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Tzeason of Tzedakah



Volunteers at Catholic Action Center Christmas Dinner

As the darkness of December descends upon us, it is once again time for the Jewish Community of Lexington to light up December by volunteering for Tzeason of Tzedakah. Tzeason of Tzedakah has become an annual month long event of volunteer opportunities throughout the greater Lexington community. Originally, Tzeason of Tzedakah started out as a program to give our non-Jewish neighbors Christmas day off to spend with their families. Over the years, it has evolved into volunteering throughout the community as well as collecting items for various organizations. Last year, over 115 people volunteered at eleven different volunteer opportunities filling over 130 "jobs" throughout the month of Decem-

ber. This figure does not include the numerous doctors in our community who volunteer to be on call or work the emergency rooms and hospitals on Christmas day so their co-workers can celebrate Christmas with their families as well as others who annually volunteer for organizations at this time of year.

Along with sending out a general request for volunteers, this year we are asking the various Jewish community organizations to "sponsor" recruiting volunteers to work at a particular event. The response so far has been extraordinary. Thanks to the positive responses

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You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. *Thoughts and strategies on moving our community forward*

By Tamara Ohayon

On Facebook I recently posted the question, "What excites YOU about being Jewish?" The responses were interesting because they were representative of the people answering and also of the common ties within our local community. This is a question we Lexington Jews should be asking ourselves a lot more often, if not daily. I also suspected that those responding would be people who are already thoughtful about their Jewish identity.

recent Pew study, *A Portrait of Jewish Americans*, which was discussed in our last issue of *Shalom*, and the vast range of responses it has provoked, I see my own ideas and approach to Jewish community planning coming full circle. I still find myself asking the same question every day, "How can I help people harness that excitement and turn it into something that others will appreciate and engage in?" A lot of my time in the past couple of years has been spent reaching out to colleagues, talking with friends and leaders locally, searching for

In thinking about the results of the

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CAMPAIGN NEWS

2013 Community Campaign Ending

The 2013 campaign of the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass will end on December 31. At this time, we still are \$50,000 short of where the campaign was in 2012. In order to provide at least the same programs and services that we have provided in the current year, we need your help. Our community is aging and because of that fact, we need to better serve the growing aging population. In addition, quite a few of our most loyal and generous contributors have passed away.

As you have read in *Shalom* and other publications, the Pew Survey of the American Jewish population has

reported on the growth of assimilation and intermarriage and lack of connection our young people have to the Jewish community. Our Federation Board is in the process of trying to address this issue locally. We know empirically that we will need to expand our outreach efforts with young people and re-address program priorities in order to ensure that we have a vibrant Jewish community in the future. This will be a costly endeavor. You have been generous in the past and for that we are most grateful. Now please dig deeper – even if you have already made your commitment – and help us build our future. ✨

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December

Join our Lexington Jewish community at Tandoor Indian Cuisine for a vegetarian buffet on Sunday, December 15. RSVP online at jewishlexington.org or by contacting the JFB office.

Thursday, January 9, 2014

Mitzvah Project and Dinner Out
FOR SINGLES ONLY Ages 21 to "40-ish"

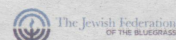
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6:00 p.m. followed by dinner out

January 2014

Games Night
FOR COUPLES ONLY Ages 21 to "40-ish"

Check with Tamara for more details, or stay updated on Facebook.

YBI is a gathering of local Jewish adults, ages 21 to "40-ish" (about 45), who get together for social and educational events, and some holidays. Join our mailing list! Contact Tamara Ohayon at tamara@jewishlexington.org, (859) 268-0672, or find us on Facebook.



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JFB Annual Women's Philanthropy Happy Hour

Thursday, March 6, 2014 | 5:30 p.m.
at Ohavay Zion Synagogue



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Director's Message

Judy Wortman, Executive Director



Thoughts on our Jewish Community for the New Year

For the past several months, the American Jewish community has been reeling as a result of learning about the findings of the Pew Research Center's 2013 Study – *A Portrait of Jewish Americans*. Our own Jewish community has been studying the findings and is beginning to address our future direction based on some of the alarming statistics about which we have been reading. This new information has reached us at a time when the Federation Board is in the process of developing its 2014 budget.

The bottom line of the budget is based on the final tally of the cash raised in the 2013 campaign, which ends on December 31. A budget represents an actualization of the planning process – what are the community's priorities and how are those priorities played out by

the way that we spend the dollars raised by community members? Too often, the budget is constructed by looking at the prior year and making small adjustments at the margin – tweaking the lines by a few dollars per line based on the amount raised as compared to the prior year. However, if the budget is a road-map, then our spending should take us in the direction that we want to travel. Therefore, the 2014 budget should be a reflection of the first steps of a long range plan that addresses the question, "Where do we want our Jewish community to be 10, 20 or 50 years from now and how do we get there?" The good news about the Pew Study is the fact that Jews in America are completely accepted – the Melting Pot dream has been fulfilled. American Christians accept Jews as neighbors, friends, and as

spouses. In fact, of the marriages that have taken place since 2005, the inter-marriage rate among non-Orthodox Jews is 71%. In addition, of the Jewish children born after 1980, only 68% consider themselves Jewish by religion. And of those young people who do not consider themselves to be Jewish by religion, only 42% have a strong sense of belonging to the Jewish People and only 36% feel a responsibility to care for Jews in need, only 4% are members of a synagogue or temple, and only 20% have donated to a Jewish cause in the past year.

Some of the implications of this are clear. To create a budget with changes only at the margin will not work. We have an obligation to reach out to the young adults in this community and

offer them a Judaism that is compelling and relevant. In order to accomplish this, we have to listen to their voices and have them critically involved in the plans for our future and in determining how our dollars are to be spent. And that has to begin immediately. In central Kentucky, unlike larger American cities, we cannot depend on the Orthodox to keep us Jewish. The future is in our own hands and the time to create a vibrant Jewish future is now. ✪

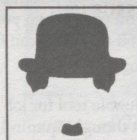
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JFS: At Your Service

Mimi Kaufman, JFS Director

Solid employment ultimately helps people live a life of purpose, achieve financial stability and attain a

healthy lifestyle.

Finding and keeping a job is a skill set that we all learn. We have most likely learned it from our parents or teachers. This article is aimed towards our young adults who may be working in their first jobs.

1. Work hard. Focus on your job and what you are getting paid for. A little bit of personal business may be OK, but when it comes time to making lay-off decisions and the company has to choose, the most productive employees will get to keep the job.
2. Be on time. The workers who are late to work, take a long lunch-hour, use a ton of sick time, and/or leave early every day, are not going to win any points with the boss. Be punctual and be there, instead of making excuses for why you can't be at work.
3. Be a team player. The employees who don't get along well with others, who gossip about other workers, or who aren't willing to pitch in to help, aren't going to be appreciated.
4. Be flexible. Flexibility can be a key component of keeping your job. When the company needs someone to change shifts, work weekends, put in some overtime, or work a different schedule, think about volunteering if your personal schedule permits.
5. Don't complain. Nobody likes complainers, no matter how legitimate the complaints are. If you don't like your job, chances are there are plenty of people who would jump at the chance to get it. When the job market is upside down in the employer's favor, be careful about complaining.

6. Keep your thoughts to yourself. Even if you hate your job, keep it to yourself and your family or close friends – do not post it on Facebook because the wrong person is probably going to see what you posted. Employers do look at Facebook, as you know. Keep this in mind when searching for a job and even after you are hired. In addition remind yourself that your personal life is just that, personal. Be careful not to mix it too much with your professional life.
7. Be positive. A positive attitude can be contagious just like a negative one. The more you stay positive, even if you are in a tough situation, the better you will be able to manage.
8. Offer to help. One of the best ways to get or keep job security is to volunteer for new initiatives, offer to help with projects, and take on more responsibility. Of course, keep in mind your personal boundaries. In other words, guard yourself from being taken advantage of.

So, unfortunately in today's world where stories of layoffs are all too common and getting a new job can be tough, these tips are helpful for even the more seasoned professional to remember once in awhile. You may find yourself making a job work for you even when you are not thrilled with it until you can find another job.

The internet is a valuable tool for job searching. With that thought in mind, I also wanted to send a reminder that our office here at the Federation has two computers, a printer, and a phone that is free and open to the public to use. The intention of the kind volunteers who donated the equipment and time to set it up is for us to have an "internet café" for those who do not have internet at home. The Federation would be happy to accommodate but, keep in mind we are not offering tech support. Anyone who would like to can use these computers during our office hours. ☆

U.K. Jewish Studies Program Plans Israeli Film Festival

The University of Kentucky Jewish Studies Program is planning an Israeli film festival for the 2014 spring semester, according to faculty member Dr. Tikva Meroz-Aharoni. Below is information about the first film:

NAME OF FILM: Sallah Shabati

DATE/TIME: Thursday, January 16,

2014, at 7:00 PM

LOCATION: U.K. Student Center

From IMDB about this film: "The sharp, often hilarious satire that became the most successful film in Israeli history is about new immigrants Sallah and his family, who are left in a shack near their

promised apartment and are abandoned for months. A Yemenite Jewish family that was flown to Israel during 'Operation Magic Carpet' – a clandestine operation that flew 49,000 Yemenite Jews to Israel the year after the state was formed – is forced to move to a government settlement camp. The patriarch of the family, portrayed by Chaim Topol, tries to make money and get better housing, in a country that can barely provide for its own and is in the midst of absorbing hundreds of thousands of Jewish refugees from Arab countries."

Additional dates and film titles will be announced soon. ☆

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Mussar: The Heart and Soul's Everyday Path to Holiness

By Lisa Miller

Over the past thousand years, Jewish spiritual seekers have compiled a great body of teachings about the fact that we are spiritual beings having a human experience.

Called Mussar, which translates to teachings or ethics, these teachings about personal awareness are a map to understanding that each of us is born with a personal soul curriculum; our purpose in these human bodies is to live that curriculum with integrity that then deepens and evolves the heart and soul.

The question is intriguing about what one's individual soul curriculum could possibly be. But the answers are easily accessible when we acknowledge what have been the consistent challenges in our lives. Though our contexts and experiences change over months and decades, there are always themes that remain the same as we find ourselves the common denominator in many situations that tend to stir up a lot of emotion in some way.

So Mussar practice invites us to pay attention to our individual *middot*, soul traits (also known as virtues), and to involve the heart more than the intellect in everyday living. Middot include: anger, compassion, generosity, honor, humility, patience, order, equanimity, simplicity, enthusiasm, truth, moderation, loving-kindness, responsibility, trust, and *yirah* (awe).

Because each of us are living a very specific and individualized curriculum based on the *middot*, we are here to grow in ourselves, no two curriculums are exactly the same. From the depth of the soul, we are born with a different measure of each soul trait and it is up to each one of us to cultivate and deepen them as we grow into our lives.

It can be fascinating to note though, that for people who seem to be complete opposites, the paths toward growth, balance, and happiness are surprisingly similar. For example, a person who consistently has a habit of giving too much of her/himself to others may be struggling with the soul trait of generosity as much as a person who is consistently, habitually selfish and self-centered.

In both cases, extremes are harmful to self and to others. The one perceived as ungenerous or selfish doesn't consider how his/her actions affect others, or doesn't care. However, the overly generous person also harms others through the act of enabling—standing in the way of someone else's personal empowerment by constantly coming to the rescue.

(It's funny that we tend to be so quick to judge someone else's "obvious" inappropriate actions, but our personal curriculums are so unique that no one else's should make sense to us.)

While the tendencies described here seem like opposites, in each case the issue of respecting others is the very same main theme. In Mussar tradition, both individuals can benefit deeply from the very same practices of awareness concerning the very same soul trait.

Either way, God's presence is divinely felt through the personal process of opening the heart in order to connect the soul inside to the life being lived. While this is a very individual process, we live our lives in the context of family, community, and as world-citizens.

This draws a beautiful picture with each of us vitally important to one other as our own unique paths parallel, intersect, and merge.

What doesn't matter is age, socioeconomic background, experiences to date. We are each born a holy soul and

can deepen this at any point and every point in our lifetime. Daily experiences, behaviors, and our relationship to others provide the perfect classroom in which to explore our curriculums. This is the foundation of a good life-school education.

Like the basics, responding to life from a place of heart and soul rather than from the auto-pilot of the intellect, is the foundation of everything else we learn.

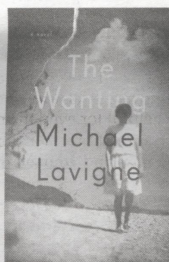
So, the homework is always predictable: to live with awareness from the inside outward. As the personal curriculum begins to become more obvious, our

struggles and triumphs become more meaningful. And, we are never alone.

When Torah tells us: "You shall be holy," this is all a big part of it, and it's also an everyday path to holiness. ✧

Lisa Miller is a Lexington community member, and a student and teacher of the Mussar Institute. She leads va'adim (study groups) in Lexington and beyond. For more information about Mussar and to learn how to cultivate your own middot, read Alan Morinis's Everyday Holiness, and visit www.MussarInstitute.org for accessible on-line courses and retreats.

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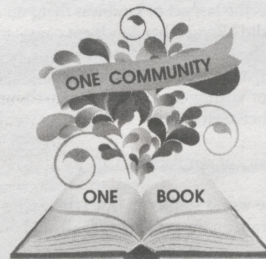
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http://www.challahcrumbs.com/Sunday-School_Torah%20Study.php?artid=474

Got a little bit of extra time? ChallahCrumbs is taking your family to Sunday school. This week we're talking about kindness, a simple act with untold benefits.

Learn.

Micha 6:8

You have been told what is good and what the Lord requires of you: to act justly, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.

- How can someone love kindness?

- What is the last act of kindness that you did? Remember, kindness comes in all sizes: an act of kindness can be reading your younger sister a book or visiting the elderly (or anything in between).

Ethics of our Fathers 1:2

The world stands on three things: on the Torah, on the service (of G-d), and on

acts of loving-kindness.

- Kindness makes it to the Top Three of what the world stands on! Do you agree that kindness is that important?
- Imagine you were asked to add a fourth thing that the world stands on. What would it be?

Mishlei 14:21

He who is kind to the poor, happy is he.

- How can acting kind to others make you happy?
- What other good deeds can make you happy?



Discuss:

It is interesting to point out to your kids that kindness

comes in all shapes and sizes. The concept of chesed, or loving kindness, is really given premium value in Judaism. Talk to your kids about why something so simple as being kind is really so important. Discuss ways to add three acts of kindness to your home each week – from simple ideas like taking turns talking at the dinner table to larger ones like donating some of their toys to a hospital or shelter.

Create.

Make a Giant Family Kindness Star Chart!

MATERIALS

- Construction paper
- Markers
- Star Stickers

DIRECTIONS

Most kids are quite familiar with star charts. We use them for everything from good behavior to brushing your teeth to reading books. The fun with this star chart is that it is for EVERYONE in the

family, parents included.

1. Make your own star chart or download one of gazillions there are on line.
2. Make sure every family member is on the chart.
3. For every act of kindness done, another star goes up on the chart.
4. When, as a family, you have reached your goal – make sure the reward celebrates the family as a whole. Have a movie night at home, go bowling, or make an ice cream party. Be creative with your rewards! ☆

Glass Bowls Project



A fun winter project for older children ages 7-10.

MATERIALS:

- Glass bowl
- Puffy paints
- Glass paints

DIRECTIONS:

Clean bowl well with soap. Make sure it is dry before you start painting. Don't paint the bottom of the bowl because it will wear off quickly. Work on the outsides of the bowl. Use puffy paints to make lines and designs around the bowl. Use glass paints to draw inside those lines. This will give your bowl a stain-glass look.

If you have suggestions for topics you would like to see on this page, please contact Lori at lori@jewishlexington.org.

Ask A Rabbi

Rabbi Sharon Cohen



Q: A few weeks ago, the FDA proposed that trans-fats be removed from foods, indicating that there is no real safe limit to the amount of trans-fat we can intake. New York City Mayor Bloomberg took a lot of flack last year for banning the sale of large sized soda and sugary drinks. The Affordable Care Act offers a new emphasis on wellness and prevention, including provisions for combating childhood obesity and for nutrition labeling. Looking at Jewish tradition, weren't the laws of Kashrut (keeping kosher) created for health reasons and merely an ancient prescription for good health, much like the steps our modern society has been taking to foster healthier living?

A: From the earliest stages of our history, Jews have understood the patterns of Kashrut, the Jewish dietary laws, to be at the very center of our heritage. Historically, Jews have sacrificed their lives rather than desecrate themselves with "treif" (unkosher) food. Some of our most stirring stories of Jewish martyrdom center upon Jews who chose to die with their dignity intact, rather than abandon their commitment to the laws of Kashrut. They could not conceive of Judaism without Kashrut, as the dietary laws were key to the entire rhythm of Jewish living for them.

The foundation for the system of Kashrut, the core of which has remained

unchanged for millennia, is found in the Torah in the book of Leviticus (Parashat Sh'mini). In it, we find an exhaustive list of the animals deemed "kasher" – those deemed appropriate to eat and those which are not. For generations, and still today, we have debated the merits of the dietary laws and the intent of these lists of foods. What reasons can we give for kosher eating?

Throughout the ages, the system of Kashrut has distinguished the Jewish People from other peoples and kept us united and connected. Keeping Kosher has also been considered an exercise in discipline as the various laws curb our basic instinct for food by putting limits upon what we can eat, how we prepare and when we eat it, and the manner in which we obtain our food. In the laws concerning how we slaughter animals and the mixing of milk and meat (coming from the idea of not cooking an animal in the very thing which sustains it), we learn to be sensitive to the world around us. In fact, some argue that the highest form of Kashrut is actually vegetarianism.

Many commentators questioned why some animals could be eaten and others not. They understood the laws of Kashrut, especially concerning animals, in a more spiritual sense: basically fol-

lowing the common phrase, "you are what you eat." In the ancient world, it was believed that what you took into your body not only affected you physically, but, it had the potential to influence how you acted and developed spiritually. For instance, if you were to consume a bird of prey – a bird that indiscriminately eats whatever it wants with no regard for life – then you might gain the characteristics of just such a creature. In modern thinking, I may not be worried that if I eat a fish that scavenges at the water's bottom (catfish or monkfish for example) I will turn into a scavenger; however, keeping kosher can sensitize me to the way in which certain animals act in regard to food, and how I might not want to associate myself with those actions.

The concept of Kashrut as a system of laws based on maintaining physical health remains probably the most assumed (and debated!) still today. We do not find physical health a stated reason in our Biblical text. However, if we fast-forward to the Medieval period, we find that, by that time, Jewish scholars did, indeed, equate the laws of eating with maintaining good health (however, not to exclude other reasons). Maimonides, the Rambam, the 12th century Spanish philosopher par excellence, understood eating and the laws of Kashrut to be

a prescription given by God, our cosmic doctor, in order to ensure the physical health of the Jewish People. Maimonides instructs us (Mishneh Torah, Laws of Proper Behavior 3:2):

When a person eats or drinks or has sex they should not consider they are only doing these things for enjoyment, so as to avoid the situation where they come to eat and drink only what tastes good [literally "sweet"] and have sex only for pleasure. Rather, a person should consider that they eat and drink only so as to maintain the health of their body and its limbs. Hence, a person should not eat anything their palate happens to crave, like dogs and donkeys do – rather, they should eat things that are beneficial to them, whether bitter or sweet. And they should not eat things that damage the body, even if they taste good.

If Rambam were alive today, he would,

see **Ask a Rabbi**, page 9

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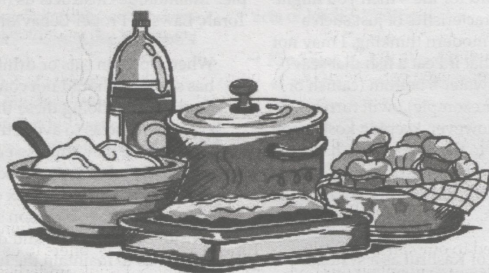
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The cost is \$18 per person by December 2nd (please note Vodka Latke in the memo line) and \$20 at the door. RSVP to the Temple office, 269-2979, by Monday, December 2nd.

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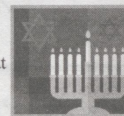
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Historic Sales: Over \$1 Billion in U.S. Israel Bond Investments

Annual Israel bond investments in the U.S. domestic market exceeded \$1 billion for the first time, as 2013 sales broke through the historic threshold in early November and continue to surge. With six weeks still remaining in the year, it is anticipated domestic investments in Israel bonds will approach \$1.1 billion.

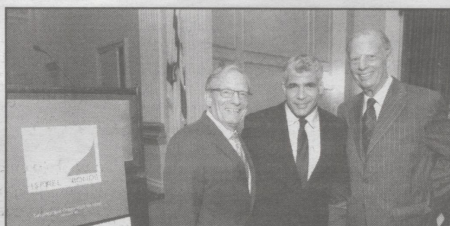


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From left: Bonds President & CEO Izzy Tapoohi, Israel Finance Minister Yair Lapid and Bonds Chairman of the Board Richard Hirsch at a reception held in the finance minister's honor October 7 in New York.

By comparison, U.S. Israel bond investments for 2011 were \$634 million. For 2012, they reached \$816 million, which, at the time, represented an all-time high for domestic Israel bond sales.

In praising the record results, Sigalit Siag, Israel's chief fiscal officer for the Western Hemisphere, applauded the Bonds organization for "proving itself once again as a reliable source of funding for Israel's economy." She cited the organization's "unique ability to raise capital," as well as its success in securing sales from "a strong, diverse investor base."

Bonds Chairman of the Board Richard Hirsch said the record sales "solidify the reputation of the Bonds organization as a dependable economic and strategic resource for Israel."

Added President and CEO Izzy Tapoohi: "The \$1 billion achievement dispels the notion that Israel bonds are bought in great numbers only when Israel confronts a crisis. Today, Israel bonds are perceived not only as a gesture of solidarity, but as an opportunity to become a stakeholders in one of the world's most resilient economies."

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Ask A Rabbi (from page 7)

no doubt, have a lot to say about our society's problem with child and adult obesity. He addresses this topic for the community of his time (*Mishneh Torah*, Laws of Proper Behavior 4:15):

...Over-eating is tantamount to poison: it is the root cause of all illness, and the majority of illnesses which afflict human beings come about either because of eating the wrong things, or because the person has over-indulged themselves, filling their belly, even with the right things....

From both texts, we learn that Maimonides considered our physical health to be directly tied to what and how we eat. It bears noting, however, that his concern for our physical health is directly connected to our spiritual health. In his mind, we are to maintain our bodies, be careful what we eat, etc., for the purpose of being spiritually fit. A well functioning soul requires, above all, a healthy body. We can't pursue intellectual endeavors to know and understand God if our unhealthy body prevents us from doing so.

There is no question that keeping kosher, regardless of the original intent, has had a beneficial health effect. For instance, during the Middle Ages, the Black Plague spread across Europe, the cause of which had much to do with the lack of sanitary living conditions. Jews were less affected because of the care of washing one's hands before eating and often because of the way Jews prepared their food (soaking and salting meat to get rid of the blood for example). The spread of trichinosis in the Medieval Jewish community was minimal because Jews didn't eat pork as proscribed by the laws of keeping Kosher. Although less common now, eating oysters, also an animal deemed unkosher, was known to cause outbreaks of Hepatitis-A. Obviously, Jews who followed the laws of Kashrut, were less likely to become ill with these diseases, unlike their non-Jewish neighbors whose diets differed so greatly.

Although we may certainly argue that health could be a rationale for keeping

Kosher, anyone who has studied the diet of Jews throughout the ages, especially from Eastern Europe in past centuries, could easily argue that Kashrut and health are not as closely linked as we might hope – at least not in our modern times knowing what we know about food today. The traditional foods of our Jewish culture (especially for those of us from Ashkenazi backgrounds!) are fried latkes and fried jelly doughnuts on Hannuka, *shmaltz* (rendered chicken fat), egg breads and bagels, and cheese blintzes. We can't say that our customary foods offer the healthiest options for our cholesterol and sodium levels, given what we know about health today.

Clearly, the explanations for the meaning behind the laws of Kashrut have varied throughout the generations. The Torah itself, however, offers to us a rationale which, I think, underlies any other explanation, whether physical health or spiritual development. The Torah states (Lev. 11:44-45):

VE-HEE-TEM K'DOSHEEM KEE KADOSH ANI

You are to sanctify yourselves and you shall be holy, for I, God, am holy.

While bodily health is a reasonable extrapolation, the bottom line of our dietary regulations according to the Torah is simply put: holiness – the way we as Jews act in striving to elevate ourselves and all that we do onto a higher plane, one that helps us recognize the divine qualities that dwell within us. Eating is the most basic human act, yet through our system of Kashrut, whenever we engage in it, we are challenged to uplift ourselves, to raise our level of respect for all life, human and animal. When we stop to consider what it is we are about to order at a restaurant or buy at the grocery store, we arouse our Jewish consciousness. We are reminded that we are a part of a unique People with a unique Covenant with God. When we engage in the process of keeping kosher – at whatever level we may do that – we are turning one of our most basic human instincts – the need to eat – into an act of *K'dusha*, an act of holiness, an act of Godliness. What better prescription for healthy living is there? ☆

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Israel 21c: Israeli medical professionals to provide critical health interventions in the typhoon-affected region; Home Front Command to survey area.

By Viva Sarah Press

In the wake of Typhoon Haiyan's devastation, IsraAID, the Israel Forum for International Humanitarian Aid, has sent an aid team to the Philippines to provide critical health interventions in the hardest-hit areas. The Israeli team will help local NGOs and UN agencies in treating hundreds of thousands of people affected by one of the worst storms on record.

Typhoon Haiyan's violent winds barreled through several central islands, knocking out power, tumbling buildings and burying people under tons of debris. Reports say some 10,000 people are believed to have died in Friday's devastation.

"We have a team that is leaving today," Shachar Zahavi, head of IsraAID tells ISRAEL21c on Sunday morning in Israel. "About five or six people are leaving tonight. They are flying tonight and landing in Manila and from there they will go straight to the field. Note that it's an IsraAID-FIRST mission. "The team will be made up of paramedics and the minute they land there we will start working to get a better understanding of how things will look. From there we will add more professionals and people specializing in child safety and trauma

experts."

The Israeli government also offered medical help to Philippines authorities — which was graciously accepted — and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is presently making arrangements for a transfer to the affected areas, a Foreign Ministry spokesperson tells ISRAEL21c. A team of six first responders from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the IDF are also headed out Sunday night from Jerusalem to Manila. The two government officials and four Home Front Command officers "will meet with Philippine authorities and see what they need and how to get it there logistically," a spokesperson tells ISRAEL21c. "This will help us understand what we need to send over, when to send it, and how to send it."

Israeli Ambassador to the Philippines Menashe Bar On extended sympathies to residents of the area and said Israel is one with Filipinos "in these trying times."

In the 2009 typhoons in the Philippines, Israeli aid workers provided medical relief to thousands of people there. Is-



Typhoon damage in the Philippines.

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raAID set up a number of field hospitals in the storm-battered country four years ago. Zahavi said that's the plan this time around as well. "Setting up a field hospital — that's our goal. That's what we are trying to aim for," he says. "You have to understand that it is relatively hard to get in there. It's not easy so this is really our first mission. We have been working with our local contacts to secure private flights into [the disaster zone]. Eventually we would like to scale up and to see how feasible it will be to build a field hospital. We are working closely with the ministries there. In 24 hours we will know more and will be standing. Our team will arrive to their destination around noon Israel time [Monday]."

Israeli relief workers have facilitated aid programs all over the world. Since IsraAID's creation in 2001, it has provided

relief to cyclone victims in Myanmar, long term aid programs for starving communities in Malawi, rehabilitation and relief in South East Asia following the devastating tsunami, as well as countless other rescue missions. IsraAID and its coalition members have been active in over 40 countries. ☆

Karin Kloosterman contributed to this report.

About Viva Sarah Press

Viva Sarah Press is an associate editor and writer at ISRAEL21c. She has extensive experience in reporting/editing in the print, online and broadcast fields. She has jumped out of a plane, ducked rockets and been attacked by a baboon all in the name of a good story. Her work has been published by international media outlets including Israel Television, CNN, Reuters, The Jerusalem Post and Time Out.

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One Book Jewish Lexington!

This winter, The Jewish community of Lexington will be gathering together for a new event called "One Book Jewish Lexington." The idea of this program is to encourage everyone in the community to read the same book and then come together to discuss the book.

For this year, we will be reading *The Wanting* by Michael Lavigne. The discussion will be held on Sunday February 2, 2014 at 3:00 pm at the Tates Creek branch of the Lexington Public Library. [The discussion leader for the afternoon will be Professor Tikva Meroz-Aharoni. Meroz-Aharoni is a Visiting Scholar at the University of Kentucky Jewish Studies Department.

Michael Lavigne's work examines the intersection of the political and the personal, the mutable nature of time, and the power of loss, anger and love to

transform our lives. His long-awaited second novel, *The Wanting*, has received brilliant reviews from the *NY Times*, the *Toronto Star* and has been called "a testament to Lavigne's immense skills as a writer," (Malcolm Forbes) and an "exquisite novel of longing and loss" (Dalia Sofer).

A former student of social and political thought at the University of Chicago, Lavigne draws inspiration from sources as diverse as Emile Zola and Bruno Schulz, E.M. Forster and Woody Allen. But his main focus is the life of ordinary people, the relations of fathers and sons, daughters and mothers, and how they navigate a world of confused priorities and hidden agendas. To this end, he loves to communicate with his readers and relies on these interactions as a source of inspiration. (If you write him, most likely he'll answer.) He invites you to browse this site, like him on

Facebook and comment on his blog.

The Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass, along with B'nai B'rith, The Lexington Havurah, the Lexington Chapter of Haddassah, Ohavay Zion Synagogue, and Temple Adath Israel will be sponsoring the event. If you are interested in pur-

chasing a copy of *The Wanting* through Amazon, please visit either JFB, OZS, or TAI's website and use their Amazon portal. ☆

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Midwest Tri-Region Conference Celebrating Our Past, Present And Future

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Eight delegates from the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah and others from the Central States Region journeyed to Chicago to meet with their colleagues from the Great Plains and Upper Midwest Regions on October 12-13, 2013.

On Saturday the education component of the Conference focused on how to engage people with Hadassah's cause and how to communicate the cause to younger people. There was a lot of interaction between the dynamic speaker, Jeff Wilcox, a well-known fundraising and leadership specialist, and the attendees. Jeff was ably assisted by Renee Resnik, a past Central States Region President. Renee has also served on the National board in many capacities, including Annual Planning and Strategic Planning. Everyone gained insight into how to present Hadassah's cause and obtained interesting program ideas from other communities.

After dinner and Havdalah on Saturday night, the delegates heard inspiring comments from Janice Weinman, National Hadassah Executive Director/CEO. Janice was appointed CEO in June 2012 after many years in other

nonprofit management positions. She was an inaugural board member of the Hadassah Foundation which seeks to improve the status, health and well-being of women and girls in the United States and Israel. Janice related her own generational experiences with Hadassah to the themes of the conference in a meaningful way.

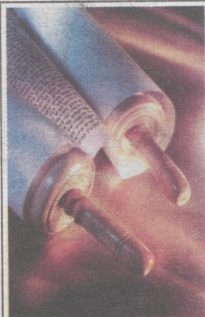
On Sunday each region held its own business meeting. After those meetings, the three regions reconvened to gain further understanding of Hadassah's cause, the empowerment of healthy women and girls, sustaining philanthropy for the next generation and securing world peace through medicine. For one of the breakout sessions, we sat with our fellow Lexingtonians to focus on how each of us can become a leader for Hadassah's cause locally and to address issues of concern in our chapter.

All the participants returned to Lexington reinvigorated after the impressive presentations and stimulating exchange of ideas. We hope to initiate much of what we learned in the near future in the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah. ☆

Lunch and Learn with our
Lexington community rabbis

January 28 with Rabbi Marc Kline
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Book Review:

ARAB AND JEWISH WOMEN IN KENTUCKY: *Stories of Accommodation and Audacity*

by Nora Rose Moosnick

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By Vivian Bitensky

Nora Rose Moosnick relates, through the use of oral history, stories about the lives of Jewish and Arab women who are living or have lived in Kentucky. Arabs and Jews are two minority groups who have come to Kentucky from many different parts of the world. The stories show the way they have contributed to Kentucky. As with all immigrant groups, they came for many different reasons. For all, the transition from their homes to Kentucky was, and is today, difficult. Both Arab and Jewish women have tried to maintain their culture and traditions and still become a part of the community in which they live.

Ms. Moosnick compares the activities and feelings of women who lived in the same time period and who had to face very similar problems. Although their nationalities are different, we learn how alike they really are. In doing the interviews Ms. Moosnick met with some unwillingness to tell their stories for fear that they would be misunderstood and thus cause problems for themselves and their families. The author quotes Franklin Moosnick, "...You couldn't not understand that we were different...and that you were tainted in some way." In spite of the reluctance of some families, Ms. Moosnick was able to interview a diverse group. These stories illustrate women coping

with adverse situations such as poverty, intolerance, and assimilation.

In this book there are stories about people we know or have heard about. We learn how they overcame difficulty in achieving their goals. Teresa Isaacs was a past Mayor of Lexington. Her family were Lebanese immigrants who settled in Eastern Kentucky. Her family's struggles and industriousness is compared to the Myers family. They came from Russia and settled in Hopkinsville, Ky. The Myers sisters ran a successful ladies clothing store. Teresa Isaac and Sarah and Frances Myer have much in common despite their religious, ethnic, and generational differences.



The stories are light-hearted; Ms. Moosnick is a compassionate and amusing storyteller. Stories about Lexington and other communities throughout Kentucky, tell how life was before shopping malls and superstores. These Main Street stores were gathering places where people met with a sense of community and interaction with others.

Ms. Moosnick brings to life so many wonderful women. Their stories are inspiring. One is amazed at how they coped with adversities and still were able to instill in their families with the beauty of their heritage. This is a book that one can read and reread. What a wonderful experience. ☆

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The success of this tzedakah project depends on all of us. Instead of a charge for lunch, everyone attending is asked to donate birthday party supplies. Items

to bring include boxed cake mix, frosting, candles, decorations, invitations, small dollar store toys, and anything else you can think of for a successful birthday party. The more you bring, the more Birthday-in-a-Boxes to give to more children. Lori and Tamara will supply boxes, wrapping paper, and art supplies to put together a birthday party in a box. We will decorate the boxes, wrap the small presents, and put everything for a special birthday celebration into the decorated boxes.

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B'tayavon (Hearty Appetite)

By Vivian Bitensky

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- 4-5 sliced onions
- Salt & pepper
- 1/4 cup walnuts
- 4 hard-boiled eggs
- Salt & pepper

DIRECTIONS:

Dice and sauté onions in oil. Mix with remaining ingredients and process all together. Chill and serve as an appetizer.

Tzeason of Tzedakah *(from page 1)*

from these organizations; B'nai Brith (Austin Cook - coordinator), Hadassah (Judy Saxe - coordinator), the Havurah (Stanley Saxe - coordinator), Ohavay Zion Synagogue (Brian Derer - coordinator), Temple Adath Israel (Tammy Brennan and Rabbi Kline - co-coordinators), and TAI Social Action Committee (Karen Patrone) we are able to expand our volunteer outreach. Even PJ Library is pitching in with a toy and book collection during the annual Hanukkah story hour.

- Christmas dinner at Catholic Action Center
- Christmas afternoon entertainment at Mayfair Village
- Afternoon entertainment at Sayre Christian Village
- Catholic Action Center Christmas Store
- Collections for the Humane Society
- Canned Goods collection for God's Pantry at the Winter Dinner
- Christmas dinner at the Hope Center

This year we will be volunteering at:

- 15 Meals-on-Wheels routes
- 4 Moveable Feast routes
- Dinner at Ronald McDonald House

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these activities, please contact Lori at 268-0972 or lori@jewishlexington.org.

ATTENTION proud grand-parents, parents, & students

We want to publish any original writing produced by our community's elementary- and high-school-age children. If you're proud of something written by one of our kids, either fiction or non-fiction, please email it to shalom@jewishlexington.org

Babysitting 101

Sunday, January 12, 2014
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Learn the essential skills you'll need to be a safe and nurturing babysitter, add some skills to your babysitter toolbelt, and increase your overall comfort level around caring for other people's children.

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Thoughts & Strategies (from page 1)

ways to bring people together and really beginning to dive in to these questions so we can finally move toward answers we feel committed to.

There is so much potential in each of us as Jews and as a community. The potential is there to shape our future and find new, meaningful ways to share the things we find beautiful and fulfilling about Jewish life and Jewish identity. The individual and collective potential exists to build a new platform on which "Jewish community" as an ideology can take shape.

There will always be a basic foundation on which Judaism stands, and there are things we cannot strip from that source. Each of you has your own ideas of what that basic foundation should look like, and therein lies a Jewish community requirement for the process, our right to question and debate everything we hold dear as Jews, because in that debate we strengthen our commitment to the things we all agree on.

That leads me to the next big question, "How can we harness all of those great ideas, those aspects of Jewish life and Judaism, into one overarching goal upon which our community planning today would be based?" Many Jewish leaders would say that collaboration is key.

In an article posted on eJewishPhilanthropy.com by Ramie Arian, Director for the Nativ program at the Foundation for Jewish Camp, entitled *The Unintended Consequences of Two Generations' Success: The Pew Study and the Next Generation's Challenge*, Arian cites examples of the focus of past generations of Jews who lived and led our community through the 20th century. Arian points out that contrary to the implications of many negative responses the recent Pew study has inspired, those generations have, in fact, accomplished exactly what they set out to.

Arian then summarizes his point about community collaboration being key by concluding with, "The younger generation of Jewish leaders...will need to rise

to the challenge of articulating, building consensus around, and then achieving a new generational project that will lead to the creation of a glowing, new golden age for Jewish life in the 21st century." So now this "younger generation" has a tremendous challenge ahead, one with make-or-break consequences for our people. This is a daunting task and a burden too enormous to bear at the onset.

Are you up for the challenge? I am and I suspect there are others who are, as well. But, we, the younger generation, cannot move forward on our own; we might need guidance and the wisdom of those who led before us and we need opportunities to share and put into action our own expertise and strengths. More importantly though, we need room to explore, experiment, occasionally mess up and learn from the process and results, and we need the funding to play around with these ideas. We need to travel to conferences where others around the U.S. are asking these same questions and learn how they are acting on new ideas. We need to embrace the relationships made at these convenings where new opportunities to create collaboration can be forged.

How can we set this all in motion? Here are three suggestions for everyone:

- Start to really talk about it, "it" being what our Jewish community could look like in 10 years, 50 years, 100 years. What do we feel is important and how can we help set a foundation for those ideas to launch a framework within which ideas can be based, and a series of milestones and metrics by which our progress can be monitored and focused.
- Talk about it everywhere. Committee meetings, board meetings, family dinners, online (websites, blogs, Twitter, Facebook, etc), or out having coffee with a friend—there are no limits or restrictions. This is important stuff so don't hold back.
- Make a plan, if you are inspired to do so, and set it into motion. There are so many ways to do this now. Take action with intentionality—which

organization or source of support and funding is best suited to make this project a reality? If you are not sure who to go to, ask! Ask multiple people, from different places. Maybe you'll find a partner to help make it happen.

If you want to help, but need some direction or a sounding board, please contact myself or another staff person at the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass.

There are many resources popping up around the country, within our local community organizations, and through many other nonprofits and foundations. No idea is too big or too small, and you will never be alone in your quest to make our Jewish future better and brighter. You may not see that idea to fruition the first go around, but don't give up. YOU can make a difference in our community. You can make it happen. ✧

RESOURCES:

- Charles and Lynn Schusterman Foundation <http://www.schusterman.org>
#MakeItHappen microgrants can be submitted on the website until January 15, 2014
<http://makeithappen.schusterman.org/>
- Jewish Federations of North America TRIBEFEEST – National event for young adults ages 22-45. www.tribefest.org, March 16-18, 2014 in New Orleans. Some partial subsidies will be available through JFB. Contact Tamara Ohayon at tamara@jewishlexington.org or (859) 268-0672
- Natan/NEXT Grants for Social Entrepreneurs through the Birthright Israel Foundation <http://www.birtherightsrael.com/AFTERTHETRIIP/PROGRAMS/Pages/NEXTNatanGrants.aspx>
Contact them on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/NEXTBirthrightIsrael> or grants@birthrightisraelnext.org
- Mayerson Family Foundations, based in Cincinnati, Ohio <http://mayersonfoundation.org/>
- Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass. Proposals can be submitted to Judy Wortman at jfb@jewishlexington.org



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Deadline for applications is April 1, 2014.

Applications can be requested from JFS or downloaded from the JFS page at www.jewishlexington.org.

For more information, contact Mimi Kaufman, JFS Director, at (859) 269-8244 or jfs@jewishlexington.org.

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WELCOME

Ohavay Zion Synagogue is a warm and welcoming congregation in Lexington, Kentucky. Through the framework of Conservative Judaism, we explore our Jewish identities and form community. We celebrate our diversity and welcome newcomers. Please join us.

SHABBAT DINNER

Please join our whole OZS community as we celebrate Shabbat together on Friday, December 13 at 5:30pm & Friday, January 24 at 5:30pm. The food will be Potluck, so please bring a vegetarian, fish and/or dairy dish. After dinner and shmoozing, we will have a brief but spirited service. If you have any questions, please call the OZS office at 266-8050 or email at office@ozs.org.

KABBALAT SHABBAT LEARNERS MINYAN

Please join us on Friday, December 6 at 5:30pm & Friday, January 10 at 5:30pm for our Kabbalat Shabbat Learners Minyan. This minyan will be a warm and welcoming way to enter into the traditional Kabbalat Shabbat service. With uplifting melodies, prayer books with translation, and teachings guiding our way, we will enjoy our Shabbos exploration together. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please call the OZS office at 266-8050 or email at office@ozs.org.

KIDS' SHABBAT AND PJ LIBRARY

Please join us for Kids' Shabbat on Fri-

day, December 20 at 5:30pm & Friday January 17 at 5:30pm.

Kids' Shabbat is our monthly Shabbat Service for younger children. We light candles, drink grape juice, eat pizza, sit together on beautiful carpets, sing songs, and read amazing stories from the PJ Library. Newcomers and friends are always welcome.

This year's Kids' Shabbat services will be held Fridays at 5:30pm at Ohavay Zion Synagogue on the following dates.

February 21
March 21
April 18
May 16

For more information or to RSVP, email Rabbi.Smolkin@gmail.com.

BACKPACKING FOR GOD'S PANTRY

Join us each month as backpacks are filled with food that children take home on weekends from Mary Todd Elementary School. All of the food is child-friendly, nonperishable, easily consumed and vitamin fortified. Our next backpacking date is December 15 at 11:00am at OZS.

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

Please join us any Saturday morning of the year, as Ohavay Zion Synagogue celebrates Shabbat. We begin at 9:30am, though please feel free to join at any time during the service. Our worship is filled with joyous song and fascinat-

ing Torah discussions. The service concludes around noon, and all are invited to schmooze over lunch after the service. This is a wonderful way to celebrate Shabbat and to meet some nice Jewish folks here in Lexington. Newcomers and friends 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 to enjoy. Please join us Tuesday afternoons from 5:45pm to 6:15pm.

STUDYING THE PROPHETS

Please join us Wednesdays, at noon, as we explore the book of Isaiah through the teachings of our Jewish tradition. We will learn about Isaiah's focus on righteousness and justice; we will hear Isaiah's deep concern for the orphan, the widow, and the underprivileged of society. We have a wonderfully diverse group of learners and terrific conversations.

TALMUD STUDY

The Talmud Study group meets each Friday morning for prayer, food, and study. The morning begins

with a brief Shacharit service at 7:30am, followed by a light breakfast, and then fascinating study of the Talmud. Newcomers are always welcome.

INTERESTED IN OZS?

Ohavay Zion Synagogue is a warm and welcoming Jewish community. If you are interested, or if you know someone who may be interested in learning more about Ohavay Zion Synagogue, please call our membership chair Kathy Grossman at 268-2596 or email Rabbi Smolkin at Rabbi.Smolkin@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you.

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The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah

Jane Chaput, President

"As the days dwindle down..." The poignant words of an old song remind me that my time as president of the Lexington chapter of Hadassah is also coming to an end. However, the accomplishments of this group of remarkable women made my time truly special. Our chapter has 307 members, 280 of whom are life members. There are also 75 husbands, brothers, and friends who are associate members and support our programs. Our chapter has been recognized nationally for continuing to meet or exceed our membership goals.

Our hardworking committees have presented a wide variety of interesting, educational, and entertaining programs throughout the years. These programs were designed to appeal to diverse groups and have included such varied topics from discussions about monitoring changes in textbooks used by US schools to the history of chocolate. The women of Hadassah continue to sponsor an annual Chanukah mitzvah proj-

ect and support a strong relationship with the Kentucky Children's Hospital

In 1912, Hadassah was started to support health care in Israel, which remains our founding value.

Hadassah's governing values are uniquely Jewish – they are in our DNA:

- *Pikua Nefesh* – We must value life – one life at a time
- *Tikkun Olam* – We have a duty to repair the world
- *Klal Yisrael* – We advocate for World Health
- *L'Dor VaDor* – We must teach the next generation to care for each other and the world.

It is my pleasure to be a part of this dynamic organization. Thank you for all your support. ☆

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Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Monday, January 20, 2014

10:00 a.m.

Join our wider Lexington community and march with us under one Jewish community banner as part of the Lexington March for Freedom.

Line-up for the march begins at 9:00 a.m. outside the Lexington Center Heritage Hall

11:00 a.m.

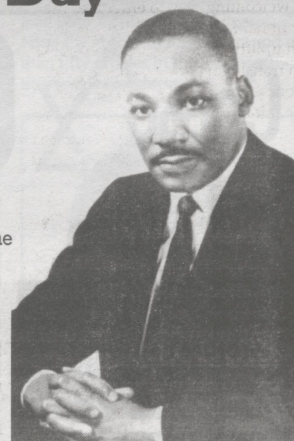
A Commemorative Program will begin at 11:00 a.m. with featured guest performer Bernice Johnson Reagon. The theme for the 2014 program is [italics] We Who Believe In Freedom: Music, Memories & The Civil Rights Movement [italics].

12 noon

Join PJ Library and Camp Shalom for a Tzedakah Project and Pizza!

at Puccini's Smiling Teeth in Chevy Chase | Open to all families with children in grades K-4

We will be putting together decorated packages containing everything necessary for a terrific birthday party for children living in a temporary shelter! Families are asked to bring cake mixes, frosting, candles, invitations, party favors, and anything else you think would make for a festive birthday party. This event is free with donations of birthday party supplies!



Please RSVP to Lori at lori@jewishlexington.org or Tamara at tamara@jewishlexington.org or call the office at (859) 268-0672.

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The Lexington Havurah

Stan Saxe, President

The Lexington Havurah, founded in 1978, is a network of diverse people dedicated to Jewish learning and renewal, community building, and tikkun olam (repairing the world). A havurah is defined as a gathering or community of friends. The Lexington Havurah is affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the National Havurah Committee. Members plan, conduct, and share responsibility for all services. For additional information about services or membership in the Havurah, please contact me at sabastanley@insightbb.com.

A Reaffirmation that Hitler Did Not Win

Each and every time that we as a Havurah hold a service, e.g. Kabbalat Shabbat, Shabbat, Havdalah, observe a holiday, celebrate a happy occasion, get together for an educational activity – it reaffirms for me Hitler did not win.

Our Saturday morning Shabbat service and potluck in the month of November was the day of the 75th anniversary of Kristallnacht (or “night of broken glass”), November 9, 1938, when there was a pogrom in Germany and Austria. Planned and executed by the German government, there was looting, destruction, and burning of Jewish homes, shops, and synagogues.

Our leaders for this Shabbat morning service were Lexington Havurah members Rabbi Uri and Hanna Smith whose families lived in Germany. As part of the Kristallnacht anniversary recognition, Hanna spoke and read one of the individual reflections printed in last month’s issue of *Shalom*. She was the person responsible for producing that section of the newspaper in which five different individuals told of their experiences at the time of Kristallnacht.

We congratulate Hanna for her commitment to tell the story in *Shalom* of Kristallnacht by her compilation of first-hand accounts, through interview and writings of Lexington residents, their relatives, and former residents. Endowed with intelligence, charm and modesty, Hanna brings honor to The Lexington Havurah and to the entire Lexington Jewish community.

The holiday of Tu B’Shtat will be Thursday, January 16. The Havurah will celebrate with our annual Tu B’Shtat Seder on Friday evening, January 17. Religious committee co-chairs Judy Baumann and Jeremy Popkin are planning a wine and cheese social time, a brief Kabbalat Shabbat (Welcoming the Sabbath), and the Seder featuring the fruits, nuts, wine/grape juice as noted in our modern day Haggadah.

Considered a minor holiday, Tu B’Shtat (meaning the 15th of the month of Shevat) is the “New Year of the Trees.” It coincides with the flowering of almond trees, which have grown wild in Israel and may be the reason for the dating of this holiday.

Some 700 years ago in Safed, a Kabbalistic Rabbi, Yitzchak Luria, and his disciples probably held the first Tu B’Shtat

seder in which the fruits and trees of Israel became symbolic of spiritual values. This may have been the beginning of eating ten specific fruits and drinking four cups of wine.

In our modern day Tu B’Shtat Haggadah we celebrate the continuous evolution of this holiday – linked by many now to concerns about sustainability, conservation of the earth, and our environment. Always a hands-on event for the Havurah because of the preparation of the various fruits and nuts, the Seder is a unique activity, which links the past to present through song, prayer, and food.

Details will be forthcoming in the email Bulletin from our Vice-president and Communications Director, Dave Weinstein.

Camp Shalom



HIRING FOR SUMMER 2014 begins December 15, 2013

Camp Shalom is a non-denominational Jewish day camp open to children ages 4 thru 14. Jewish learning is woven into all aspects of the day making this a special experience for our area.

Camp will be in session from July 28 to August 8, 2014.

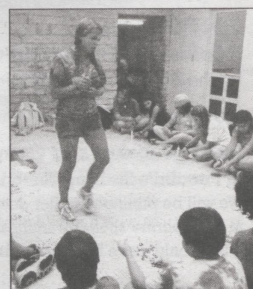
Staff positions are available for youth and young adults ages 16 and up. C.I.T. applications, for youth entering 9th and 10th grade, will be accepted beginning February 2014.

Camp Shalom staff responsibilities may include: Engaging, supervising, & ensuring well-being of campers; assisting with & leading activities; and having fun! Individuals who feel they have expertise or experience in a particular specialty area should mention these abilities on their application.

Interviews will begin in February 2014. Times will be arranged on an individual basis.

Visit www.jewishlexington.org/campshalom.aspx to apply. (We recommend using Chrome to visit this site.) Be sure to read the additional information on the application for other required dates.

Contact Camp Director, Tamara Ohayon, at camp@jewishlexington.org or (859) 268-0672 for more information.



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WHO WE ARE

Temple Adath Israel is a Reform Jewish congregation - We celebrate Torah, Justice, Tradition, and Faith. Our mission is to inspire Jews to ensure a vibrant Jewish present and future by nurturing a multi-generational love for our tradition. Our "Community Center" approach to Judaism gives families a host of unique ways in which to love living relevant, soulful and experiential Jewish lives. Please call the Temple Administrator for more information if you are interested in affiliating with the Temple. The phone number is 269-2979.

FAMILY SHABBAT

Our lively Family Shabbat takes place on the second Friday of each month at 7 PM. We sing songs and enjoy great stories geared to our families and their young children, but with valuable messages for all. TAI has a potluck dinner preceding the service at 6 PM on Family Shabbat night.

TOT SHABBAT

Our Tot Shabbat Friday night service is held on the last Friday of each month (during the school year).

TEMPLE TOTS

The Temple Tots program is designed to give 2 1/2 and 3-year-old children and their parents a positive and nurturing beginning to their Jewish educational experience. We meet about once a month (during the school year).

PJ LIBRARY READING TIME

TAI has dedicated space in our Youth Library and our Anita Mersack Outdoor Reading Garden for families to share in our growing collection of PJ Library Books, before, during, and after religious school. The collection is in our Youth Library and our Librarian Leona Stern and Rabbi Marc love to share in reading time with many families or even just one. These books provide our young children with wonderful introductions to the magic of Jewish storytelling.

PARSHA

Join us each Saturday morning at 11 AM in the library as we take a look at the Torah portion for each week. Rabbi will lead some discussions and everyone will take turns December 21 & 28 and January 3, 10, 17, & 31. We will have Parsha with worship on December 21 and January 18. We will join the congregation on December 7 and January 25 at 10:30 AM for Bar Mitzvah services.

PRE-WAR POLAND

On Friday January 31, during the Oneg following the Erev Shabbat Service, Ken Slepian and Karen Petrone will discuss their visit to L'viv, Ukraine (one of the major Jewish centers of prewar Poland).

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Rebecca Young, President
Our December event is a Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Kline. Please join us on Wednesday, Dec. 18 at noon. The cost is \$8 for lunch. Must RSVP by Dec. 13. Want to join Sisterhood? Please contact Deb Flomenhoft at dflomenhoft@gmail.com

Sisterhood Events 2013-2014

Dec. 18 Lunch/Learn with Rabbi Kline
Feb. 9 Florence Crittenton Valentine's Dinner
March 16 Vashti's Banquet
April 25 Sisterhood Shabbat
May 31 Havdalah and Installation
**events subject to change, details TBA*

In recognition of WRJ's (Women of Reform Judaism) commitment to social justice, Sisterhood will be marking this Centennial celebration by collecting 100 items each month. The month of December, we will be collecting items for the UK Hospital. Please donate, crayons, markers, board games, beading kits, word find books, and batteries.

For the month of January, we will be collecting personal items for the Hope Center. Please donate white socks, gloves, chapstick, headscarves, and warm hats. Please bring what you can and put in

the basket under the bulletin board in the main hall. Thank you for supporting this important project.

CHAVURAT CHOCHMA PROGRAM (A Friendly Gathering of Wisdom)

We will meet on December 6, 2013 at 11:30 am in the social hall for a delicious lunch and to hear an interesting speaker. Cost is \$6 per person. While this program is designed for those sixty years old and over, all are welcome. Please RSVP to Sandee at 269-2979 by December 2nd.

GENERATION TAI DINNER FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY

Generation TAI is our Chavurah group for young adults. Programming runs the spectrum from worship to social action, and from Shabbat to holiday meals. Please join us for the monthly Generation TAI Dinner on December 6, 2013 and January 3, 2014 following Shabbat services. The cost is free for those who bring a potluck dish. If you don't cook, bring \$7 to enjoy all the food. Please contact Reva Schottenstein at rschott86@hotmail.com or call her at 859-221-9473 to reserve your seat.



SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE: RABBI SAMUEL JOSEPH
Samuel K. Joseph, Rabbi, PhD, RJE

On Friday, January 10, during the Oneg following the Erev Shabbat Service, Rabbi Joseph will discuss: "German Guilt and the Rise of 21st Century German Jewry." On Saturday, January 11 at 12:30 PM, he will present "Frankenstein and the Jews...the Golem Lives." Bagels

and coffee/tea will be served. Please join us for these interesting talks.

Contact Information: Email: sjoseph@huc.edu, Phone: (513) 487-3264.

Rabbi Samuel K. Joseph, Ph.D. is Eleanor Sinshemer Distinguished Service Professor of Jewish Education and Leadership Development at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, where he teaches in the rabbinical school. His special interest is how Jewish institutions and organizations, from schools to synagogues to national groups, can be most excellent as they seek to fulfill their mission and vision. Toward this end, Rabbi Joseph works with such groups throughout the world. Most recently he taught at the first rabbinical seminary in Germany since the Holocaust, the Abraham Geiger College in Berlin, as the Jacobs Fellow. In past years he worked with the Jewish community in Australia, New Zealand, Brazil, and Argentina. He is the founding rabbi of the liberal congregation in Hong Kong. Rabbi Joseph consults with rabbis, educators, administrators, communal leaders, and lay leaders, supporting them as they lead their institutions and organizations. He is the author of four books and more than fifty articles in the area of education and leadership.

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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:

Linda Ravvin, the past president of the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass who has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the Jewish Federations of North America, the parent organization of JFB. Linda also serves as JFB Campaign Co-chair and as a Board member and Chair of the Personnel Committee of Temple Adath Israel.

Rabbi David and Judy Wortman on the marriage of their daughter **Shoshana Michal Wortman** to **Jordan Lublin**. Shoshana is the daughter of the late Gwenn Cohen. Jordan is the son of **Arlene Lublin** and the late **Murray Lublin**.

Gerald Dubilier and Shirley D'Onofrio on their recent marriage.

Shainey Marcus and Angel Vargas on the birth of their baby boy, **Angel Rafael Lee Vargas**.

Joshua and Whitney Steiner on the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Nathaniel Lewis Steiner**.

Thomas & Tamara Brennan on the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Charles Elliott Brennan**.

Condolences to:

Anne Cook whose husband, **Adam Cook**, passed away. Adam was 40 years old, and leaves behind his son, **Adin Cook**, who is 7 years old.



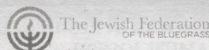
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Leisure Club Hanukkah Party

Tuesday, December 3 • 12 noon

at Temple Adath Israel

Potato Latkes and Potluck Lunch



Stewart Home School Hanukkah Party

Monday, December 9 • 5:00pm

at JFB (for those carpooling)

Volunteers are invited to share the joy of Hanukkah with Jewish residents. Contact Mimi directly for more information about this program.

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Center Spread 21"x11.42" \$440 BW • \$600 Color

*All other ads are billed at \$12 per column inch.

*Ad production is available at \$15 per hour.

Rates for contracted terms (per issue)**

Size	5x	10x	w/Color
Full	210	198	+75
1/2 Vert.	125	121	+75
1/2 Horiz.	125	121	+75
1/4	82	77	+40
1/8	55	50	+40
Bus. Card	38	28	+40
Dbl. Truck	420	396	+160

**A contract must be signed prior to insertion of the first ad. Prepaid contracts will be discounted 10% off the total.

Terms

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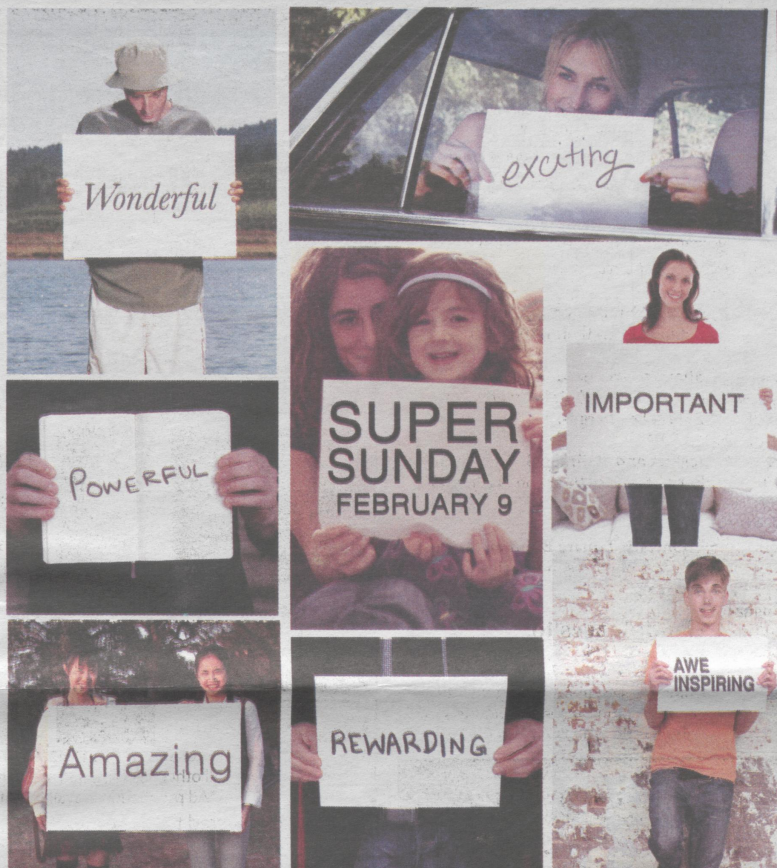
Deadline

Deadline for camera-ready art is the 10th of the month prior to the month of publication.

For more details about advertising please contact Tamara Ohayon at the JFB office. (859) 268-0672 or tamara@jewishlexington.org



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Super Sunday is February 9, 2014. One day. One call. One community.

On Sunday, February 9, we will come together in spirit and in action as one community to make the world a better place. Please answer our phone call, and make a generous donation to the Jewish Federation Annual Campaign so that thousands of Jews in need in our community, in Israel and around the world can get the help they need.

Your support of Federation helps us fight poverty, rescue and resettle Jewish immigrants, and strengthen Jewish life.

Volunteers needed. Please contact the JFB office to sign-up.

P.S. If you miss our call or do not wish to be called (on or after January 1, 2014):

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Text SUPERBLUEGRASS
to 51818 (mobile charges may apply)

Call us at 859-268-0672



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Community Calendar



- **JFB - Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass - www.jew-ishlexington.org**
1050 Chinoe Road, Suite 112 • 268-0672 • Michael Grossman, President
- **OZS - Ohavay Zion Synagogue - www.ozs.org**
2048 Edgewater Court • 266-8050 • Shirley Bryan, 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 • Judy Engelberg, President
Shabbat Services Fridays 7:00 p.m.; Worship Service Saturday 11:00 a.m.

HAD - The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah - www.centralstates.hadassah.org
Jane Chaput, President • chaput1@windstream.net

HAV - The Lexington Havurah - www.lexhavurah.uscjhst.net
338-5725 • Stanley Saxe, President • sabastanley@insightbb.com • Shabbat Services monthly, call for schedule.

BB - B'nai B'rith Mid-America Region, Stanley Rose Lodge #0289
1050 Chinoe Road, Suite 112 • Austin Cantor, Chair, Executive Committee • ahcantor@twc.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JFB Yiddish Class	Hanukkah	JFS Advisory Committee Meeting	Hanukkah	Hanukkah	TAI Bar Mitzvah	TAI Bar Mitzvah
HAV Hanukkah Party	Family Hanukkah Story Time at Joseph-Beth	Hanukkah		Hadassah Hanukkah Party		TAI Vodka/Latke Event
Hanukkah Dec 1	2	Chabad-Rabbi Litvin visits	3	4	5	6
Hadassah Book Club			TAI Sisterhood Program		TAI Bar Mitzvah	TAI Bar Mitzvah
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
JFB Winter Dinner		TAI/OZS God's Pantry Night	JFB Board Meeting			
JFB Yiddish Class						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
			Christmas JFB Office Closed			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			New Year's Day JFB Office Closed			
29	30	31	Jan 1	2	3	4
JFB Yiddish Class						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
JFS Babysitter Training		Chabad-Rabbi Litvin visits				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
JFB Yiddish Class	Martin Luther King Jr. March	TAI/OZS God's Pantry Night	JFB Board Meeting	U.K. Israeli Film Festival	TAI Bar Mitzvah	TAI Bar Mitzvah
Dining for Hadassah	PJ Library Children's Program at Puccini's					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Hadassah Book Club		Lunch & Learn with the Rabbis				
26	27	28	29	30	31	Feb 1