem and increase diversity by a Solomon-like increase in the number of columnists

to 16, nine of whom are Jews. But outcries about anti-Semitic quotas persist.

American Jews have come a long way, being admitted to Harvard and other elite universities that once had imposed stringent restrictions. Innumerable other barriers have collapsed. Naturally, with a population of over 250 million, there are always a few hundred kooks who sow hatred against various minorities.

But it's a far cry since World War II when anti-Semitism was one reason for not bombing the railroad lines going into the extermination camps and was the main reason for denying the landing of the St. Louis in Florida with its nine hundred Jewish refugee passengers. The attitude of the country was best revealed at the time in a poll about amending the immigration act to admit Jewish refugees. Seventy-five percent of Americans responded no!

What has changed? I believe that the World War II experience by 15 million men and women in service started the change in attitude. In my Third Army combat engineer battalion (I majored in industrial engineering at Wharton!), few soldiers had known Jews. But as the months passed and we all bonded, they accepted me and the few other Jews in the outfit. The military experience did much to correct their stereotypes.

After the war, with millions tak-

ing advantage of the GI Bill, which paid for tuition, books, and living expenses, all the colleges were ready and willing to enroll veterans both for selfish reasons to obtain funds and for altruistic reasons to honor the men who had fought for their country. Again, there was bonding among the Jewish and non-Jewish individuals.

Other changes illustrating the decline of anti-Semitism besides those on the college campuses in the postwar period should be mentioned. Restricted neighborhoods with their ads proclaiming "hear to churches" were either banned or diminished. Corporations indicated a willingness to hire Jews. People made Laura Hobson's novel, *Gentleman's Agreement*, a runaway best seller and flocked to see the movie version with Gregory Peck. Both the book and the movie exposed anti-Semitism in the upper classes by having a Gentile magazine writer pose as a Jew to write an article entitled "I Was Jewish for Eight Weeks."

In the evenings, Americans turned on TV, the new medium, to laugh with and love the great Jewish comedians: Gracie Allen and George Burns, everyone's Uncle Milton Berle, Jack Benny, and Sid Caesar. They added such new words to the language of Americans across the country as "bagel," "goy," "chutzpa," "gelt," "schmuck,"

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Jewish Hospital Lexington announces Board of Advisors

Jewish Hospital Lexington recently announced the election of their Board of Advisors for 1998. Rebecca Adams Lewis, President and CEO of the facility, which was purchased by Jewish Hospital HealthCare Services (JHHS) in November 1997, was pleased with the experience and diversity of the new board. "I am sure," she said, "that the strength of their commitment to Jewish Hospital Lexington will spur our growth and successfully position our hospital to become the premier provider of health care to the citizens of Central and Southeastern Kentucky.

John S. Rankin, chair of the new Jewish Hospital Lexington Board, has just completed a six-year term as board chair of Jewish Hospital Shelbyville. He began his long history of service to the Jewish Hospital organization as a board member of JH Systems (now JHHS) in 1983, with responsibility for SKYCARE Jewish Hospital's air ambulance service. JHHS has since grown into a regional health network with more than 35 locations in 14 counties in Kentucky and Indiana.

"I am excited about the potential of the Lexington hospital," Rankin says, "and I look forward to the opportunity for steady growth in that marketplace." Although he terms competition between the new facility and more established hospitals in the area "a tough nut to crack," he is confident that Becky Lewis and her team are up to the challenge. He is sure that the Lexington board, composed of a number of community-minded people with good ideas and an abiding interest in the organization, will be a tremendous asset to Jewish Hospital Lexington.

"Our board members are not shy," Rankin acknowledges, "and I am sure they will be a pro-active force as we establish our niche in Lexington.

Local physicians are excited about plans to add new technology and equipment to the facility, in addition to construction of two new cath labs and a second medical office building. Rankin says that enhanced education and training planned for hospital personnel will strengthen their ability to serve both medical professionals and their patients. He notes that the hospital's strategic location, which is in an area of the city designated for rapid growth, provides easy access to quality health care in the Lexington community.

Other members of the Lexington board are:

Michael Ades, Attorney with Greenebaum, Doll & McDonald, Board member of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation and community volunteer; Alice Jane Ballew, Chair of Pattie A. Clay (PAC) Hospital Board of Trustees, Member of the PAC Auxiliary and the Boonesborough Chapter of the DAR; Elizabeth Rudd Bennett, Attorney with W.H. Graddy & Associates in Midway, Member of the Jewish Hospital Heart and Lung Institute Board; Ronald E. Bingham, Director of Empower Kentucky and former Lexmark and IBM executive; Frank Burke, M.D., President of the medical staff-Ex Officio, Orthopedic Surgeon and lead partner of Bluegrass Orthopedics; Harvey Coggin, Senior Vice President PNC Bank, Board Member of the Lexington Chamber of Commerce and United Way; Philip Hoffman, M.D., Internal Medicine physician with Lexington Clinic East Office Building, former President of Humana Hospital Lexington Medical Staff; Philip J. Levy, President of Levy's Lumber and Building Center in Louisville, member of various Jewish Hospital Board Committees since 1979, including current position on the Community Benefit Assessment, Finance and Trustee Development Committees; Marilyn Moosnick, Active on many Lexington fronts over many years including Lexington Children's Theater and the Arts Community; Porter G. Peoples, President of the Lexington/Fayette County Urban League and leader in Lexington's black community; Leo Rogers, M.D., Physician affiliated with Family Practice Associates (Foxy Applegate Brown & Baesler), which opened a Jewish Hospital Lexington location in March 1998; Joe Rosenberg, Joe Rosenberg Companies, active in the community; Raymond Stalker, M.D., Family Practice Physician based in Eagle Creek Medical Office Building, Past President of the Medical Staff-Humana Hospital Lexington-Ex Officio; Alan Stein, Manager and part owner of WVLK Radio Station; J. Whitney Wallingford, a Lexington attorney and former member and vice chairperson of the Humana Hospital Lexington Board. *

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by Ruth Moser

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In February we made our first visit to the Woodland Grill where the food was so good and ample that some of the Leisure Club members asked for doggie bags.

Also in February Annette Milch, Ruth Moser, Bernie Mandel, Judy Baumann and Kim Slaton delivered the 29 dolls to the University of Kentucky Children's Hospital. We were even on TV with Judy Baumann doing the presentation for Hadassah and the Leisure Club. The dolls were well received, and we even personally presented one

of the dolls to a pretty little patient named Susan. Susan immediately cuddled the doll, and we hope it made her feel just a little bit better.

Judy Martin at the Children's Hospital asked for 30 more dolls to be delivered in June. If you are interested in sewing or stuffing dolls, please call Ruth or Annette.

In March we were entertained by R&R—Kim Slaton and Sandy Adlan. They were wonderful, and everyone enjoyed eating the 5 foot tuna sub.

April was a Passover Brunch at Ohavay Zion where we shared our favorite

passover memories. A delightful time was had by all. Let's try to make this an annual event.

That leaves May to December. This month, May, we will have lunch at Portabella's on Richmond Road. Our plans include another outing under the Jinko Tree at Ashland, another visit to Belle Notte, Lunch at a Chinese restaurant, possibly an afternoon at the Red Mile, and of course, our annual Channukah Party. We are always open for suggestions, so call Annette or Ruth with your ideas. So plan on coming to the Leisure Club where we always have fun. *

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The National Havurah Committee will hold its annual Summer Institute, August 3-9, 1998 at Hofstra University, Long Island, New York. This year's theme is "Ukratem D'ror, - Hallow the Fiftieth Year, Proclaiming Freedom." Artists-in-Residence will be singer-songwriter Judi Tal and storyteller Doug Lipman. The Institute provides a week-long opportunity for Jewish study, ritual, and fellowship. The Institute is multi-denominational and egalitarian, and brings together a diverse Jewish community for this week every year. Think of going to a great Jewish camp - as an adult!

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was occasionally viewed with misgiving in some parts of the Anglo-Jewish Establishment. Such reactions amused rather than irritated him.

He married, in 1980, Anita Haimon, who survives him, together with a son and a daughter.

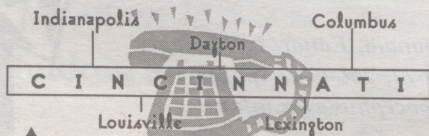
Norman Lebrecht writes: Michael Weitzman was probably the most brilliant man I have ever known. At school he was a legend, polishing off his A levels at 16 and, unable to enter university for another year, sitting five more subjects in completely unrelated disciplines.

The scope of his erudition was staggering. No reference in Hebrew, Aramaic or Arabic was too arcane. He would supply chapter, verse and commentary with a self-deprecating smile that said anyone can do this. When my wife was writing a book on sugar, it was Michael who volunteered the Sanskrit etymology of the plant. I took him once to a bad opera at the Coliseum, supposedly sung in Classical Greek. Michael's verdict was: "This is restaurant Greek."

Perhaps because it all came so easily, he chose as his subject a dialect, Syriac, that virtually died out 2,000 years ago and had to be reconstructed - vocabulary, grammar and syntax - from diffuse clues. By restoring the New Testament to its original tongue, he hoped somehow to shed light on the common roots of great religions. Having sent the book to press some weeks ago, he was starting to write about the origins of prayer when a sudden illness struck him down at the unthinkable age of 51.

As a cantor and reader in small synagogues, he was unmatched in accuracy and melodiousness. As a lecturer, he was riveting. Others wangled professorships; Michael got on with teaching. His joy in companionship and conversation was unbounded; the home he made with Anita was light and full of laughter.

There was a subversive streak in Michael that prompted him to train women to perform Orthodox Jewish offices traditionally reserved for men, and to lecture at non-Orthodox congregations. He was banned for a while from his local synagogue, but did not waver in his faith. In a life not untouched. *



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Ask JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

by
Mollye Schwab



Ask Jewish Family Services is a regular column in Shalom that is intended to reflect personal and family situations that may provide information and resources to readers in the community. It is intended to provide general information and may not necessarily relate to all readers. Letters and phone calls to ASK JFS are welcome and can be sent to Jewish Family Services, 340 Romany Road, Lexington, KY 40502, or call 269-8244.

Dear Reader,

It seems whenever we reach a milestone or another road enters in our path, we often take a moment to look back to where we have been and hope for where we are going. Having resigned as the Director of JFS, as it is time for me to embark upon another road, I look back in reflection of the three years as director/social worker. There have been many accomplishments and successes in JFS and to many, JFS has proved to be a resource of support in this community. During my time in JFS, the focus has been on providing support to the community in many ways, including Elder Care, Resettlement, singles, counseling, education and general social work services.

The Elder Care program initiates support to our older community members by providing counseling, support, homecare and personal care resources and much more. This segment in our community will continually need this kind of support because the numbers of older people in our community are growing at a fairly rapid rate. The numbers are growing not only in keeping with the national trend, but locally there are many people relocating to Lexington to be with their adult children and their families. I must say, there is so much to gain by helping this group of people. The knowledge and experience they have is so valuable and everyone is so unique that helping them is a two-way street. One can learn so much, not only by what these persons have to share, but by the personal experience and awareness you yourself experience in helping.

Through the Resettlement program, 23 families have successfully integrated into the community. There have been six families since 1995. Aside from the initial three month resettlement period, other services provided include acculturation, supportive counseling, referrals, integration, elder care services and ongoing advocacy. The numbers of arriving families from Russia have slowed significantly in the past year. But there exist ongoing support issues with many of the new American families. I have been so impressed with each family that I have had the privilege to know over the years. Each family has their own individual strengths and virtues. And each family has their own set of challenges they courageously face in their resettlement and integration in the community. It has truly been an honor and a privilege in having the opportunity to work with individuals whose eagerness to make each day the best it can be a priority.

JFS also focuses on outreach to singles and the Wise Jewish Dateline which is a network of Jewish singles, ages 21 and older, who have the opportunity to meet other Jewish singles.

At present JFS, like many agencies and organizations, there are many challenges that must be dealt with and road blocks that must be surpassed to move forward. It is a time for JFS to move on to the next level. I recall referring to JFS some time ago as a seed that had been planted and the beginning of green was starting to show. Well, now it's time to prune the JFS tree and allow and encourage the tree to grow and mature with many branches, in many directions, through the provision of attention, care and support.

In closing, I say the following: "Thank You" to the JFS Advisory Committee and the Resettlement Committee for their support and guidance over the years. Thank You to Ralph Crystal for his optimism and support. And a special thank you to David Feinberg for his mentorship and friendship.

I wish the best of luck to Jewish Family Services and hope to see it continue to grow and flourish as an independent agency and great source of support to the Jewish community.

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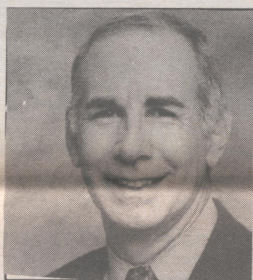
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Mike Leiderman has interviewed celebrities from Abba Eban to Ozzy Osbourne, from Michael Jackson to Michael Jordan. He has anchored sportscasts for NBC in Chicago and New York, hosted "PM Magazine," reported for "Entertainment Tonight" and spent nearly ten years as host of a weekly TV show on Jewish affairs. Mike has also produced videos for the Chicago Federation and its agencies, an annual federation telethon and the "Jewish Home Video Series," starring Theodore Bikel.

Leiderman is based in Chicago where he hosts "Sportsfire," a weekly TV sports talk show and announces college and high school games on Sportschannel, the regional cable service. His production company also stages major charity banquets and events, including the NFL players association banquet and the annual sports awards for the March of Dimes.

Leiderman has been honored with several journalism awards including citations from the Associated Press, UPI, International Film and TV Festival, Chicago Press Club and an Emmy from the Chicago TV Academy.

Mike is Yeshiva-educated with a B.A. from Brandeis University and an M.S. from the Syracuse University Newhouse School of Communications. His 30 years in broadcasting and lifelong commitment to Judaism have given him a unique perspective as a speaker before federation audiences. *

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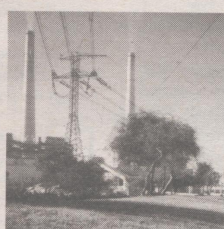
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Is the aliyah over? No, the aliyah continues. The first direct flight left Yekaterinburg for Israel in 1995. Since then, 3,378 Jews from around the region have started new lives in Israel. In 1997 alone, 62 Jews from Yekaterinburg made aliyah; 100 Jewish families attended four weekend aliyah preparation seminars. Others participated in an ongoing Family Aliyah Club. 130 young Jews took part in eight "Limukiya" classes that prepared them for study programs in Israel. 40 parents of teenagers and young adults already in Israel programs attended special classes to prepare them for their own aliyah. And, as you read this, 800 students from Yekaterinburg and the surrounding area are studying with 16 locally trained teachers at Hebrew-language ulpan. Last year, ten of the city's teachers made aliyah. All these programs are designed to promote aliyah. All the counselors are trained by your dollars. All the programs are supported with your gift to the UJA Federation Campaign.

The Elderly Yekaterinburg's Jewish welfare program, the Menora fund, was transformed into the Hesed Menora Center on November 24, 1997. The center is quickly becoming a hub of Jewish activity and providing life-saving services to hun-

dreds of needy Jewish elderly who can barely subsist on meager pensions. The Menora fund served 220 elderly Jews; the new Hesed has the capacity to serve ten times that.

The Community Yekaterinburg and the Ural region are served by eight Jewish camp sessions in the summer; a Jewish youth club serves the city year-round. A UJA Federation supported newsletter keeps Jewish community members informed about local Jewish activities, while bringing news from young people studying in Israel and the latest information about aliyah and Israel.

A Campaign-supported Jewish Studies Center at the Ural State University draws hundreds of visitors every year; a Hillel program is getting underway. Yekaterinburg Jews attend two Jewish Sunday schools; one Jewish Children's Center that is open two Sundays each month; a kindergarten, a community center; and a Jewish Culture Society club, which offers lectures and movies on Yiddishkeit.

Your increased gift to the UJA Federation Campaign would allow us to promote aliyah more; and to build a stronger Jewish identity in the communities of the former Soviet Union.

Yekaterinburg, on the banks of the Iset River in the Ural Mountains, has a population of more than 1.5 million, with some 15,000 Jews.

Founded in 1723 as a natural outgrowth of the iron smelting works established there by Russian Czar Peter the Great, the city quickly became Peter's "Window to Asia" and the urban center of the Ural and Siberian regions. In the 1800's, Yekaterinburg, capitalizing on its vast mineral resources, led Central Russia into the new industrial age.

A few decades later, Yekaterinburg would capture the attention of the world. During the October Revolution, the Czar and his family were imprisoned and later killed there. In 1924, Lenin changed the name of the city to Sverdlovsk, after a famous Jewish hero of the Revolution.

Thousands of Jews throughout the Soviet Union were evacuated to the Urals during World War II; many stayed on to work in the area's grow-

ing military industrial complex. (In fact, after the war, the city was closed to visitors, because of "the secret nature of the local industry.") It is believed that the majority of the Jews living in Yekaterinburg today are themselves remnants of that evacuation, or are its descendants.

In the 1970's, Boris Yeltsin, then a member of the Communist Party, was the city's First Secretary.

The name Yekaterinburg was restored in 1992 and today, despite its harsh and unstable climate, it is a thriving industrial metropolis... with commercial contacts with companies throughout the United States, as well as a number of trade agreements with Israel, some negotiated as recently as November 1997. The city, which is surrounded by lush forests and clear blue lakes, enjoys a rich cultural life and, as a regional capital, Yekaterinburg is home to the Ural State University, 15 institutions of higher education and 40 technical schools.

Dr. Frieda Kletz joined the underground Jewish movement when she was in college. She studied at secret Hebrew classes; and, despite serious threats to her professional career, she declined the KGB's proposal to become its informer. In 1993, Frieda founded 'Menora,' a women's organization designed to provide welfare services to Jews in need. In 1994, she created the Yekaterinburg JCC organization, which united a number of the city's Jewish educational, religious and welfare institutions. Today, Dr. Frieda Kletz, in addition to heading the emergency medicine department in the state hospital, is a valuable member of the board of the Menora Hesed. "I escaped from the KGB before they could send me into one of the deep provinces. Who knows what would have happened to me. I believe all that I have been through has led me to where I am today. I am in the position to help people. To help Jews."

Dr. Yacoub Nehamkin, 43, his wife Sima, their 14-year-old daughter Paulina and Sima's father Leb Fukgelb, 84, were among two dozen new immigrants aboard the recent Ural Airlines flight 3721 from Yekaterinburg. Dr. Nehamkin is a psychiatrist. "Although there are a lot of new immigrant physicians reaching Israel, there are not so many psychiatrists. And, not surprisingly, there are psychological strains that come with aliyah. Our family had hope that we would have a brighter and less anti-Semitic future in Russia, but crime and corruption are increasing and the economy is deteriorating. We want Paulina to learn about Jewish culture and to have a better education. The aliyah is hard for all of us, especially Paulina and my father-in-law, who lost his whole family in the Holocaust, but we are all looking ahead and we are confident we will succeed."

The UJA Federation Campaign in the former Soviet Union

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and "tsuris" among others.

Of course, anti-Semitism declined not only as a result of these post-war people and events but also as a repercussion from the Holocaust when accounts about it were revealed. Also, plucky little Israel became a popular favorite as Jews there showed they could be brave and courageous (contrary to stereotypes) in turning back the Arab soldiers, who vastly outnumbered them.

Evidence about the decline in anti-Semitism is also indicated by the fact that even though Jews strongly supported the civil rights movement in the '60s and '70s, there was no anti-Semitic backlash. (But ironically, the Jewish involvement in the Afro-American cause seems to have been forgotten by some blacks, such as Farakan.)

In the political arena, the decline or absence of anti-Semitism is evident. True, the two most powerful economic political figures, Fed chairman Greenspan and Secretary of the Treasury Reuben, are appointees. But American Jews have been elected in significant numbers to both houses of Congress and have served as governors and mayors in large and small cities. Voters throughout the country have shown little reluctance to vote for Jews.

There are several interesting manifestations of the decline of anti-Semitism. One is evident in our language where the phrase "Judeo-Christian" appears frequently. Another can be realized

from the continuing battle for the separation of church and state. Inherent in the opposition to the Religious Right ideology is the concept that we are not a Christian nation and should not be supporting parochial schools or other promoting religion.

The popularity of Jewish authors—Saul Bellow, Philip Roth, Bernard Malamud, Norman Mailer, and others—who are widely read and admired both on college campuses and Main Street reveals in part that Americans are interested in Jewish culture and want to read about their fellow Americans.

Also, behind many movements is a rise in Jewish assertiveness, which has done much to combat anti-Semitism. No longer are American Jews unwilling to rock the boat. Instead they are speaking out and

standing up for their rights. Here in Lexington, as an example, several years ago some of our prominent Jewish leaders, who are active on numerous community committees, refused to attend meetings at the Idlehour Country Club because of its policy of not admitting Jews as members. Since then, whether because of this action or not, several Jews have been admitted to Lexington's exclusive country clubs.

On the national scene, probably the most flagrant case of Jewish assertiveness occurred when Elie Wiesel, being honored at the White House as the recipient of a Congressional Gold Medal of Achievement, politely lectured President Reagan against going to Bitburg, Germany, to lay a wreath at a Germany military cemetery containing the graves of SS soldiers. There were no apparent

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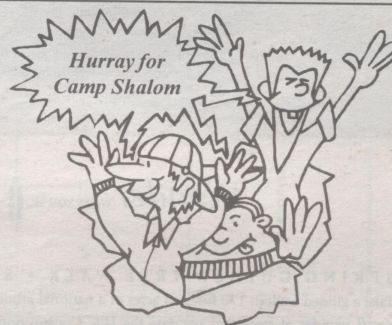
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10 CKJF Israel 50 Jubilee Senior Citizens Center 12:00 pm	11	12 Chabad Study 12:00 pm Education Committee OZS 7:00 pm Hadassah Installation	13	14 Lag B'Omer	15 Deadline for Shalom 12:00 pm	16 Joshua Frank Bar Mitzvah OZS
17	18 Havurah Annual Meeting 8:00 pm	19	20 CKJF Executive Committee 7:30 pm	21 Leisure Club Luncheon Portabella's Restaurant 11:45 am	22	23
24 Yom Yerushalayim	25	26 JFS Advisory Committee 5:30 pm	27 CKJF Board Meeting 7:30 pm Rosh Chodesh TAI 7:30 pm	28	29	30
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Cookie & Bill Wenneker
Ushers: Alan Bernard
Starr Gantz
Larry Gerson
Peter Sobel
Child Care Available

Saturday, May 2

Kollel Study Group 9:30 AM

Friday, May 8

Family Shabbat Service 7:30 PM
Torah Portion: Achare Mot/Kedoshim
Leviticus: 16:1-20:27
John Hart Cole Bar Mitzvah
TAI Makhela will sing
3rd Grade Presentation
Story Sermon
Candle Blessor: Faith Cole
Kiddush: John Hart Cole & John Cole
Oneg Shabbat Hostesses/Hosts
The Cole family and friends
Ushers: Jane Grise
Lenny Lipton
Lou Shain
Mark Simpson
NO Child Care Available

Saturday, May 9

Torah Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
John Hart Cole Bar Mitzvah

Friday, May 15

Sisterhood Shabbat 7:30 PM
Torah Portion: Emor
Leviticus: 21:1-24:23
Torah Reader: Leah Biel
Oneg Shabbat Hostesses/Hosts
Cheryl Gersch & Jamie Schloss
Ida & Larry Gerson
Linda & Barry Gerall
Sharon Helfand & Bill Prewitt
Carol & Don Schilling
Tina & Mark Simpson
Ushers: Ed Hirsch
Terri Potter
Sarah Schrier
Leona Stern
Child Care Available

Saturday, May 16

Torah Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM

Friday, May 22

Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM
Torah Portion: Behar/Bechukotai
Leviticus: 25:1-27:34
The TRYB will lead the service
Candle Blessor: Leslie Gooldy
Kiddush: Matthew Higdon
Oneg Shabbat Hostesses/Hosts
Judy & Lou Hersh
Evelyn & Larry Goodman
Leslie & Brad Gooldy
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Ilene & Scott Stoess
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Ushers: Sandy Adland
David Brown
Jane Grise
Mikhail Slepak
Child Care Available

Saturday, May 23

Kollel Study Group 9:30 AM

Friday, May 29

B'nai Mitzvah Shabbat 7:30 PM
Torah Portion: Bemidbar
Numbers 1:1-4:20
Oneg Shabbat Hostesses/Hosts
Ruth & Neil Poley
Laura & Jim Rosenberg
Linda Haggin
Mindy & Jeff Heller
Jan & Dave Doctrow
Meg & Shel Schneider
Pamela & Marc Silverman
Genya Kremer
Child Care Available

Saturday, May 29

Kollel Study Group 9:30 AM
Confirmation Service
with Yizkor 7 PM

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Tuesday, June 16
Covers 7/1 to 8/30
Announcements Only

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, May 3, 6 PM Dinner
7 PM Meeting

Board of Trustees

Tuesday, May 5, 7:30 PM

Sisterhood Board

Monday, May 18, 7:30 PM

Executive Committee

Thursday, May 28, 7:30 PM

SISTERHOOD NEWS

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Rosh Chodesh, our Jewish women's spirituality and study group, led by Etta Pollan, will meet at 7:30 PM on May 27th. I encourage you to attend.

Sisterhood Shabbat will be on May 15th. This is an inspiring service conducted by our own Sisterhood members. I am always proud to be a part of this special occasion. If you would like to participate, please contact Sandy Adland.

Hope to see you at the closing luncheon on May 20th. We are fortunate to have Gayle Dorio as our guest speaker. She will share with us the plans for the new museum of culture and diversity.

Look forward to your participation this spring season.

L'Shalom,
Judy Hersh, President

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 1998

Dinner 6 PM; Meeting 7 PM

TAI MACCABEES SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

All games at Athens "A" Field on Monday evenings

Opponent noted after time.

May 4	6:30 PM	Christ Church Cathedral
May 11	7:30 PM	Ohavay Zion Synagogue
May 18	6:30 PM	St. Raphael
May 25	8:30 PM	Victory Baptist
June 1	7:30 PM	United Pentecostal
June 8	8:30 PM	Christ Church Cathedral
June 15	7:30 PM	Ohavay Zion Synagogue

Help Out At God's Pantry On Any Of

The Following Sundays:

For the third year we have arranged with God's Pantry (104 S. Forbes Rd.) for special Sunday morning work days, from 10:00 AM to 11:45 AM. On each of the following Sundays, one of our Religious School classes will participate in *Tikkun Olam* as they help out with the ongoing work of this special Lexington organization.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to help. You don't need to have a child in the class to volunteer. The schedule is as follows:

May 3 7th grade

Temple Program News

FROM THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR - TONI REIKS PROJECT SPRINGBOARD FOCUS GROUPS

If you did not get a phone call and are willing to come to a focus group, please call me. The focus groups will be held on May 4, May 6 and May 13. There will be an early group that will meet from 6-7:30 PM and a late group that will meet from 7:45 to 9:15 PM. The information that is gathered from these groups will help us to know the needs and desires of our congregation better and help us to plan to meet them effectively. I want to know what you think. If I haven't gotten around to calling you to sign up, please call me and we'll schedule you to join a group.

BRIDGE CLUB DATES ARE SET

If you are interested in joining the Bridge Club, add these dates to your calendar. The club will meet the first Monday of each month at 11 AM in the Temple Social Hall.

May 4	September 7
June 1	October 5
July 6	November 2
August 3	December 7

TAI PRESCHOOL

The closing program for parents and families of the TAI Preschool students will be held on Tuesday, May 19th, 7 PM in the Temple Social Hall.

POSITION AVAILABLE

The TAI Youth Education Committee is now accepting applications for the position of Youth Religious Education Director for the 1998-1999 school year.

A fundamental purpose of any synagogue is to be a House of Learning. It is our responsibility to effectively communicate the richness of our vast Jewish heritage to our children. In order to properly serve our children, Temple Adath Israel intends to retain the services of a Youth Religious Education Director. The expected time commitment for this position is 60 to 80 hours per month. The primary responsibilities of the director will be:

Administrative Tasks

1. Attendance is required one-half hour before and after class sessions on Sunday and Monday afternoon Hebrew School.
2. Attendance is encouraged at Family Shabbat services, Consecration and Confirmation.
3. Attendance is required at monthly Board of Trustees meetings and Youth Education Committee meetings.
4. Plans and conducts faculty meetings.
5. Prepares the yearly calendar, class schedules, and teacher assignments.
6. Plans and conducts all special programs for the school.
7. Makes room and set-up arrangements for regular classes and special programs.
8. Plans, implements and monitors discipline and school safety policies and conditions.
9. Supervises the ordering of all books, materials, craft and office supplies.
10. Prepares the annual budget with the Youth Education Committee.
11. Creates all registration forms, publicity materials, and school handbook.

Curriculum

1. Coordinates the teachers and curriculum of the Religious School for all classes from Temple tots through Confirmation.
2. Develops new programs and activities.
3. Develops innovative school-wide creative experiences.
4. Monitors, evaluates, and updates the curriculum on a school-wide and class-by-class basis.
5. Attends continuing education programs to obtain information about current teaching techniques and programming.

Staff

1. Recruits, interviews, and hires all teachers, substitutes, and aides for all classes.
2. Supervises and evaluates all staff.
3. Reviews all student progress reports.

Please submit a resume and/or letter of application to the Temple office c/o Youth Education Committee - Confidential. Should you need additional information, contact Shirley Bryan at 272-4851.

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CONFIRMATION SERVICE MAY 30, 7 PM

The annual Erev Shavuot/Confirmation Service will be held this year on May 30, beginning at 7 PM. There are 5 members in this class. the entire Temple community celebrates with them on this special day in their lives.

Like a Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony, Confirmation is not a private ceremony only for friends and family. It is a service for the entire community to participate in as we celebrate the completion of some of our youth formal religious education. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

The five young adults being confirmed have worked to reach this special day by writing and rehearsing a special Confirmation Service. The theme his year is **United By Freedom**.

The members of the Confirmation Class of 5758 are:

Gregory Baker
son of Ben & Ruth Baker
Ryan Cole
son of Robert & Karen Cole
Barbara Goldman
daughter of Arnold & Rita Goldman
Joel Harrison
son of John & Paula Harrison
Matthew Higdon
son of Judi Wurmser and Michael Higdon

TAI Sisterhood MAY CLOSING PROGRAM

Presentation by:
GAYLE DORIO

"Museum of Culture and Diversity"

Date: Wednesday, May 20, 1998

Time: 12:30 PM

Place: TAI Social Hall

Catered Luncheon: \$8.00 per person

*Luncheon reservation and fee **MUST** be submitted to the Temple office (269-2979) no later than Monday, May 18th.

Child care available upon request

FOR 4TH-8TH GRADE EYES ONLY

FAFTY SCHEDULE

May 17 Kentucky Kingdom

MSTYG SCHEDULE

May 3 MSTYG goes to
Entertainment Express
May 17 Kentucky Kingdom

*Both the FAFTY & MSTYG schedules are tentative and depend on our ability to recruit parent volunteers to help organize, chaperone and drive as necessary.

Rosh Chodesh

a Jewish women's spirituality study group
will meet at
T.A.I., at 7:30 PM
May 27
All women are invited to attend

TORAH STUDY & SHABBAT MORNING WORSHIP

May 9 & 16
Study at 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM

KOLLEL: A dialogue on meaning, purpose, and cosmic vision.

What does God expect from me?
What do I expect from God?
Study 9:30-11:30 AM
Upcoming Dates:
May 2, 23 & 30

MSTYG Mitzvah Project

Children in the Shriners Hospital for Children often like to listen to books on tape.

On Sunday, May 3, TAI's Middle School students will stay after religious school and read aloud and record several books to donate to the children's hospital.

MSTYG students need to bring a cassette tape recorder, a short chapter book (we'll also have books available), and a 90- or 120-minute cassette tape. Plan to stay until about 3 or 3:30 pm. We'll work together on this fun project. Pizza and drinks will be provided!!

For information, call Chela Kaplan at 266-3347.

You are invited to attend
a month of special Shabbat Services

Friday, May 1, 7:30 PM, our TAI Religious School 5th Grade leads the service.

Friday, May 8, 7:30 PM, Family Shabbat Service, our TAI Religious School 3rd Grade makes a presentation, birthday blessing for children born in the months of April, May, June, & July, and Hart Cole begins his Bar Mitzvah celebration.

Saturday, May 9th, 10:30 AM, Hart Cole continues his Bar Mitzvah celebration. Everyone is invited to attend.

Friday, May 15th, 7:30 PM, Sisterhood Shabbat Service. Leah Biel reads Torah.

Friday, May 22nd, 7:30 PM, The TRYB leads a creative Shabbat Service.

Friday, May 29th, 7:30 PM, the three members of this year's B'nai Mitzvah Class lead the service.

Saturday evening, May 30th, 7 PM, the Confirmation Class of 5758/1998 leads a creative service as their formal Jewish education draws to a conclusion.

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Sunday Morning Adult Programming:

Join us every Sunday morning (until the end of the Sunday school term) 9 am - 12 noon for adult education programs: Sunday New York Times, movies, speakers, the opportunity to relax and have coffee, bagels and doughnuts.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MAY 1998

May	1	Religious School Service-Teacher appreciation 6th grade oneg
	3	Religious School
	5	Daven, Bagels & Talmud 7:30 am Torah Study 11:00 am Hebrew School
	6	Intro to Hebrew 1:30 pm
	7	Dalet-Hay Hebrew
	9	Rebecca Sharer Bat Mitzvah
	12	Daven, Bagels & Talmud 7:30 am Torah Study 11:00 am
	13	Intro to Hebrew 1:30 pm
	14	Education Comm. Mtg 7:15 pm
	16	Joshua Frank Bar Mitzvah
	19	Daven, Bagels & Talmud 7:30 am Torah Study 11:00 am
	20	Intro to Hebrew 1:30 pm
	21	Finance Comm. Mtg 8 pm
	22	B'nai Torah (Midrasha) Service
	26	Daven, Bagels & Talmud 7:30 am Torah Study 11:00 am
	27	Intro to Hebrew 1:30 pm
	30	Alternative Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 am

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Sunday School and Hebrew Teachers
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- * Teaching religious school is a wonderful way to stay connected to the Jewish community.
- * Teaching religious school is a mitzvah!
- * Teaching religious school will not make you rich, but will give you some "pin money"
- Formal training in education or Judaic studies not required.
- We are looking for enthusiastic, dedicated people who love children, Judaism, and learning.
- Sunday School hours are 9:45-12:00 noon. Hebrew School hours are Sunday from 9:00-9:45, Tuesday from 4:45-6:15, and for some classes Thursday from 5:00-6:00.
- We have a special need for teachers who can teach Hebrew at higher levels and who are familiar with Conservative liturgy. Good organization skills a plus.

If you have questions or would like to receive an application, call Simone Salomon 266-8050.

Service Schedule

May 1998

Iyyar-Sivan 5758

May 1-2, Iyyar 6

Shabbat Tazri'a-Metzora

Friday Evening 8:00 pm

Bima Kathie Kroot

Oneg RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Shabbat Morning

Preliminary Service 9:30 am

Shacharit 10:00 am

Bima Bruce Broudy

English Reader Michael Grossman

Gabbai Sue Ezrine

Torah Reader Oscar Haber

May 8-9, Iyyar 13

Shabbat Acharei Mot-Kedoshim

REBECCA SHARER BAT MITZVAH

Friday Evening 8:00 pm

Bima Rick Zimmerman

Oneg Sharyn Sharer, in honor of
Rebecca's Bat Mitzvah

Shabbat Morning

Preliminary Service 9:30 am

Shacharit 10:00 am

Bima Rick Zimmerman

English Reader No English Reading

May 15-16, Iyyar 20

Shabbat Emor

JOSHUA FRANK BAR MITZVAH

Friday Evening 8:00 pm

Bima Rick Zimmerman

Oneg Vivian & Dan Frank, in honor of
Joshua's Bar Mitzvah

Shabbat Morning

Preliminary Service 9:30 am

Shacharit 10:00 am

Bima Rick Zimmerman

English Reader No English Reading

May 22-23, Iyyar 27

Shabbat Be-Har - Be-Chukkotai

Friday Evening 8:00 pm

Bima Ginger Knight

Oneg Annette & Ken Mayer
Bernice & Arthur Herman
Sandy & Joseph Berger
Jane & Herb Kaufer

Shabbat Morning

Preliminary Service 9:30 am

Shacharit 10:00 am

Bima Matt Cordova

English Reader Sue Westerman

Gabbai Leon Cooper

Torah Reader OZS

May 29-30, Sivan 5

Shabbat Be-Har - Be-Chukkotai

Friday Evening 8:00 pm

Bima Charlie Spiegel

Oneg Robin & Harold Roth
Paula & Bennett Bayer
Karen & Steve Edelstein

Shabbat Morning

Preliminary Service 9:30 am

Shacharit 10:00 am

Bima Sue Westerman

English Reader Larry Herman

Gabbai Steve Caller

Torah Reader Rafi Finkel

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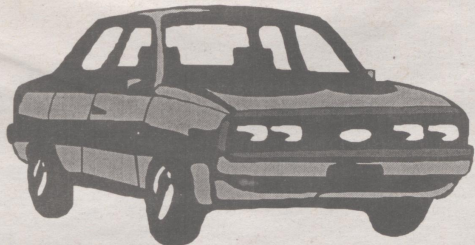


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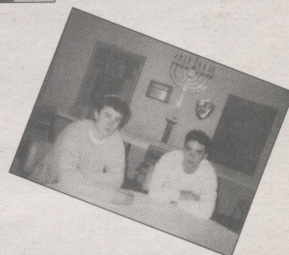
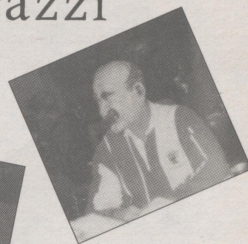
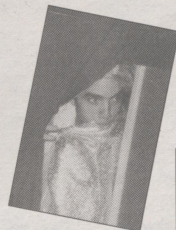
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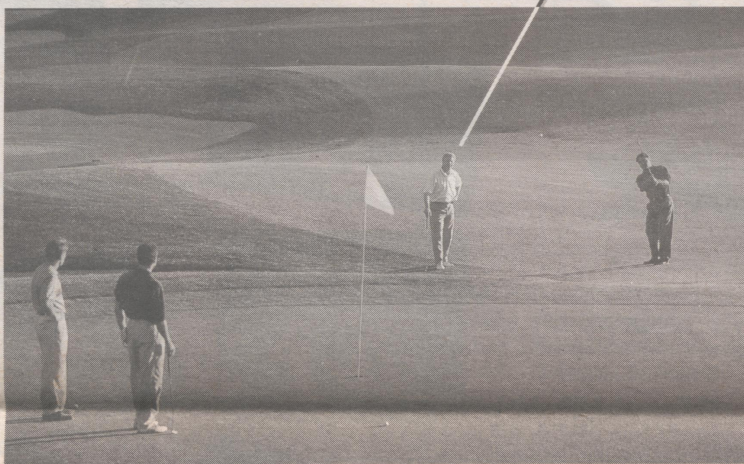
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June/July 1998

Sivan-Tammuz-Av 5758

Camp Shalom Gears up for Summer Fun

On July 27th, Camp Shalom opens its doors on the 1998 season and, for the first time, will run for three weeks. Camp dates are July 27-31, August 3-7 and August 10-14. This Summer Camp, sponsored by the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, offers swimming, arts & crafts, music, field trips, games and lots of other fun activities for children ages 4-12. This year's theme is a Celebration of Israel's 50th Birthday.

"I am looking forward to an even more exciting year at Camp Shalom and spending another summer with all of the wonderful campers and staff," said Donna Sullivan, Camp Shalom Director. This is Donna's second year as Director for Camp Shalom and she anticipates this being an even bigger year than last. There are more exciting field trips such as bowling, going to the movies, miniature golf, swimming at Lansdowne pool; and special events like crazy hat day, Israeli folk dancing, field day and more.

Camp Shalom begins at 9:00 a.m. at Temple Adath Israel. Kinder camp (for children age 4 by 7/1/98) lasts until 12:00 noon each day and costs \$62.50

after 12:00 noon each day with pickup for these campers at 3:30 p.m. The cost for the full day camper is \$125 per week. Campers can sign up for

one, two or all three weeks. (See page 17 for a registration form.)

The T-shirt for this year's Camp Shalom was designed by one of the children who came to the Open House and pre-registration on March 1st. The design chosen will be unveiled soon. *

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per week. Field trips and special events for children ages 5-12 are held

will be unveiled soon. *

Lexington Celebrates Israel 50 Jubilee

by Kim G. Slaton, Central Kentucky Jewish Federation Program Director

Over 300 Central Kentuckians joined together in a day of festivities, culture, and food. The celebration sponsored by Central Kentucky Jewish Federation included the traveling Jewish Book Fair, Israeli singing and dancing, art activities, middle eastern cuisine, gourmet desserts, and pony rides. President of Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, Evelyn Geller, addressed the crowd conveying greetings from Prime Minister Netanyahu and President Clinton. This festive celebration was the result of a major initiative on the part of the CKJF Board to make recognition of Israel's 50 Jubilee the center piece of this years community wide programming. Jews today tend to take Israel's existence for granted. This celebration focused our attention on the miraculousness of the State of Israel, it's struggles and accomplishments.

The planning group committed to realizing this celebration included: Aviva Bowl-

ing, Simone Salomon, Ronit Eres, Beverly Osser, Toni Reiss, and Odette Kaplan. Other volunteers committed themselves and worked hard to carry out the planning group's vision. Making this the most successful program of the year was due to our communities strong support for Israel and our joy at being able to celebrate her Jubilee year. Toda Raba, Thank you, Lexington Jewish Community! See pictures and list of volunteers & supports on pages 12-14.*

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CONDOLENCES TO:

Rabbi Jon and Sandy Adland on the death of Sandy's father, **Milt Chapman** on May 5, 1998.

MAZEL TOV TO:

Ira & Anita Mersack on the engagement of their daughter, **Melinda** to **Mark Jacobs**. The wedding will take place in September, 1999.

Heather Ravvin who was elected MAZKIRA of Young Judea for the Central States Region. Heather is the daughter of **Leon & Linda Ravvin**.

Stephen & Nancy Kesten on the birth of their granddaughter, **Abigail Renn Kesten** on May 11, 1998. The proud parents are **Robert & Sarah Kesten**.

Proud parents **Sharon Wainshilbaum & Herb Fertig** on the birth of their daughter **Elissa Julie Fertig** born May 12, 1998.

These Henry Clay Underclassmen Award Recipients: **Rachel Ezrine**, Wellesley Book Award; **Zachary O'Connor**, Japanese; **Alexis Roth**, Literature.*

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The President's Message

by
Evelyn Dantzic Geller

CREATION: A LA 1998

According to our holy writings, HaShem created for six days and rested on the seventh day. Subsequent "creation" was made the responsibility of those plants, animals, and humans which had been established as the origins of their respective species. Each generation is obliged to create by being fruitful and multiplying. For human beings, however, this covenant exceeds the biological act of reproduction. We were given "dominion" over the earth and all that it contains; a charge much more awesome and far-reaching than that of producing offspring. We are accountable to our Creator, our fellow beings, and our progeny not only for continuing our own species, but also for "quality control"; for seeing that all which was and has been created is maintained in a manner that keeps it meritorious in the eyes of the Divine. Remember that the Holy One examined each act of creation to see whether it was "good" before proceeding to the next phase of creation. We can do no less.

At the outset, let me assure you that this message will not deal with creation in the biological sense. Nor, at the risk of being labeled a heretic, am I saying that all we create must be good because it was Divinely ordained as such; one can do good as a "humanist" also. Rather, I want to discuss with you our collective, human responsibility apropos all that we create with our hands and our minds. First, I ask you to accept the premise that creation includes all of the artifacts we make, all of the gardens we plant, all of the schools we build and run, all of the words we say and write, all of the thoughts we think, all of the plans we implement, all of the actions we effect, and so on ad infinitum. Anything new or different can be construed as a continuation of creation. We are being generative in the truest sense when we add to knowledge or stimulate productive discussion or increase a person's skills or produce a new musical work or accomplish anything about which we can say "Yes! I did that."

We now are at the critical point. In order to carry out the mitzvah of continuing creation, we must do something. Oh yes! I hear some of you saying that just sitting on one's duff is doing something. It creates an end product - I couldn't resist the temptation - a bigger duff. But I don't think that is what HaShem had in mind when we were charged with continuing the task of creation. I think that creativity, with the caveat of goodness, implies that the act - and that well may include acting by doing nothing - brings benefit to the world - at least to a small particle of it.

That may be what our capacity for inventiveness is all about. It may be a reminder that whatever we create, materially or intellectually, must, first of all, be for the good of the world and, second,

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It's exciting! It's innovative! And it's designed just for 11th and 12th graders! It's Keshet Kentucky and the fourth class will begin in the Fall!

Just what is Keshet Kentucky? It's a Young Leadership program with a Jewish twist. Participating in a variety of activities at many different locations, including Washington, D.C. and Israel, is the key. And best of all, tuition for the entire program, including both trips, is just \$1200. (A limited number of partial scholarships will be available to applicants based on need.)

A program of the Jewish Community Federation of Louisville, the next class will begin in the Fall. Keshet Kentucky is actively recruiting kids from Lexington to join up. By doing so, they'll have the opportunity to learn about the role

Jews have played throughout Kentucky. So far, Sam McDonald, Rachael Ezrine and Daniel Bowling have participated in Keshet Kentucky from Central Kentucky. One or two of the sessions each year are held here in Lexington.

During the year, participants will have the opportunity to learn from the top leaders in the Jewish community - to ask questions and visit the hubs of Jewish activity.

The Panim el Panim program will take the teenagers to Washington, D.C. to see up close the workings of the United States government. They will join other Jewish teens from across the country to talk with legislators and see what really hap-

pens in our nation's capitol.

The highlight of the Keshet Kentucky program is a trip to Israel next summer. There is no better way to strengthen an individual's commitment to the Jewish people than a trip to Israel.

As we go to press, all of the details for next year's class haven't been worked out. Interested teens, however, are encouraged to call Joel Eizenstat at the CKJF office, 268-0672. We will let Keshet Kentucky know of your interest and make sure you get an application as soon as they are available. Feel free to also call if you have any questions. Don't miss this exciting opportunity! *

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Politics, Spirituality, Leadership Young Leadership Conference Charts Next Generation's Priorities

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Three thousand young American Jews ages 25-40 turned their "Passion To Action" when they converged on Washington, D.C. March 22-24 for the 11th Biennial Young Leadership Conference. In a gathering unmatched in size and scope, these young Jewish leaders met with their Senators and Representatives on Capitol Hill; heard from the top American, Israeli and Jewish political, media and community figures; learned about the Jewish world and their roles in it; and met actively involved young Jews from all over the country.

For the first time, the Washington Conference included significant participation from young Israelis. Under the auspices of Partnership 2000, 120 young Israelis arrived in the U.S. the week before the conference. They spent several days in their sister communities around the country, and traveled to Washington with their peers.

The conference drew its usual extraordinary array of prominent American and Israeli politics and media, such as Vice President Al Gore; New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani; Ambassador Dennis Ross, State Department Envoy to the Middle East; Undersecretary of State Ambassador Stuart Eizenstat; Ann Lewis; White House Director of Communications; Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD); Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY); The McLaughlin Group, the weekly television political roundtable; and Steven Grossman, chairman of the Democratic National Committee and former member of UJA's National Committee and former member of UJA's National Young Leadership Cabinet.

In addressing the enthusiastic crowd on Monday, March 23, Mr. Gore lauded their commitment to social justice and the Jewish community. He also spoke of the U.S. commitment to a secure Israel. "No one should ever doubt in the slightest degree that the United States has any more vital interest in the rest of the world than a secure Israel," Mr. Gore said.

Mr. Giuliani spoke at the conference's closing plenary on Tuesday, March 24, emphasizing his commitment to immigration policies and the importance of security to Israelis. "The peace process cannot work unless people feel secure. You cannot pretend they feel secure when they don't," he said.

The agenda included an increased emphasis on spirituality and living a more meaningful Jewish life, topics of growing interest to young U.S. Jews. Several speakers also highlighted the critical connection between political and communal activism and Judaism. Others helped participants bring a Jewish perspective to their Capitol Hill trip.

As part of turning their "passion into action," the conference theme, participants brought medicines for distribution by the JDC to Jews in the FSU, in a program called "Prescription for Life."

The conference was chaired by Jill Goldenberg of Boston and Ron Klein of Detroit, members of UJA's National Young Leadership Cabinet. The Cabinet is chaired by Jodi J. Schwartz of New York and Joel H. Alperson of Omaha. *

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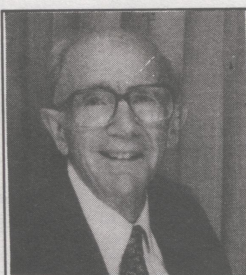
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FEATURE

ISRAEL—TRULY A MIRACLE

by Michael E. Adelstein



In the past I've been reluctant to write about Israel because my deadline is two weeks before your delivery date (it's May 15 now; you'll get this June 1). In fourteen days, almost anything can happen in the Middle East, so Israel has been a hands off topic for me. But with every Tom, Dick, Harry, and George Will writing about its 50th anniversary, I'm recklessly going to join them.

My message is simple. Israel's continued existence is a miracle. That one nation can confront so many problems but still endure, if not triumph, is incredible.

First of all is the crucial matter of sheer survival. In 1948, after the U.N. General Assembly resolution was signed, the Haganah, Israel defense force of 21,000 men, faced and defeated an invading Arab army of 10,000 Egyptians, 4,500 in Jordan's Arab League, 7,000 Syrians, 3,000 Iraqis, 3,000 Lebanese, plus the "Arab Liberation Army" of Palestine. Arms and air power were also heavily stacked against the Israelis.

In 1956, with the rise to power of Egyptian president Nasser came numerous hostile actions in the Sinai peninsula. Tensions mounted until finally the Israeli army invaded the Sinai peninsula and in five days captured Gaza, Rafa, and el 'Arish. Then there was the Six-Day War in 1967, which Israel won mainly by eliminating the Egyptian air force. This war cost the Arabs the Old City of Jerusalem, the Sinai and Gaza

strip, the West Bank, and the Golan Heights.

In 1973 the Egyptians and the Syrians launched a sneak attack on Yom Kippur. The Israeli army suffered heavy casualties, losing in three weeks on a proportional basis more than we lost during the eight year Vietnam war. But the Arab forces were defeated. Although this was the last major conflict, incidents in Lebanon and terrorists attacks in Israel have continued to create a war-like atmosphere.

It was a miracle that Israel survived extinction at the arms and armies of the Arabs. It is also a miracle that Israel has successfully expanded from a country of 872,000 in 1948 to about 6,000,000 in 1998. Can you imagine the disruption that would be caused if the population of Lexington increased almost seven-fold?

Furthermore, the changing nature of the immigrants created as many problems as their numbers. Previously, only about 1.4% of the Jewish immigrants came from Africa; now as a result primarily of the rescue of the Ethiopians, the African population has jumped to about 15%. The number of Asians has more than doubled. Obviously, the influx of all these people has strained facilities in the country. Housing, feeding, educating, and providing medical care for them has been a tremendous burden. Although there are cultural, religious, and other differences, Israel has become as much a melting pot as the United States.

Finally, there is the miracle of the Israel economy. Burdened by huge military outlays and by the cost of settling hundreds of thousands of immigrants arriving with few funds, Israel has had enormous expenses. There are signs

these days, however, that it is turning the corner economically. In past years, when Russian and other well-educated immigrants arrived, there were few jobs available to utilize their skills. Now it's a different story. Technological and other high skilled industries are booming, utilizing the brains of the immigrants to become a second Silicon Valley.

Consequently, the gross domestic product grew from \$17 billion in 1979 to \$90.6 billion in 1996. The \$4 billion a year that Israel receives from U.S. foreign aid and UJA contributions now amounts to less than 7 percent of the national budget compared to an estimated 17 percent in 1985. Revenues have increased to such an extent that Mr. Netanyahu has declared that Israel may not need the \$3 billion U.S. foreign aid much longer.

However, just as there are pockets of poverty amidst the boom in the U.S., and the dire need for private charities, so in Israel. Unemployment has reached 8.2 percent, most of it in "blue-collar" development towns. Tourism is down and there are concerns about investors being scared away by the peace impasse.

Yet, despite Israel's problems, Paul Johnson, author of the highly praised "History of the Jews," has called Israel "an elite nation." He added, "In my opinion that is what it should be, and unashamedly so, encouraging and training its people to be in the vanguard of the world's activity in agriculture and industry, in technology, in the arts, in education and administration, in the conquest and preservation of nature."

Peace permitting, the tiny nation of Israel will be in the vanguard. That is the next miracle. *

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Leisure Club Update

by Ruth Moser

We almost did it. The Leisure Club almost had its first annual Passover Luncheon, but the weather intervened and we had to cancel. There's always next year.

This month we are having a delicious Italian lunch at Portabello. In June we will dine, shop, and visit the herb gardens at Flag Fork Herb

Farm. In July we will have off, and in August we will do something wonderful.

Sounds like all we do is eat. Well, besides eating, Leisure Club members get to socialize, meet new friends, see old friends, and just have a good time getting together.

We also have our continuing service project with Hadassah. So far we have delivered 30

dolls to the University of Kentucky Children's Hospital and another 30 will be delivered in June. The money for this project comes from a Hadassah National grant.

So, come to the Leisure Club where you will automatically become a member in good standing. No one is too young or too old, and we always have a good time. *

Washington 11 - An Unforgettable Experience!

By Linda Noffsinger

I recently chose to expand my Jewish horizon by attending Washington 11, the eleventh biannual UJA Young Leadership Conference, in Washington, D.C. I joined 3000 young Jewish leaders from across the country to participate in this educational event. As a first-time attendee, I was in "sponge" mode almost the entire time! While the conference was held March 22 - 24th, it essentially began days before as I shopped for supplies to support the voluntary "Prescription for Life" project. The conference theme, 'From Passion to Action', was typified from the start as the mountain of medical supplies (for Jews in the former Soviet Union) began to grow.

The conference schedule was filled to the brim with a variety of workshops and other sessions (including the social, spiritual and entertaining), in addition to the thought-provoking, educational plenaries. There were an incredible number of workshop session topics: family, political, spiritual and historical aspects of Jewishness. It was so hard to choose, but I did and was happy with the sessions I attended entitled 'Raising Your Child to be a Mensch', 'Why Be Jewish?' and 'Turning the Weekend into Shabbat'. Presenters for many of the sessions were renowned authors, lecturers, diplomats, educators and members of various Jewish agencies.

In addition to the workshop sessions, a number of plenary sessions were held. Each included an impressive list of dy-

namic speakers (Shoshana Cardin, Vice President Al Gore, and Avrum Burg to name only a few) offering perspectives and ideas on a variety of Jewish topics. On Monday evening, popular Israeli singer Noa entertained the group with a heartfelt concert. In addition to these functions, individual delegations (I joined the Louisville one) met to prepare for an exciting and important visit to Capitol Hill.

On Tuesday morning we visited our representatives and senators. Various members of the Kentucky delegation met with Senators Wendell Ford and Mitch McConnell and Representative Ron Lewis. In addition, we met with John Townsend, Communications Director and Legislative Assistant for Representative Scotty Baesler. The conference had briefed the delegations so that our united voice could be heard more clearly. Our three main "talking" points included continued support of Israel with gradual reduction of foreign aid; restoration of food stamp benefits for legal immigrants; and advocating the Workplace Religious Freedom Act. The Capitol Hill visits were an integral part of the conference as it showed how cohesive 3000 individuals can be!

It was a robust experience, full of thought-provoking topics and ideas. While I was able to easily implement a few tidbits right away (like the "plague bags" I made our children for Pesach or new ideas for Religious school), much of what I learned is how to continue learning, about myself and Judaism. I'll be doing that for a while. And during that time, I'll be looking forward to Washington 12! *

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do no harm to the world. By no stretch of the imagination do I think that everything that anyone does affects or influences all that is. But anything that anyone does impacts at least a small portion of someone's life or the world we live in. And that impact must not be to the detriment of but must be to the service of whoever or what ever it influences.

If that is so, then we are obliged to act in light of how our actions will shape the lives of others. Granted, we must act within the limits our own consciences allow. But what we do must consider, first and foremost, is how our act will touch the existence of whoever or whatever will be influenced by the act or its consequences.

I've gone through all of this philosophical verbiage to get to a couple of realities. First, I ask you to consider the earth and the environment and the fact that only we humans can assure that they will constitute a fit living place for our great-grandchildren. The simple truth is that, as Jews, we are responsible for keeping our global home clean, safe, and permanent. We are obliged to see that we don't use up all of the replaceable resources before they can be replaced. It is our duty to keep the waters of this world clean, the manatees safe, the air breathable, and the soil fertile. We dare not destroy that for which we have ultimate responsibility.

Beyond our accountability for maintaining our planet, we are responsible for maintaining one another. Jews are obliged to have the same level of concern for the well-being of an enemy as we have for a sibling. Which brings me to my "pitch". I do not approve of the behavior of people who abuse drugs, but I cannot use my disapproval to deny anyone who might be a drug abuser such necessities as health care or food stamps. I do not approve of the acts of murderers and rapists, but I may not use my disapproval to deny any person due process of law. I may disapprove of the politics of some Israeli politicians, but I may not deny other Jews my assistance with social and educational and agricultural projects because of my disapproval. If I hold back my financial support of the joint campaign, I will penalize Jews in the former Soviet Union, in Europe, in Israel, and anywhere else in the world that is serviced by the Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency. I cannot act in a way which could harm anyone because I disapprove of the behavior of some of our leaders.

I ask you to consider my reasoning when you are considering your contributions to the annual CKJF/UJA campaign. The campaign meets needs of Jews and non-Jews the world over. Without assistance for the "Joint", Jews in Russia would starve, literally. Without assistance from the Jewish Agency, Ethiopian Jews would never have been able to escape to Israel. Without assistance from the Jewish Agency, Jews from the FSU and Ethiopia and other lands of oppression would not have the resources for job retraining. Without help from Federations throughout the United States, Jews and non-Jews throughout this nation would not have received prompt assistance after the weather disasters of the past several years. Let us be true to our heritage. Let us continue the task of creating a good world; a world in which each human being accepts responsibility for the continuation of all other human beings. *

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Summer Break: Use It Before You Lose It

by Shane O'Connor

Well, it's here at long last, summer vacation, the time of year when teachers scramble to support themselves for the next three months. The time when adults curse the youth of today for having time off. On that note, I'll get to my theme for this month's article.

Most of my friends are all scrambling to get jobs for the summer. They're saying how they're going to work thirty or forty hours a week at some job like flipping burgers or bagging groceries. Now there's a good chance it's just me, but I think that just sounds wrong. Summer vacation, last time I checked, was supposed to be a vacation, not a chance to work yourself harder than you ever did in school.

Of course, there's that magical promise of money for your work, something your principal never offered you. Still, think for a moment, eventually, you'll grow up, get a job, and make money for pretty much the rest of your life. But when will your boss give you a three-month vacation?

I, personally, see the summer as your chance to get away from it all, sometimes literally. You should let yourself go a little, hang around the house without changing out of your sleep-wear for a few days, optimally until you can no longer remember what day of the week it is. Take a walk around town in the middle of the day, marvelling at how quiet it is. There's nothing more serene than being in a park at midday with no one else around.

There's no denying summer break is one of the highlights of the life of the young. So who do we thank for it? Sadly, the name of the philanthropist who decided to give kids a break has been lost to the ages. However, it isn't too hard to determine why a summer vacation was invented in the first place, if you know a little history (Ack! No! It's summer, I don't wanna learn!)

Way back before the Industrial Revolution, right around the time when the Earth was still cooling, the majority of Americans farmed for a living. The summer was the most important time of the year, because that's when the crops came up, and your family's wealth was (warning, math term ahead) directly proportional to how much your family produced. So the school board talked amongst themselves, and agreed that it would take many years of protests and paper signing before a resolution could be reached about whether or not kids should be sent home for the summer to help. The moral of the story is that no matter where or when you are, government is always ineffectual.

No seriously, the school board decided that kids couldn't go to school in the summer, since their families needed them so badly. When the Industrial Revolution came along and changed the farming industry from the main occupation of America into the main occupation of Jeff Foxworthy's "You Might Be a Redneck If..." series, a motion was put through the school board to change the system. Last anyone heard, it's still in there somewhere.

So, all in all, take time to enjoy your summer vacation. Because one day you'll get up to go home for the summer and your boss will say, "Summer vacation? Wake up pal, this isn't high school anymore." *

FEATURE



The Internet and World Wide Web is fast becoming a staple in every home. If you have yet to explore what's available on-line, you should rush to your nearest computer and do so. Below are two items reprinted from the Internet. The first is from an on-line magazine called Jewish Heritage Online Magazine. The second is a book review from Amazon Books. If you have a particular website that would be of interest to our readers, please e-mail the information to me at bocephus@lex.inf.net.

A special feature has been added to the fifth edition of the Jewish Heritage Online Magazine (whose Monthly Topic is MEMORY). The complete audio recording of an important literary event which took place on March 26 in New York, can be heard at JHOM. (If you don't have the RealAudio plug-in software necessary to hear the recording, we provide a link to a site where it can be downloaded at no charge.)

On the occasion of the publication by Schocken Books of a new translation of Franz Kafka's *The Castle*, PEN American Center sponsored an evening of tribute, reflection, and re-examination of Kafka's work. Important writers and actors (including David Remnick, Thulani Davis, Aharon Appelfeld, E.L. Doctorow, Cynthia Ozick, Paul Auster, Susan Sontag, Norman Manea, Mark Harman, David Remnick) participated in the program, which was held at New York City's Town Hall (packed to maximum!) and directed by Tom Palumbo.

We felt this event would be of interest to readers of JHOM as part of the evening focused on discussion of Kafka's struggle with his Jewish identity. It can be found at: <http://www.jhom.com/features/kafka/> Please visit and bring your friends.

The editor,

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There are many who will say that reading *How to Be an Extremely Reform Jew* is no substitute for thoroughly studying the complete Five Books of Moses, the Prophets, the Writings, the Talmud, and the many restatements and commentaries on continuing questions of Jewish law. This is true, but anyone who tries that approach will end up missing a lot of good television.

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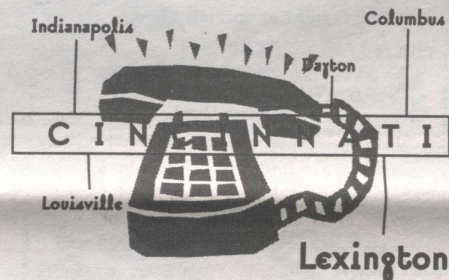
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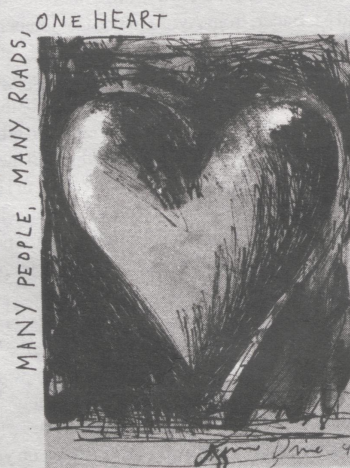
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by Rabbi Michael Panitz, Temple Israel, Norfolk, Virginia

Each year, I write to you [regarding] the annual Jewish Singles' weekend sponsored by Temple Israel in Norfolk, Virginia. I have attended that weekend for the past six years and I can attest to its success in providing a congenial opportunity for our singles to meet in an atmosphere allowing for both Jewish values and "sheer fun."

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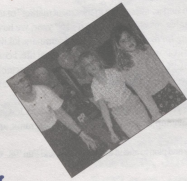
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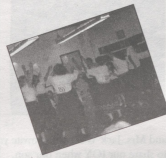
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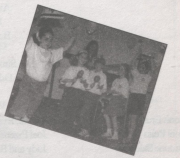
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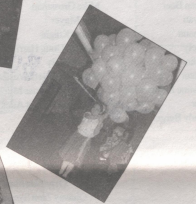
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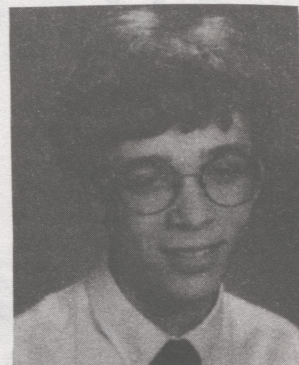
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A New Year for Trees; A New Leaf for JNF

by Ronald S. Lauder
Jewish National Fund President

On Tu B'Shvat, Jews around the world celebrate new life. Most often we observe the holiday by planting seeds and saplings that will one day grow to be trees, straight and tall, providing benefits to the land they grow from, the air they replenish and the people and animals with whom they coexist on Earth.

Trees, of course, are one of the most recognizable symbols of the Jewish National Fund and its Israel-based parent, Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael. Beginning with a generation of Jews who shared a Zionist dream almost one hundred years ago, JNF and KKL undertook the work of acquiring the ancient, desolate land that became the basis for a modern Jewish homeland. They did it by filling Blue Boxes with hard-earned coins that became their investment in the future of the Jewish people.

Succeeding generations of Jews made JNF a tool for the reclamation of that land. One generation built it into a land that could sustain a population exploding with postwar immigration; another gave it the resources needed to create the infrastructure needed to support a post-Civil War wave of one million immigrants from Eastern Europe and Ethiopia.

To our generation—and those that follow—falls the responsibility of supporting JNF's current mission; reclaiming and afforesting desert land, conserving and producing water, and developing resources and infrastructure that will enable economic growth, economic progress and a secure future. This is a mission crucial to the existence and viability of the land of Israel in the new millennium.

A modern parable of Tu B'Shvat might treat these generations of JNF first as a tree that grew quickly and, with little care, bore fruit; then as a tree with health threatened by overgrowth, lack of light and misguided care, a tree that did not provide all the benefits it should—or all that the Jewish people need. Finally, our parable would see the tree in the hands of new caretakers, those who had learned lessons from the recent past and understand the methods of modern cultivation: Today the tree is becoming healthy and productive.

The new caretakers, of course, are the

officers, executive committee and professional staff that have taken over the leadership of today's JNF. The process, which began just after Tu B'Shvat one year ago, resulted in a new direction in September 1997 and has continued with the December election of a lay executive committee that is almost completely new, including highly-respected newcomers signing on to JNF's mission for the first time.

The new direction has produced a new, vital energy to JNF in America. Expenses have been slashed by \$5.1 million and an overgrown system of regional offices has been pared back to an efficient and productive size. The first-ever certified public audit of JNF's finances is almost complete, and it will bring JNF's activities and finances to a place of conformity with accepted standards and public accountability.

The patience of those who have long loved, respected and supported JNF is about to be rewarded by the first fruits of this tree: The 1997 JNF Campaign is the best start ever: A mission that took just 10 donors to see Israel through the eyes of JNF, drew commitments of \$23 million to JNF, with almost \$7 million going to the current 1998 campaign. Two more such missions are planned for 1998, along with other initiatives that will raise the number of major gifts made to JNF and make smaller donations more profitable to us.

What does all of this mean? It means that JNF will

dramatically increase the percentage of funds collected that are sent to Israel, even in this, the first year of the new direction: perhaps coming close to doubling last year's total. And, JNF will deliver on its promise to send at least 70% of funds raised to Israel one or two years sooner than the commitment made in September to do so by the end of the 2001 fiscal year.

JNF is again becoming a tree growing straight and tall, ready to play its proper role in the life of the land of Israel.

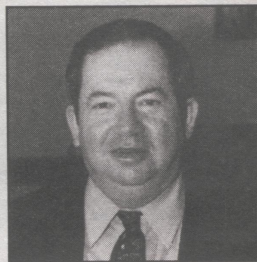
The rabbis taught us that it is impossible not to see the unique relationship of trees to both the physical and spiritual lives of Jews. Rabbi Sampson Raphael Hirsch wrote, "The contribution of the tree is not rooted in its magnificent branches, leaves and fruit, but rather in the roots, which are held in place where winds and storms do not reach." And Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakkai said, "If you should have a sapling in your hand and be suddenly told that the Messiah has come, plant the sapling first and then go welcome the Messiah." At JNF, we believe we have learned these teachings well.

We the leadership of JNF invite you to join us in our continuing efforts to green and cultivate the land of Israel. Hag Sameach! Shana Tova! *

New KKL/JNF World Chairman and Co-Chairman Elected



Shlomo Gravetz



Yehiel Leket

For the first time in 21 years, new leadership is taking the helm of Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael, Inc. (KKL), the Israel-based parent of the Jewish National Fund (JNF).

New JNF/KKL World Chairman Shlomo Gravetz succeeds Moshe Rivlin who held the chairman's post for more than two decades. Yehiel Leket was named co-chairman. Rivlin will become president of JNF/KKL.

"We are very excited about the change in KKL's leadership," said Ronald S. Lauder, the businessman and philanthropist who serves as president of the JNF of America. "Moshe Rivlin is a legend. He has accomplished much. But just as new leadership is beginning to create a revitalized JNF in America, I hope that these changes will reinvigorate KKL in Israel. I look forward to working with both Shlomo Gravetz and Yehiel Leket."

According to Gravetz, "It is my privilege to be taking Keren Kayemeth into the next millennium. This is the fulfillment of Herzl's dream. It's incredible that a century ago we were concerned with making the land inhabitable for Jewish immigrants. Although our technology has advanced and the world has changed, this is still our mission."

According to JNF Campaign Chairman Bob Levine, "Shlomi is a dynamic individual who shows great passion for anything that deals with Israel. He is looking forward to the task of heading the major land develop-

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ment organization of Israel. His roots are in the soil of a moshav that sits on KKL land and therefore he recognizes the preciousness of our mission. He is looking forward to working with JNF of America and he hopes to visit us here in the next couple of months.

Gravetz, 52, is a graduate of Tel Aviv University and former aliya emissary representing the Betar World Youth Movement in South Africa. He is also a former teacher and high school principal in Kiryat Gat and Head of World Betar. During the past five years, Gravetz served as chairman of the Jewish Agency's Youth and Hechalutz Department.

Leket, 57, is a graduate of Hebrew University in Jerusalem, a former acting chairman of the Jewish Agency, head of the Aliya Mission to North America and recent chairman of the Jewish Agency Settlement Section. Leket also serves as deputy chairman of the Management Board of the Israel Broadcasting Authority. In his recent position, Leket headed the Jewish Agency's Department for Development and Settlement and as Chairman of its Youth Aliya institutions.

Gravetz and Leket are both members of the Zionist Executive.

During Rivlin's 21-year term, the organization assumed a leadership role in creating the infrastructure enabling Israel to absorb one million new immigrants from the former Soviet Union and Ethiopia. This includes the building of new roads as well as the foundations for the new

homes themselves. Rivlin's tenure comes to an end after overseeing JNF's reclamation of the Negev to enable the expansion of Israel's agricultural exports and of sources of employment in the country's southern reaches; rehabilitating Israel's rivers and transforming them from ecological blights to popular recreational assets; establishing more than 100 water reservoirs across Israel; ecologically redeveloping the Hula Valley; rolling back the desert; and afforesting some 1 million dunams (1/4 million acres) of land which are now dotted with parks and recreational facilities. In his new role as president, Rivlin will represent JNF around the world and promote recognition of and support for its work. He will head the Research Institute for the History of JNF, Land and Settlement, and will be in charge of JNF programs and events for its upcoming Centennial in 2001.

*The Jewish National Fund is the American fund raising arm of its sole agent in Israel, Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael, Inc., which is the official afforestation and land reclamation agency in Israel on behalf of all Jewish people everywhere. Through its fund raising and awareness efforts, JNF of America and its sister organizations around the world support KKL in the reclamation of land for planting and forestry; environmental concerns; water conservation; recreation and agriculture; employment of new immigrants; tourism; and research and development. **

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50th Anniversary of the Creation of the State of Israel

from President Bill Clinton

Warm greetings to all those celebrating the 50th anniversary of the creation of the modern state of Israel. On May 14, 1948, the exile came to an end; the people denied a homeland for countless generations saw the fulfillment of their oldest dream. With the establishment of Israel, a haven was created for those who had wandered the earth, suffering every form of persecution, including the horror of the Holocaust.

Israel gathered its people from the four corners of the world, building a diverse society and a vibrant economy. In a land with few natural resources, the desert bloomed and cities rose. Israel achieved all this despite relentless hostility and decades of bloody struggle. Its achievements in the face of adversity have inspired free men and women the world over, and we continue to draw strength from Israel's example of how the power of the human spirit can bring dreams to reality.

Fifty years ago, President Harry Truman made the bold decision to recognize the new state of Israel, and America became the first nation to do so. President Truman was deeply proud of that decision, and today we know that it was one of his wisest. It laid the cornerstone for a relationship between the United States and Israel that has grown stronger with every passing year. Now that friendship is broader, deeper, and more firmly rooted than at any time in Israel's history, and I am determined that it will remain so. Our relationship is not just between governments; Israel has always been a particular source of pride to our nation's Jewish community. And today all parts of American society feel close ties to the people of Israel. The extraordinary friendship between our nations and its strategic importance have guided my efforts to bring peace to the Middle East, which the people there so richly deserve.

My deepest wish for the people of Israel on this milestone anniversary is that they should enjoy in the next 50 years what has been denied them in the first 50: an end to conflict and terror; full security for all; and enduring peace with all their Arab neighbors. Hillary joins me in extending best wishes to all for a memorable anniversary celebration. *

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Message to the Jewish Communities of the Diaspora

This year we celebrate the State of Israel's 50th birthday, a landmark in our history. I believe we can be proud of our accomplishments in this half century.

Even before the State was officially declared, we were attacked from all sides, and most military experts doubted that the new state would survive. But we have not only survived against great odds. We have performed what can only be described as a modern miracle. We have gathered millions of exiles to our land, developed a thriving economy, and attained international standing in the sciences and the arts, in technology and in agriculture. With resolve and courage we have proved again and again that we can defend ourselves against all enemies.

These achievements have convinced our neighbors of our permanence in the region. Egypt and Jordan have signed peace treaties with us, we have established relations with other Arab countries, and started a peace process with our Palestinian neighbors.

There are few sacrifices and concessions Israel is unwilling to make to achieve peace with all its neighbors. But a fundamental requirement must be satisfied: security.

This should have been self evident. The very definition of peace includes the absence of violence and war. Terrorism and threats of violence are incompatible with the peace process.

... To treat the matter of security lightly is to abdicate our responsibilities as a government. Jews everywhere must remain united in demanding that security be an integral, indispensable component of the peace process. Only then can we achieve real peace.

Ever since the struggling days of the State's beginning, unity has been our invaluable weapon. And whenever cracks seem to appear in this bond, we prove time and again that in times of trouble or when facing a national challenge we set aside our differences and act as one people.

The bond between Israel and the Diaspora is vital to our survival. It is what gives the Jewish people strength in the present and confidence in the future.

... We shall also widen the circle of peace to encompass all our neighbors, narrow the socio-economic gaps in our society, and resolve the differences between our religious streams.

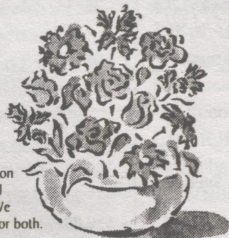
Let us not rest on our laurels. But let us also view our magnificent achievements with pride, and feel confident that we will successfully face all challenges and overcome all obstacles.

We are one people, united forever by faith, history and a shared destiny. With best wishes for Hag Sameach from Jerusalem, Israel's eternal capital,

Sincerely,
Benjamin Netanyahu *

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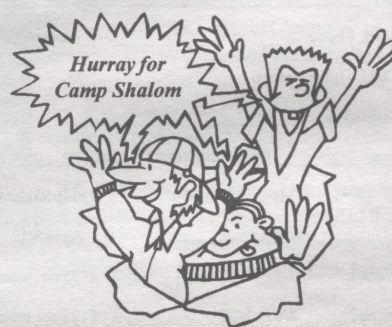


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HUNGER REPORT

300,000

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-70,000

Receive basic subsistence food packages from the UJA Federation Campaign-supported JDC.

230,000

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On behalf of these 230,000, we are asking American Jewish communities to raise an additional \$10 million this year to be earmarked specifically for hunger relief through the JDC.

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TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL

SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, June 5

Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM
Torah Portion: Naso
Numbers: 4:21-7:89
Cody Lonsbury Bar Mitzvah
TAI High School Graduates
will be honored
Candle Blesser: Ilyse Lonsbury
Kiddush: Cody Lonsbury
Oneg Shabbat Hostesses/Hosts
The Lonsbury family and friends
Ushers: Sandy Adland
Alan Bernard
Michael Sommer
Leona Stern
NO Child Care Available

Saturday, June 6

Torah Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Cody Lonsbury Bar Mitzvah

Friday, June 12

Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM
Torah Portion: Beha'alotecha
Numbers: 8:1-12:16
Candle Blesser: Carol Hustedde
Oneg Shabbat Hostesses/Hosts
Barbara & Richard Grossman
Steven Halleck
Nancy & Stephen Kesten
Judi Wurmser
Carol & Ron Hustedde
Sarah & Jay Schrier
Lisa & Pavel Sheffel
Ana Bar
Ushers: Starr Gantz
Judi Wurmser
NO Child Care Available

Saturday, June 13

Torah Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM

Friday, June 19

Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM
Torah Portion: Shelach-Lecha
Numbers: 13:1-15:41
Candle Blesser: Cheryl Jonas
Oneg Shabbat Hostesses/Hosts
Renee & Cokie Hymson
Cheryl Jonas
Chris & Garry Hoover
Zoya Tereshkova & Vladimir Seder
Debbie & David Sogin
Beula & Al Strauss
Ushers: Ed Hirsh
Michael Sommer
NO Child Care Available

Saturday, June 20

Kollel Study Group 9:30 AM

Friday, June 26

Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM
Torah Portion: Korach
Numbers: 16:1-18:32
Oneg Shabbat Hostesses/Hosts
Michele & Richard Freed
Brian Howard
Gina & Bill Meece
Valery & Gregory Kaidanov
David Wachtel
Adrienne & Steve Wides
Gigi White
Usher: Chas Hite
NO Child Care Available

Saturday, June 27

Kollel Study Group 9:30 AM

Friday, July 3

Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM
Torah Portion: Chukat
Numbers 19:1-22:1
NO Child Care Available

Saturday, July 4

Kollel Study Group 9:30 AM

Friday, July 10

Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM
Torah Portion: Balak
Numbers: 22:2-25:9
NO Child Care Available

Saturday, July 11

Kollel Study Group 9:30 AM

Friday, July 17

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6 PM
Torah Portion: Pinchas
Numbers: 25:10-30:1
NO Oneg
NO Child Care Available

Saturday, July 18

Kollel Study Group 9:30 AM

Friday, July 24

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6 PM
Torah Portion: Matot Mas'ey
Numbers: 30:2-36:13
NO Oneg
NO Child Care Available

Saturday, July 25

Kollel Study Group 9:30 AM

Friday, July 31

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6 PM
Torah Portion: Devarim
Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22
NO Oneg
NO Child Care Available

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Tuesday, June 16
Covers 7/1 to 8/30
Announcements Only

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Trustees

Tuesday, June 2, 7:30 PM

Executive Meeting

Thursday, June 25, 7:30 PM

Board of Trustees

Tuesday, July 6, 7:30 PM

Executive Meeting

Thursday, July 30, 7:30 PM

SISTERHOOD NEWS

FROM THE PRESIDENT

NEARLY NEW CHANGES

There are changes going on with the Nearly New Store. The store is not connected with the Episcopal Church any longer. They are looking for another sponsor and they will let us know when they can accept merchandise again.

Elayne Crystal, chairperson, asks that you save your "goodies" and she will let you know when she can start taking things there. Thanks from Sisterhood for your continued support. If you have questions, contact Elayne Crystal at 273-6680.

L'Shalom,
Judy Hersh, President

WRJ CALENDARS

The beautiful WRJ calendars are expected to arrive soon. For those who pre-ordered, you will be notified. For those who may wish to purchase one, call Sandee at the Temple office at 269-2979 to reserve a copy. The cost is \$8 per calendar.

TODAH RABBAH

To Barbara & Gene Straus for the beautiful needlepoint Barbara made and presented to the Temple in memory of her parents, Marie & Barnett Winters.

TAI MACCABEES SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

All games at Athens "A" Field on Monday evenings
Opponent noted after time.

June 1	7:30 PM	United Pentecostal
June 8	8:30 PM	Christ Church Cathedral
June 15	7:30 PM	Ohavay Zion Synagogue

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TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL



Temple Adath Israel says "Mazal Tov" to our Temple youth graduating high school this year. We wish you an

exciting journey.

We will honor the following graduating students at the Erev Shabbat Service on June 5th, at 7:30 PM.

Amy Crystal	Washington University in St. Louis
Ben Elitzur	University of California at Berkley
Carl Gerall	Lexington Community College
Adam Goldstein	Transylvania University
Sam McDonald	Lafayette College
Jenna Meckler	Southern Illinois University



Rosh Chodesh

a Jewish women's spirituality study group will meet at

T.A.I., at 7:30 PM
May 27

All women are invited to attend

TORAH STUDY & SHABBAT MORNING WORSHIP



June 6 & 13
Study at 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM

KOLLEL: A dialogue on meaning, purpose, and cosmic vision.



What does God expect from me?
What do I expect from God?

Study 9:30-11:30 AM

Upcoming Dates:

June 20 & 27

July 4, 11, 18 & 25

GO FRENCH THIS SUMMER!

Have a wonderful international experience by hosting one of our delightful English-speaking French students.

July 11 - Aug. 1
August 6 - 28

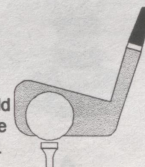
All students fully insured/carefully screened by leading international programs organization
CONTACT: Edy Paul

Temple Program News

FROM THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR - TONI REISS PROJECT SPRINGBOARD FOCUS GROUPS

FORE!

Are you ready to hit the greens? Maybe you're interested in finding a foursome from within our Temple congregation. There are a lot of golf nuts herein and an afternoon (or morning...or evening) out on the course could be a great way to get together. Contact me at the Temple office if you are interested in getting a golf group together.



ISRAELI FOLK DANCING

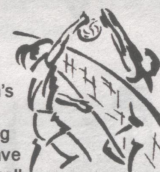
The dancing will continue through the summer. It will be held after services on the second Friday of each month. Bring your dancing shoes on June 12, July 10 and September 11.



VOLLEYBALL OPEN TO ALL OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY. CONTACT TONI REISS AT 269-2979 TO SIGN UP.

INDOOR VOLLEYBALL

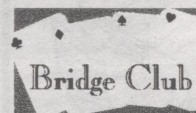
Plan ahead! Let's get a volleyball team together to play in the Parks and Recreation fall and/or winter leagues. Everyone 16 years and older is invited to join. We have the option of participating in a Men's, Women's or Co-rec team. We will base our decision on member interest. A Parks and Recreation organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 1, so we need to have our sign ups completed by then. If you are interested, call Toni Reiss at the Temple office to sign up at 269-2979.



BRIDGE CLUB DATES ARE SET

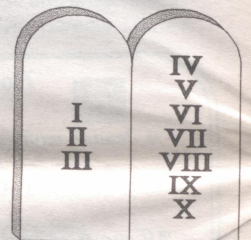
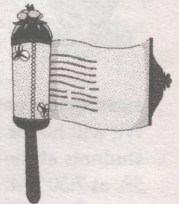
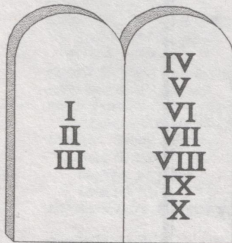
If you are interested in joining the Bridge Club, add these dates to your calendar. The club will meet the first Monday of each month at 11 AM in the Temple Social Hall.

June 1	October 5
July 6	November 2
August 3	December 7
September 7	



ALL JEWISH COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO PLAY BRIDGE. IF YOU WISH TO PLAY ON ANY GIVEN DATE AS LISTED ABOVE., CALL THE TEMPLE OFFICE AT 269-2979 ON THE WEDNESDAY BEFORE THE FOLLOWING MONDAY THAT GAMES ARE SCHEDULED SO THAT WE CAN INSURE ENOUGH PARTICIPATION TO HAVE FOUR PEOPLE FOR EACH TABLE.

OHAVAY ZION SYNAGOGUE



Service Schedule

June 1998

Sivan-Tammuz 5758

June 5-6, Sivan 12 Shabbat Naso

Friday Evening 8:00 pm

Bima Sandy Archer
Oneg Sue Dworkin
Marilyn Swan
Jeanie Wolfson & Greg Cross

Shabbat Morning

Preliminary Service 9:30 am
Shacharit 10:00 am
Bima Ricki Harrison
English Reader Jonathan Satin
Gabbai Beth Goldstein
Torah Reader Oscar Haber

June 12-13, Sivan 19 Shabbat Be-Ha'alotcha

Friday Evening 8:00 pm

Bima Terence Ross
Oneg Joan & Bob Flashman
Debi Gall
Dawn Vermey

Shabbat Morning

Preliminary Service 9:30 am
Shacharit 10:00 am
Bima Robert Flashman
English Reader Cindy Derer
Gabbai Harold Roth
Torah Reader Rafi Finkel

June 19-20, Sivan 26 Shabbat Shelach

ZACHARY WESTERMAN BAR MITZVAH

Friday Evening 8:00 pm

Bima Bret Caller
Oneg Sue & Jack Westerman, in honor of
Zack's Bar Mitzvah

Shabbat Morning

Preliminary Service 9:30 am
Shacharit 10:00 am
Bima Bennett Bayer
English Reader No English Reading

June 26-27, Tammuz 3 Shabbat Korach

Friday Evening 8:00 pm

Bima Ricki Rosenberg
Oneg Ginger & Mark Knight
Lisa & Michael Weinstein
Janice Crane

Shabbat Morning

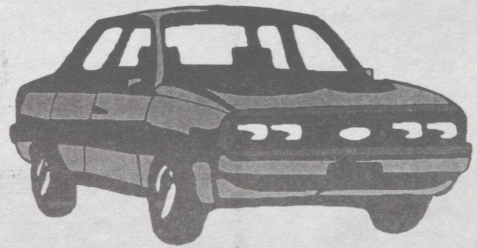
Preliminary Service 9:30 am
Shacharit 10:00 am
Bima Kathie Kroot
English Reader Bennett Bayer
Gabbai David Marwill
Torah Reader OZS

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 - * Teaching religious school involves you in the process of awakening young people to the excitement of Judaism.
 - * Teaching religious school is a wonderful way to stay connected to the Jewish community.
 - * Teaching religious school is a mitzvah!
 - * Teaching religious school will not make you rich, but will give you some "pin money"
 - Formal training in education or Judaic studies not required.
 - We are looking for enthusiastic, dedicated people who love children, Judaism, and learning.
 - Sunday School hours are 9:45-12:00 noon. Hebrew School hours are Sunday from 9:00-9:45, Tuesday from 4:45-6:15, and for some classes Thursday from 5:00-6:00.
 - We have a special need for teachers who can teach Hebrew at higher levels and who are familiar with Conservative liturgy. Good organization skills a plus.
- If you have questions or would like to receive an application, call Simone Salomon 266-8050.*



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