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Briefings Highlight Lexingtonians Mission to Israel

Federation Members Participate in Annual General Assembly of United Jewish Communities

By Stan Saxe

Briefings from individuals who represented the Israeli Army, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and academia highlighted the Central Kentuckians' experience in Israel as part of the Small Cities Consortium Mission at the end of 2003. Led by the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, the Small Cities Consortium Mission included participants from smaller Federations in Tennessee and Illinois. Twelve of the 35 individuals in the group were first time visitors to Israel.

Following the week of the Mission experience across Israel, the Central Kentuckians joined with others in attending the annual General

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Louise Miller and Joseph Krislov at Machaneh Yehuda.

Super Sunday On February 8th

This not about football, but it is about the Jewish Super Bowl. Super Sunday is the one day in the year when we try to connect with as many Jews as possible in our community – affiliated as well as unaffiliated. It is the one day of the year when people have the opportunity to become part of our Jewish enterprise by contributing to the United Jewish Communities/Central Kentucky Jewish Federation Community Campaign.

The Community Campaign is the fuel that makes the engine run. It is through the campaign that we fund all the activities that the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation offers to the community, as well as the fulfillment of our obligation to help Jews wherever in the world they might be. It may be in Israel, under fire of terror, or in Argentina's collapsed economy, or for elderly Jews with no support network in the former Soviet Union. We are there providing security for the children, food for the elderly, retraining for those out of work, and much more.

Locally, we organize programs in which the whole community can participate and enjoy;

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Are You Ready to Laugh?

CKJF Sponsors a Trip to the Comedy Club

By Ruth Poley

Well-known comedian Mark Klein (*not* TAI's new rabbi Marc Kline) is coming to Comedy Off Broadway on Saturday, February 7, and you're all invited. For a mere \$12 per person you'll have the opportunity to catch the act of this established comedian known as the "Comedy Road Warrior."

Kentucky native and Louisville resident, Mark Klein has substantial credits as a stand-up comic. He has been featured on CBS' "48 Hours" and A & E's "Comedy on the Road," profiled in "GQ" magazine (which called him "King of the One Night Stand-Ups"), and reviewed in many other publications. He has performed from Alaska to Jamaica and everywhere in between, and been so

successful here in Lexington he's been brought back more than 15 times.

And now it's your turn. The Community Activities Committee of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation has reserved a limited block of tickets for Klein's performance at 7:00 PM on Saturday, February 7th. Since this is an early show, it leaves you plenty of time for dinner after the show. Why not call a few friends and get a group together to see the show and have dinner after?

Make an evening of it; tickets are only \$12. Call Jana LaZur at 268-0672, ext. 4# to reserve your place or to get more information.

Day of Giving

By Ray Archer

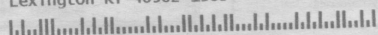
On December 25th, the Jewish community of Lexington once again came together in an exciting and successful "Day of Giving." The event, formerly known as Mitzvah Day, involved Jewish volunteers taking over the duties of their Christian counterparts so that those individuals could spend Christmas day with their families. "We know that providing the opportunity for volunteers to cover for our Christian neighbors so they can spend Christmas with their families is the right thing to do, and our volunteers enjoy it. It is a win-win situation," said Jewish Federation Executive Director Daniel Chefec. More than 40 volunteers participated, including members of Temple Adath Israel, Ohavay Zion Synagogue, the Lexington Havurah, as well as other non-affiliated members of the Jewish community. The event was so well received

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- Larry Goodman
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SAVE THESE DATES

Sunday, March 28, 2004

Community-wide **WOMEN'S SEDER**

Sunday, April 18

Yom HaShoah

(Holocaust Remembrance Day)

Sunday, April 25

Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration

(Israeli Independence Day)

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Generation Chai: News and Views from Jewish Youths

For a small Jewish community, Central Kentucky boasts a diverse Jewish youth forum. Of the nine teens who turned up at CKJF headquarters on a bitterly cold Sunday night, no fewer than four were born outside of Central Kentucky, three had traveled to Israel, six were affiliated with the Synagogu (of whom two have Havurah affiliations) and three from the Temple and seven represented active members of Jewish youth groups. The immediate result was an engaging conversation about what being Jewish means in general and what being Jewish in Central Kentucky means in particular. The long-term hope is that this roundtable, the inaugural column of what we are calling Generation Chai, becomes the first of many with local Jewish youths that stimulates deep thought and further dialogue within the broader Jewish community.

FACILITATOR, TRANSCRIPTIONIST:
Rachel Belin

PARTICIPANTS:

Josh Kline, age 15
Solomon Alkhasov, age 14
Heidi Zimmerman, age 15
Colleen Davis, age 15
Rebecca Knight, age 15
Ben Shechet, age 16
Becky Grossman, age 17
Penina Goldstein, age 17
Ryann Schermer, age 15

Question: How would you rate your feeling of Jewish identity on a scale of one to ten?

Becky: I would rate it a seven. It's important to me, but it's easy to forget it's there sometimes. I'm not very religious, but I'd like to be. I think there's room to grow in my Judaism.

Colleen: I'd say about an eight because I don't go to services as much as I wish I did, but I still feel like I think about my Judaism every day.

Ben: I'm going to say a five because I think at this point in my life I'm honoring my own personal development over my Jewish development in whatever direction that may go. And I don't want to be bogged down by a certain set of ideas that conceivably could make me go in a direction in which that could prove to be limiting.

Rebecca: I would have to say about an eight because I love being Jewish. I love when people recognize that I'm Jewish and talking about it when I'm like, "Oh, I'm Jewish," and they're like, "Oh, tell me about that, about being Jewish." And I love that. It makes me feel special. It's important to me, but all the same, I don't really get active in it a lot. I don't go out and do a lot of things that are really supporting Judaism or anything like that, but I still love being Jewish and being recognized as being Jewish.

Solomon: I'd probably say like a six because my family is not so into Judaism at all ... And I'm still a freshman so I've only been to one USY event and many of my close friends are not Jewish. But still, I go to services two to three times a month sometimes. Many of my morals come from outside the Jewish world.

Ryann: I would probably give it about a three because I come from an interfaith family and we weren't really too active in the Temple

until the preparation for my Bat Mitzvah. I mean I never felt Christian—my mom doesn't practice it—but I never felt like "super" Jewish. And we just recently started going to services since Rabbi Kline started working there. I do like to say that I'm Jewish because it's kind of interesting to be different and have a different perspective.

Question: What are some of the events in your lives so far that have made you feel most Jewish?

Heidi: My first Shabbat at Camp Ramah, I was going into sixth grade...I was born in Miami but I was raised primarily in Lexington and seeing so many Jews come together to pray, to sing the Shabbat melodies was just a really big deal for me. It was just an amazing feeling of connection that I felt.

Penina: This summer, on a Young Judea trip to Israel, I found myself disappointed that our activities weren't very Jewish-oriented, but instead Zionist-oriented. However, a friend and I made the commitment to daven *Shachrit* together in the mornings. It was just the two of us, spending time focused solely on our Judaism. That was a time where I felt my Judaism strongly.

Becky: I went on the same trip as Penina and the feeling that I got just being in Israel really strengthened my Judaism. Before that trip, which I think kind of paved the way, I read two books that are not Jewish books, but really added to my feelings of "Jewishness." One is a Christian book, *Mere Christianity*, by C.S. Lewis and one is an Animist book, *Ishmael*, by Daniel Quinn. They are very different but they both gave me unique perspectives on my own religion, and taken together, really made me feel a lot more religious and a lot more identified with the Jewish faith.

Rebecca: My most recent USY convention that I went to last month—I hadn't been to one in a while and so I had forgotten what it was like—but the whole idea of like two hundred and something people from all over the region coming together and talking about Judaism



Generation Chai Panelists.

and sharing their views on it really makes you feel part of this community with different ideas.

Colleen: I always feel most Jewish when I listen to non-Jews talking about their ideals. I went to New Mexico this weekend with my cross-country team and

we went out to dinner and there was a homeless guy on the street and he asked us if we could spare a few dollars for him. And all my guy friends were just like, "Oh, I'm sorry, we have to go eat," and they didn't even look at him. And I said, "I'm sure I have a couple of dollars," and I gave it to him. And when we went inside, they said, "How could you give someone money when you don't even know what they're going to do with it?" And I was like, "Well, if you read your Hillel, you'd know that you're not supposed to worry about what they're going to do with it because you shouldn't assume the worst in people."

Ryann: I felt the most Jewish when my Dad would come into school and would say, "Okay everybody, this is Chanukah!" And he would explain the

story and I would be like, "I'm a Jew. See, I'm special; no one does this!" And everyone was like, "Wow, Chanukah is the coolest thing." And I would feel like such a Jew, like I'm letting everyone know about my heritage and letting everyone into my world.

Question: Complete this sentence: Being Jewish means...

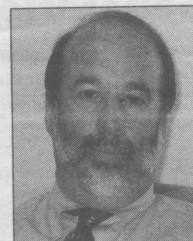
Solomon: To me, Judaism is more of a community thing. Whenever I'm around a mass group of Jews or during the summer when I was in Boston, it's just different. It's a different range of people from not really religious Jews to complete Orthodox Jews. And it's just a deep range of friends or people you could talk to. It's a community experience.

Colleen: In our confirmation class, we've been talking a lot about how Jews are one of the few religions that don't push their religion on other people and how we don't look for recruits. So I think part of being Jewish is

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President's Message

David Feinberg



Once Upon A Time

Once upon a time (1973 to be exact) in the land of Lexington there lived a nice Jewish boy and his wife. The newlyweds had just moved from the Philadelphia area to Lexington. Although they thought themselves rather worldly, in fact they were rather provincial and knew not that there was a brave new world west of Pittsburgh. They knew little of Kentucky. Upon arrival they found that it was nice but very different. Lexington, which they came to believe was Native American for land without ethnic restaurants, proved to be a curious but pleasant place. It was a fertile land and they saw that it was good. It would have been great but the land of Lexington was a deli desert.

The young man found that there were other Jewish people inhabiting this place. Not many, but some. There was a temple and a synagogue. At these places the congregants prayed in an interesting "southern" sounding Hebrew dialect that was somewhat like the Yankee version to which they were accustomed. The fact that there were two congregations in town pleased the strangers. It seemed odd to these newcomers that though there were so few Jews in the land of

Lexington that the two congregations did not seem to have that much to do with the other.

The new arrivals settled in the land of Lexington and the man eventually completed studies at the bastion of all knowledge known regionally as UK. The now not-so-new arrivals decided it was time to join a congregation. They joined the synagogue as it was much like the congregation they had experienced in Philadelphia. Still, they had little to do with "the others" at the Temple.

As these individuals became involved in the land of Lexington their curiosity about the others grew. The others seemed to be just like them but somehow their paths seldom crossed. However, as their involvement in Jewish communal life broadened they learned more and more about them. Through involvement with Hadassah, and later Federation, they slowly but surely found that the other congregation members were quite the same as the newcomers. In fact, they certainly had much more in common than not.

Recently there was a meeting of the Presidents Council that included not only the leaders of

all the various Jewish organizations in the community but also both congregational rabbis. It was clear from this very helpful meeting that there was much overlap in goals and some potential joint programs were discussed. The Presidents Council and other less formal initiatives cross over and attempt to unite while preserving and enhancing the individual missions of the different organizations.

Some things change. The now middle-aged newcomer realized that in the land of Lexington there is more a sense of connectedness and communality than he had ever experienced. He saw the connectedness and knew it was good. Besides, the newcomer keeps running into most of these same people at the Oasis Restaurant. If we can all find ourselves accidentally at the same Middle Eastern buffet on the same day, we can certainly reach out in a deliberate manner and connect to each other on a regular basis. Miracles happen...but sometimes they need help to occur.

Tikkun Lexington



Tikkun Lexington would like to sincerely THANK the following volunteers for their wonderful hard work!

"A wonderful experience-I had a very good time. It shows the true spirit of the season". - Darren Foster, First time Tikkun Lexington Volunteer



Harriet & Leon Cooper were the backbone of running the gift shop at St. Joseph Hospital-



Rosa Rita & Jerry Wurmser deliver Meals on Wheels for their 2nd year.



Angie & Rick Ornstein set out to deliver Moveable Feast, a new recipient of Tikkun efforts.



Dr. Jonathan Waltman & his crew, sons Michael Nicholas & Sam deliver Meals on Wheels!



The 'Delivering Dubilliers', aka Lou, Vinnie, Alex & Gabi spent the day delivering meals all over town!



Emilie & Nathaniel Goldstein wait patiently for the fun to begin.



Tikkun volunteers did more than just deliver meals, they packed and prepared them as well.



Elaine & Amy Crystal man the front desk at St. Joseph Hospital.

"I enjoyed delivering Moveable Feast with my friend, LisaMarie and our daughters. It was truly a nice family experience". - Regina Meade, Tikkun Lexington Volunteer

Young Leadership Event Attracts Dynamic Crowd

By Rachel Belin

"Close-knit."
"Friendly."
"Divided."
"Disconnected."

These were just a few of the conflicting terms used to describe the local Jewish community by the over two dozen participants in CKJF's Young Leadership most recent event.

Held at Joseph Beth Cafe in December, "Schmooze with Jews" was billed as an opportunity for Central Kentucky's Jews aged 25-45 to have an honest, facilitated dialogue about the nature of local Jewish life and their vision for the future.

Attracting a mix of those affiliated with Ohavay Zion Synagogue, Temple Adath Israel, Hadassah, AIPAC and those attached to no formal Jewish group as well as those born Jewish and those who were members of interfaith families, organizers agreed that the event delivered the goods. "Schmooze with Jews attracted a pluralistic crowd," said Ziggy Rifkin-Fish, one of the five facilitators who also serves on Young Leadership's steering committee. "The result was vigorous participation and deep discussion about all aspects—both positive and negative—of what it means to be Jewish here in Central Kentucky."

As the large group facilitator, Sandy Goldberg noted that there is no shortage of energy on



Young Leadership at work.. From left to right: Allison Callier, Olga Vulakh, Constantine Vulakh, Ziggy Rifkin-Fish, Seth Noar, Rachel Belin, Colby Cohen-Arther, Ray Archer, Di Sobel, Sandy Goldberg.

the part of the community's younger Jews. "That so many people turned out on a weeknight to talk about Jewish identity is a real testament to the interest in this topic," he said, "We really hope that this is just the first in a series of discussions that will solidify our resolve to strengthen the Jewish community and involve younger people in that effort."

In fact, the mission of Young Leadership has evolved from a purely social enterprise to one of social change. Specifically, the group aims to achieve the following five objectives:

- [1] Nurture social connections across the Jewish community;
- [2] Engage people in dialogue that affirms Jewish identity;
- [3] Support the development of new leaders;
- [4] Amplify the voices of those under 45 in the broader Jewish community and

- [5] Serve as a practical source of information about local and national resources

Steering Committee member Elisa Klein Noar, who moved to Lexington from New England in 2001, says that such an approach is crucial to engaging younger people in Jewish life. "Lexington is both very close-knit and, in some ways, very segregated," she said. "By offering opportunities to participate in the Jewish community that don't revolve exclusively around religious life, we are hoping more local Jews will participate in leadership and get involved."

To learn more about Young Leadership or to join the steering committee, contact Rachel Belin at (859) 269-5678 or by e-mail at rachelburg@post.harvard.edu.



Sandy Goldberg and Mike Mayer.

International Summer Experience in Hungary Available for Jewish Teenagers

Every summer, 2000 Jewish teenagers from all over the world come together to meet each other and celebrate Jewish life at the world's largest international Jewish summer camp, located in beautiful Szarvas, Hungary. The Szarvas Fellowships program provides 60 exceptional North American high school student leaders with this opportunity of a lifetime.

Meet Jews from All Over the World

Since 1990 the Camp at Szarvas has welcomed Jewish kids from over 25 countries, including India, France, Turkey, Canada, Ethiopia, Russia, Estonia, Romania, and Israel. In the warm and beautiful camp setting, Szarvas Fellows meet their peers from different countries, enjoy numerous camp activities such as swimming, canoeing and horseback riding, and learn first-hand about the challenges and experiences facing Jewish communities around the world today.

Explore your Jewish Roots

In preparation for the trip, Fellows explore their own family history and genealogy, transforming the experience into a personal journey. The program includes guided tours of Jewish heritage sites in different cities in

Hungary. The Fellows study the languages, geography and histories of the different Jewish communities attending at the camp.

Eligibility and Applications

The program is open to North American high school students from all Jewish cultural and religious backgrounds, who will be completing 10th or 11th grade this year. The camp is kosher and Shomer Shabbat. Applications are due March 1st, 2004. For more information or to apply, contact the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation office by e-mail: shalom@jewish-lexington.org or by phone 268-0672.

The Szarvas Fellowships are administered by The Ronald S. Lauder Foundation, in cooperation with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

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From the Executive Director

Daniel Chejfec



Being Jewish is a choice, and not an easy one.

Let me tell you a story of real life. When I was a teenager back in Buenos Aires, as part of the activities of the Youth Zionist group I belonged to, we visited one of the many "Villa Miserias" which in those days dotted the Metropolitan region. Villa Miserias are shantytowns, a collection of ramshackle houses. During those visits we helped with cleaning garbage, improving sanitary conditions, and building pipes to bring in clean water. You might think that was a very unlikely place for a Jewish encounter – and you would be wrong.

While we were bringing in one of the pipelines, a man in his early thirties approached us and asked, "Are you really Jewish?" "Yes", I answered. It turns out that this man was also Jewish, and he was surprised to see Jewish boys and girls helping in the shantytown. After work we went to his house, a single-room tin and wood structure that he, his wife and his baby shared and we talked. He told us how through a series of mistakes and bad judgment he ended up homeless and unemployed, thus the shantytown was his only option. He told us he knew of a few other Jews in other shantytowns, but none in his own. He also told us about being Jewish in this environment.

He said the first rule was not to tell anybody you are Jewish. We asked, "Why? Because

most of these people are still convinced that Jews killed Jesus?" "No," he answered, "although that is also true. You don't tell because it becomes very difficult to explain how a Jew, who is supposed to be rich, lives in poverty." He explained to us how you have to develop a double life hiding your being Jewish, "almost like a Marrano," he said. The conversation continued and we talked about what he did on Jewish holidays and whether he was in touch with the community social services, and much more.

I left his house with a very troubled feeling. Why should anybody hide his or her being Jewish? If I were in his circumstances, would I do it myself? You see, I grew up with the idea that you are who you are wherever you are and that who you are includes being Jewish. What I do and the decisions I make in my life are closely tied to the values and the way of life instilled by Judaism and I cannot think of a situation that will force me to deny who I am, short of a direct threat to my life. But even that would be done in the spirit of Judaism – the preservation of life. I grew up convinced that you are a Jew at home, a Jew in the street, and a Jew everywhere you are.

When coming to America, I was faced with a different question. The Jewish practice I grew up with was that of a secular Jew committed to the humanistic ideals of the prophetic teachings as applied to modern life. I did not

attend religious services on a regular basis, nor did I keep kosher or Shabbath.

Hebrew was not, for me, a language of prayer but the language representing the rebirth of my people in the land of my ancestors. Hebrew was the language of Israel. My love and commitment to the Jewish state and the ideals of Zionism was then, and is even today, a very central part of my Jewish identity. So upon coming to America, I first looked for a group that would closely resemble the environment in which I grew up. I did not find it.

How could I remain part of my people in this new society? It took me years to figure out that in the same way that Jewish secular education and Jewish activism were the most popular forms of Jewish expression in Argentina, religious worship and involvement played that role in America. I was faced with the choice to adapt to new forms of expression of my Jewish identity or risk falling to the sidelines of Jewish life.

I have learned a lot in the years since I came to that realization, and there is no doubt in my mind that my choices were closely connected with my memories of a Jew in his early thirties, living in a shantytown in Buenos Aires, who was afraid to proclaim his Jewish identity and afraid to participate in Jewish life.

Teens Drug and Alcohol Awareness Workshop Informative

By Fran Morris, JFS Director

In December, a group of teens from our community gathered together for an afternoon of learning. Despite the fact that many teens remembered their D.A.R.E. experiences very well, they listened patiently as our speaker from the Bluegrass Prevention Center spoke about the dangers of drug and alcohol addictions. Through the use of visual aids, and small group discussions about media advertising, we learned that there are strong forces these days urging kids to drink and use drugs. A new-found awareness was gained about the prevalence of substance use in our society. It was also interesting to learn more about the nature of addiction and the sobering fact that anyone can become addicted to drugs and alcohol.

We also talked about the Jewish attitude toward substance use. Many did not know

that as Jews, we actually have a moral duty to take care of our bodies. In fact, we must show the same care and respect to our bodies as we would a holy object in the sanctuary.

A special thank you goes to Liberty Day of the Bluegrass Prevention Center and to Rabbi Cohen and Rabbi Kline for their collaboration in the event. Parents, please mark your calendars for the next workshop on drug and alcohol prevention on Sunday, March 21st, from 12:30-3 PM at Ohavay Zion Synagogue. This workshop is for middle-school teens and their parents. Lunch will be provided. This event is sponsored by Jewish Family Services of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, in coordination with Temple Adath Israel and Ohavay Zion Synagogue.

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Why Me?

By Jerry Wurmser

Jerry and Rose Rita Wurmser are long-time residents of Lexington and members of Temple Adath Israel. Jerry has recently written his autobiography to hand down to his children and grandchildren. He is graciously sharing an excerpt with us; a portion of which appears below, and the remainder will be published next month.

On turning to page two of the October 19th edition of the Lexington Herald-Leader, the first thing that caught my eye was the photo of former President George Bush and the article entitled "Recounting a Flyboy's Story." In it, the former president recalls his experience of facing death and surviving, and of being haunted by the "Why-am-I-still-alive" syndrome ever since.

Some 60 years ago, I, too, was a "flyboy," a 21-year-old pilot who had recently graduated from the U.S. Army Air Corps Advanced Flying School. After an additional training period at Flight Instructor's School, I was sent back to where I had taken my basic flight training, to serve as a flight instructor. (I never found out if this was a reward or a punishment.) After about three months as a flight instructor, I finally got my wish to fly a "real" fighter plane. I was checked out and okayed to fly the Curtis P-40, the plane the Flying Tigers used in China, and then was transferred to an operational training unit (OTU) in Dover, Delaware, to be checked out and transitioned to fly the P-47 Thunderbolt, at this time the "biggest, baddest, and fastest" fighter plane in our air force.

Learning to fly is a thrilling experience. All through primary, basic, and advanced flight schools, trainees typically flew with an instructor for their first few flights and progressed to solo flights. After this, the instructor would occasionally occupy the back seat to check on your progress. When the time came to fly the P-40 or the P-47, there was only room for one – the pilot himself. All the instructor could do then was go over the "How to Fly This Plane" manual with you. When the time came for your solo, he might stand on the wing and give you a few last minute

instructions: "Now, if you get in trouble, like a spin or something, forget all you learned in training about spin recovery, because in this plane, you do it this way instead of that way, etc. etc., and you'll probably be okay!" Then he'd give you a pat on the back, jump down from the wing, and you were on your own from there. Going from an advanced trainer with 650-horsepower engine (and the comfort of an instructor in the back seat) to a P-47 with a 2000 HP engine without an

instructor is quite a jump, and believe me, on that first flight, when you jam that throttle forward and your head is shoved back into the head rest, you know you've got a real "tiger by the tail."

On June 9th, 1944, I was on a training flight with three other pilots. Our assigned mission that day was for Lt. Wulf to lead a flight of four planes for practice in high altitude formation acrobatics above 20,000 feet. I was the number two man, Lt. Hickman was number three, and Lt. Deane Mitchel was "tail-end Charlie," flying in the number four position. (Just last month, after all these years, and endless hours of searching, I re-connected with Deane through use of the internet, finding him recently widowed, the father of five, and living in Phoenix, AZ. I'm still looking for Wulf and Hickman.)

We took off at about 1800 hours, formed up in

echelon formation, and climbed up to about 20,000 feet. Wulf made a steep climbing turn to the right, rolled over on his back, and, after a short dive straight down, leveled out. In the climbing turn, he had bled his airspeed down to about 150 MPH, and pulled out of the dive before picking up too much speed. This is where two near tragic mistakes were made, the first by Wulf, and the second by me. Here's what happened: Wulf started the maneuver even though I was lagging

way behind, out of position and running wide open trying to catch up. By the way, keeping in a tight and close formation at high altitude is much more difficult than in lower more dense air, as there is a significant lag in response to changes in the throttle position. You could advance the throttle to speed up though nothing will happen for a few seconds until the supercharger winds up.

Then, it's ZOOM, you're accelerating like mad. Alternately, if you cut the throttle to slow down, you get no immediate response until the supercharger winds down. Occasionally, this will have you moving far too fast. In other words, I feared I'd lose sight of the lead plane had I waited to slow down before following him, so I just rolled over at high speed and started after him. BIG MISTAKE! Within seconds, I was headed straight down and I knew I was in trouble. I eased back on the stick to recover, but there was no response. The plane continued in its downward dive, accelerating rapidly. With both hands on the stick, I pulled with all my strength, but to no avail; it was as if the stick was welded to the floor. I had entered "compressibility."

see *Why Me*, page 15

¹ Compressibility is a term used to describe what happens to the airplane as air flows over the wings when approaching the speed of sound. Airplanes of this era weren't designed to approach sound barrier speed, and from the many articles I've read over the years about pilots who found themselves in this position, only a handful survived.

Storytellers Put A "Spell" Lexington Elementary Students

By Joan Kast, Assistant Spellbinders Coordinator

The word is spreading, and Lexington's Spellbinders volunteers are already in high demand. We now have storytellers in several Fayette County public elementary schools, as well as in preschool classes at the Family Care Center. From all reports, our volunteers have captured the students' attention and are thoroughly enjoying their interactions with these young folks. Now if we only had a few more storytellers to fill our growing waiting list of teachers who would love to have a volunteer in their classroom...

In December, Spellbinders volunteers received a special invitation to attend Mark Novak and Renee Brachfeld's performance in Lexington (as part of Temple Adath Israel's special Artists-in-Residence weekend). Mark and Renee's multitude of talents inspired all who

were fortunate enough to be present for this amazing evening of professional storytelling.

Good fortune continues to smile upon our local storytellers community. Guess who's coming to Lexington next? None other than the founder of Spellbinders herself, Germaine Dietsch. Our volunteers will have a hands-on workshop session with Germaine, and a public event on February 23rd will allow Ms. Dietsch to speak about Spellbinders and what makes this organization important to communities like Lexington. Her presentation will, of course, include some very special storytelling as well. We invite all older adults who would like to learn more about Spellbinders to attend this community event on Monday, February 23rd,

see *Storytellers*, page 19

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Happy New Year!?

As I write this, it is just a few days into the New Year. We, as Jews, are so lucky to have not one, but two opportunities to begin the year anew on our calendar. The first New Year, of course, is Rosh ha-Shana, which I like to think of not only as the beginning of the Jewish calendar year, but as an opportunity to renew our spiritual selves. The second, of course, is January 1st — the beginning of the secular year — which we should see as another opportunity to celebrate life and the hopes and dreams we wish to achieve.

Actually, according to Jewish Tradition (Mishna, Rosh ha-Shana 1:1), there is not one, but four Jewish "New Years" on the Jewish Calendar! The first New Year, according to the Mishna, took place on the first of the month of Nisan. In the Torah, the month of Nisan is considered to be the first month on the calendar. As such, the political year began anew with the arrival of Nisan, as the Jewish kings would date their documents, and their period of reign from the first of Nisan. If one became a leader even on the last day of the month of Adar (the month preceding Nisan), it was as if he had reigned an entire year since the new year began the next day.

The second New Year cited by the Mishna, was the first of Elul, the month preceding Rosh ha-Shana. On this New Year, the tithing of animals was determined based on which animals were born before that date. I suppose we might see a similar system in place for dating the age of horses raised here in the Bluegrass!

The third New Year, is the one we are most familiar with: Rosh ha-Shana. As mentioned, this special day (which is observed for two days, but is really considered to be one long day!) marked the change in the calendar year. It also was the date upon which the counting of the Sh'mita year (Sabbatical year for the land) and the Jubilee year (the time when all Jewish slaves were set free and land once sold was to be returned to the original owner) depended.

So, what is the fourth New Year on the Jewish Calendar? It is one that we might often think of as a "birthday" rather than a New Year: Tu bi-Sh'vat. Tu bi-Sh'vat — the fifteenth day of the month of Sh'vat — is, according to the Mishna, the New Year of the Trees and it is the date which determined the tithes of the tree fruit. Tree fruit that budded before the date could not be tithed with fruit that budded after the date. As with the other Jewish "New Years," Tu bi-Sh'vat marked an important date in the agricultural life of the Jews.

"...Tu bi-Sh'vat (this year Feb. 7)...has become our "Jewish Earth Day"...time to acknowledge the importance of nature in our lives and our responsibility to it."

Although the New Years of the First of Nisan and the First of Elul did not survive the test of time, except for being recognized by special additions to the liturgy during our worship services, Tu bi-Sh'vat has deservedly become a day for celebration, study, and song for young and old alike. Although it is considered a "minor" holiday, and for us, has lost its original intent, it has become our "Jewish Earth Day"

— a day during which we take time to acknowledge the importance of nature in our lives and our responsibility to it.

The Torah does not mention this special holiday, but, it is filled with references to the value of, and the obligation to take care of, the natural world. In the Book of Genesis, the responsibility human beings have to the earth, and to trees in particular, is clearly laid out (Genesis 1:27-28):

Male and Female God created them. And God blessed them, and said to them, "be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and the birds of the air, and over every living thing that creeps upon the earth." And God said, "Behold I give you every seed bearing plant that is upon all the earth, and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit; and they shall be yours for food."

As partners with God in the process of Creation, we have been given the privilege of reaping the benefits of the land, of taking what we need from it. But "subduing" it does not mean destroying it. It means taking care of it.

In the Book of Deuteronomy (20:19), we find a specific teaching regarding how we are to take care of the land especially when we are engaged in war. We are instructed not to wantonly destroy the trees of a besieged city, in particular, the fruit trees, as we battle for the land. Maimonides, the great 13th Century Jewish philosopher and scholar, acknowledging the importance of this passage regarding trees, imposed an extremely harsh penalty against anyone destroying fruit trees with destructive intent, whether in the act of war or not.

These instructions emphasize our God-given role as protectors of the gifts of the Earth. At the same time, Jewish Tradition reminds us that we have also been given the land to reap enjoyment from it. The Rabbis of the Talmud recognized only too well that the human soul is inextricably linked with the natural world. I find it fascinating that 1500 years ago the Rabbis

taught us that one may not live in a city in which there are no gardens (Jerusalem Talmud 114). Smelling the fragrance of the plants, touching the green grass, hearing the wind whistle through the branches of the trees, and seeing the brilliant colors of the flowers, bring us joy and contentment and remind us that we are not alone in the world.

Above all, Judaism teaches us that nature and the environment are not merely important, but of the utmost priority. Rabbi Yohanan taught that if you have a sapling in your hands ready to be planted and someone suddenly comes by and tells you that the Messiah has come, you are to complete the transplanting and then go out to welcome the Messiah. We have the obligation to see that the Earth is taken care of, not last, but first.

Although there are no specific commands regarding the actual celebration of Tu bi-Sh'vat, there are many ways we can express our appreciation for the gifts of the natural world.

see RABBIS CORNER, page 17



December 25th Day of Giving

was a complete success owing to the volunteer efforts of these great people.

Tikkun Lexington would like to THANK the following volunteers for their hard work:

Ray Archer
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Event Coordinators: Barbara Grossman and Jana LaZur

Brother and Sister Reunited

Mission to Israel Offers Opportunity to Meet After Many Years

By Odette Kaplan

Two months ago in Israel I had a reunion with my brother whom I had not seen in 38 years.

I had last seen my six-year-old brother when I left Rabat, Morocco as a young bride to come to the United States. With a heavy heart I said goodbye to my mother, brother, and grandfather. My father and grandmother had died. My younger sister, Georgette, had immigrated to Israel at the same time.

My brother's name is Israel. Because of my mother's illness my grandfather raised him. My grandfather and I corresponded for a long time until he died, then I lost contact with my brother despite several attempts to reach him. My sister was also unable to contact him because of political problems between Morocco and Israel.

Four years ago I enlisted the help of HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society), which was able to locate my brother in Casablanca. I immediately called him with much anticipation. Now I am not talking to a six year old, but to a man of 40. Without hesitation, I then called my sister in Israel, who was very excited at the news. She then was able to call Morocco because the political situation has improved.

My brother was able to immigrate to Israel three years ago. With the help of my sister and the Israeli government, he has been able to integrate into Israel society. I wanted to see him right away, but because of the situation in

Israel I did not do so. Finally my husband Marty and I were able to arrange the trip in conjunction with the recent Lexington group on a Mission to Israel. We were deeply moved by the strong support and solidarity for Israel at the UJC General Assembly in Jerusalem.

Then the moment arrived in Tel-Aviv where my brother and sister and other relatives were waiting for us. I hugged my brother with tears of joy; it was very emotional. We had waited a long time for this precious moment. We were together for two weeks and cherished every minute of it.



Odette Kaplan reunites with brother, Israel Abittan.

My sister, who lives in Afula, has five children and seven granddaughters who live in different cities in Israel. We visited all and had several family get-togethers.

My brother who spoke French and Arabic in Morocco is now fluent in Hebrew. He is kind and caring and does not express regrets about his previous life in Morocco. He is looking forward to a good future in Israel and is dating a lovely Russian woman who had immigrated to Israel. They both work for a caterer in Ashkelon.

My trip to Israel and reunion with my family has re-emphasized the importance of Judaism and Israel in my life, and given me additional reason to strongly support the work of the United Jewish Communities.

Judaic Studies Offers Spring Courses

Dan Frank announces the following courses for the Spring Semester at UK.

RAE 131: Elementary (Biblical) Hebrew II TR 2:00 – 3:50 PM (Rosenbaum)

RAE 231: Intermediate (Biblical) Hebrew IV TR 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM (Rosenbaum)

RAE 325: Jewish Thought and Culture II: From the Expulsion from Spain to the Present TR 3:30 – 4:45 PM (Leaman)

RAE 425: Topics in Judaic Studies TBA (Frank)

ENG 270: The Old Testament as Literature MWF 8 – 8:50 AM (Lewin)

Dan also sends the following news.

Especially exciting for Judaic Studies this Spring is the inauguration of the Luckens Prize Lecture in Jewish Thought. For a number of years we have been planning and developing this international prize in Jewish thought, aimed at the most promising young scholars in the field. It was the wish of our friend, the late Mark Luckens, that a prize be established in his and his wife's (Ruth's) name to honor a young scholar in the field of Jewish thought. To this end, we advertised our prize internationally, and in due course received submissions from Europe, Israel, Canada, and the US. I am very pleased to announce that the first recipient of the Mark and Ruth Luckens International Prize in Jewish Thought is Aaron Hughes, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Calgary (Alberta, Canada). Professor Hughes will present a lecture on "Jewish Imagination and the Italian Renaissance: The Case of Judah Abravanel's 'Dialoghi d'amore'" on Monday, March 1 at 8 PM in Room 363 of the Student Center. (Note the venue, different from our normal one.) Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this special event, the first in what we hope will be distinguished series and one that shall serve as a clear signal to the academic world that Judaic Studies at UK has come of age.

Plans are already underway for our Zantker lecture series for 2004-05. Hilary Putnam, the distinguished Harvard philosopher, will be with us on April 11, and the Luckens prizewinner for 2005 will also be here in the Spring.

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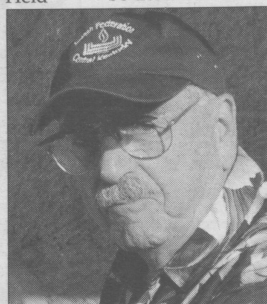
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Mission to Israel (from page 1)

Assembly of the United Jewish Communities -Jewish Federation of North America. Held only for the second time in Israel, the meeting had 4,000 participants.

Colonel Miri Eisen, the highest ranking woman in the Israel Defense Forces Intelligence Corps, gave a special briefing to the Small Cities Consortium. She noted that Palestinian spokespeople always "stay on message," depicting themselves as victims and a David compared to Israel's Goliath, to put Israelis on the defensive. She noted the ideology and hatred that fuel



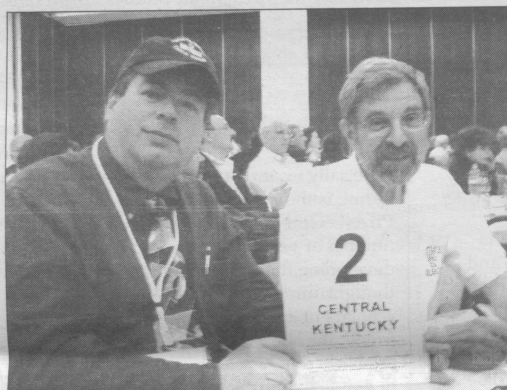
Norman Reiss in the Old City.

indicator of how young people think is army service; the number of Israelis who volunteer for what can be described as "the top units" is still high.

Liptz, who described a social historian as one who observes social phenomena, said there is dehumanization of Israelis on the world level. One needs to tell the story of human beings more than public relations. One

should encourage people to come to Israel. He noted that there are 13 million Jews in the world; there are 1.3 billion Muslims. Liptz ended by saying we want you to dream with us. "We will find a solution. People of hope who think constructively will be of help."

Michael Ravvin, formerly of Lexington who made aliyah several years ago, completed his army service and is completing his studies at Hebrew University. He has studied to become a licensed official Israeli tour guide. Mike, the son of Linda and Leon Ravvin of Lexington, has been working as a tour guide and volunteered to lead the group



The two official delegates, Daniel Cheifec and Stan Saxe, voting the two CKJF votes at the delegate business meeting.

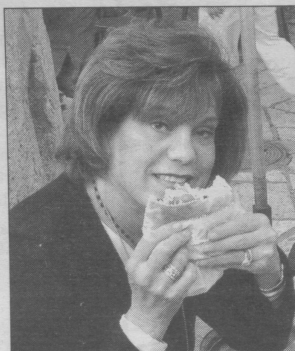
the terrorist campaign against Israel, based on the simple existence of Israel as a state.

At the Ministry of Foreign Affairs building in Jerusalem, Mission participants heard from a Ministry representative that Israel wants Arafat's control over terror organizations removed and terror organizations dismantled.

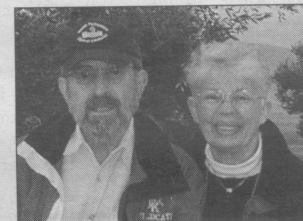
On the following day in Jerusalem, Mission participants heard Paul Liptz, a social historian from the University of Tel Aviv. He noted that the Israelis are in a "War of Attrition" being waged by the Palestinians who believe that Israeli society will collapse. Liptz noted the power to live a normal life is the most important factor in Israeli life.

Liptz gave his interpretation of young Israelis. "What is happening in this age group tells us what will happen to the country." He said the young Israelis may not be politically correct in that they say what they think. Liptz said an

in the Southern Wall excavation of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, and the adjacent archeological gardens. Mission participants prevailed on Mike and he volunteered to lead the group



Susan Callor eating a felaful in the Old City.



Judy and Stan Saxe at Tzippori.

the following day on a tour of Yemin Moshe and the Montefiore Windmill site, the first Jewish settlement in Jerusalem outside the walled Old City.

Following the opening session of the General Assembly on Sunday evening, there were three days of varied activities. The Opening Session theme was "A Celebration of Jewish Peoplehood." Following



Judy Saxe and Harriet & Leon Cooper buying candied nuts at Machaneh Yehuda.



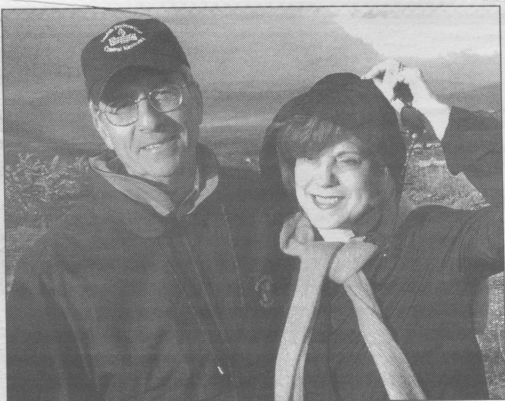
Harriet and Leon Cooper at Southern Wall excavation in the Old City.

a welcome by the President and Prime Minister of Israel there were dance troupes, performance artists, and a mixed-media presentation celebrating "our shared history and our common future."

Sessions on the first day included themes ranging from Jewish identity, diversity, Arab-Jewish populations in Israel, the US Road Map to Peace, diversifying leadership in Jewish Communities, Israel as a democratic state, religious and secular perspectives in Israel, war on terrorism, and trends in volunteerism.

Concluding the first day was a solidarity march and festival. Beginning in daylight at 4:30 in the afternoon, GA participants marched from the convention center through the market area ending in the center of Jerusalem at Kikar Zion, or Zion Square. Placards with the names of cities representing the 165 North American Federations were held aloft by marchers, who assembled in alphabetical order by city. Thus, Lexington marchers were just ahead of Louisville, establishing a Kentucky presence.

Joining Lexington marchers was Bill Frankel, a former Lexingtonian and the son of Kaye and Harold Frankel of Lexington. Bill, who has made aliyah, is an administrator and professional worker in a program supporting



Steve and Susan Caller at Tzippori.

Birthright Israel which brings college students and other young Americans to visit Israel.

The second day of the GA saw participants fan out across the country in buses to see, hear, and interact with the people and places that are affected by United Jewish Communities work and that deal with the future of Israel. These sites included high-tech industries, the military, joint Jewish-Arab enclaves, and observing the condition of Arab communities in Israel as well as social work settings. There were over 50 different destinations and themes for the thousands of participants.



Linda and Leon Ravvin with son Michael.

At the end of the day, all buses converged on Tel Aviv where the Neve Tzedek neighborhood was the site of an evening long celebration. In the old, architecturally acclaimed neighborhood, the plazas and courtyards of recital halls and theaters were the site of food and continuous entertainment by individuals and group performing artists.

The third day saw continued sessions where many current Israeli leaders spoke including Shimon

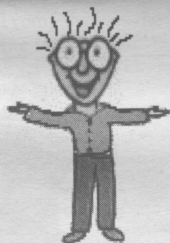


Marty and Odette Kaplan at Tzippori.

Peres, opposition party leader and former Prime Minister; Moshe Arens, former Minister of Defense; current Israeli Cabinet Ministers including Benjamin Netanyahu, Minister of Finance; and numerous other civic and academic leaders from the US and Israel.

Topics in the morning included issues that affect leadership and leadership opportunities; promoting communication and cross cultural (Jewish/Arab) interaction in a crisis; and insuring successful immigration — bringing Ethiopian Jews to Israel.

The afternoon plenary session concluded the three days described as "we have walked, talked and explored the unfolding future of Israel and the Jewish people."



mark klein

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Welcome back Kentucky native, Mark Klein. Renaissance man or lost soul? Who knows, but, he's damn funny! Along with his substantial performing credits, Mark was featured on CBS' 48 Hours as "America's Road Warrior", as well as profiled in GQ Magazine.

The Raliegth News Observer said, "His jokes bombard the audience in rapid succession like shells from a cannon. They are impossible to dodge ..." Why try, tickets are on sale now — there's a reason Mark's been brought back more than 15 times!

Tickets are \$12 per person — seating is limited.



call Jana at 859.268.0672, or jana@jewishlexington.org to reserve tickets and check availability.

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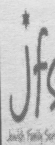
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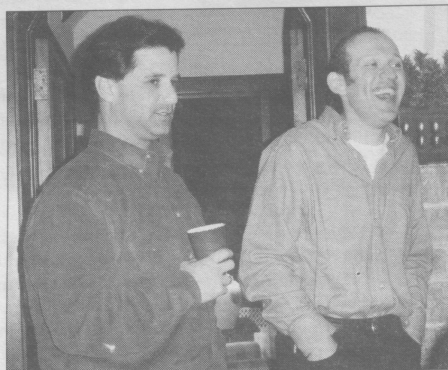
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JewLS Loves a Good Party

Last month, on the second night of Chanukah, JewLS members met for an evening of celebration. We lit the Chanukiah and enjoyed the company of old and new friends alike. For this event, we had several folks

put logs in the fireplace and mingled by the fire. The gift exchange, as usual, was the highlight of the evening, with many folks going home with a lovely new Chanukah gift. Special thank you's to Ruth Adams and Kim Morris for helping to set up for the party.

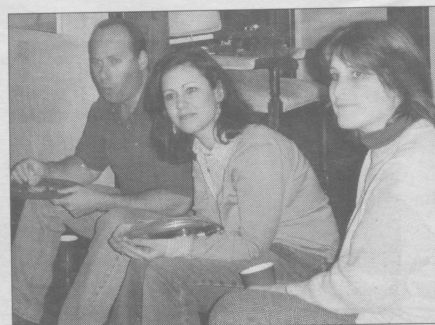
Currently, the JewLS planning committee, along with our regional partners are envisioning for the year 2004. We are excited about participating in more region-oriented programs. Our upcoming event is scheduled for Saturday, February 14th. The evening will start with dinner, and end up with midnight bowling at the Southland lanes in Lexington. JewLS members will receive an "Evite" with all the pertinent details. If you are not currently on our email list, please call 269-8244 or send a message to jfs@jewishlexington.org to become a member.



Andrew Sack and Eugene Zeldin share a laugh.

travel from Louisville and Cincinnati to Lexington, despite the cold and potentially snowy weather. When the clubhouse became slightly chilly due to a heating problem, we

JewLS stands for Jewish Lexington Singles, and it is a program sponsored by Jewish Family Services of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation.



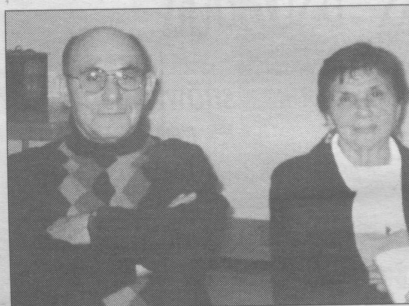
Watching gifts being opened are Clark Mandel, Fran Morris and Marci Smith.



Sitting cozy by the fire is Ruth Adams.

Leisure Club Chanukah Happiness

On a wintry day last month, a lively group of Leisure Club members came out for our annual Chanukah party. There was good food to eat, including Annette Milch's homemade, sugar-free kugel, and latkes made by several members. We lit a candle on the menorahs of each table for the first night of Chanukah. As a special treat, Svetlana Alkhasova played beautiful piano music and led us in a Chanukah song session. She brought along two of her fellow doctoral music students from the University of Kentucky. Modesto Marciano played the viola, and Jennifer Sgroie sang songs in her



Pavel Shaftel and Rachel Bashikes awaiting the entertainment.

operatic style. The room was energized, and we felt as though we were at our very own professional concert. Thanks to Svetlana for organizing the entertainment. Special thanks go out to Ruth Moser, Annette Milch, and Marian Jonas, of the Leisure Club planning committee, who worked tirelessly before and after the program to help make it such a success.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the next Leisure Club program on February 19th, when we convene at Temple Adath Israel to have lunch and talk with Rabbi Kline about



Natalie and Larry Sherman enjoy the festivities.



Top: The opera singer and piano accompaniment.

Right: The viola player and accompaniment.



the significance of Purim. Personal notices will be mailed to remind you before the event. Leisure Club is a program for older adults sponsored by Jewish Family Services of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation.

K A H C E L E B R A T I O N S

9th Winter Dinner A Crowd Pleaser Community Celebrates Chanukah at Annual Party

By Ruth Poley

The evening of December 24th was crisp and clear as almost 100 members of the Lexington Jewish Community turned out for our annual dinner. The Sheraton Four Points welcomed us with a beautiful (and delicious) buffet and a spacious ballroom for our festivities.

As this was the sixth night of Chanukah, many brought menorahs for a candle lighting. Rabbis Uriel Smith and Marc Kline joined in the blessing over the candles, and the light from the many flames brightened our evening.

Along with the terrific food and great company was the outstanding musical entertainment provided by Harold and Marianne Sherman and Vivian and Lew Bowling. They played almost the entire evening, offering melodious accompaniment to dinner and a Chanukah sing-along after. Our sincerest thanks go to these dedicated musicians who have volunteered their talents at



Corey Klein sharing activity with young partygoers.

this event for so many years.

The children were provided with their own room, a pizza and ice cream sundae buffet, and creative childcare by Corey and Josh Kline.

Continuing our tradition of *tzedakah* at this event, partygoers brought in 182 pounds of food and \$60 in cash donations for



Rabbi Kline, David Wektein, and Marty Kaplan enjoying the evening.

God's Pantry.

This was, as it always is, a terrific evening. It's such a great opportunity to greet old friends, make new friends, and just revel in the community spirit. If you weren't able to come this year, make a point to put it on your calendar for next December.



Music courtesy of the Shermans and Leon Bowling.

Lexington Havurah Celebrates Chanukah

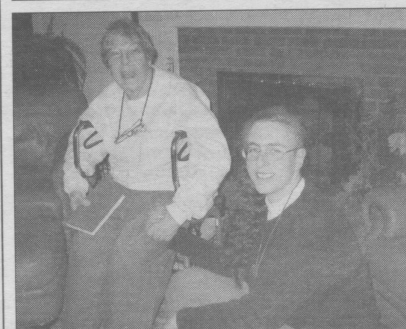
The Havurah annual Chanukah party was held on Sunday evening, December 21, at the home of Kathy and David Feinberg. Everyone enjoyed an assortment of potato latkes, from fried, to baked and small potatoes to sweet potatoes. Even though it was only the third light of Chanukah, the tables and counters were all aglow with the beautiful lights from all the Hannukiot and the candles of many colors. There was celebration in song. While the adults socialized, the children created delightful Chanukah decorations. Every one present felt immersed in the spirit of the holiday.



From left to right: Merle Wekstein, Ernie Cohen, Becky Grossman, Ann Baker, Judy Saxe, Mike Grossman.



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"Raanana Diary: Life as Normal in Israel"

By David Mirchin

Raanana, Israel—Until two years ago, my wife (Leslie Levy, who grew up in Lexington), three kids, and I lived in the very normal place of Cambridge, Massachusetts. "Normal," even if the students in the high school across the street from us sported about 16 different shades of hair color not found in nature, from fluorescent teal to fireball red. Then we moved to Israel. When we were visiting the States this summer, we were constantly questioned by incredulous friends and family, "How do you cope with bombs going off all around you?"

What I realized from just a few weeks in the States is that the media provides a one-dimensional view of life in Israel, a picture of unmitigated danger and grieving. Now I don't minimize the security situation, we think about it and talk about it every day.

But what does not come across at all in the US is that daily life here goes on as "normal."

Well, normal for Israel.

Which means that a few days before the first day of the school year, August 31, we still didn't know whether our kids would have school or whether there would be the annual teachers' strike. I called the school for an update and was told that I need to listen to the 7:00 AM news broadcast on August 31 to know whether there would be school on that day.

But even though there was school, the nationwide education budget doesn't get finalized until "after the holidays" in late October. Which means that for almost two months, you don't know when your kids get out of school. Well, you do get a day's notice. The teachers do tell the kids at the end of Monday, for example, what time school ends on Tuesday. On Tuesday they learn what time school ends on Wednesday. And so on.

But some things are planned in advance here. Like skipping exams. On the last day of the Internet Law class I teach at law school, a student asked me whether my Moed Bet (second sitting) exam would be harder than my Moed Alef (first sitting) exam. Looking befuddled, she explained, to my surprised horror, that I am required to submit two exams, to be given a month apart. Originally, students who were in army reserve duty or had some other compelling reason for missing the first sitting could take the second exam. Now it's totally the student's option. She, for example, couldn't take the first exam because her grandmother's sister was having a birthday party that night. Other students had the compelling excuse last year that there was a

World Cup soccer match between Turkey and Senegal. And when I submitted my grades wrapping up the second exam, I was told by the registrar that one student had a valid excuse for missing both exams, and I needed to give a third exam, to be given sometime "after the holidays."

To enjoy the country, we decided to purchase a car. Now you can't just drive a car off the lot here. And in fact, you can't even test drive a car. That's because most car dealers don't have cars. If you want a test drive, you need to order that in advance, and they send one from their nationwide facility in Tel Aviv.

**A man with a misbuttoned shirt
hunched over a steel
desk...This was the doctor.**

Russians showed up and were getting into terrible traffic accidents. The authorities started investigating and soon realized that Russians could just buy their license in Russia and had never really driven before. So now all of us have to take driving lessons and pass a driving test in order to obtain a license.

Before we could start the driving lessons, we needed to register with the Israeli AAA, located in the windowless basement of the local mall. When we arrived, we were informed we needed to pass a physical. The clerk told us not to worry, the doctor was "across the hall." The only person across the hall was a teenager with multiple belly piercings, filing her nails. She escorted us further down into what we mistook for an interrogation center: an empty cinder block room, one bare light bulb dangling down. A man with a misbuttoned shirt hunched over a steel desk, with no telephone or pen.

But first you need a license. You used to be able to get an Israeli license by showing a valid foreign license.

Then all these

This was the doctor. He asked me to stand up, close my eyes, bend my knees and raise my arms in front. He said, "Open your eyes. How do you feel?" "Fine," I said. "Okay, you pass." I still haven't figured out what that was; something about feeling dizzy.

We now drive, send our kids to school, and lead a normal life here. And there are amazing things about the country. Like two-thirds of the country's 6 million people, we live within a 15-minute drive of the gorgeous sandy beaches of the Mediterranean Sea, where the water temperature is currently 80°. (As we say, the best thing about Israel is the weather, since the government can't tax it.)

And as for safety, the ironic thing is that most American parents are much more on edge about their kids' safety. Our 12- and 14-year-old kids, and all their friends, are able to do activities and have freedom that their American friends (or at least their parents) wouldn't consider—like staying out with friends till 2 AM in Park Raanana for Independence Day celebrations, and then taking the bus home, or hanging out with their youth groups in the town square every Friday night till well past midnight. Because it's the Sabbath, not a single one has a cellphone. And we go to sleep, not worrying about their safety. That's just one of the many things that makes it meaningful and wonderful to live in Israel, facets that are not covered by the media. That's the part about life here that's even better than "normal."

The writer of this report, David Mirchin, is the son-in-law of Lexington residents Sarah and Erle Levy. David and his wife, Leslie, have three children; Ma'Ayn, 14; Josh, 13; Tali, 10. He works as a lawyer at Meitar, Liqueornik, Geva & Leshem Brandwein, a law firm near Tel Aviv.
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The meeting will have two foci. First will be a Children's Art Exhibit by children from Birobidjan, Russia and Turkey. Attendees will be offered the opportunity to submit their children's art work, by March 31, 2004, to an exhibit scheduled for showing in Russia and Turkey. A second feature will be a discussion further club activities including recipe exchanges from Russian kitchens, fitness and Russian language classes. Please contact Elena Domatov by e-mail at domatov@uky.edu or by telephone at (859) 971-1711.

EKU Honors Memory of Howard L. Eldot

An engraved plaque, a named hallway and a tree planted on campus at Eastern Kentucky University will honor the memory of Dr. Howard L. Eldot as reported by Dr. Julie Bolling, Communications Disorders Program Director, Department of Special Education at EKU.

A hallway in the EKU Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic will be named "Eldot's Way." In the Department of Special Education a plaque will be engraved reflecting Dr. Eldot's dedication to his discipline, his students, and the clients he served. The memorial honoring Dr. Eldot will be completed with the planting of a tree on campus.

Dr. Eldot, who died October 3, 2003 at the age of 72, had been Professor Emeritus at EKU since his retirement in 1997. He joined the EKU faculty as an audiologist and member of the Department of Special Education in 1970, moving from Kansas City where he was Pediatric Audiologist at Children's Mercy Hospital. He also had an academic

appointment at the University of Missouri School of Medicine.

Dr. Howard Eldot was described by Dr. Bolling as "a people-oriented person, generous with his time, and compassionate to all. He was a kind and gentle man, who will be missed by his family, friends, colleagues and students."

Dr. Eldot is survived by his wife Rae Friedman Eldot; daughter Rhoda and son David; and step-children Andrea, Barry, Harris and Rhonda. He was a member of Ohavay Zion Synagogue.



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Why Me? (from page 7)

In a flash, I saw the air speed indicator go past the 500 MPH mark and I knew I had to get out. I gave a quick tug on the canopy handle to open it, and it, too, was frozen fast. At this instant, I thought I was a dead man. Somehow, though, I got my feet on the floor and straightened up really fast, repeatedly banging my head on the canopy in an attempt to get out. Then I spied the red "T" handle on the dash, labeled "pull for emergency release" and I gave it a mighty yank. The canopy blew off, and I was sucked out of the cockpit, luckily just missing the tail.

The plane pulled away from me as if I were going backwards because the throttle was wide open and the plane was still accelerating. I immediately started slowing down once I exited the plane because the terminal velocity of a falling object is only about 120 MPH, quite a difference from the still accelerating speed of my aircraft. Proper procedure now would have been to wait several seconds to slow down further before opening my parachute. If I had been cool and collected, I would have done this, but when I saw the plane explode on the ground, I yanked the ripcord. So, even though I was in the process of slowing down before opening the 'chute, I was still falling at an extremely high speed, and as a consequence, when the 'chute "popped", the sudden jolt was strong enough to pull off one of my laced up shoes and my oxygen mask. The 'chute itself split in a long gash causing me to descend way too fast, and had I not landed in a thick forest and gotten entangled in a tree, I probably would have broken both my legs. As it was, I was dangling about 10 ft. above the ground, swaying back and forth. Lt. Hickman, in his statement after the crash, said he had tried to follow me but decided to break it off when he saw how fast he was going, and that he was finally able to level out at 1000 ft. with an indicated air speed of 500 MPH.

Through the *Freedom of Information Act*, I have copies of all four of our official statements made immediately following the crash, mine given from the hospital and the other three pilot's statements given after they landed. In my statement, I noted that I didn't know how fast I was going, which wasn't true, because I did remember seeing the air speed indicator passing 550 MPH. The interviewing officer had remarked that attaining such a speed was highly unlikely and told me to say that I didn't know how fast I was going. He was a high ranking officer, and I still rattled and a lowly 2nd Lieutenant, followed his order. The official accident report I have credits "Pilot Error" (that's me) for 25% of the cause, with 75% being "undetermined". On June 13th, four days after the crash, I was out of the hospital and flying again.

In August, I sailed for the Europe Theatre of Operation (ETO) aboard the USS Athos, and landed in Naples, Italy after a two-week crossing. On September 18, 1944 - it was either Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur, I don't remember which, but I do remember thinking to myself "What am I doing here, I oughta be in Temple" I, along with 13 other pilots, was flown from the Naples replacement center to Southern France, having been assigned to the 324th Fighter Group. Within five months, 12 of the 14 in our group of young pilots had gone down. Six were killed in action, five were missing in action, and one, H.E. Wilson, thereafter known as "High Explosive" Wilson, was severely injured when his plane blew a tire on the takeoff run and a 500-pound bomb hanging from his wing exploded. Joe Reidy and I, however, never got so much as a scratch. Of the MIAs, I know for a fact at least one turned up alive after being released from a POW camp, and I still have the letter he sent me a week later. This chap, Edmund Wright, was a Jewish boy from N.Y., and while I've searched for him in the last

few years, I've had no luck finding him.

At the cessation of hostilities, I had completed 66 combat missions, primarily dive-bombing and strafing in close support of the infantry. Though I was in several dogfights, our main mission was tactical support of the ground forces. Our group was also instrumental in seeing to it that nothing... trains, trucks, horse-drawn vehicles, motorcycles, nothing in fact, could move on the German highways or rail system during the daylight hours without the risk of being dive bombed and strafed by us or some other roaming squadron. On December 22, 1944, a flight from our squadron ran into a flight of German planes and shot down six of their ME 109s, losing only one of our planes. The pilot of that plane, Edmund Wright, bailed out successfully but was taken prisoner by German ground troops.

After my discharge from the Air Corps in November 1945, and before leaving Camp Atterbury in Indiana, I joined the Reserves for a five-year stint. Upon my return to Louisville, I enrolled at U of L for my junior year in January of '46, and met a cute little incoming freshman by the name of Rose Rita Levens. And that was the beginning of the end of my college career. Rose Rita and I were married nearly 18 months later. As a reservist, I flew on weekends out of Godman Field at Ft. Knox and later out of the newly opened Staniford Field in Louisville. As the Korean conflict had arisen, all enlistments were frozen so I continued flying with the Reserves for an additional three years. By the time my enlistment ended in 1953 I was the proud father of two little girls and Rose Rita did not relish the possibility of my being called back to active duty.

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Tikkun Lexington Gets on Board with New Community Project

Faith in Action: Elder Outreach Volunteer Services Program

By Jana LaZur

The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation's Tikkun Lexington Volunteer Corps have been very busy lately between visiting the Stewart Home's Jewish residents, the Day of Giving on December 25th, and now the very exciting program that is currently the only one of its kind in the state of Kentucky — Faith in Action. This interfaith program is a National Program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and represents what all religions have in common — a mandate to do good works. Faith in Action encourages volunteerism as a strategy for meeting the needs of persons who are challenged to live independently and adopts the idea that a neighbor's independence depends on you.

The mission of this program is to provide quality home-based volunteer caregiving services to frail elderly and other elder adults who are homebound due to chronic illness or disability of some kind. The goal is to help older adults maintain their independence and dignity and stay at home as long as possible. Volunteers are the heart of this program, and will be professionally trained to provide needed caregiving services. These will include

respite care, support for family caregivers and assistance with a variety of daily living needs including transportation to medical appointments, help with shopping, home repairs, delivery of meals, telephone reassurance calls, and friendly visits and companionship. The program is funded through a grant by the Robert Wood foundation, donations, and volunteers willing to donate their time.

Tikkun Lexington will hold several training sessions with the help of the Faith in Action Director as well as hold a position of coordinator in this program. If you are interested in receiving more information or speaking to Jana about the possibilities of being a volunteer or requesting help for a person in need, feel free to call the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation at 268-0672 extension 4# or email tikkun@jewishlexington.org for more information. If you want to volunteer as little as an hour a month or much more, forms are available to be filled out. Speak to Jana today for details and get signed up for this worthy volunteer opportunity!

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Rabbi's Corner (from page 8)

The Jewish National Fund promotes the planting of trees in Israel on this special holiday. Growing up, I remember every Tu bi-Sh'vat we would purchase a tree to be planted in a JNF forest in Israel in honor of a relative or friend. I am sure many of you have similar memories, and it is one we should pass down to the next generation. In more recent years, the "Tu bi-Sh'vat Seder" has become a formal way to celebrate the holiday. During the "seder" we partake of fruits, nuts, and wine, and recite special prayers which remind us of the gifts of the earth. The Tu bi-Sh'vat seder, just as is the case with the Passover seder, is a wonderful way to not only talk about, but truly live the messages of the holiday.

Although we are still in the heart of the wintertime here in Kentucky, Tu bi-Sh'vat, which this year falls on February 7th (and since it is Shabbat, celebration of the holiday is generally moved to the next day!), gives us the opportunity to think about the importance of the world around us, and our obligations to it. There is a lot you can do to celebrate Tu bi-Sh'vat this year: take some time out to bring a plant to someone who would enjoy it, join a group dedicated to protecting the environment, organize your own Tu bi-Sh'vat seder, take more seriously the act of recycling, make a donation to the Jewish National Fund so that a tree might be planted in Israel, or even plan out your garden for the spring. I wish you all a very Happy New Year of the Trees!

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Generation Chai (from page 3)

letting people live as they please. I'm always thinking about the politics and the politicians who have their backdrops as being all Christian and stuff, they're the ones that are most against gay marriages and pro-choice so it's kind of like they're not allowing us to make our own decisions. So I kind of feel like being Jewish is about allowing people to live the way they want to.

Penina: I think that being Jewish is about always questioning things and never assuming that a single answer is the only possible answer. It's about continuing our learning process and always delving into things we don't know and things we don't understand.

Ryann: I think people can view Judaism as one of two things. You could say that it's believing in God and that God is Judaism or you could say that Judaism is a tradition or a lifestyle. I have made it personally a lifestyle. I think it's about how you live and how you view the world not necessarily according to an association with God but it's how you view the world. I think Judaism is a perspective. It's what you want it to be. It can be personalized, but it's nice to follow the traditions too.

Josh: Being Jewish means being a light to the nations, leadership.

Heidi: To me, being Jewish means feeling a connection to other Jews, a community. It's something that's very difficult to put into words accurately. I think it's the feeling you get when you're in a room with 200 plus other Jews singing Shabbat services or by yourself praying Shachrit or at camp, or it's just in your heart the way you feel about Judaism.

Becky: It's kind of hard to answer what being Jewish means, but for me it means two things and I think they're equal and they're intertwined. One is cultural and connected to your ancestors, connected to Jews around the world...a connection with all these people whether they practice or not. The other is a personal connection to Talmud, to God, to all of that. That's really important to me, and

that's something that I didn't have before or even a year ago. And I think that without that, I didn't really care about Judaism. It just seemed like a lot of work, a lot of tradition, a lot of responsibility and I didn't understand why. I think that by adding that aspect now it's just really important to me because I have a personal connection....I kind of sound like a hypocrite because I don't know that much about the text. I'm not avidly studying on my own, but I do recognize that it's important and that I want to.

Question: How would you describe the Jewish community in Central Kentucky?

Josh: It's big. In my old school (in South Carolina) I was the only Jew there. So I would walk around hanging my head down. But now I have like four or five Jews in my school so I can walk around and say "hey" and talk about anything I need to talk about being Jewish.

Penina: It's a community. It's a small close-knit group of people that support each other and that aren't afraid to participate in the community. On the other hand, there is a huge division between the Reform and the Conservative groups in Lexington, especially between the kids.

Becky: It's crazy, there aren't that many Jewish kids in Lexington, yet I don't know who all of them are. It seems that since there are only two congregations, it shouldn't be that hard to bring us together.

Ben: It's interesting at least in their respective spheres how close the Temple and Synagogue people are to each other and how active people are in the community. I've never [before] seen this level of involvement and this level of interest in the congregation.

The next meeting of Generation Chai, Shalom's Youth Forum, will be on Sunday, February 22 from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. All teens are welcome. Contact Rachel Belin at 859/269-5678 or by e-mail at rachelburg@post.harvard.edu

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Super Sunday (from page 1)

Israel Independence Day, Jewish Day of Giving, Winter Dinner, Camp Shalom, are just the best known. Every dollar counts, every gift is important.

Super Sunday is chaired this year by Sanford ("Sandy") Goldberg and Patricia ("Pat") Shraberg. Join them by volunteering to help us reach as many Jewish households as possible in Central Kentucky. Phones and airtime for the event are donated by AT&T wireless.

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Day of Giving (from page 1)

that Jana LaZur, the activities director of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation and the coordinator of Tikkun Lexington, actually had to decline help from some prospective volunteers because the turnout was so great and the need was somewhat limited. The fact that so many members of the Jewish community wanted to help is awe-inspiring and we sincerely apologize to those individuals who wanted to volunteer but couldn't be utilized. Jana claimed that "this was the easiest event to organize and we are fortunate to live in a community of people who love to volunteer. My only problem is that I didn't have enough slots to fill. Next year we are assisting at taking over more locations and looking into other opportunities as well."

The schedule of events included working the gift shops at Saint Joseph East and West Hospitals, delivering meals for Meals on Wheels, and delivering meals for the Moveable Feast. Barbara Grossman did a wonderful job coordinating the volunteer efforts for the Saint Joseph Hospitals and we want to thank her for her incredible help. Volunteers received training for their duties upon arrival, and then worked the cash registers in the gift shops and delivered gifts personally to patients in the hospital. For Meals on Wheels, groups of volunteers took on five routes, delivering hot meals to those individuals who could not get out on their own. Several volunteers expressed the joy they experienced through their efforts and commented on how thankful the recipients

were for their help. Darren Foster, a first time volunteer, called the event a "wonderful experience." He stated that he had a "very good time and it showed the true spirit of the season." Groups of volunteers took on six routes for the Moveable Feast, delivering meals to housebound AIDS victims. Regina Meade said she "enjoyed delivering for Moveable Feast with my friend LisaMarie and our daughters [Rebecca Meece and Gabi Price]. It was truly a nice family experience."

Although I'm sure the volunteers were happy just to experience the joy of helping, they all received long sleeved T-shirts designed specially for the event as well as a CKJF hat. The T-shirts were sponsored by Saint Joseph Health Care, Subway, the Law Office of Martha Rosenberg, WIN Enterprises Inc, Amgen Pharmaceuticals, and Michler Florist. Thank you, sponsors, for your support.

All the volunteers I spoke with truly enjoyed their experiences and understood the importance of volunteerism, not just for the Day of Giving, but throughout the year as well. Tikkun Lexington is always looking for volunteers. Of course, the event could not even have happened without the hard work of the coordinators, the cooperation of the various institutions, and the community-serving spirit of the volunteers. Thank you all for your efforts, and may the Jewish community continue to come together to enrich the lives of Jews in Central Kentucky and the larger community.



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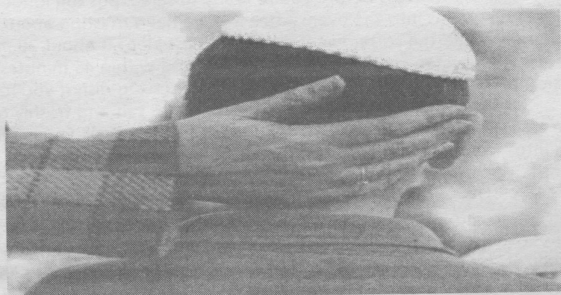
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Storytellers (from page 7)

from 7-8:30 PM at Beaumont Library.

Please contact JFS with any questions or if you would like more information about Spellbinders; you may reach us by phone at 269-8244 or by email at jfs@jewishlexington.org.

Spellbinders is a national organization with chapters across the United States and in Canada. Started in 1989, the mission of Spellbinders is to create connections between generations through the art of storytelling in order to pass on the wisdom, values, humor, and sense of community embodied in stories of all cultures and all times. The Lexington Chapter of Spellbinders is a joint initiative between Jewish Family Services (JFS), the Lexington Senior Citizen's Center, and Adult Services of LFUCG. To learn more about Spellbinders, contact JFS at 269-8244 or jfs@jewishlexington.org.

Program Focused on Partner Abuse in the Jewish Community

By Judy Craft

On Wednesday, December 17th, representatives of Jewish Family Services of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, and the YWCA Spouse Abuse Center of Lexington, presented an informative program on Partner Abuse. The presentation was organized by Nancy Redmon, of Temple Adath Israel's Sisterhood. The facilitators of the program, Fran Morris of JFS and Robin Brock of YWCA, work closely with those seeking to escape abusive relationships.

Both Robin and Fran revealed disturbing facts not only about those who find themselves in abusive relationships, but also about the abusers. Particularly important was learning about the many facets of abuse, which encompass not only physical assault but also emotional and psychological assault. The striking similarity among all abusers is their

need for power and control, which is at the core of all abusive situations.

More startling revelations concerned the sociological and economic demographics surrounding abusive relationships. It was particularly surprising to learn that spouse abuse occurs in about 15-20% of all Jewish homes, a statistic that is equivalent to the prevalence of abuse in the non-Jewish community. However, due to the guilt and shame about being unable to keep *Shalom Bayit* (peace in the home), Jewish women tend to stay in abusive relationships much longer than women from the general community.

The 16 women in attendance that night also learned that the role of a shelter is not only for protection from the abuser, but often it is where children at risk are schooled about

abuse and its consequences. The Spouse Abuse Center helps to protect children who might bear the brunt of an abusive parent. Among other responsibilities, counselors at the center work to re-educate women so they can regain their self-worth and redevelop self-esteem. They teach the women and children that no matter what precipitated the situation, they are never to blame for the abuse they suffer.

Part of the evening featured an informative and revealing videotape of Jewish women from around the country of differing ages and economic backgrounds, who discussed their own experiences with abusive relationships. The common thread in all their stories was that of survival, an uplifting theme for a very a serious issue. At the end, Robin and Fran welcomed questions by the audience, and a lively discussion ensued.

B'tay Avon — (Hearty Appetite)

Ruth Poley

Roasted Vegetables—A Hit Every Time

This month I'm offering you a wonderful, and easy, way to make vegetables which will turn any simple meal into a feast. Many of us think of the vegetables as something we have to put on the plate because we're supposed to—it's good nutrition, you need some variety in the meal, and who can afford to fill everyone up on roast beef? Roasted vegetables will get you out of the limp green beans and baked potato rut and everyone will think you're a fabulous cook (and you will be).

Start with a selection of fresh vegetables, whatever looks good to you at the market. There are very few vegetables that don't work in this dish (tomatoes and broccoli are two that come to mind). I generally start with baking potatoes, sweet potatoes, onions (little white ones if you can find them), Brussels sprouts, mushrooms, and carrots as a base. I have also used beets, turnips, asparagus, both winter and summer squashes, corn...and the list goes on.

If you have a very large ovenproof platter, you can use this to cook and serve the vegetables. If not, prepare several cookie sheets by covering them with aluminum foil (this will make cleanup easier).

Now wash all the veggies, peel where appropriate and, in the case of potatoes, turnips, and other large, hard varieties, cut them into pieces the size of about two to three bites. If you use corn on the cob, break each ear into two or three pieces.

Put one variety of vegetables into a medium-sized bowl and pour over about one-half tablespoon of olive oil. Stir to coat and then spoon them out into one section of the pan, keeping them all together in one layer (do not crowd them or you'll be steaming, not roasting, and you won't get the desired result). Repeat with each variety of vegetables (you can keep reusing the same bowl). Don't cut the potatoes until just before you're going to cook them, or they'll turn black, even if they're coated with olive oil.

Since some of these vegetables take much longer to cook than

others (potatoes and rutabagas versus asparagus and zucchini) you'll need to separate them accordingly. If you're roasting on one big platter, save some space for the wimpy veggies to be added later. If you're using cookie sheets, just use one for longer cooking varieties and one for shorter. If you're not sure whether it needs more or less cooking, a general rule is that harder vegetables and root vegetables take longer (potatoes, carrots, winter squash, turnips, onions) and softer ones (summer squashes, asparagus, green beans, corn) take less time. You can do all of this prep work hours before you plan to cook, except for the potatoes, which must be cut up close to the actual cooking time.

Now for the cooking. Preheat the oven to 425°. The secret to the success of this dish is the high heat. It will caramelize the sugars in the veggies, bring out all the flavors, and make them sweet. About 45 minutes before you're ready to serve, put the longer cooking items into the oven. After they've been roasting about 20 minutes, add the softer vegetables and roast all of it about 20 minutes longer. Everything should be cooked within 45 minutes. Remove them from the oven, transfer to a serving dish if you're not serving them in the cooking pan, season with salt and freshly ground pepper and sprinkle balsamic vinegar over all. Serve immediately.

In addition to the wonderful tastes in this dish, a lot of the appeal is visual. When you're arranging the vegetables to be served, try to arrange colors and shapes so that you get a pretty platter. If you've included starchy vegetables in this dish, you won't need any other side dishes to serve with this meal. And if you've got vegetarians in your group, they won't feel the least bit deprived when you bring this to the table.

The one downside to this dish is that the leftovers don't taste nearly as good when reheated and I always have leftovers because I tend to buy the vegetables too exuberantly. You can, however, make great soup out of the leftovers...but that's another column.

Ask JFS About....Persons with Disabilities within the Jewish Community

Ask JFS is a monthly advice column with questions from members of the community requiring assistance with a wide range of issues. If you have a problem or a concern that you would like addressed in this Shalom column, please send your queries to Ask JFS c/o Jewish Family Services, 1050 Chinoe Road, Suite 203, Lexington, KY 40502. You can also call in your confidential questions at 269-8244 or email them to us at: JFS@JewishLexington.org.

This month, we are featuring the issue of persons with disabilities and what the Jewish community across the nation is doing to address the needs of this population. The following is an excerpt from the Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies (AJFCA) newsletter, *Tachlis*, from Summer, 2002, Volume 8, Number 1. It is reprinted with permission from AJFCA.

Jews with disabilities have always been a part of the Jewish community. References to Jews who are blind and deaf harken to Biblical times. The Talmud and its commentators ponder the Halachic responsibilities of those with physical and mental limitations. Over the past decade, however, integrating Jewish children and adults with disabilities into the Jewish community, and providing concrete services to them, has taken on new importance.

"Our program is called TASK (Treasuring, Accepting, and Supporting Kehillah) because inclusion in the Jewish community is our primary goal," says Rena Waxman, CEO, JFCS, Portland, OR. "Jewish families with members

who have disabilities feel marginalized and they want to be genuine members of the community," she adds.

"Everyone counts and needs to be counted in because we are all created in the Divine Image," says Shelly Christensen, Inclusion Coordinator, Minneapolis Jewish Community Inclusion Program for People with Disabilities, JFCS, Minneapolis, MN. "Nevertheless, individuals with disabilities have been 'invisible' for too long in our Jewish community," Shelly continues. "Despite some advances, they feel the pain of being different."

Three major trends have now come together to offer major opportunities for JFS agencies to expand their services to this population. First, over the past years, those with disabilities and their families have "come out of the closet." They are vocal about their right to live a "normal life" and to be "mainstreamed" into society as well as to have their special needs met.

Second, medical advances have resulted in earlier and more discrete diagnoses of

conditions. Terms such as "learning disabilities" and ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) are part of the national lexicon. There has been more research into autism, a developmental disability of the brain impacting social interaction and communication skills.

Third, federal and state governments are allocating additional dollars for services to enable those with disabilities to live in the community instead of sending them to institutions. These three trends come together to create a growth opportunity for JFS agencies, enabling them to offer a wide variety of services to disabled individuals and to their families.

For a copy of the complete article, please contact Jewish Family Services of the Central KY Jewish Federation. A voice message can be left at 269-8244, or you can send an email request to: jfs@jewishlexington.org.

JFS

Tikkun Lexington to Visit the Stewart Home in February and March

By Jana LaZur

The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation's Tikkun volunteers are driving to Frankfort on February 13th to celebrate Shabbat and Valentine's Day at 6:30 PM with the residents at the Stewart Home. We are delighted to be able to present the residents with hand crafted wooden boxes made by our very own Tikkun Lexington volunteer, Charles Goldstein, on this trip. Residents will personalize the boxes with their names and we'll fill them with additional sweet treats for Valentine's Day. Thank you to Charles and his children, Nathaniel and Emily, who have been long-standing volunteers as well as the many dedicated people who have continued to support this project.

It is always a joy to light the candles and discuss what Shabbat means to each of us. The residents lead the blessings and love

having visitors. They tell us stories about their families, where they are from and what they enjoy. Our volunteers truly are the ones who come out ahead on these trips; the residents have grown to know our faces and

make us feel very welcome upon arrival. Mark your calendar for our next scheduled visit on March 7th for a celebration of Purim at 2:00 PM. We are looking for

new faces. As usual, we will meet at the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation office in the Chinoe Shopping Center 45 minutes early to caravan to Frankfort. If you would like more information and plan on accompanying either of these visits, please call Jana at 268-0672, extension 4#, or email jana@jewishlexington.org. You'll be glad that you did.

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TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL NEWS

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Shabbat Around the Dinner Table

Friday night, February 13, is our monthly Shabbat Around the Dinner Table beginning at 6:00 PM.

Please plan to bring a main dish and a vegetable or salad to feed six to eight people. Join us for this special evening. **PLEASE call the Temple office at 269-2979 and let us know that you will be there**, (hopefully by Thursday, the 12th!) so that we may properly prepare. See you Friday, February 13th!

Hope Center Dinners

The TAI Social Action Committee announces an additional opportunity to serve our wider community. We will be preparing and serving dinner at the Hope Center on **March 28**. Please contact Nancy Schoenberg at 323-8175 or at nesch@uky.edu. If you can donate special food items (i.e. fresh fruit or dessert), or wish to make a cash donation or can help prepare the dinners, we'd love to have you help us!

Food Transport!

We have expanded our participation in the Kentucky Harvest Food Rescue Program and need a few more volunteers to work for one hour a month, transporting day-old bread. Our routes run from the Beaumont Kroger to the Salvation Army on Main Street and from the Hartland Kroger to the Community Action Council on Georgetown Road. Pick-ups are on Mondays anytime between 8 AM and Noon. Please contact Karen Petrone at 226-9145 to volunteer.

Books!

Volunteers in the Adopt-a-school program at Ashland Elementary have discovered that kindergarten level and easy reader story books are urgently needed for classroom use. Used books are welcome. There is a donation box in the lobby of the Temple.

March for Freedom of Choice!

On April 25, 2004, the Reform Movement will join with pro-choice organizations including the National Organization for Women, Planned Parenthood, and NARL/Pro-Choice America for a march in Washington, DC to protect women's reproductive rights. You too can be a part of this historic event—for more information, please visit the web pages at www.rj.org/choice, or contact the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism at 202-387-2800, choice@rac.org.

A Once In A Lifetime Opportunity

Temple Adath Israel's Programming Committee has planned a trip to the Cincinnati Museum Center to view the blockbuster exhibit St. Peter and the Vatican: The Legacy of the Popes.

The group will leave on February 29, at 9 AM in a chartered mini-coach for the 11:30 AM admission to the Museum. After the exhibit, we will go to lunch at Cincinnati's First Watch Restaurant.

We will return to Temple around 5 PM. Price per person is \$30. Make your reservation today with payment. No reservations will be held without full payment.

Contact the Temple office at 269-2979 if you need a ride to Temple to board the chartered mini-coach.

For Music Lovers Only!

This summer, there will be myriad opportunities for lovers of Jewish music to sing, play, and simply enjoy themselves. The Fourteenth Annual North American Jewish Choral Festival, scheduled for July 11-15, brings together conductors, composers, and fans of Jewish choral music for five days of workshops, study, and performances—as well as fun and friendship. At Mifgash Musicale, August 1-5 at HUC-JIR's Cincinnati campus, singers, accompanists, and choir leaders will take part in an in-depth study of liturgy and repertoire for the High Holy Days, as well as beginning and advanced Torah cantillation. Students will have the chance to work with composers-in-residence, Bonia Shur and Ben Steinberg, and also visit the historic Isaac M. Wise Plum Street Temple. And if you're interested in becoming a song leader at a religious school or summer camp, be sure to check out the Havah Nashirah Song Leader's Institute, June 4-6 at the Union's Olin-Sang-Ruby camp institute in Wisconsin. There, participants will learn and share new songs, hone songwriting skills, and learn techniques from the best song leaders around. For more information about these opportunities, visit the web site at www.urj.org/music, or contact the Department of Worship, Music, and Religious Living.

THE LEXINGTON CHAPTER OF HADASSAH

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Using the Past to Chart the Future: Developing Volunteers for Organizational Success

Leadership:

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Hadassah has built a remarkable organization from our early beginnings in 1912. Since our founding years, strong and courageous women have volunteered their time, talent and resources to enhance the quality of Jewish and communal life in Israel and in the United States. Today, through our network of 300,000

volunteers, we continue to grow and prosper, reaching out in new and creative ways to women and families, as our core values remain constant.

Today in 1,000 chapters and groups across the United States, Hadassah empowers its volunteer leaders with a wide range of skills through programs of education and training. We persist in our goal to create an organization that is a powerful force for *tikkun olam*—healing and perfecting the world.

To insure a viable future, Hadassah has embarked on an ambitious program to create a professionally trained corps of Certified Volunteer Trainers in all areas of the United States who will then be available to train and

develop volunteers for organizational success in regions and chapters across the country. There must be no doubt that the future of our organization will continue to flourish and that potential Hadassah leaders will be expertly trained and prepared to accept the roles and responsibilities inherent in leadership.

Given this innovative opportunity, we challenge all our members to be in the forefront of an exciting adventure. Leadership takes many forms. Each of us, at every age and every stage of life, can learn new skills that will enhance our own personal life and stimulate a more viable Hadassah. Join with us and accept the leadership challenge!

OHAVAY ZION SYNAGOGUE NEWS

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Scholar-In-Residence Weekend

The community is invited to be a part of a very special Scholar-in-Residence Weekend, February 20-22, here at OZS. Rabbi Lisa Gelber, Associate Dean of the Rabbinical School at the Jewish Theological Seminary, will be joining us for a very special Shabbat of learning and celebration. Rabbi Gelber is a passionate and creative teacher of Torah who has written and taught actively on the subject of Domestic Violence in the Jewish Community and on Jewish Healing.

The weekend begins with a catered Friday night dinner (reservations and payment needed!) followed by Shabbat Evening Service and program with Rabbi Gelber. On Saturday, Rabbi Gelber will participate in the Shabbat Morning Service with lunch and learning to follow. Sunday morning, Rabbi Gelber will conduct a special program through the Religious School.

For more information regarding the Friday night dinner, service schedule, and program details, please call the OZS office.

OZS Religious School News

Our Religious School students had a busy winter and took part in a very special tzedaka program as part of their observance of Hanuka. With help from Steve Gall and some very generous angels, the students were able to use their tzedaka money to purchase 300 pairs of socks and Hanuka gelt to send to the Jewish soldiers in Iraq. The students also included homemade cards for the troops so that they would receive an extra hug of support as they remain so far from home. It was a wonderful learning experience for our students. A big thank you goes to Simone Salomon for organizing the project and to Kathie Kroot in Germany who told us of the soldiers' need for socks. We are so proud of our students efforts as well!

On Sunday, February 8th, the Religious School students will celebrate the holiday of Tu bi-Sh'vat with a special school-wide Tu bi-Sh'vat Seder led by our cadre of Religious School Aides. The next Religious School Service will be Friday evening, February 13th, at 7:30 PM as our students lead us in Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv and present a special d'var Torah. **Junior Congregation** continues this month as well on February 21st at 10:30 AM in the Music Room. The program is coordinated by Steve Davis-Rosenbaum and led by Penina Goldstein with help from our Religious School Aides. We encourage parents to attend with their kids!

The **Midrasha** program for 8th-10th graders continues each Wednesday night at 7:30 PM in the Youth Lounge. In the Fall, the students discussed some very important personal and communal issues including peer pressure, sex, and substance abuse. This past month, the students learned a bit about Jewish music and learned some songs to sing at the Musical Soiree. During the next few weeks, they will be focus their attention on Israel and the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. For more information, contact Marilyn Robie.

Make A Difference:

God's Pantry — Social Action

We are happy to have established an ongoing relationship with God's Pantry as we visit their facility the third Thursday of each month to help sort and bag food items for distribution to those in need. Come and join us with the whole family as we work together for this wonderful cause. Our next God's Pantry Night will be Thursday, February 19th from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM. Call Ziggy Rivkin-Fish at 269-3990 to sign up.

Senior Chai

Our OZS and TAI Jewish study program for 11th and 12th graders, **Senior Chai**, will meet

this month on February 13th at 6:30 PM. During the past few months, we have studied Maimonides' 13 Principles of Faith, looked at Judaism in respect to Jewish law and authentic Tradition, studied the Book of Jonah and discussed the meaning of Sukkot and the rituals of the holiday. If you are interested in participating and need more information please contact Rabbi Cohen or Rabbi Kline.

Daily Minyan

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

Youth Group News

LEXUSY has a busy month planned. In addition to a specialty kinnus in Detroit at the beginning of February, USYers will join together on Saturday night, February 7th for an evening of Havdala, Ruah (singing), Twister, and Purim planning. Extra work will continue in preparation for the Purim Carnival. Plans are also being made for a special trip to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.

In January, OZS **Kadima** held a special Hot Dog Lunch and Israeli Dancing and had a Lock-In and were a part of the Martin Luther King Day March with members of Louisville Kadima. Kadima members will be attending a special Kadima Kinnus on February 27th – 29th.

Shabbat at OZS

Our new Friday Evening Shabbat Service Schedule began last month. On the first and the third Fridays of each month, the service will begin at 6:00 PM. On the second and fourth (and fifth) Fridays, the service will be at 7:30 PM with an Oneg following. You can call OZS for a reminder as service times will be updated each week on the Synagogue voice mail. Join us for our spirited Shabbat Morning Service each Saturday morning at 9:45 PM. Kiddush Lunch follows each week.

THE LEXINGTON HAVURAH

President, Judith Saxe • (859) 269-4493

The next scheduled service of The Lexington Havurah will be a Kabbalat Shabbat and Tu B'Shevat Seder. It will take place Friday evening, February 6th at 7:30 PM, at the Lexington Theological Seminary, 631 South Limestone. Parking and entrance to the Fellowship Hall are around the back. The families hosting this event are: Ann Baker, Kate and Steve Davis-Rosenbaum, Judy Goldsmith and Eve Podet. Please call 269-4493 if you would like to attend.

The Havurah will celebrate Purim on March 6, with a Megillah reading, pot luck supper and Havdalah. This celebration will take place at the Lexington Theological Seminary.

Looking farther ahead, The Lexington Havurah is planning its annual retreat in the spring with an exciting speaker from the state of Montana, Rabbi Alan Secher (the only rabbi in Montana). Rabbi Secher is involved in the

Jewish Renewal Movement. Date, time and location will be announced as more information becomes available.

For more information about the Lexington Havurah, please contact Judy Saxe, President at 269-4493; or Dr. David Wekstein at 269-4454, Dr. Michael Rie at 266-8623, Membership Co-Chairmen.



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