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Celebrate Israel's 64th birthday on May 6

Please join the entire Jewish community for a celebration of Yom Ha Atzmaut, the 64th anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel. The program will be held on Sunday, May 6th at 12 Noon at Temple Adath Israel. We begin with a lunch served by King Tut's Mediterranean Restaurant that is available for purchase. The first performance will be a community choir conducted by Anat Rubinstein.

This will be followed by a concert by Ha-Tizmoret, featuring Aviva and Lew Bowling with Harold Sherman, Danny and Tressa Bowling, and Jim Corcoran. Ha-Tizmoret had been performing throughout Kentucky for more than 7 years.

This is a free event for children and adults. For information, call Judy Wortman at the Federation at 268-0672. ☆

"The Healing Power of Art -- from Israel to Kentucky"

Lexington Chapter of Hadassah and University of Kentucky Healthcare invite the Jewish community to join in a celebration highlighting the Healing Power of Art, on Thursday, May 17, 2012 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Chandler Hospital, Pavilion A Auditorium. The star of the evening is the art collection amassed by UK Healthcare as the hospital evolved from blueprints to real bricks and mortar. The Healing Power of Art is well recognized in the medical community, and UK Healthcare has amassed a wonderful collection of art - photographs, sculptures, folk art, stained glass, paintings, fabric hangings, blown glass, ceramics and more.

Dr. Michael Karpf, Vice-President of the University of Kentucky Medical Center, and Jacqueline Hamilton,

Director of Arts of HealthCare will conduct guided tours of the art collection at 5 p.m. and again at 6:45 p.m.. At 6 pm, there will be a brief program featuring art from Hadassah Hospitals and an update about UK's Arts in HealthCare program, followed by a reception hosted by Dr. Karpf and UK Healthcare. Self-guided tour information is also available.

It's 51 Years!

Our celebration also recognizes the shared 51st anniversary of the opening of the University of Kentucky Chandler Hospital and Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem and more recently, in 2011 and 2012, the opening of new patient towers in Lexington and Jerusalem. Since 1961, when

see *Healing Power of Art*, page 17

CAMPAIGN NEWS

Major Gifts event featuring Lt. Governor Jerry Abramson to be held on June 3

On Sunday, June 3, the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass will sponsor a dinner for major donors that will be held at Rossi's, 1060 Chinoe Road at 6:00 pm. Individuals who commit at least \$500 and couples who commit a minimum of \$1000 to the 2012 annual community campaign are cordially invited to attend. The guest speaker will be the honorable Jerry Abramson, Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky.



Lt. Governor Jerry Abramson

Lt. Governor Abramson served as mayor of Louisville for 21 years and oversaw the transformation of the city. He helped maintain and enhance Louisville's economy during the nation's recent economic crisis by bringing the KFC Yum! Center to the waterfront and supporting the expansion of major employers such as UPS, Ford, and GE. Abramson is known for creating public/private partnerships to further policy goals, including one that brought together business, government and civic sectors for the Greater Louisville Education Commitment, a widely successful effort to increase college graduation rates. In 2008 The U.S. Conference of Mayors acknowledged Abramson's impact when it named Louisville "America's Most Livable Large City."

As lieutenant governor, Abramson will bring the knowledge, enthusiastic ideas, and local government experience he exhibited in Louisville to serve the entire Commonwealth of Kentucky. Over the past several months, he has spent countless hours in Kentucky's big cities, small towns and homegrown communities, meeting local officials and families and learning what is im-

portant to them. Despite the diversity of Kentucky communities, Abramson believes that all citizens of the state are united by a strong sense of values, a strong work ethic, and belief in the significance of quality education.

Lt. Governor Abramson received a BS in Business Economics from Indiana University and law degree from Georgetown University in Washington D.C. He served in the US Army from 1969-1971. In addition to practicing law, he served as General Counsel to Kentucky Governor John Y. Brown, Jr. He and his wife Madeline have a son, Sidney.

Funds raised at the dinner will be used to support services for the Jewish communities in Central Kentucky, Israel and around the world. The cost of the dinner, dessert and wine is \$36 per person. For information and reservations, contact Judy Wortman at 268-0672 or jfb@jewishlexington.org. ☆

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SAVE THE DATE

JFS Family Life Education Program
May 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

"Interfaith Families & Couples"

Please join in to learn from and share experiences with other interfaith families and couples.

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1. Interfaith families and couples
- &
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Space is limited. For more information contact
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First and third Sundays of the month

Yiddish Drop-in!

10:30 a.m. at the JFB office. An hour of Yiddish with Refoyl Finkel (Rafi Finkel). Beginners welcome, fluent speakers welcome, and those who remember "a por verter fun der heym" also welcome. We'll adjust what we do to the levels of those who come. No long-term commitment necessary. No charge. Worth every cent, at least!



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Deadline for articles for the June/July *Shalom* is May 10.

Email articles to shalom@jewishlexington.org

From the Director

Judy B. Wortman, JFB Director

JDC – a little known treasure

This month I have decided to write about one of the most amazing international organizations that is part of the fabric of the Jewish world – The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee – also known as the Joint or JDC. The JDC is the world's leading Jewish humanitarian assistance organization, working in more than 70 countries and in Israel to alleviate hunger and hardship, rescue Jews who are in danger, create connections to Jewish life, and provide immediate relief and long term development support for victims of natural and man-made disasters.

The Joint was established in 1914 when Henry Morgenthau Sr., the US ambassador to Turkey, cabled the NY philanthropist Jacob Schiff asking for \$50,000 to help support the Jews of Palestine (who were then under Turkish rule) because they were cut off from their normal support after the outbreak of World War I. Throughout the war years, JDC supported Jews suffering from hunger and malnutrition, most of whom had lost their homes and jobs in war torn Europe and Palestine. By 1918, more than \$16 million had been raised. After the war, new crises arose. After the Russian Revolution and the liquidation of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, hundreds of thousands of Jews in Russia and Central and Eastern Europe fell victim to disease, famine, and pogroms. JDC intervened sending convoys of food, clothing, medicines and dispatching doctors and social workers to set up relief programs and new health and child care facilities. Soup kitchens were set up, hospitals rebuilt, and orphanages opened.

The Joint was probably best known for its work after World War II when it marshaled all its forces to meet a crisis of staggering proportions. A massive program was instituted to provide urgent necessities for the tens of thousands of Holocaust survivors in the face of critical local shortages, with 227 million pounds of supplies shipped to Europe from the United States. By late 1945, the JDC cared for 75,000 survivors in DP camps set up in Germany, Austria, and Italy. It supplied food, medicine, clothing, tools, educational and religious materials including books and Torahs. JDC funds supported medical facilities, schools,

synagogues, and cultural activities.

At the same time the JDC supported 120,000 Jews in Hungary, 65,000 in Poland, over half of Romania's 380,000 Jews who were in need of food and supplies. By 1947, JDC was supporting 380 medical facilities in Europe. JDC also provided a vast emigration program for survivors, the majority of whom resettled in what was soon to become Israel.

In modern times, the work of the Joint is just as miraculous. It is the lifeline for 250,000 elderly women and men in the Former Soviet Union who receive services, food and medicine through a network of *Hesed* welfare centers. At the same time, JDC is revitalizing life in the FSU operating scores of Jewish Community Centers and summer camps. Its activities are reaching people in more than 3000 towns, cities, and villages. It continues to do lifesaving work in aiding victims of disasters all over the world. As an example, after the 2004 Tsunami, JDC collected over \$19 million and mounted its largest ever non-sectarian effort.

Wherever there is a need, the Joint has been there for the last 98 years. It has saved Jews and non-Jews and has changed history. We can be proud that funds raised in our 2012 campaign will help support the work of the JDC. We can be proud that because of our generosity, hundreds of thousands of poor elderly Jews in towns throughout the Russian republics who live on pensions of \$120 per month will be guaranteed food and medicine and will not have to choose between one and the other. We can be proud that those who are homebound will be visited by JDC staff and volunteers and will live out the rest of their lives in dignity.

When the time comes for you to consider your commitment to the 2012 campaign, remember the JDC and be part of its miracles. ☆



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7:00 p.m.

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The following community members will receive awards during the program:
Connie Loventhal, Linda Ravvin, Ned Rosenbaum (z"l) and Elissa Weinstein.

Nominations for Officers & Board Members of JFB
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and Seth Salomon
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Thank you to retiring Board members Bill Lucas, Jennifer Miller and David Shakib, and to our Nominating Committee Linda Ravvin, Chair, Evalyn Block, and Kae Schennberg.

*Additional nominations of members will be accepted at the Annual Meeting from any member of the Federation as long as the nominee is eligible to serve, has agreed to serve if elected, and the nomination is submitted in writing and seconded by at least four other members of the Federation present at the Annual Meeting.



JFS: At Your Service

Talia Smolkin, JFS Director

As our lives change, so do our needs. This concept is simple enough, but remembering and acting upon

it can get surprisingly complicated. As we get older, depending on the individual, our eyesight and balance may worsen, cognitive abilities may change, and the focus of our emotional and spiritual lives may shift. In regard to any possible physical and cognitive changes, depending on the person, this may mean that it is necessary to assess and possibly make changes to one's environment. These are changes that may be difficult on a logistical and/or emotional level.

Again, none of this may be a surprise. But how does one act on this knowledge? How do you have a conversation with yourself to see if you need to need to make changes in your home? How do you discuss with a loved one that you are scared they may fall or that they may be unable to understand and take their medications appropriately? Our identities, feelings about aging, and shifting roles between friends and family can easily complicate a conversation about whether or not to install a grab bar in the shower.

Lists and other concrete resources may be a helpful starting point. They can help organize concepts and questions, and they can help us to think about safety within our home. If we see an issue written in another source, it can help us feel reassured that it is an issue that many people face.

A variety of resources provide great lists and articles about these issues. For example, www.eldercarelink.com works from the perspective of a caregiver. They recently sent out a list of 10 questions to ask regarding whether or not an individual can stay at home safely. For example, the list asks whether or not an individual can safely exit the house, or get to the bathroom, and whether or not an individual can prepare meals for themselves safely.

"Pathways: Information for Older Adults" is a fantastic resource. Not only does it have resources on issues ranging from home safety to transportation, but it has tips, cash-flow worksheets, a living-will template, and a great list on concrete issues such as safety. The "Safety in the Home" questionnaire in this resource asks fantastic detailed questions about items such as the height of the bed, placement of non-slip mats, and accessibility of light switches. This pamphlet is produced yearly by the Bluegrass Area Agency on Aging & Independent Living. You can call them at 859-269-8021 to get a copy of the resource or ask about other services. You can also download a copy at <http://www.bgadd.org>.

Questions about one's safety are incredibly common. Breaking down those questions and having those conversations may feel overwhelming. Making that match between one's highly individual state and one's environment may feel tricky. The initial goal is to find an accessible, agreeable place to start. Reading concrete lists may just be that starting point. ✧

Contact Talia Smolkin, JFS Director, for information, referrals, or other needs, e-mail jfs@jewishlexington.org or call (859) 269-8244.

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Picture This... TAI Fundraiser on June 2nd



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As you are spring cleaning, take a minute to set aside that framed art around your house that doesn't have a place to hang. You can donate it to the Temple Adath Israel art auction, which is accepting all genres of framed art. You will not only receive a tax deduction, but enjoy bourbon tasting sponsored by Buffalo Trace during the event. While you're at it, bid on something great for that empty spot in your home that you have wanted to dress up!

Please join us on Saturday evening, June 2, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. for the fun and festivities. Admission is only \$10 per person or \$18 per couple. Please contact Laura Hopkins at 859-269-1659 or email laurhop146@aol.com with questions or donations.

See you there!

*jfs Jewish Family Services Upcoming Programs

Leisure Club

Wednesday,
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For Women Only – a Happy Hour was a great success



Kathy Stein

On Wednesday, March 14 more than 70 women came together for fun, food, friendship, fashion, and fundraising. The event was held at Baan Isaan Thai Gourmet Restaurant and we feasted on a delicious multi-course vegetarian dinner. Thanks go to Jonathan Weiss, our host and to Kanya Weiss, the multi-talented chef. We enjoyed a spring fashion show that was sponsored by Chico's. Our fashion models were absolutely stunning. We are most grateful to Lori Bernard, Jane Chaput, Lynn Furness, Susan Goldstein, Ruth Poley, Anat Rubinstein, Judy Saxe, and Kathy Stein for their beauty and charm and

for being such good sports. Thank you also to Janice Newman who chaired and emceed the event.

That evening we raised more than \$20,000 for the 2012 annual campaign which provides life saving and life enhancing services for Jews in central Kentucky, Israel and in endangered communities throughout the world. This represents an increase of 8% over the contributions these women made in 2011. On behalf of the Board and Staff of the Federation, thank you so much to all the women who participated and made such generous gifts. ☆



Jane Chaput



Lori Bernard



Models: Susan Goldstein, Lori Bernard, Jane Chaput, Judy Saxe, Ruth Poley, Lynn Furness, Anat Rubinstein



Ruth Poley



Lynn Furness



Women enjoying dinner and conversation at For Women Only.



Susan Goldstein

PJ Library – Tales of Passover

Passover is about storytelling. Discussions about physical, emotional, and spiritual freedom as well as theology are told through stories. The book used for the seder is called the Haggadah, which means "telling." Passover is the story of our greater Jewish family, and it is an opportune time to discuss the stories of our individual families.

So what better way to prepare for Passover than with PJ Library? When families sign up their children for PJ Library, the children in our Lexington Jewish community between ages 6 months and 8 years get a Jewish book every month in the mail for free.* And of course, stories are about even more

than books. Stories are about getting together, reading, and sharing ideas, values and warmth.

On March 27, just before Passover, families involved with PJ Library came together at The Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass for a program called "Tales of Passover." To prepare for Passover, we started with a fun activity called *Bedikat Chametz*, where we search for anything leavened. The kids found crackers hidden around the room, and participated in this fun ritual. At this point, everyone was divided into older and younger groups for storytelling. Penina Goldstein read and discussed *Company's Coming*, by Joan Holub and *The Little Red Hen* and

the Passover Matzah, by Leslie Kimmelman, with the youngest children. Michele Freed read and discussed *Nachshon, Who Was Afraid to Swim: A Passover Story*, by Deborah Bodin Cohen, with the oldest children.

The beautiful, enriching discussions were followed by crafts. Children made their own *afikomen* bag for the seder. Parents and caregivers took home ideas for making their *seders* family friendly, as well as resources on healthy parenting provided by Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky.

What a wonderful evening. We told stories, we learned, and families had an opportunity to spend time with

their children and with each other. And importantly, everyone came away with new stories to retell at home. Many thanks to our readers Michele Freed and Penina Goldstein and to all those who helped make this program such a success. The efforts of the volunteers and families to make these programs rich and vibrant truly create meaning, memories, and great stories.

*The books distributed to our Lexington Jewish community are free thanks to the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and local donors. To learn more about PJ Library, contact The Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass at 859-268-0672 ✧



Rabbi Smolkin enjoys hearing Pesach stories with PJ families.



Michele Freed reads to older children.



Penina Goldstein reads to younger children.



Families make afikomen bags with their children.



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Israel 21c: Art goes wild in Tel Aviv

Tel Aviv's young and edgy art scene reflects the creative vibrancy of Israelis. This year it gets full attention at the city's special year-long art festival.



Art Year opening event.

Photo courtesy of Boris Oicherman

By Karin Kloosterman

The edgier side of Tel Aviv's young and dynamic art scene reflects the creative vibrancy of Israelis. This scene will come to life at Art Year 2012. The city declared this yearlong event especially to honor the opening of the new Herta and Paul Amir Building for Israeli art at the Tel Aviv Museum of Art. The fluid schedule will hinge on a few main events, but will continue showcasing Israeli art and performing arts throughout the year. Adi Yekutieli, the director of Art Year, thinks that art is Israel's best export. Yekutieli says that art is about possibilities -- especially in a region so often portrayed negatively by international media. "It presents a different possibility to discuss Israel with people that are interacting with an international audience," he says. "Art comes from a place of reflecting or express-

ing. It is not dogmatic like politics, but presents a very human insight to Israel and to the artists. Art in a way always reflects reality. When [the Israeli] dance troupe Batsheva goes to dance abroad, they represent a very different kind of conversation, a very active culture, an international kind of language."

Israel may not have a Picasso or a Rembrandt, but it does boast the highest percentage of high schools in the world that have dance as part of the regular curriculum, notes Yekutieli.

Going Gaga at the museum

Dance, art and music will all be celebrated at Art Year. The March 21-24 Art Weekend kickoff event is planned to generate excitement with open galleries and art marathons throughout the conjoined seaside cities of Tel Aviv and Jaffa.

A 24-hour art gallery opening at the Tel Aviv Museum of Art will offer curator talks, art classes, tours and even dance, when Gaga -- a free-movement dance therapy approach conceived by Ohad Naharin from Batsheva -- will perform at the museum.

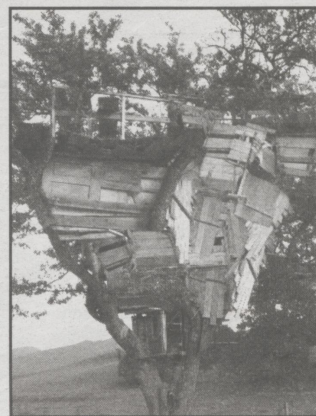
The otherwise conservative museum will be opening an entire wall as a blank canvas, as it were, for unknown or aspiring Israeli artists. Any young artist can submit work anonymously to be considered by a committee of locals and outsiders who will curate the show.

"This act might seem minor," Yekutieli says, "but once you start thinking about it, is very important. Anybody can apply, and nobody will know your name. You will be judged just on the art itself. It will be displayed for 24 hours only, but it will be a way for new artists to be discovered." Yekutieli says there will be a conference on art and business, which will give artists useful information about making art a career that can also pay the bills.

White Night

During Art Year, the twin cities will become a giant open-air show where film, dance, music and art will come to life together in galleries and on the sidewalks. Local and international artists will be featured and hotels will offer special deals to encourage overnights to linger longer, and for tourists from nearby Europe to fly in for the weekend.

Tel Aviv's Most Unconventional Hotel Room, part of the international Pixel



Non-Stop Museum, *Land of Promise*, by Dana Levi.

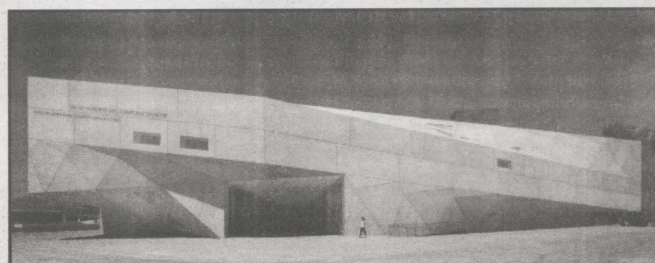
Hotel project in which Atlas Hotel chain is converting a lifeguard shack into a mini-hotel, is to be unveiled by the end of Art Year.

Another international event is Replace 2012, where 15 galleries from Berlin will send artists, curators, and journalists to Tel Aviv.

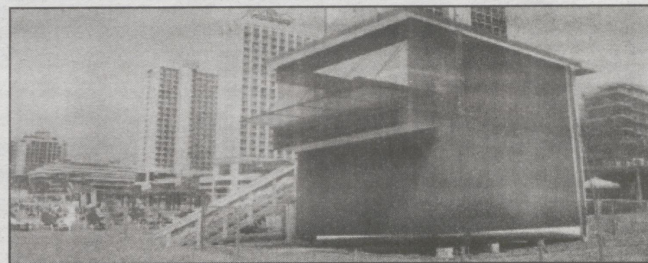
Yekutieli points out that Tel Aviv is a UNESCO-recognized "White City" for its white-faced Bauhaus architecture, and accordingly Art Weekend will incorporate the much-loved Layla Lavan, White Night, modeled after the Parisian concept where city venues stay open all night. Tel Aviv-Jaffa isn't known for its early bedtime, but on White Night it feels like the entire country comes out to walk, eat, drink, shop and be merry. Your only risk is getting lost in the crowd.

Other events throughout the year may include an ethnic music festival, street festivals, special features from the gay art scene -- all with the intention of promoting Tel Aviv as a global city.

"Art from here but viewed from a global perspective," says Yekutieli. ✧



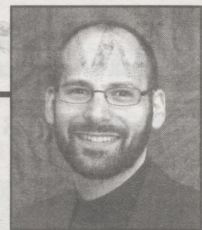
The new wing of the Tel Aviv Museum.



The future Pixel Hotel on the Tel Aviv beach.

Ask A Rabbi

Rabbi Moshe Smolkin



Q: Why do we read the Book of Ruth on Shavuot?

A: There are a number of reasons why our ancestors attached the reading of Ruth to the holiday of Shavuot. Some reasons focus on agriculture and the hope for a messianic era, though I believe that embracing our Jewish identity is the most central reason.

A: In ancient times, spring and summer were associated with the harvest of barley and wheat. The Torah commands that seven weeks after Passover, "You shall bring from your settlements two loaves of bread as an elevation offering; each shall be made of two-tenths of a measure of choice flour, baked after leavening, as first fruits to the Lord." (Lev. 23:17, JPS)

The Book of Ruth also revolves around a harvest: "Naomi, her [Ruth's] mother-in-law, said to her, 'Daughter, I must seek a home for you, where you may be happy. Now there is our kinsman Boaz, whose girls you were close to. He will be winnowing barley on the threshing floor tonight. So bathe, anoint yourself, dress up, and go down

to the threshing floor.'" (Ruth 3:1-3, JPS)

In addition to this agricultural connection, the book of Ruth also makes connections to the hope for a messianic era.

Passover is a holiday about redemption. The beginning of the holiday focuses on the redemption from Egypt, and the end of the holiday focuses on the ultimate redemption, the messianic era. The Haftarah of the eighth day of Passover reads, "But a shoot shall grow out of the stump of Jesse, a twig shall sprout from his stock. The spirit of the Lord shall alight upon him: a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and valor, a spirit of devotion and reverence for the Lord.... In all of My sacred mount nothing evil or vile shall be done; for the land shall be filled with devotion to the Lord as water covers the sea." (Isaiah 11:1, 9, JPS) Here the messiah is pictured as coming from the house of David.

In the Book of Ruth, we read David's birth narrative: "So Boaz married Ruth; she became his wife, and he cohabited with her. The Lord let her conceive,

and she bore a son.... Naomi took the child and held it to her bosom. She became its foster mother, and the women neighbors gave him a name, saying, 'A son is born to Naomi!' They named him Obed; he was the father of Jesse, father of David." (Ruth 4:13, 16-17, JPS)

While these pieces are important, for the rabbis the most important aspect of Shavuot is receiving God's Torah. There are a number of rabbinic texts that describe our ancestors' anticipation of this event.

For the rabbis, our acceptance of God's Torah is what creates our special identity as the chosen people. For the rabbis, we are the chosen people precisely because we chose and choose to accept God's Torah.

For the rabbis, the Book of Ruth beautifully describes Ruth's choice to attach herself to the Jewish people and to God as she says to Naomi, "Do not urge me to leave you, to turn back and not follow you. For wherever you go, I will go; wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I

will die, and there I will be buried. Thus and more may the Lord do to me if anything but death parts me from you." (Ruth 1:16-17, JPS)

The rabbis see Ruth as the ideal convert to Judaism, and as a wonderful inspiration for all of us as Jews. She embraces God, Torah, and the Jewish people.

Whether or not we are born Jewish, we, like Ruth, can make the choice to passionately embrace our Jewish identity: God, Torah, and the Jewish people.

On this day of Shavuot, we can join with our matriarch Ruth and with other Jews throughout time and around the world as we embrace the Torah once more. Once more we can stand together as our ancestors did, unified with a single heart. (Rashi, Ex: 19:2) ✧

Have a question? Ask a rabbi

The rabbis write columns in response to questions submitted by the readers. We encourage you—whether you are a member of the Jewish community or not—to submit your queries on theology, morality, ethics, religious observances, etc. for response by one of our rabbis.

If you have an issue you would like to see addressed, please email it to shalom@jewishlexington.com and put "Ask a Rabbi" in the subject line of your email. (It may take quite a while until your question is answered or it may never be answered, if no rabbi selects it.) You will not be identified as the writer of the question to either rabbis or readers, nor will you be asked to specify which rabbi should answer.



The healing power of art - from Israel to Kentucky

You are invited to join the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah and University of Kentucky Healthcare for a special docent tour of the University of Kentucky Hospital's fabulous new art collection.

Thursday, May 17, 2012
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah

Jane Chaput, President

On May 17, 2012, the Jewish community is invited to a program called "The Healing Power of Art - from Israel to Kentucky." You can find details of the event elsewhere in Shalom. I found a letter written by then Hadassah Hospital Director General Professor Shlomo Mor-Yosef, which discusses the profound relationship between healing and art. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

The Healing Power of Art

By Prof. Shlomo Mor-Yosef



World-renowned glass sculptor and artist Dale Chihuly visited us recently at Hadassah-Ein Kerem. During our tour of the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Hospital Tower, we walked through the Entrance Floor to the very end and stood in the light that streamed through the glass dome of the two-story Art Rotunda. Standing there I told him about our hopes and dreams for that special space and about

the Tower's Welcome Walkway that will be host to a revolving exhibition of art and artwork.

After he left, I thought about the works of art that enhance our hallways and halls, passages and public spaces; about the countless paintings, sculptures and drawings that grace both our campuses - and the role of art in the healing process. His visit reminded me of how much art is a part of our Medical Center, how its presence provides a healing environment for people suffering from disease and illness - and for our staff that often cares for them in stressful situations.

These pieces of art convey the message that soothing the soul is as important to us as healing the body. When we stand before them, or simply pass by them, we absorb their message and they make our day a little brighter.

The magnificent Chagall Windows are, of course, the jewel in our crown. When you sit in the Abell Synagogue bathed in their glowing colors, you are moved by their brilliance and awed by their beauty. Along with welcoming worshippers for midday prayer,

this unique setting is often scene of special celebrations - one of the most significant was the launching of the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Hospital Tower where we honored our original Cornerstone Contributors.

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see *Hadassah Cont'd*, page 12



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Hyperpoley combo sandwich of pastrami, chopped liver, coleslaw, and Russian dressing with side of potato salad and a half-sour pickle spear.

TAI on Rye, your New York deli in the Bluegrass, will be open again on Sunday, May 20, at Temple Adath Israel from noon until 2:00 p.m. If you haven't already experienced the gustatory delights of this pop-up restaurant, you need to get there on May 20. The corned beef, pastrami, chopped liver, and coleslaw rival anything you can get in the northeast, and the chicken, tuna, egg, and potato salads are not too

shabby, either.

The special dessert this month will be our ever-popular black and white cookies; it's worth coming out for the cookies alone. Of course, Dr. Brown's sodas will be available to accompany all the tasty food.

Please join us on May 20. Eat-in or take-out; you won't be disappointed. ☆



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TAI on Rye crew hard at work filling orders.



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Young and old ordering and enjoying TAI on Rye lunches.

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Hadassah Cont'd (from page 15)

Miriam's Garden. *The Tree of Life*, the last work of sculptor Jacques Lipshitz, welcomes people to Hadassah-Mt. Scopus while Raoul Dufy's *The Wind in the Trees* and *The Circus* by Emmanuel Mane-Katz are at Hadassah-Ein Kerem.

Prominent Israeli artists are also well represented. The paintings of Yigal Tumarkin, recipient of the Israel Prize, hang at Hadassah-Mt. Scopus. And in the Memorial Garden there, Zvi Aldouby's *Yizkor* statue stands in tribute to those who died in the attack on the Mt. Scopus convoy on April 13, 1948.

"The aim is to help patients escape the painful realities of illness and difficult recoveries," said artist Nehama Grenimann Bauch who spearheaded Young Hadassah International's "Faraway Places Project." Their efforts to bring art into the patients' world can be seen on the walls of the intensive care unit at Hadassah-Ein Kerem, where the paintings that nine

international artists created especially for the project now hang.

Hadassah is not alone in believing in art and beauty's special properties. Psychological research has shown that art has a way of bypassing our defenses and entering our inner being, that its nurturing qualities can help the healing process. "When you're in a hospital, it's high stress. When we are high stress, we go back to our primal need to be soothed," says Upali Nanda, Vice President and Director of Research for American Art Resources. Scientific studies, she says, show that art can aid in the recovery of patients, shorten hos-

pital stays and help manage pain.

Hadassah's leaders knew that instinctively. "Bearing in mind the fears that most patients and their families feel, we try to create a different effect – a relaxed atmosphere, beautified with art," said Prof. Kalman J. Mann, of blessed memory, HMO General from 1948 until 1981.

Please come visit us soon, hear about our lifesaving patient care, our groundbreaking research accomplishments – and enjoy our magnificent art. We know it will soothe your soul as it does ours. ☆



Mother and Child by Chaim Gross



From left to right: Jacqueline Hamilton, Melanie Shapiro, Jane Chaput, Judy Saxe, and Judy Baumann.

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B'tayavon (Hearty Appetite)

By Ruth Poley



I don't think I know anyone who doesn't love bread pudding, and what's not to like? It's the ultimate comfort food dessert—milk, sugar, butter, and eggs, served warm and fragrant. It can be chocolate, it can be bourbon or rum, it can be cinnamon, and on and on. Although many of us are used to bread pudding with discrete chunks of bread in it, this one is more pudding- or custard-like, as the bread is beaten with the milk until smooth and almost creamy. This recipe is pretty easy, even though you do have to separate eggs and beat the whites*; you probably have most of the ingredients in your kitchen right now, so it's something you can make relatively last minute. And you can always use butterscotch or chocolate sauce from a jar if you're rushed, or just feeling lazy.

Chocolate Bread Pudding with Warm Butterscotch Sauce

Serves 6

- 2 cups milk
- 6 slices soft white bread, cubed
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ cup cocoa powder
- 2 egg yolks, slightly beaten
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 egg whites, stiffly beaten
- 1 cup grated sweet chocolate

Scald milk. Remove from heat; add bread and beat until quite smooth. Add sugar, cocoa, and egg yolks. Beat until well blended. Add butter and vanilla. Fold in beaten egg whites and grated chocolate. Pour into 8-inch square baking dish; set dish in a pan with about 1-inch of hot water. Bake at 350° for 40 minutes, or until firm. Top with whipped cream and warm butterscotch sauce. Serve immediately, or refrigerate after baking. If you do chill it, heat it in a warm oven (about 250-300°) for 20-30 minutes before serving.

Butterscotch Sauce

- 1 pound light brown sugar
- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 3 tablespoons corn syrup

Combine all ingredients in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Serve warm.

* Eggs separate most easily while they are cold, but the whites will whip up a lot better if they are at room temperature, so separate them right out of the refrigerator about half an hour or more before you are going to make the bread pudding. The easiest way to separate an egg is to crack it and pour it into one hand held over a bowl. Separate your fingers slightly and let the white slip into the bowl. Then put the yolk in another container.

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

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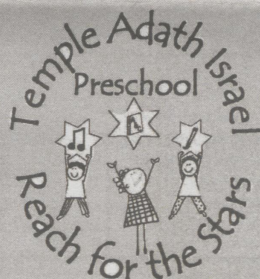
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By Judy Goldsmith

I've been thinking a lot about volunteer work recently. I am coordinating a big dance event this Memorial Day Weekend, the Midwest Morris Ale. This will be the 32nd time that the Ale has been held more or less in the Midwest on Memorial Day weekend, but the first time it's been in Kentucky.

To make this event happen for 250 to 300 dancers from around the country (and a few from England and/or Canada) takes an enormous amount of work. We will have about 7 school busloads of dancers going out on Saturday and on Sunday to perform. I've been talking to mayors of small towns near Fort Knox; worrying about the design of name badges; debating the merits of a good beer list versus room to dance for the pub stops. And, depending on a raft of volunteers here and around the country to make sure that registration happens, the t-shirts and posters are designed, menus are planned, and all the other tasks that make this event happen.

This is not so different from being the president of a large congregation, or

coordinating volunteers for Tseason of Tzedakah, or organizing an auction, or any of the other big volunteer tasks that so many of us do. And it depends on all those people who volunteer for individual tasks, some mundane or routine and some extremely creative and varied. Some of us volunteer out of a sense of obligation or desire to give back, and some of us get great joy from it.

This month's column is a great big shout out to all the volunteers, particularly to the members of the Board of the Lexington Havurah for the last many years, to all the folks who lead services, who plan education events, and open their homes. The Havurah has taught me a lot about the practice of Judaism, and has been a big part of my social life for many years. And all of it depends on people who are willing to work to keep a tradition going.

If you'd like to volunteer to lead a service, or want to learn more, contact us. The Havurah is an all-volunteer congregation with a commitment to learning—and, of course, to egalitarian services. ☆

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OZS MAY EVENTS

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Please join us as we celebrate our monthly Friday evening Shabbat Service for children: with pizza and play, song and stories. We read amazing PJ Library books (available for free through the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass). Friends are always welcome. The next Kids' Shabbat is May 4th at 5:30pm. Please RSVP to Rabbi. Smolkin@gmail.com or send a message on Facebook.

YOUNG OZS-ERS' SHABBAT

Folks in their 20's and 30's get together monthly for Fabulous Friday Nights with Food, Fun and Festivities. Please join us and feel free to bring friends. The next Young OZS-ers' Shabbat is May 18th at 6:00pm. Please RSVP to Rabbi. Smolkin@gmail.com or send a message on Facebook.

SHAVUOT CELEBRATION OF TORAH

Join us Saturday May 26th at 7pm as Ohavay Zion Synagogue celebrates the Torah. As in past years, we will have stories and song, entertaining arts, and Torah teachings from members of our Lexington Jewish community. There will also be yummy dairy desserts to help us with our learning. All are welcome.

On Sunday May 27th, we will have a festival service from 9:30am till noon. We will celebrate with Hallel and the reading of the book of Ruth. Following the Israeli calendar, Yizkor will be said at this time.

SPECIAL CLASS: THE BASICS OF THE SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE

Please join us as we learn the meaning behind the prayers. We will also learn how to quickly recognize where we are in the service, and what's coming up next. These 4 short classes will be held over 4 Shabbats from 1:00 to 1:30pm on May 19th, May 26th, June 2nd, and June 9th. All are welcome.

FRIDAY MORNING TALMUD STUDY

The Talmud Study group meets each Friday morning for prayer, food, and study. The morning begins with the brief Shaharit service at 7:30am followed by a light breakfast and study. Newcomers are always welcome!

TUESDAY MINYAN

Tuesday Minyan is a special time at OZS. During this brief service, students and adults both pray and learn together. There is a warm atmosphere and something for everyone. Please join us Tuesday afternoons from 5:45pm to 6:15pm.

THURSDAY MINYAN

During our Thursday minyans, we have Torah teachings from friends in our Jewish community. Please come and bring a friend too for this brief minyan Thursday afternoons from 5:45pm to 6:15pm.

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Come Celebrate Shabbat! The Friday night schedule for May is:

- May 4th – Kids' Shabbat at 5:30PM
- May 11th – Ethan Archer Bar Mitzvah at 5:45PM (with continuing celebration the next day)
- May 18th – Young OZS-ers' Shabbat at 6:00PM
- May 25th – Kabbalat Shabbat at 5:45PM

We hope you will join us for our spirited Shabbat Morning Service each Saturday morning at 9:30am with Kiddush Lunch following in the Social Hall.

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Yom HaShoah Commemoration features memorial service and roundtable discussions

The Yom HaShoah Commemoration was held on Sunday, April 22. A record number of over 150 people attended. The combined choirs of Ohavay Zion Synagogue and Temple Adath Israel performed under the leadership of Anat Rubinstein and Lorne Dechtenberg. Memorial Candles were lighted by survivors, survivors' family members, and liberators - Dr. Oscar Haber, Hanna Smith, Dr. Arthur Lieber, Dr. Leon Ravvin, Dr. George Szekely, and Jerry Wurmser. The winning essays of the Emilie

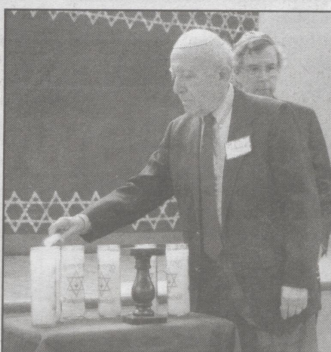
Szekely Writing contest were read by the authors, Amelia Loeffler from SCAPA Bluegrass Elementary School and Amelia Hurt from Tates Creek Middle School. All the participants were engaged in discussions about the Shoah based on poetry written by survivors. Thank you to the sub-committee of the JFB Community Relations Committee chaired, by Dr. Jeremy Popkin, for organizing the program and for serving as discussion leaders. Thank you to Ohavay Zion Synagogue for hosting the event. ✧



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2012 CONFIRMATION CLASS

The annual Shavuot/Confirmation Service will be held this year on May 25, 2012 at 7:30 PM. There are seven members in this class. The entire Temple community celebrates with them on this special day in their lives.

The members of the Confirmation Class are:

Jack Friedman
son of Sandie & Morton Friedman

Jack Kaplan
son of Carol Kaplan & Paul Kaplan

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son of Julie Diamond McKee & Chadwick McKee

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Chavurat Chochma program

We will meet again on May 25 at 11:30 AM in the social hall for an interesting program following lunch. Cost is \$6 per person. While this program was designed for those sixty and over, anyone may attend. RSVP to Sandee by May 23, 2012 at 269-2979.

Koliel study group

Koliel meets at 9 AM every two weeks in the TAI Library. The group explores cultural, ethical, and historical aspects of our 4000-year tradition. Its emphasis is on dialog and exploration. We are in the midst of a survey of "Reform" beginning with Abraham's move to Canaan and the Israelite exodus from Egypt, and sweeping through the establishment of Israelite centers of learning in Babylon, the Pharisaic reforms, Jesus and the rise of Christianity, Mohammed and the rise of Islam, the Jewish Enlightenment in Germany and Eastern Europe, thus, the oneness of the Jewish-Christian-Islamic Civilization. If you enjoy matters of the mind, please join us any time.
May 5 & 19

Torah study

Rabbi Kline conducts the study of the Tanakh (the Bible) from the Book of Joshua and beyond using the new Jewish Study Bible on alternate Saturdays at 9 AM in the Library. May 12 & 26

Parsha

Join us each Saturday morning at 11 AM to take a look at the Torah portion

for each week. Rabbi will lead some, and everyone will take turns. Join us on May 5, 12, 19 & 26. We will have worship with Parsha on May 19. See you in the library!

Sisterhood Shabbat

Join us on May 18 at 7:30 PM as members of Sisterhood lead us in worship. We will recognize Marilyn Lieber, the 2012 Anita W. Mersack Woman of Valor award winner. Our 2012-2014 Sisterhood Board members will also be installed.

Please come to show support for the women who do so much for our congregation.

Sisterhood Closing Dinner

May 30 at 6:00 PM
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By Jesse Weil, from Budapest, Hungary

In spite of the politics and problems with our government, life in Sim Shalom goes on pretty much as usual. A month ago we celebrated Purim in fine style. First, there was a family celebration for families with small children on a Sunday afternoon. But the main celebration for the adults was really a big thing. Seventy people gathered to read the Megillah, many in fancy dress. Guest Cantor Alan Friedman came as Aaron, the High Priest, complete with breast plate and thumim and umim. He *leyned* his portions of the Book of Esther in a beautiful voice. Our own cantor, Miklos Budai, dressed as a Franciscan monk, did his portion in Italian, but sung in the style of a recitative of an Italian comic opera, while Gyorgy Markus was hilarious with a multilingual rendition using German, French, and Hungarian, in an ad lib translation. We have a very talented congregation! The Rabbi, dressed as feminist Queen Vashti, was hilarious. And, of course it helped a bit that the palinka and slivovitz bottles were circulating freely. We take seriously the advice that one should drink enough to confuse when to bless Mordechai and when to curse Haman.

Then the Youth Group showed us a video production of their 2012 Purim Spiel, which has become a tradition in the congregation. It's available on the web at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uc5uUH4HYO0&feature=player_embedded#.

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Since the sound track is in Hungarian, don't forget, FOR ENGLISH SUB-TITLES PRESS THE BUTTON 'CC.' A pot luck dinner followed the video and there was dancing till 11 PM. A couple of photos of the evening are attached.

The week following, Rabbi Kelemen and I went to Amsterdam for the biennial meeting of the European Union for Progressive Judaism. It was held in the brand new synagogue of the Liberal Jewish Congregation, which is a combination of synagogue and community center. There was a special

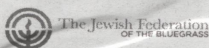
luncheon meeting of the two reform communities in Budapest with the leadership of the World Union for Progressive Judaism to plan what the next steps will be in the fight to regain recognition of Reform Judaism by the Hungarian government. The possibility of challenging the new Hungarian Church Law in Hungarian or European Union courts will be looked into. Also pressure from other countries will be continued. And plans will be made to make up the funding shortfall resulting from the loss of registration, until we regain it. ☆



Lunch and Learn with our
Lexington community rabbis

Tuesday, May 29
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At 12 noon on the last Tuesday of each month, in the JFB office, rabbis, on a rotating basis, will be discussing the holidays, the Torah portion of the week, and other topics of interest. A dairy lunch is offered at a nominal charge. If you are interested in attending, please call Judy Wortman at 859-268-0672 so we can order lunch for you.



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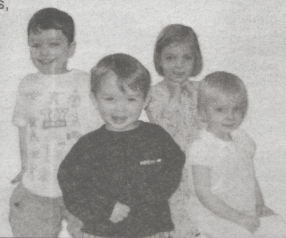
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Healing Power of Art (from page 1)

both hospitals opened their doors, the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah has nurtured its relationship and celebrated the shared milestones with the University of Kentucky Medical Center. That first year, a gala ball was held to celebrate the occasion. On the 10th and 20th anniversaries, Dr. Kalman Mann, then Director General of Hadassah Hospital, came to Lexington for celebrations at the University and with Hadassah members. Over the years, physicians from Hadassah have come to the University of Kentucky to lecture, train, and even join the faculty. Hadassah members helped plan the inpatient library and resource center in the Kentucky Children's Hospital. Some members volunteer their time in the library, others make therapy dolls for the Child Life staff to use with their

young charges, and one board member serves as liaison to the Kentucky Children's Hospital.

Complimentary parking is at the new UK Chandler Hospital parking garage, 110 Transcript Avenue, directly across South Limestone from the hospital. Level C is the same level as the bridge across South Limestone Street connecting the parking structure and the hospital. Golf carts can transport visitors across the bridge.

In order to plan for the tours and the reception, reservations are requested by Thursday, May 10. Contact Gayle Bourne at 312-0359 or lexhadassah@yahoo.com to RSVP. Please let her know which tour time you prefer and if you want a ride. ☆

Editorial

By David Wortman

Soon we will be celebrating Israel Independence Day. It will be Israel's 64th birthday. In those 64 years, Israel has achieved a lot. In fact, it may be said that it has accomplished more than most other nations on their 64th birthday.

Since 1948, the State of Israel has absorbed millions of new immigrants. While their adjustments to a new culture and a new language has sometimes been difficult, their integration into Israeli society has been largely successful. The immigration has included Yemenites, Russians, Ethiopians, Moroccans, Persians, and many more. In many cases, service in the Army has been the great equalizer. It has allowed Israelis from many different backgrounds to coalesce in the military culture.

Israel has also been the center of research and development in many areas. Its advances in medical research and computer programming have set new standards for modern technology. For instance, many of us use Instant Messaging on a daily basis. This feature was invented in Israel. In medicine, many new procedures and medications have been developed in Israeli laboratories.

One of Israel's major industries, tourism, has increased exponentially since

the early days of its independence. Visitors from all over the world have flocked to Israel, both Jewish and non-Jewish. Whether to visit the holy sites or to bathe in the healing waters of the Dead Sea, Israel has attracted many people.

However, even after 64 years, Israel still faces many challenges. First and foremost, is the establishment of peace. From its inception, hostilities between Israel and her neighbors have been a constant. Since 1967, Israel faced even greater tests. Her willingness to exchange land for peace has been met with unsuccessful negotiations.

Israel is also confronted by efforts American institutions to divest their investments in Israel. This includes the Presbyterian Church and the Methodist. Moves have also begun to influence universities to divest as well. American Jews have risen to the task of challenging these attempts. However, continued vigilance is necessary.

We in the American Jewish community must support efforts to achieve peace. The survival of Israel depends on it. Irrespective of one's political preferences, peace must be the goal. As we begin Israel's 65th year, our spiritual and financial investments in Israel must increase.

We all rejoice in Israel's birthday. Let us recommit ourselves to her future. ☆

Around the Community

Please note: Information for Around the Community comes to us from a variety of individuals and Jewish institutions. It's a pretty haphazard arrangement; except for b'nai mitzvah, we do not have the resources or staff to collect information or research each item. If you would like to see an event or life passage in your family acknowledged here, please be sure we get the full and correct information as you would like to see it printed. Send notices to shalom@jewishlexington.org. Remember, we welcome photos, too!

Mazal tov to:

Scott Savage and Becky Savage on their daughter, Jessica, becoming Bat Mitzvah.

Condolences to:

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Betsey Mickler, on the death of her uncle, David Bolotin.

Lisa & Dan Taulbee, on the death of Lisa's mother Dorothy Doran.

The family of Ruth Moser.

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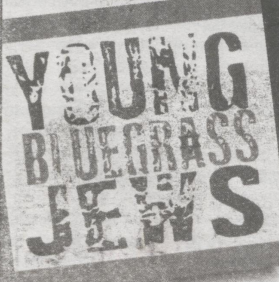
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Stewart Home Visits - Volunteers Welcome!



Jewish Family Services of JFB welcomes volunteers who wish to visit Jewish residents at the Stewart Home School in Frankfort, Kentucky. Stewart Home visits are both meaningful and fun for both volunteers and residents. Volunteers typically carpool from Lexington.

Help make a difference in the lives of others. Volunteer now!

This year's schedule:

MAY 18 (FRI) - Shabbat service/dinner during parents' weekend.

JUNE 28 (THURS) - Program run by JFB staff and volunteers.

AUGUST 21 (TUES) - Fun program and pre-Rosh Hashanah celebration.

OCTOBER 4 (THURS) - Special program and Sukkot celebration.

DECEMBER - Chanukah party.

To find out more or volunteer, contact Talia Smolkin at jfs@jewishlexington.org or 859-269-8244.



The Jewish Federation
OF THE BLUEGRASS Jewish Family Services

Dinner at Rossi's

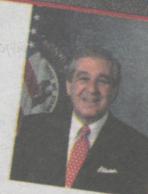
with guest speaker

Lieutenant Governor Jerry Abramson

Sunday, June 3

6:00 p.m.

Rossi's Restaurant
1060 Chinoe Road



Concert \$36

Dinner, dessert, and wine.

You will have the opportunity to make your commitment to the Jewish Federation Annual Campaign.

This event is for individuals who will commit at least \$500 and couples who will commit a minimum of \$1000.

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Community Calendar

• JFB - Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass - www.jewishlexington.org

• 1050 Chinoe Road, Suite 112 • 268-0672 • Robert Grossman, President

• OZS - Ohavay Zion Synagogue - www.ozs.org

• 2048 Edgewater Court • 266-8050 • Jonathan Glixon, President
• Minyan Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:45 p.m. Tuesdays are D'vine Minyan: wine at 5:00 p.m., service follows. Friday evening rotating Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 p.m., Kids' Shabbat 5:15 p.m., Shabbat dinners 6:00 p.m., Young OZS-ers' Shabbat dinners 6:00 p.m. Check OZS Google calendar for monthly schedules. Shabbat Services Saturdays 9:30 a.m.

• TAI - Temple Adath Israel - www.lextai.org

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

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

• Jane Chaput, President • chaput1@windstream.net

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

• 338-5725 • Jeremy Popkin, President • popkin@uky.edu • Shabbat Services monthly, call for schedule.

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

• 1050 Chinoe Road, Suite 112 • Bruce Broudy, President • bbrou@lexclin.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
OZS Centennial Celebration		JFS Advisory Committee Meeting (Members only)				
29	30	May 1	2	3	4	5
JFB Yiddish Class		Chabad-Rabbi Litvin visits	JFS/JFB FLE Interfaith Discussion Groups		OZS Bar Mitzvah	OZS Bar Mitzvah
JFB Community-wide Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration						TAI Theater
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Anita Roos Baker Mothers Day Concert				Hadassah and UK Healthcare Event	Parents' Weekend Shabbat Dinner at Stewart Home	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
JFB Yiddish Class			JFS Leisure Club	YBJ Goes Downtown!		
TAI on Rye			JFB Open House & Annual Meeting			
Hadassah Book Club						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Shavuot	JFB Office Closed Shavuot	Lunch and Learn with our local rabbis			TAI Bat Mitzvah	TAI Bat Mitzvah
						TAI Fundraiser
27	28	29	30	31	June 1	2
JFB Yiddish Class		JFS Advisory Committee Meeting (Members only)				
JFB Pacesetters Event						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9