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Local Israelis hopeful about future of Jewish State

Lexingtonians' loyalty to homeland still strong

By Erik A. Carlson

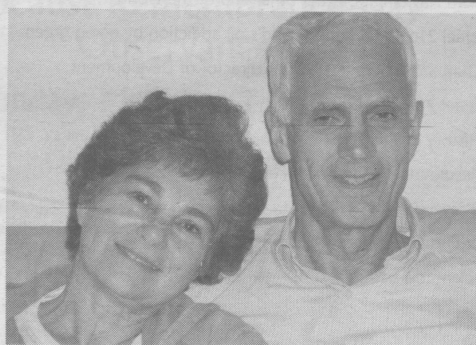
On his fourth birthday, Moshe Elitzur and his family moved to the Jewish homeland. Just two weeks later, on May 15, 1948, he witnessed the homeland's Independence Day as the state of Israel was formed.

"I think to this day it was the most glorious day," Elitzur said of the event 60 years ago. "It was a very, very hard time but you could feel that things were being done and

it was clear to everyone that you're building a new future. Nobody even thought it was hard, it was so hard that nobody even thought it was hard. It was clear that you're building something extraordinary."

Elitzur and his wife, Shlomit, are among a handful of Israelis living in Central Kentucky as the country they call home, served in the military for, and maintain citizenship in, celebrates 60 years.

"By any comparison (Israel) is the biggest success story in the 20th century," Moshe Elitzur said—regarding other nations that formed in the same era—in quality of life, development, and technology.



Shlomit and Moshe Elitzur

Avi Bear, a Cynthiana resident who was born on the Mediterranean coast's Sdot-Yam Kibbutz at the ruins of Caesarea, believes the character of the people who founded Israel and the hardships they endured primed the country for success.

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— CAMPAIGN NEWS —

2008 Community Campaign is rolling

Keep the flame alive: celebrate our Jewish future

The Annual CKJF/UJC Community Campaign is the engine that allows our community to provide services locally, in Israel, and around the world. It is our way to be an active contributing part of the larger world of the Jewish people.

From the encampments in Addis Ababa to the distribution of food packages in the former Soviet Union to providing for services to break the cycle of poverty in Israel, we benefit communities around the world. From facilitating the participation of our youth in Israel programs

and summer camps to providing for such organizations as the Leisure Club, Camp Shalom, Jewish Family Services, and so many more, we benefit individuals here and abroad. Your contribution every year does, literally, a world of good.

The Community Campaign so far stands at \$59,000, with an average

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Yom Ha'atzmaut program at Keeneland marks Israel's 60th

Walk the Land event - June 1

The Afikim Foundation, in solidarity with Karen Kayemeth LeIsrael, has undertaken a global project, "Celebrate 60! Walk the Land," to foster support of the cherished homeland of the Jewish people. More than 100 Jewish communities worldwide from Los Angeles to Helsinki will hold one-mile walks between May 4 and June 2. Our community will take its part in this celebration on June 1.

Vinyl murals depicting Israeli sites plus "Walk the Land" T-shirts, water bottles, and sling bags will unify walkers worldwide. Registrants will be part of a drawing for ten free tickets to Israel.

Clips of all participating communities' walks will be made into a video. So be sure to bring your camcorder and send us footage to include in the video; we'd also love to add it to our library.

You will receive detailed information by mail, through your organizational bulletins, and in emails. Please call CKJF if you have any questions, and to register for the walk. ☆

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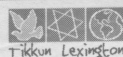
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WRITERS WANTED

Shalom depends on the community for its material. If you are interested in writing an account of a meeting or interviewing a person of interest to the Jewish community, or have anything else to share with our readers, please email Mary at DI-IFR@Bardstown.com



STEWART HOME SCHOOL VISITATION SCHEDULE: Paents Weekend May 16 - 4:00 p.m.

The Stewart Home, located in Frankfort, Kentucky is a residential school for individuals with disabilities. It is renowned throughout the country for the high quality of care given to the students, and attracts people from all across the country. Tikkun Lexington brings celebration to the Stewart Home's Jewish students by honoring Shabbat and Jewish holidays. It is a very special evening for all who participate, volunteers and students alike.



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or email jana@jewishlexington.org
for more information

Attention proud grandparents, -parents, and students

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Shalom Bayit

We welcome input from every individual and every group in the community. But for the sake of *shalom bayit* (peace in the house), please appoint only one person from your organization to act as liaison to the paper.

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Email articles to di-ifr@bardstown.com.

Articles submitted in hard copy should be double-spaced.

Yom Hashoah: Remembering our heroes

Holocaust survivor Oscar Haber, 98, to bear witness

On Sunday, May 4, the Central Kentucky Jewish Community will come together at Ohavay Zion Synagogue to mark the anniversary of the beginning of the Warsaw Ghetto Rebellion. The day was chosen by the Jewish community to commemorate the lives of those who were killed by the Nazi murder machine, and to salute the bravery of those who stood up against the Germans to say "Enough."

This year's program will include a video presentation on Jewish resistance during World War II. There will also be a testimony from Oscar Haber, a local Holocaust survivor and a member of Ohavay Zion as well as a longtime community volunteer.

During the program, we will acknowledge the winners of the 2008 Emilie Szekeley Essay Contest on the Contemporary lessons of the Holocaust. This is an annual writing contest open to all students in the Fayette County Public schools.

At a time when the lessons of the Shoah appear to be forgotten, when the genocide in Darfur and European anti-Semitism are taken for granted, when anti-Jewish and anti-Israel bias are on the rise even in our country, when many claim that the Holocaust is a myth, it is important to highlight the memory and the lessons of World War II.

Join us for this commemoration of 6,000,000 Jewish and 4,000,000 non-Jewish innocent lives. Honor the bravery of the Warsaw Ghetto fighters Mordechai Anielewicz, Tzivia Lubetkin, Altek Zuckerman, and so many others who stood for freedom and dignity against all odds.

The date is May 4, the time is 7:00 p.m., the place is Ohavay Zion Synagogue at 2048 Edgewater Ct. near the corner of New Circle and Alumni Drive. The program is open to the public. Join us. ☆

Be a part of Camp Shalom's 40th birthday celebration!

Recalling past fun, building new memories to be
part of special two-week program

By Kathy Feinberg, Director, Camp Shalom and Camp Geshet

Camp Shalom celebrates its first 40 years this summer with an especially fun-filled two weeks. Camp will be held from July 28 to August 8 at the Bluegrass Christian Camp. Our staff will greet our new and returning campers in bright tie-dye T-shirts and give each camper a tie-dye T-shirt on Monday morning.

We will learn and participate in the games, songs, projects, and sports that campers in 1968, 1978, 1988, and 1998 did. Each day of camp will focus on one of these years. We will also have lots of fun doing new activities so that our campers in 2008 can make their own camp memories.

Elissa Brown is returning as assistant director for the fifth year. She will oversee *shiur* each day as well as many other projects and activities. Please check the next issue of *Shalom*,

where we will feature all of our fantastic staff for 2008, many of whom have returned for several years.

There are three groups at Camp Shalom: Ofarim for campers ages 4-5, Tsofim for campers ages 6-8 and Chalutzim for campers ages 9-10. Ofarim will be lead by Rachel Heller, Tsofim's leader is Seth Westerman and Chalutzim's leader is Asher Finkel. Our group leaders are all college students and returning staff who are experienced leaders and wonderful role models. Rachel has worked at Camp Shalom for eight years, Seth for seven years, and Asher for four years.

Each day of camp will feature music, swimming, water games, art, Hebrew, storytelling, sports, *shiur*, and more. Campers ages 6 to 10 will pick a *chug* on the first day of

YOM HA'SHOAH



**Central Kentucky Jewish Community
Holocaust Remembrance Day
Observance**

Sunday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m.
This year's program will be held at
Ohavay Zion Synagogue

The observance will include a video presentation on Jewish resistance during WWII, acknowledgement of the 2008 Emilie Szekeley Essay contest winners, and testimonial from Oscar Haber, a community member and Holocaust survivor.

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This program is open to the general public.

camp. This will be an activity they will do for an hour Monday through Thursday. *Chugim* include cooking, art, sports, *teva*, and more. Campers will also participate in a mitzvah project.

On August 8, campers will have a Shabbat experience followed by our traditional camp-wide Maccabiah games, which include track and field and water competition and the popular staff relays, where we turn the tables and campers cheer on their counselors! At the close of the day Camp Shalom will have an open house for families of campers that

will include a camp-week-in-review slide show.

As you are making your summer plans please save July 28 to August 8 for Camp Shalom. Come and be a part of our 40th year. If you have not received a brochure, please call Jana at (859) 268-0672 or go online at www.jewishlexington.org and follow the links for Camp Shalom. You can also meet some of our staff and register in person at the June 1 Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration at Keeneland race course. We will be available from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We hope to see you there. ☆

Camp Shalom 40th Anniversary Celebration

Friday, August 8

Enjoy special programs and birthday cake at camp
and a festive dinner in town. Watch for details.

President's Message

Linda Ravvin



There are two signposts marking the road of Jews within the last century: the Shoah, or Holocaust, and the establishment of the modern State of Israel. As Jews, we are collectively traveling that road; it leads from persecution to attempts at annihilation to survival and to triumph of spirit. Every year we travel that road again symbolically, as a community, as we observe Yom Hashoah and celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut.

The centuries have not always dealt kindly to Jews—we have been persecuted almost everywhere we have settled. We have been scorned, reviled, and restricted in our livelihoods and in our living areas. We have been like the plants that are named for us, "wandering Jews": traveling back and forth throughout the world, seeking that one place where we would find acceptance and peace.

Two thousand years of persecution and hatred culminated in the Shoah. The attempt by the Nazis, supported by collaborators throughout Europe and beyond, to permanently solve the "Jewish problem" was the result. The world has not seen, either before or after, such a massive, deliberate, systematic destruction of a people. Six million Jews died. There were, in addition, millions of other people who also perished. Some died through the awful circumstance of war, and many because they were also singled out for "special treatment" by the Nazis. There are multiple lessons to be learned from studying the past: lessons about the futility of hatred, the greed of man, and the importance of freedom and free thought. One would think that the

world would have learned the lessons by now. Instead, we find that we have apparently learned very little. We keep seeing similar, if smaller in scale, ethnic strife and genocides occurring even now.

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Please join in the community observance of Yom Hashoah, which this year will take place at Ohavay Zion Synagogue on Sunday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m. Honor the memory of those who did not survive the Nazis, and show respect for those who fought them and those who survived.

Just four weeks later, on Sunday, June 1, we will celebrate the 60th birthday of the State of Israel. Born after the years of the Holocaust out of the remnants of the Jewish world, its existence is a modern miracle. A Jewish state in our biblical homeland, the only democracy in the Middle East, is not only surviving against all odds but thriving in the midst of her enemies. As John F. Kennedy said, "Israel was not created in order to disappear—Israel will endure and flourish. It is the child of hope and the home of the brave. It can neither be broken by adversity nor demoralized by success. It carries the shield of democracy and it honors the sword of freedom."

In Israel, in the midst of preparation for Yom Ha'atzmaut, there is a pause in the rhythm of the country. It is Yom Hazikaron, the Israeli Memorial Day that takes place the day before the celebration of Israel's birthday. It has a very different atmosphere from that felt in the United States. For 24 hours all entertainment venues—movies, nightclubs, and the like—are closed in honor of those who have given their lives for their

country and for Jews everywhere. There are two times during the observance that the entire country comes to a halt: once at 8:00 p.m. on the Erev and once again at 11:00 the next morning. A siren sounds throughout Israel and everything stops. There is no movement anywhere—not on the streets, not in the factories, not at the fields. All traffic stops; people stand at attention right where they are—even in the middle of the streets. The siren sounds for two minutes each time and homage is paid. Every Israeli knows and understands the sacrifices that have been made over the years so that the birthday celebration can take place the following day. It is a bittersweet element, one that makes the implication of Yom Ha'atzmaut even more significant. "Israel has created a new image of the Jew in the world—the image of a working and an intellectual people, of a people that can fight with heroism." (David Ben Gurion)

Join the local festivities at Keeneland on June 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. as we symbolically walk the land of Israel in solidarity as a people. By that time, we will have had additional opportunities to contribute monetarily to our CKJE/UJC Campaign at our Benefactors event on May 10 and our Pacesetters event on May 18. Our Campaign provides essential support to nonpolitical programs in Israel, help to Jews around the world, and multiple local programs. We should rejoice in Israel's accomplishments and in our own as we come together as a community, both to remember and to celebrate. ✡

2008 CKJE/UJC Community Campaign Benefactors Event Saturday, May 10, 2008 8:00 p.m.

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Local businessman has roots in Jewish community

Green's Toyota program offers donations to CKJF

"I always want to give back to the community, and I feel a special bond with the Jewish community," says Gene Hieger, Non Profit Donation Program administrator and commercial sales and leasing manager at Green's Toyota in Lexington. Hieger has initiated a plan whereby each car purchased through Green's ad in *Shalom* (at the bottom of this page) will result in a \$100 donation to CKJF. This initiative fulfills a long-felt need of Hieger's to connect with his roots through his father, who was a Jew raised in Poland.

Originally from Miami, Hieger and his wife, Joyce, came to Lexington in 1983 looking for a safe environment in which to raise children where they could continue their church affiliation. "My wife was a beach bunny, though," he says. "She came kicking and screaming. But we both grew to love this area, and our two sons—who are now in college—were raised here."

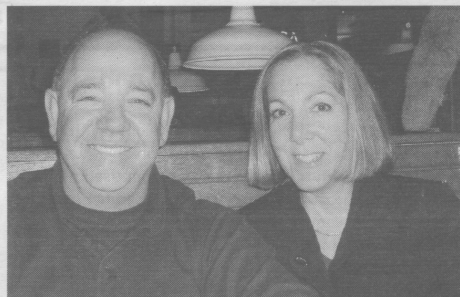
Another Lexington connection was a former associate of Hieger's in the construction business. He continued in that line of work for some time, but, he says, "It eventually started taking a toll on my body, so I 'retired' early." His next venture was in the freight business. He worked for DHL for 14 years. During his time as a carrier for DHL, he happened into the CKJF office and asked to be put on the mailing list for *Shalom*.

When the shipping company bought Airborne and personnel changes were in the wind, he shifted to reading

meters for UK. But his wife reminded him, "You're a born seller, like your father before you." That insight brought him to Green's Toyota five years ago, while his lifelong commitment to giving to the community led him to direct their innovative donation program. His personal connection to the Jewish community sparked the inclusion of CKJF in the list of beneficiaries.

The Heigers' neighbor for many years was Rabbi Jon Adland, formerly of TAI. He and Adland never talked business, he says, but their conversations did reawaken his interest in his Jewish roots. Another factor was his wish to honor the memory of his father, who was a philanthropist and community activist.

"Dad's grandfather sneaked people out of Poland; two of my great aunts died in gas chambers; knowing that makes me feel even more compelled to do something to help this community," he says. As for his father, "No man on earth would say a mean word about Dad; I could be in any

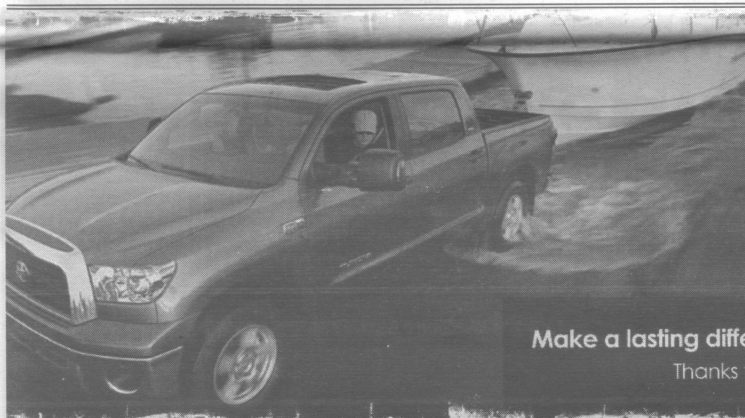


Gene and Joyce Hieger

trouble, and he could lift me up with a word. If I could be an eighth of the man he was, I would be a great human being."

"Mom is 89," he continues, "reared in the U.S.: the greatest woman you'll ever meet, life of the party, an absolute lover of people. Her Italian heritage and Dad's Jewish/Polish origins complemented each other—close family, social ties... you might say Italians are on one side of the stream, Jews on the other side, but it's the same stream. Eating, being joyful, clinking glasses together, how can you be sad? That's what life is about."

For more about the Green's Toyota Non Profit Donation Program, visit <http://www.greenstoyotadirect.com/ExternalViewPage.cfm?pageid=77583&pagetype=26&featureid=1> ☆



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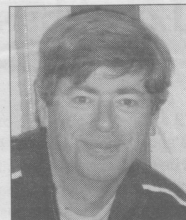
Looking for a new or used car? See Gene Hieger at Green's Toyota. Tell him you'd like to contribute to the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation through his Non Profit Donation Program, and your purchase of a new or used car will contribute \$100 to the Jewish Federation Community Campaign.

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Stop by Green's Toyota on New Circle Road and ask for Gene Hieger, or call Gene at 552-6082 for more information.

From the Executive Director

Daniel Chejfec



The roast and the pan

A woman one day decided that in spite of how tired she was after working all day, she would cook her husband a great pot roast just like the one her mom used to make for her dad. She did just that, and surprised her husband when he came home. After the meal, the husband confessed that it was the best pot roast he ever had. He asked, however, "Honey, while I fully appreciate your efforts and enjoy your cooking, I need to ask you: why do you cut both ends of the pot roast?" The wife thinks for a minute and answers, "I don't know, that is the way my mom used to do it; I think it does have something to do with the taste, but let me ask her when I see her tomorrow."

The next day, the woman met her mother and asked her "Mom, why do you cut both ends of the pot roast when you prepare it?" Mom responded, "I don't know, Sweetie, it is just the way you bubbe used to make it. I think it has something to do with the way the juices flow during the cooking, but let us go see her and ask her." They both went to see Bubbe and posed the same question, to which Bubbe answered, "I don't know, your grand-bubbe used to make it that way, so there must be a reason, probably something about

the taste." So the three generations go to see the eldest, and pose the same question: "Bubbe, why do you cut both ends of the pot roast when you cook it?" to which Grandbubbe answers, "Because if I don't cut them, it does not fit in my roasting pan."

Many times we go about life cutting the ends of the pot roast without knowing why, and very often that happens when it comes to why we do the things we do as Jews. I want to focus on one possible application of the story:

The Palestinian leadership, on the other hand, continues to oppose the existence of Israel because that is what their parents did, without understanding the reasons past generations of Palestinian Arabs had for opposing or hating Jews.

Why support Israel?

Some will say, "Because God gave the Jews the

land and it is ours, so my rabbi and the Torah tell me."

Others will say, "Because Israel is the most wonderful opportunity for

Jews to live up to our messianic dreams of a just society."

Others will say, "Because of all that the Jews achieved in Israel."

Others will say, "Because we cannot let another Holocaust happen. Israel is the haven for Jews fleeing from persecution."

But if we go ask Grandbubbe, that is if we refer to the documents of the First Zionist Congress and the writings of the early Zionist thinkers, the message is much simpler: Since Jews could not go back to the ghetto, nor were they accepted in European society, the only solution was to build a society where Jews would be in control of their own affairs.

When we look at the realities of Israel today and the challenges it faces, it is important to remember why those who built it thought it was necessary. If Jews are to be in control of their own affairs, they must be a majority in that State, and if they are to be able to live freely as Jews in any way they want to be Jews, that society must be a democratic one. The leaders of the early days of the State thought that democracy was a socialist society and today we might think differently, but the bottom line is

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Third Opinion

Stanley Ned Rosenbaum, PhD



Maybe war IS peace!

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The slogan "War Is Peace" is famously featured in George Orwell's 1984 as a state-sponsored truth that keeps citizens constantly on their toes. He meant the book as the most pointed of satires, turning the English language on its head in support of that most awful of human activities, armed warfare.

Orwell died in 1950 so he didn't see the development of a Palestinian "nationality" and its commandeering by a government that publicly declares its intention to destroy a neighbor, Israel.

Everybody realizes that Israel, though much stronger, cannot simply annihilate the Palestinians or "drive them into the sea" as they would Israel, if given a chance. Israel can't absorb them either, much less the generations of their descendants so the creation of a Palestinian state would seem the best of a bad lot of options.

What then? Such a state could join the UN, would make treaties with other states, such as China, North Korea, and Iran, and effectively forestall Israel from the incursions after rocketeers and their supporting infrastructure that it has made from time to time. Such a state would be able to import dangerous offensive weapons, too. Think about this: if Yassir Arafat's Fatah, the party that now controls only the West Bank, could try sneaking 50 tons of arms into a country with no diplomatic protection from its "friends," how much more so the present Hamas government or a future government, one with ties to Al Qaeda? (And

this is entirely plausible, as both are Sunni.)

Jews are commanded to "seek peace and pursue it," but how to do this with an enemy sworn to our destruction? Could it be that Israeli military actions are deliberately designed to provoke

Palestinians, as the recent incursion into Gaza did, to call off their "truce" and return to the sort of random attacks that will keep peace forever at arm's length?

It reminds me of the lovers (!) on John Keats' Grecian Urn. They're t-h-a-t close, but, being figures painted on pottery, they'll never touch.

Transposing into the key of politics, a constant state of agitation will produce casualties and damage on both sides, but nothing like the scale we would see if there were a real war between countries with comparable armaments. The bloody stand-off with Hezbollah in Lebanon is a strong signal of what Israel might expect from an armed Palestinian state defended by treaties with states in and outside the region.

The tragedy in all this, beyond the carnage, is that a Mideast at peace and in harmony could become a major player on the world stage with oil and Dead Sea mineral wealth to lift the lot of all its inhabitants, even the poor wretches who have been languishing in refugee camps since 1948.

I first went to Israel shortly after the State turned 20. At that time, right after the Six Day War, there was

still a feeling that peace was just around the corner. After all, Arabs with Hadassah hospital cards that they had not been able to use for 20 years showed up at the hospital. And they were treated.

But the euphoria faded, the opportunity lost, as several subsequent chances for peace have been. There may be too much suspicion on both sides now for anything positive to happen....

Aside from Orwell, my favorite literary hero is the much-maligned German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche. He went insane in 1888 and I think what drove him nuts was the gap—which he so clearly saw—between what mankind could become and what, in his day, we still were. And still are.

War Is Peace. It's enough to drive anyone crazy. ☆

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

The Lighter Side of Lexington Life

Wife of the Year Award

♦ ♦ ♦

By Ted Friedman

I want to nominate my wife, Fran, for a "Wife of the Year Award." She may be small in stature, but she has a lot of guts.

Last winter, as I threw a bag of trash into the Dumpster, I helplessly watched my keys following the same path. What to do? I measured the size of the Dumpster door opening against my size and athletic ability, and came up short on both counts.

My last resort was my wife. Fran was able to climb in without a problem. Standing up and actually retrieving my keys, however, was a big problem for my petite spouse.

In one corner, wedged between boxes and trash bags, were the keys. In the

other corner were several empty five-gallon paint cans.

Fran stood on the paint cans and stretched as far as she could, but was only able to reach to within half an inch of the keys. I had an inspiration, and ran into the house for our trusty flexible grippers. With their help, she retrieved the keys, and saved the day.

My wife had unhesitatingly flung her tiny but indomitable self into the breach... er, the Dumpster, and rescued me from disaster.

Editor's note: We thank Ted Friedman for submitting this story. We are always happy to let the community know what's happening with their friends and neighbors. If you have a story to share with Shalom readers, please email it to DIFR@Bardstown.com. ☆



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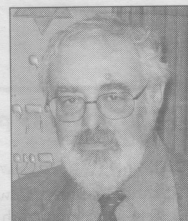
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Ask a Rabbi

Rabbi H. D. Uriel Smith



The Holy City

Q : Jerusalem is called the Holy City not just by Jews, but also by Christians and Muslims. Some claim that, therefore, the city should be internationalized and given to all three religious groups equally. The "quartet" of the United States, the European Union, Russia, and the United Nations have set up a "Road Map" leading to the division of the Holy Land into two countries, a Palestinian and an Israeli one. These proposals lead to splitting the Holy Land into nonviable segments. What is the honorable way to respond to these proposals?

A : When the Messianic Age arrives, and the Jerusalem Temple is restored, it shall be a prayer center for all peoples (Isa 56:7). Isaiah suggests that then some priests and Levites will be drawn also from other nations (Isa 66:21), showing, under the guidance of the anointed one, that all nations are equal before God. However, at the present time, before the Messianic Age, we have to look practically at what is going on.

In the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem and the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, Christian denominations repeatedly clash over ceremonial details or when and where they clean up. The fighting

often becomes so intense that the secular authorities have to come in to restore peace. In Jerusalem, the Christian sects so mistrust each other that the keys to the Holy Sepulcher Church have been handed to a particular Muslim family who open the church doors each morning and lock up the church each evening.

The fighting among Palestinians is bloodier. The "Road Map" aims for a two-state solution in the Holy Land. A joke is going around that we already have two states, but unfortunately they are both Palestinian: Hamasland in the Gaza Strip, and Fatahland in the West Bank.

With such infighting, there is no way that a combined religious government for Jerusalem would be viable. Those proposing an equal share of Jerusalem with non-Jewish religions

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only claim to propose peace, but instead aim to undermine the Jewish claim to Jerusalem. Only the Jewish claim is primary. The others are secondary, deriving from the Jewish claim. Those trying to separate the Israelis from their land, and to deny them their capital, tend to be either

ignorant of the actual history of the land, or believe that their brand of religion has superseded Judaism and should take over the sacred places of Judaism.

Nevertheless, we should try to find a way out of these dilemmas. We should know by now that when we try to formulate a neutral field for political discussion we are confronted by a hierarchy of systemic relations: first logical; second physical; and third human, combining social, cultural, and psychological aspects. Within the last level we can develop a further hierarchy, starting with general human limits, the limits set by the particular culture and society, and the cognitive and emotional limits of the individual.

Logical analysis

We may look at the official figures for population increase in Middle Eastern countries as provided by the *World Almanac* for 1921-1947. The following figures were provided by the statistical services of Great Britain and France.

- From 1922 to 1944 (22 years) the Palestinian Muslims increased 80.3%.
- From 1922 to 1944 (22 years) the population of Egypt increased 31.6%.
- From 1920 to 1942 (22 years) the population of Iraq increased 25.0%.
- From 1923 to 1946 (23 years) the population of Syria increased 27.8%.
- From 1923 to 1946 (23 years) the population of Lebanon increased 84.5%.

These statistics were given in the *Almanac* as were the statistics for other countries throughout the world, without extra comments. The figures for Palestine were treated differently. A comment was added explaining that those figures expressed the rate of natural increase for the Arab population and did not imply a large immigration.

Lady Britannia protests too much. Just as there was a large Arab immigration into Lebanon, there clearly was a large Muslim immigration into Palestine during the British mandate years. Joan Peters, in *Time Immemorial* (1984), actually underestimated the Arab immigration into Palestine. Therefore those who attacked her were themselves the hoaxers. The real problem is why so many people were willing to be duped by that hoax, and falsely reviled Peters.

Physical analysis

The land area south of Beersheba is sparsely populated desert. Leaving that area aside—and thus also leaving aside the population in Dimona, Elat, and various smaller villages and kibbutzim, but including the West Bank and Gaza Strip—the areas of the northern and central parts of the Holy Land are more densely populated than any country other than city-states such as Singapore and Monaco. Even Holland and Belgium are less densely populated than most of Israel. So any attempt at allowing a large population influx is physically impossible, unless large desalination plants are brought in for water and completely new education projects are added to stop the hostilities that will arise because of the inevitable overcrowding.

Logical analysis questions the legal ties of many Palestinian refugees to the Holy Land, and physical analysis shows that, even if the Israelis wanted all the Palestinian refugees to return, that would be physically impossible. Thus, many of the Road Map assumptions would be farcical if their consequences were not so tragic. Even though many accuse Israel of being colonial, it is the "quartet" that are acting as colonial powers, trying to impose their own external cultural perspectives instead of developing goals and procedures fitting the local cultural possibilities.

Religious cultural analysis

First, Christianity. The Christian view incorporates the Old Testament, which gives the Children of Israel first priority to the Holy Land. The Christian claim derives from the Jewish one. Thus any attempt to undermine Jewish ties to the Holy Land will also undermine Christian ties to the Land.

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Camp Gesher turns 4

Offers activities for pre-teens

By Kathy Feinberg

While Camp Shalom is celebrating a bigger birthday, Camp Gesher will be 4 years old this summer. Camp Gesher is for campers ages 11 through 13 and runs the same two weeks as Camp Shalom on the same campsite. Camp Gesher is unique in offering activities that appeal to older campers. Gesher campers participate in two overnights, hikes, campfire stories, high and low ropes courses, multi media, art, music, *shiur*, archery, fishing, and more. Camp Gesher also introduces leadership skills; many of our campers go on to be counselors-in-training at age 14. And like Camp Shalom, Camp Gesher provides an environment for campers to strengthen their Jewish identity.

Group Leader Alex Shapiro returns for his third year in this position. Alex will be entering his junior year at college this fall. See the next issue of *Shalom* to meet the rest of the Camp Gesher staff.

Campers will participate in camp-wide Maccabiah games on August 8 and lead a mitzvah project for all campers. They will also lead in welcoming Shabbat on each Friday of camp. Campers will choose among *chugim* on the first day of camp. This is an activity they will participate in for an hour each day Monday through Thursday. *Chugim* will include cooking, sports, swimming, and media activities. Gesher campers will have opportunities to express their individuality as well as to be a part of a peer group experience.

Please save July 28 to August 8 for Camp Gesher. If you would like to receive a brochure, please contact Jana at (859) 268-0672 or visit www.jewishlexington.org and follow the links to Camp Shalom and Camp Gesher. ✱

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Yom Ha'atzmaut at the other end of the world

By Hanna B. Smith

Yom Ha'atzmaut! Israel's Independence Day, May 14, 1948 or 5th Iyar, 5708, by the Jewish calendar. That fateful day saw my family living in a village in northern Germany where we had found ourselves following the end of World War II. Where we were there were no parades or speeches, no visiting dignitaries to mark the occasion. However, my family celebrated the day with a deep joy.

In my memory I am in the kitchen, the one place in the house where all activities seemed to concentrate in those days of scarce fuel and sporadic electricity. School was over for the day. Instead of playing with my dolls, reading or visiting a friend in the neighborhood I had gotten into my mother's sewing basket and was playing with her tape measure. It was a silly activity, below the level of an 8 year-old child and, therefore, annoying. Yet I was listening to every word spoken by my parents and their visitors. If children express their emotions through behavior my pulling and flapping of that tape measure reflected the elation, confusion, and emerging strength of all of us in that kitchen.

Members of the local Jewish community had been coming to our house all day. My mother greeted everyone with the joyous news that now we had a state and that State was called Israel! She smiled broadly and there was

a spring in her step in spite of her lingering illness. The frown lines in my father's face were smoothed out.

During a lull in visits my mother went to telephone those members

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of the Jewish community who had phones to further discuss the good news. I remember mother's indignation when one person, like the bad child in the Haggadah, could not understand what the fuss was all about. It was incomprehensible to us that another Jew did not see the importance of a Jewish State.

For my parents and for most of the older people, the State of Israel was a place for the young and for new beginnings. For all of us it was a place of emotional belonging, for who among us could still feel as a German citizen, no matter what our passports said. A few years later a teacher asked me if I was "from over there", meaning Israel. I replied that I was born in Germany but that I could always go "there".

A couple of weeks after Yom Ha'atzmaut my brother told our parents that he was going to visit a friend in a neighboring town. My brother had just graduated from engineering college and he deserved a few days' vacation. Two days after my brother left he called home from Marseilles, France. He was on his way to Eretz Yisrael! He joined the army and fought in the War of Independence. One of his first engineering jobs was on the Hulah swamp-clearing project.

Other people left, too. Among them the only other Jewish family in the village in which we lived. In contrast to us this was a local family, with roots in the area several generations deep. This family — a couple with three

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Israel 21c: Israel fights world's oil addiction by going green

By Reda Mansour

This month, Israel will change its entire US fleet of diplomatic cars to hybrids. This small gesture is an effort to promote clean energy and the notion that human innovation will generate new energy solutions for our high-tech age. And the solutions will need to come soon, since the division between energy and security has all but disappeared.

Being green is part of Israel's culture. It is part of Israelis' daily lives. In our country, there is a solar panel on almost every rooftop, supplying our energy and heating our water. Our solar power company, Solel Boneh, is at the head of its class, having upgraded power plants in Southern California. And the use of solar energy is being expanded. Now the sun powers our payphones and street lights.

Israel has taken the lead in clean automotive technology. The Israel Corporation has invested \$100 million to build the infrastructure for electric car recharge stations throughout the entire country. Israeli scientists are creating fuel from the most unlikely sources such as grass clippings and cow waste. The country now has hundreds of start-up companies in the energy sector. Banana peel and beer-can powered cars, such as the Delorean from the film *Back to the Future*, may not be that far away.

Despite its success, Israel's focus on alternative energy was not originally by choice. The country lacks any significant fossil fuel resources and is surrounded by hostile states wielding their oil wealth like a fierce weapon.

These harsh conditions are no longer unique to Israel. Today we live in a volatile oil market where the

price is set by a cartel of unstable and despotic regimes. So while the debate on the politics and causes of the global oil dilemma continue, the facts remain clear: Oil is only getting more expensive and less abundant. We cannot afford to invest in \$100 barrels of unfriendly energy.

Developing new energy sources must be the mission of our generation. After all, we live in a global community where people are only a click away. It no longer makes sense to use energy technology that is a century old. The rest of the world should look to Israel as an example, as a beacon of innovation in energy technology.

While it is likely that the next major energy breakthrough will come from Israel, until that breakthrough arrives we need to focus on conservation. On this front, companies from around the world are developing new high-tech methods to better manage energy consumption.

Simple methods can also be used to conserve energy. In the 1970s the oil producing Arab states cut off Israel's resources, hoping to force the country into submission. Israelis fought back by cutting back. Israel reduced its use of gasoline by seven percent, assigning each citizen a day of the week during which they could not drive. People carpoled, used public transportation, or walked to get by and took one-seventh of all cars off the road.

The 21st century has begun with oil as a major barrier to global freedom. As democratic and open societies, we must rebuke the inflated influence of corrupt oil-rich countries. To stay faithful to our values of liberty and advancement, we must not shy away from this challenge: taking humanity to the next level of prosperity, security and peace. ✧

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Roast (from page 6)

that in such a society, a minority cannot impose its will over a majority; therefore, any solution to the current dilemmas must preserve both, the Jewish character and the democratic character of Israel.

This simple idea has tremendous implications when it comes to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The dilemma of how to keep Israel democratic and Jewish in the face of the disparity—in the Arabs' favor—of birthrates has been already discussed in many articles and publications. It was the main reason behind Rabin's acceptance of the idea of a Palestinian Authority in 1993: essentially, Rabin the warrior, the one who ordered the strong repression of the 1986 Intifadah, became convinced that the only way to preserve the Zionist ideals of a society where Jews can be in control of their own affairs was divorce from the Palestinian Arabs. Let them go their way and Israel would go its own way. This reasoning established the principle of two states for two people, but as we know, the devil is in the details: where the borders will be, what warranties will each expect from each other, who will control the Old City, and many other "details" still need to be clarified. Israel, however, accepted the principle of two states as a way to ensure its own right to continue the building of a modern, democratic, successful, Israeli society with a Jewish majority.

The Palestinian leadership, on the other hand, continues to oppose the existence of Israel because that is what their parents did, without understanding the reasons past generations of Palestinian Arabs had for opposing or hating Jews. Little do they know of the Grand Mufti's Nazi connection or the Wahabbite founda-

tion of the Muslim brotherhood and Hamas, or the fiercely xenophobic nationalism with Soviet-inspired overtones of the Syrian regime. For most of them, the destruction of Israel is not just a national goal, but the fulfillment of the unrealized aspirations of past generations without a real understanding of why those aspirations were there.

Israel today needs to walk a very fine line. The Israeli government cannot, under any circumstance, allow Hamas to go unchecked, for that would mean the end of Israel; Hamas makes no secret of their aspirations to achieve a technological advantage great enough to destroy the Jewish State. Nor can Israel fully rely on Abbas, a PLO leader with little political clout and no articulated vision of what the future Palestinian state will look like. Abbas has no ability to deliver on his promises. But Israel cannot continue its military control of millions of Palestinians, for that is exacting a high price of Israel in lives, economy, and morale.

Whatever solution to the current impasse can be found, can only be acceptable from a Jewish perspective if it ensures that Jews will continue to live in a society where they can be in control of their own affairs.

Remember that Grandbubbe cut the ends of the pot roast so it would fit in the pan, and that Zionism was created and the State of Israel was established to ensure Jewish self-determination. We don't cut the ends of the pot roast to improve its flavor, and we should not look at Israel as a mirror for our own personal aspirations. Israel represents the most important Jewish national enterprise of modern history—let us preserve it as the Jewish democratic State it was always meant to be. ✧

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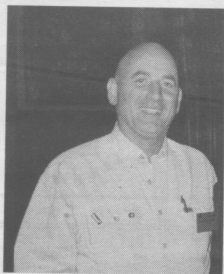
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Hopeful (from page 1)

"We were raised by the generation of the people that built the State, the founders and of course the generation of the Holocaust survivors," Bear said. He also said families like his living on a kibbutz helped Israel in much the same way as Western settlers did in the United States. "I don't think Israel would've existed today if it did not have the kibbutz movement... For one thing, it settled the land to be able to have agriculture."

As Israel marks its anniversary, Bear and the Elitzurs will make their



Avi Bear

annual journeys home. Bear will visit his parents, who still live on the kibbutz. The Elitzurs are in their 31st year of what was supposed to be a two-year stay in America. Both the Elitzurs and Bear have been torn between the U.S. and Israel, but Moshe Elitzur needed fulltime work in academia and Bear found it hard to establish a business back home.

"It's the old saying: To make a small fortune in Israel you have to start with a big one," Bear said. Though he left his family's kibbutz when he was 21, Bear gave it another shot later in life, only to remember why he didn't like the communal life. "I

knew I couldn't live that way, I had to create my own little kibbutz here in Kentucky," and he has—in Harrison County, where he and his family live on a farm with an assortment of livestock.

During a previous four-year jaunt to the United States, the Elitzurs were at Cal Tech in Pasadena where Moshe, an astrophysicist now at UK, was working when the Yom Kippur War broke out. Although the couple had celebrated the birth of their first child

on Rosh Hashanah just days earlier, Moshe wanted to go back to fight in the war.

As Shlomit Elitzur puts it, "Moshe said, 'I'm going, you stay because of the baby, but I have to go.' He couldn't go because they were flying only the very essential (people) like the pilots and the tank operators and things like that so he couldn't even go. But he and other Israelis that were there that couldn't go felt so bad because they were left out, they couldn't participate."

In Israel the whole country is in the army, so you do feel a part of it and you need to be a part of it," Shlomit Elitzur explained. Unlike here, where many look to stay out of serving in the armed forces, Moshe Elitzur said, in Israel "if you don't serve, it is a stigma."

It is that type of attitude and willingness to serve in defense of the homeland no matter where Israelis live or what line of work they are in that will be essential to seeing another 60 years of a sovereign Jewish State, according to Bear, owner of a wholesale bakery.

"My father was in every war and in every military operation. He spent probably three months out of the year in reserve service," said Bear, who takes an admittedly right-wing militant approach to dealing with Israel's Arab neighbors.

"The wars shaped it; still I remember going to Jerusalem before '67 and

As the swift and strong response of the Israeli military has fought off invaders during the past six decades, Bear said such responses will be needed in the future as Iran and other fundamentalist nations will stop at nothing to destroy Judaism and Israel.

peering at the Old City through the wall that separated the west from the east side of the city. It was a corrugated metal high wall... It was very ugly, an extremely ugly wall, and they basically put it up there because the Arabs were constantly using snipers to shoot into Jerusalem," Bear said. "So I remember just going and peeking through the wall to see the Old City."

As the swift and strong response of the Israeli military has fought off

CKJF Annual Meeting June 25, 2008 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the CKJF office.

The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation Board of Directors is accepting nominations for new members of the Board, for a three-year term. Election of Board members will take place at the annual meeting at the end of May. Nominated individuals must be local residents and contributors to the annual CKJF/UJC Community Campaign. Self-nominations are fine.

Every year at the CKJF annual meeting we also recognize two individuals for their contributions to the community with the following awards.

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Past recipients

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- Bret Caller (2002)
- Sandy Goldberg (2005)
- Mimi Kaufman (2006)
- Judy Levey (2007)
- Lisa Miller (2003)

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invaders during the past six decades, Bear said, such responses will be needed in the future as Iran and other fundamentalist nations will stop at nothing to destroy Judaism and Israel. Powerful responses to military aggressions are points of pride and celebration to Bear, who remembers fondly the glee of victory.

"During the '67 War I was 11 years old, and one of the kibbutz members was a paratrooper who fought in Jerusalem. (I remember when news reached the) communal dining room

of a telephone call from him saying, 'I'm praying at the Western Wall,' and the celebration that broke out when that happened," Bear said recalling the joy that spread throughout the kibbutz.

Moshe and Shlomit Elitzur said that, given the resources and history of Jews and Israel, the country's 120th anniversary is assured.

"I see no reason not to feel that the next 60 years won't be as good as the first 60 years," Moshe Elitzur said. ✧

2008 CKJF/UJC Community Campaign

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Benefactors Event - May 10

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Sheri Sable named HUC/JIR Director of Development

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Rabbi David Ellenson has announced the appointment of Sheri Sable as Director of Development, Midwest Region, at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, as of March 1, 2008.

"We are delighted to welcome Sheri Sable to our administration, and look forward to the benefit of her expertise in advancing fundraising strategies, nurturing philanthropic relationships, organizing complex events, developing proposals and presentations, and advancing marketing and communications to strengthen the College-Institute's mission and outreach throughout the Midwest region of the United States," stated Rabbi Ellenson, HUC-JIR president.

A native of Dayton Ohio, Sable received the B.A. in English Literature at the University of Pennsylvania in 1983, and pursued studies in Arabic, Islamic Law, Modern Jewish Intellectual History, and Philosophy at Hebrew University. She has worked in the U. S. and Israel in the for-profit and not-for-profit sectors.

According to Public Relations Director Lauren Berger, "Lexington is in HUC-JIR's Midwest region—the region that Sheri serves as the Director of Development. She will be spending some time in Lexington over the course of the year meeting with constituents in the community."

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion is the nation's oldest institution of higher Jewish education and the academic, spiritual, and professional leadership development center of Reform Judaism. ♦

Yom Ha'atzmaut (from page 9)

children aged late teens to early twenties — sold their house and land and set off for Kibbutz Ma'ayan Tsvi. The letters that we received from them over the years were full of happiness and contentment.

Most of those leaving, though, were young people who had suffered through the war years. We were sad at parting, of course, but we knew that they were doing the right thing. What was there left for Jewish people in Germany? Hope lay in the new State of Israel.

How did my parents and their friends gain information in those years immediately after the war when much of Germany's infrastructure was still destroyed? There was, of course, the radio with its twice-daily news reports. We subscribed to a daily local paper, and the newly formed Jewish communities supported a weekly paper that covered Germany. Many of us had relatives outside Germany, mainly in Palestine, and the U.S.A. mail was slow but letters did come.

It speaks for the resilience of Jewish life that communities formed as soon as the war was over. Our needs were enormous and we could have been excused had we been entirely selfish. Yet there was an ingrained sense of obligation to help each other and a salutary knowledge that survival depended upon cooperation.

Help arrived from American Jewish organizations. My first English words were "Jewish Relief Unit" and "Joint Distribution Committee," or Der Yoynt as we called it. Food aid was of vital importance in those early days, though contact with Jews outside Germany, a glimpse of normal life, was what helped us heal as much as did the tangible goods.

People who have gone through a crisis want to restore their lives to normalcy and to be recognized as equals by others. Being a victim is not a Jewish value. Decades later I was happy to see this knowledge used as Jewish communities in the U.S. integrated immigrants from the former Soviet Union. ♦

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Two important programs are coming up to support our Campaign. The first one, the Benefactors Event, will take place on Saturday, May 10, starting with a Havdalah service at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Joe and Ricki Rosenberg. Havdalah will be followed by a presentation by Sophie Ambrose, a Birthright Israel (Taglit) alumna who will share with us her connection with Judaism and the Jewish community and how the program changed her life. During the program you will have the opportunity to make your 2008 Campaign commitment if you have not already done so. There is an expected minimum gift of \$125 per person or \$250 per couple.

The second program, the Pacesetters Event, will take place on Sunday, May 18, at the home of Pat and David Shraberg starting at 6:00 p.m. During the evening we will have the chance to hear Jay Footlik, a Washington political insider and former special assistant to President Clinton as well as senior advisor to the Lieberman and Kerry presidential campaigns. He lived in Israel between 1998 and 2003, and has a political science degree, specializing in the Arab-Israeli conflict. He is also a talkshow host and a board member of SAFE (Securing America's Future Energy), an organization dedicated to reducing America's dependency on oil. The Pacesetters Event includes a dinner, and the expected minimum gift is \$1,000 per person or \$2,000 per couple. ♦

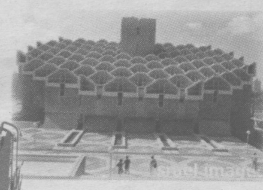
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Ask a rabbi (from page 8)

Next, Islam. The Quran also gives the Children of Israel first priority to the Land. It identifies only one country as *al'ard-almuqqaddasa* ("the holy land"). In Sura 5:23, Moses tells the Children of Israel, "O my people, enter the holy land which God has assigned to you, and turn not back ignominiously." The Children of Israel did hold back, and as a result (aya 29) "the land was out of their reach for forty years," after which they conquered their land, the Land of Israel.

Muslims cannot claim that the land was assigned to Israel only at one time, at the time of Moses, for the Quran [7:137] specifically recognises that the land "whereon We sent down Our blessings" is an inheritance for the Children of Israel. The term *awraathna* ("we gave inheritance") implies generations of inheritance. Furthermore, the Quran recognizes that the Israelites may govern it again and may rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem again, even long after the lifetime of the prophet, Muhammad. Sura 17:7-8, states that the Temple was destroyed twice, and that "it may be that your Lord may show mercy unto you," so that you can rebuild it a third time, "but if you revert [to your sins] We shall revert [to Our punishment]."

Many Palestinians claim that they now should be the inheritors of the ancient land. But, if so, when Israel allowed the Muslims to continue praying on the Temple Mount, those claiming to be the inheritors took upon themselves this curse given in the Quran. Their lying claims that Israel have no ties to the Holy Land revert upon themselves, with the result that they and their followers will continue to be ejected from the Land.

On the other hand, the fate of the ancient Philistines should give hope to the Palestinians. King David brought peace between Israel and Philistia when he appointed Philistine troops to be his household guard, the Cherethites and Pelethites (II Sam 8:18; 15:18; I Kings 1:38). They maintained peace with Israel and Judah throughout the First Temple period, as the special Philistine troops continued to serve David's household (II Kings 11:4,19).

Not just the Philistines, but other nations participated peacefully. The Biblical injunctions include the rule (Exod 12:40): "There shall be one law for the native and for the stranger who sojourns among you." Many believe that the term *ger* (stranger) applies only to *ger tzedek* (righteous convert). Actually, it covers both *ger tzedek* (convert) and *ger toshav* (resident alien). Thus Hittites in Hebron and Jebusites in Jerusalem were full citizens of David's kingdom. As long as a non-Jew fulfils the Noahide rules,* he has a full right to remain in the Holy Land as an equal citizen. This contrasts with the Muslim ruling that such a resident alien should become a *dhimmi* (protected subject), guaranteed security, but having fewer and lesser rights than a Muslim. The Jewish religious ruling, if fulfilled properly, fits in with democratic rights. *Dhimmitude* does not.

True, we are living in a more complex cultural universe than existed at the time of King David. The response of Iran to a gentle Danish cartoonist was to create a cartoon contest on the Holocaust. Clearly, the Iranian leadership has freaked out about Israel and Judaism. They treat Jews like gods, claiming them all powerful since everything is the Jews' fault. And since the Iranians are paying money to families of Palestinian suicide bombers, clearly they are willing to fight against Israel to the last Palestinian. The problem is that Hamas and Abu Nidal leaders are so emotionally blinkered that they do not realize how foolish and self-destructive their own religious and cultural perspectives have become. And so, we Jews and Israelis have to develop a wider understanding of our cultural and religious possibilities—including that too many people do freak out—if we wish to search for real solutions.

We have had some three thousand years of developing realistic responses to impossible situations. God willing, we will do so also in this generation. But, we have to do so by facing the full truth of the situation, and not accepting wishful distortions. *Shalom*.

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Israel 21c: Those walled in

By Barry Leff

Living in Israel is one continual encounter with the Israeli character, stereotypically labeled as the "sabrá," the cactus that is hard and prickly on the outside, but mushy and sweet on the inside. But the Israeli character is far more complex than the stereotype.

Of course, on the one hand, there is no such thing as the Israeli national character — after all, a nation is composed of individuals, and each individual is unique. And yet — somehow — there is a sort of character, a personality that a country has. Or at least there is the character that people project on a nation.

Amos Elon, Israeli journalist and intellectual, wrote a review of "Walled: Israeli Society at an Impasse," by Sylvain Cypel that appeared in the New York Review of Books. In the article Elon wrote "The original French title of the book, *Les Emmurés*—those walled in—better expresses the peculiar mixture of *joie de vivre*, arrogance, provincialism, aggressiveness, fear of another Holocaust, and claustrophobia that has struck foreign observers and also some Israelis for years."

I thank my American friend Nick for bringing Elon's quote to my attention. It makes an excellent launch pad for an exploration of the Israeli character.

I like Elon's description. It's pretty accurate. Israelis definitely have *joie de vivre* — polls show that despite everything, Israelis overall are happier with their lot than most other nationalities, including Americans.

Arrogance, well yes, most Israelis are convinced they are the best and they aren't shy about letting you know it either. Not that they brag, rather they tend to put others down, leaving themselves in the up position. I have a friend who is an airline pilot for Southwest who desperately wants to make aliyah — yet he can't get a job with El Al because even though he has thousands of hours of experience flying airliners for major American carriers, El Al hires IDF helicopter pilots with 1,000 hours before they hire him. Why? Because of a combination of that arrogance, the Israeli Air Force way is clearly the best for everything, and the "clubbishness"

that goes with this superiority complex.

For the most part, I don't think I'd characterize Israelis as provincial, however. They have a very international outlook. The economy is driven by exports; Israel is a very small country, so almost everyone takes vacations elsewhere — Turkey and Czechoslovakia are popular as being not too far away and relatively inexpensive. Even people of modest means travel internationally.

As to aggressive, well, this is a trait for which Israelis are famous. One of the challenges of getting by in Israel is that if you are not aggressive you are perceived as a "freier," which is a Yiddish term for sucker.

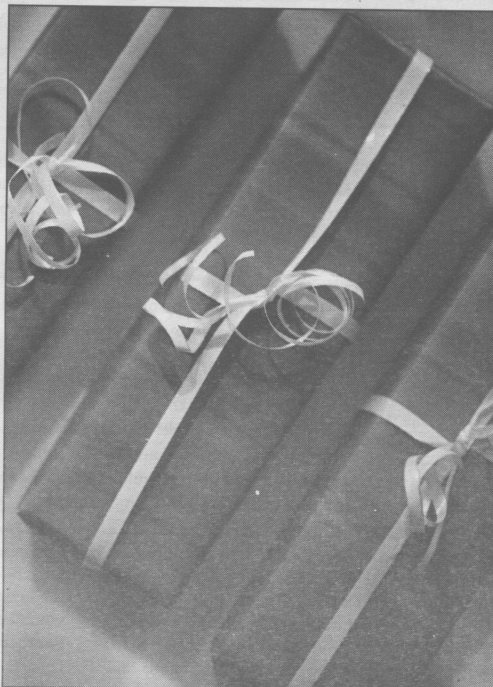
The next trait on Elon's list, fear of another Holocaust, is also real. But remember, just because you are paranoid, does not mean that they are NOT out to get you. Ahmadinejad may be a nut case, but he is a nut case who is the head of state of a country.

By all accounts enriching uranium is the "hard" part of making nuclear weapons. Even if their nuke program is on the shelf (Israeli intelligence is not convinced it is) it's very easy to restart. Oh, and that does acknowledge that they HAD a nuclear weapons program, doesn't it? Let's see, what shelf did I leave those plans on? And Ahmadinejad has publicly proclaimed that Israel should be wiped off the map. Wouldn't you be a little paranoid?

Hamas also calls for the destruction of Israel. Would they use a nuke if they were able to get their hands on one? I certainly wouldn't make any bets. And of course many Israelis visit the cemetery on Memorial Day to mourn the loss of loved ones in wars in 1947, 1967, and 1973 when the Arabs did try to destroy us, big time, not to mention two Lebanon wars, two intifadas, etc., etc. We have good reason to fear, although, thank God, overall I think we're in better shape on the security front than we were in 1973.

Claustrophobia, yes, that comes with living in a very small country. Israel is more or less the size of New Jersey. If you lived in New Jersey and on one side the borders with New York and Connecticut were sealed, and the bor-

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History of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict — Part XXVIII

1967 — The morning after

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By Daniel Cheffec

The Six Day War had far-reaching consequences for the region on economic, social, political, and geopolitical levels, and we will explore them in the next couple of articles. No war in the Middle East affected so profoundly the terms and nature of the Israeli-Arab conflict. But before we deal with the long-term consequences, it is important to understand the immediate consequences of the war.

On a human level, in addition to the actual casualties that I mentioned in the previous article, 175,000 Palestinians fled the West Bank for Jordan according to UN estimates. (Jordan estimated the number to be 250,000.) Many of these refugees were second-time refugees, since they had fled what became Israel in 1948 for refugee camps in the West Bank. This influx of Palestinian refugees into the East Bank of the Jordan would have a destabilizing effect on the Hashemite regime in years to come. In the Syrian Golan heights approximately 25,000 Syrian civilians fled their homes. In both cases, while Israel did not expel them nor did it promote or precipitate their flight, it did nothing to stop them either.

When it comes to hardware, the IAF (Israel Air Force) had destroyed most of the Arab airplanes, a total of 469 planes, at a cost of 36 Israeli planes and 18 pilots or 20 percent of the Israeli air force. While these numbers are favorable to Israel, it is to be noted that the Soviets replenished the Arab airforces almost immediately, while the Americans and French withheld the sale of airplanes to Israel, in effect keeping the IAF in a weakened state.

When it comes to ground forces, Egypt lost 85 percent of its army's hardware, with a price tag of about \$2 billion, and the Jordanians also sustained heavy losses. Among the three Arab armies in the so-call "line of confrontation," Syria sustained the lightest casualties and military losses—something rather ironic considering that it was Syrian actions and provocations which precipitated the war. Israel captured a large amount of Arab hardware: approximately 13,000 vehicles, almost 500 tanks, close to 600 heavy guns, and a large number of small weapons.

Israel held 5,000 Egyptian prisoners of war, 365 Syrians, and 550 Jordanians. The Arabs held fifteen Israeli POWs. Prisoner exchange was difficult because Israel insisted on including Egyptian Jews imprisoned for espionage in Egypt and the remains of the Israeli spy Eli Cohen in Syria as part of the exchange, while the Arabs refused to deal with Israel and were reluctant to let the Israelis in their power to go free.

In the aftermath of the overwhelming Arab defeat, the Arab masses became incensed and rioted, attacking Jewish neighborhoods in Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia, and Yemen, burning synagogues and Jewish buildings. More than 7,000 Jews were expelled from Arab countries, and Jews were arrested on charges

of conspiracy in Egypt, Syria, and Iraq. The authorities did not protect their Jewish citizens and allowed the mobs to destroy the last remnants of communities that pre-dated even the dawn of Islam. The notable exceptions regarding government intervention were King Hassan of Morocco and Habib Bourguiba in Tunisia.

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were heavily populated in spite of the large number of Palestinians who fled them during the fighting, but they also housed a number of Jewish shrines to which Jews had no access since 1948: the Western Wall, the Tomb of the Patriarchs, Rachel's Tomb, Joseph's Tomb, Modi'in, and more. While Israeli cities had been extremely vulnerable before the war, Israeli advanced positions now could threaten Damascus, Amman, and Cairo.

Palestinians living in the occupied territories (1,200,000) were put under military rule and at least initially, the territories—with the exception of Jerusalem—were treated as military occupied zones. Arabs were subjected to regular curfews under conditions of military occupation, but otherwise treated relatively well. Israelis repaired some of the damage done by the fighting in several Arab towns in the West Bank. They immediately established a military administration entrusted with the application of a combination of military law and Jordanian law. Jordanian currency continued to circulate and Jordanian banks continued to operate.

General Moshe Dayan, in a decision for which he was harshly criticized by many in Israel, decided to preserve the status quo ante bellum regarding Palestinian leadership, civil as well as religious. Mayors and village heads were kept in place, and the authority of the Waqf (Supreme Muslim Authority) over the day-to-day operation of the Temple Mount (Haram-Al-Sharif) was preserved.

While three villages in the Latrun area were razed for strategic reasons and in retribution for their help in the siege of Jerusalem in 1948, and the Mughrabi neighborhood in the Old City was razed to make room for the Western Wall Plaza, religious autonomy for the Arab population was by and large preserved and their leadership kept in place.

Areas of the Old City that had been part of the Jewish Quarter destroyed in 1948, as well as the lands of communities uprooted during the War of Independence, were a different story; we will deal with this issue in a future article.

United Nations Resolution 242, passed in November of 1967, was intended to provide a framework for a settlement of the conflict, but it was full of difficulties as a consequence of its ambiguity in many areas, generating in many ways problems of its own which are still haunting the Middle East:

The Security Council,
Expressing its continuing concern with the grave situation in the Middle East;
Emphasizing the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by war and the need to work for a just and lasting peace in which every State in the area can live in security;

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Emphasizing further that all Member States in their acceptance of the Charter of the United Nations have undertaken a commitment to act in accordance with article 2 of the charter,

1. Affirms that the fulfillment of Charter principles requires the establishment of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East which should include the application of both the following principles:
 - i. Withdrawal of Israel armed forces from territories occupied in the recent conflict;
 - ii. Termination of all claims or states of belligerency and respect for and acknowledgement of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of every State in the area and their right to live in peace within secure recognized boundaries free from threats and acts of force;
2. Affirms further the necessity
 - i. For guaranteeing freedom of navigation through international waterways in the area;
 - ii. For achieving a just settlement of the refugee problem;
 - iii. For guaranteeing the territorial inviolability and political independence of every State in the area, through measures including the establishment of demilitarized zones;
3. Request the Secretary General to designate a Special Representative to proceed to the Middle East to establish and maintain contacts with the States concerned in order to promote agreement and assist efforts to achieve a peaceful and accepted settlement in accordance with the provisions and principles of this resolution;
4. Request the Secretary-General to report to the Security Council on the progress of the efforts of the Special Representative as soon as possible.

Adopted unanimously at the 1382nd meeting

While the text appears straightforward, there were some difficulties:

- 1) A disagreement as to whether to refer in point 1 to "the territories" or "territories" was solved by writing in the English version "territories" and convincing the Egyptians that the meaning was "all the territories" while preserving the definite article in the French and Arab versions;
- 2) The vagueness of the definition of the role of the Special Representative;
- 3) The refusal of the Arab side to recognize Israel as a State; in their view "every State in the area" did not include "the Zionist entity."

Yet all sides agreed to live with the compromise, which in fact only delayed the issues rather than solving them, compounding an already complicated conflict. The Resolution was just a stopgap to buy time. ☆

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Walled in (from page 15)

der with Pennsylvania was one you could technically cross, but it didn't feel particularly safe to do so because people there didn't like you, you too would probably feel a little claustrophobic.

But Elon's description of the Israeli character is incomplete. There are a few things you have to add: Israelis really care about each other. There is a "we're all in this mess together" attitude; there is a feeling of being part of a large extended family that is stronger than among Jews in the Diaspora. If you want to put it down, you might call it clannishness. But anyone who wants to can join the clan. OK, it's a little more involved than say putting on a kilt, but you can still join. It's nice to have that feeling of belonging to a group with shared values, even if we can't agree on exactly what all the values are or how to interpret them!

In Israel we enjoy an attitude of living in a frontier. Maybe some of the arrogance comes from living in a place that the rest of the world treats as important. There is more terrorism in Sri Lanka, more people are dying in Kenya, human rights abuses are far worse in any country within 300 miles, not to mention places like China, and yet we're on the front page of the Western papers every day while those others places often get scant notice. Makes us feel important. But more than that, it makes us feel like we are a part of something important.

In short, the Israeli character is complex and interesting. One of the biggest challenges facing a new immigrant to Israel is fitting in as a part of that culture. The American character I bring with me to Israel is very different indeed than the Israel character of my new home. Can I really be an Israeli when my character is still more defined by my years as an American? ☆

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Recent developments in the Palestinian political landscape — particularly the conflict that led to the Hamas takeover in Gaza and the appointment by Mahmoud Abbas of a new government led by Salam Fayyad — may have opened up new opportunities to move the peace process forward. As President Bush's second term draws to a close, the Administration has intensified its efforts to help Israelis and Palestinians find common ground to pursue peace. The dialogue that began in Annapolis and the negotiations that have ensued since are over complex and highly delicate issues.

In an agreed statement that President Bush read at the November 2007 international peace gathering in Annapolis, the Israeli Government and Palestinian leadership expressed a determination to end the "bloodshed, suffering and decades of conflict," and to "usher in a new era of peace." They agreed "to immediately launch good-faith bilateral negotiations in order to conclude a peace treaty, resolving all outstanding issues, including all core issues." They also committed to "immediately implement their respective obligations under the performance-based roadmap," and to continue doing so until they reach a peace treaty. They further agreed that, unless both parties stipulate otherwise, implementation of the treaty will be subject to implementation of the road map, as judged by the United States.



Born in Tel Aviv in 1958, Livni is the daughter of Eitan Livni, who was born in Skidel (today Belarus) and came to Israel prior to its independence as a child with his family in the 1920's. He was the head of operations for the Jewish resistance movement, the Irgun, and after independence, a Likud minister in the Begin government. Her mother, Sara (nee Rosenberg) also fought in the same resistance movement. Eitan and Sara Livni were the first couple to marry in the independent State of Israel.

Tzipi Livni served as a lieutenant in the Israel Defense Forces and worked for the Mossad for four years during the early 1980s. (www.wikipedia.com)

A lawyer by profession, Livni received her law degree from Bar-Ilan University, and practiced law in a private firm for ten years before entering public life. Her fields of specialization included commercial law, constitutional law and real estate law.

In 1999, Mrs. Livni was first elected to the Knesset, and served as a member of the Constitution, Law and Justice Committee, and the Committee on the Status of Women.

In 2001, Mrs. Livni was appointed Minister in the 29th Government and held the Regional Cooperation and Agriculture Portfolios. In the 30th Government, established in 2003, she held the following portfolios: Immigrant Absorption, Housing and Construction, Justice and Foreign Affairs.

Livni was a member of the Likud Party until the end of 2005, when she, together with other prominent political figures in Israel, formed the Kadima Party.

In May 2006 Tzipi Livni was appointed Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs in the 31st Government of Israel. She also served as Minister of Justice from November 2006 until February 2007. (www.mfa.gov.il)

Livni resides in Tel Aviv. She is married to accountant Naftali Spitzer ("Shpitzer") and has two children, Omri and Yuval. Livni speaks Hebrew, English and French. (www.wikipedia.org)

Israel, in accord with the Roadmap, has undertaken responsibilities with respect to settlement activity including the dismantling of unauthorized outposts. With regard to the issue of settlements generally, we recognize that within our own community there are divergent views about current and future policies of the Israeli government toward settlements. At the same time, we are united in the belief that the root cause of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is not Israeli settlements but the continued unwillingness of the Palestinian national leadership and most Arab states to accept the state of Israel as a permanent sovereign Jewish state in the Middle East within secure borders. The Palestinian Authority made a commitment to pursue its obligations under the road map "in order to combat chaos, violence, terrorism, and to ensure security, order and the rule of law." As President Bush declared in Annapolis, "a Palestinian state will not be born of terror, and terrorism is the enemy standing in the way of a state." President Mahmoud Abbas has expressed the Palestinian Authority's intention to build strong institutions free of corruption that effectively address the humanitarian needs of the Palestinian people, and to establish a unified and responsible security force. For peace negotiations to have a chance for success, all parties must live up to their commitments.

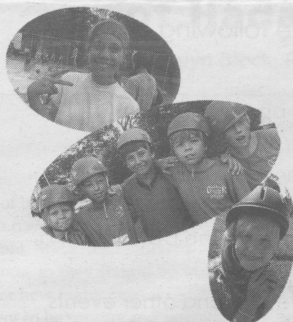
The terrorist organization Hamas, which is now the de facto power in Gaza, continues to oppose progress toward peace. It refuses to meet the international community's three demands: recognize Israel's right to exist, renounce terrorism and accept the legitimacy of previous Israeli-Palestinian agreements. Unless Hamas fundamentally transforms itself and meets these demands, it is not an acceptable partner in this process.

The JCPA believes that:

- The Administration should be commended for its active diplomacy in this arena, including its leadership in convening the Annapolis conference and its recognition that direct bilateral negotiations between the two parties — free of external pressures and deadlines, and conducted in the spirit of reconciliation and compromise — is the surest path to peace; for its efforts to expand support for peace and security throughout the region; and for its steadfast commitment to Israel's security.
- Ongoing attacks against Israeli civilians, whether suicide bombings or the firing of missiles into Israeli communities, must not be tolerated. While peace negotiations proceed, Israel continues to have the fundamental right of self defense.
- In fulfillment of its obligations under Phase I of the Roadmap, and to help build Israeli confidence, the Palestinian Authority should immediately end all its official media messages denying Israel's right to exist and should instead begin preparing its people for peaceful coexistence with its neighbor Israel as the Homeland of the Jewish people. Israel should continue making progress on implementation of its obligations under the Roadmap. In keeping with these obligations, the government of Israel has committed that it will not allow any new settlements or land acquisitions that are not in accord with the provisions of the Roadmap.
- The organized American Jewish community should support the Government of Israel's insistence that the Palestinian Authority recognize Israel as a Jewish State.
- The organized American Jewish community should affirm its support for two independent, democratic and economically viable states — the Jewish State of Israel and a State of Palestine — living side-by-side in peace and security. We note, with sorrow, that Israel's repeated offers to establish "two democratic states living side by side in peace and security," have been met, time after time, by violence, incitement and terror.
- It is crucial that the United States and the entire international community support the courageous peace efforts made by Israeli and Palestinian leaders. Palestinians should receive closely monitored assistance in building the political, economic, and security institutions necessary to lay the foundation for statehood. Arab states should move at an accelerated pace toward normalizing relations with Israel.

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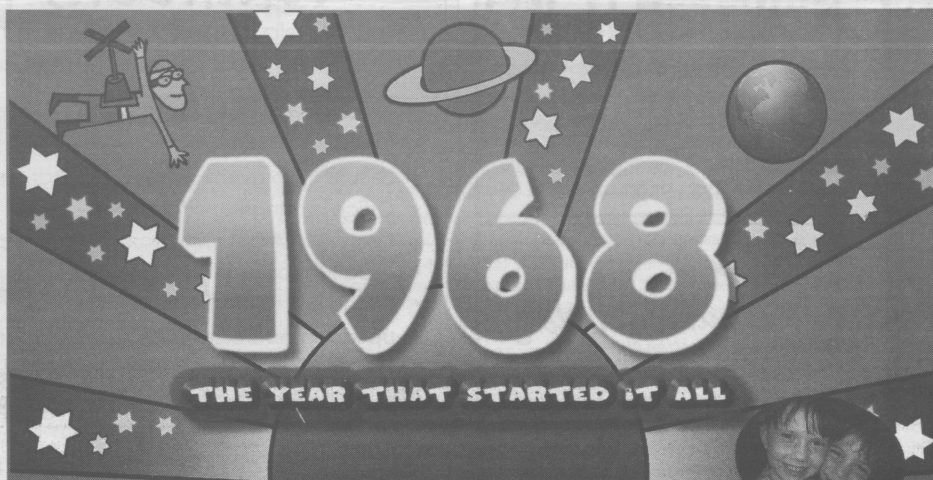
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Extended Day M-TH (3:00-5:45) x \$40 = _____
Early Registration discount (before June 2) deduct \$15 = _____
*Total Week 1 = _____

Week 2: 8/4 - 8/8

Campers (9:00 - 3:00) x \$140 = _____
Extended Day M-TH (3:00-5:45) x \$40 = _____
Early Registration discount (before June 2) deduct \$15 = _____
*Total Week 2 = _____

Camp Total = _____

*We are now offering additional discounts for first-time campers, and referrals. Contact Jana for more information. (859) 268-0672 or jana@jewishlexington.org

Got Talent?

Want to lead a craft, cooking class, or other activity, share your vacation experiences, or any expertise with our campers? We are always looking for community volunteers. Let us know what you would like to do, and sign up with our handy form below.

I would like to ☐ assist with a planned activity.

☐ lead a cooking class.

☐ read or share stories.

☐ Other: _____

Camp's 40th Anniversary

Calling all camp alumni! Celebrate 40 years of Camp Shalom with us in the following ways:

☐ 1) Experience the last day of camp with us on August 8, 2008. You will have your choice of any or all of the following activities: Sabbath experience in the morning; bring a picnic lunch to enjoy with the campers; cheer on the teams at the ever-popular, all-camp Maccabiah games; participate in a camp tour; and join our closing ceremonies, which will include a slideshow.

☐ 2) Join us for an evening celebration of camp's 40th Anniversary at Portofino Restaurant on Friday, August 8th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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Volunteers Needed

to help in the CKJF office in the following areas:

- Answering phones and helping to make phone calls
- Filing
- Leisure Club event invitations (creating and prepping for mail)
- Office mailings
- Helping contact recipients and participants for the Day of Giving
- Creating some graphics/mailings on a computer
- Phone call reminders/recruitment for meetings and other events
- Updating addresses and phone numbers in our database

CKJF is also in need of a laptop. Donations welcome!

Please contact the CKJF office if you are able to help.
Daniel: (859) 268-0672 or ckjf@jewishlexington.org

JCPA (from page 18)

- Active support of religious leadership can play an important role in improving the peacemaking environment. We encourage implementation of the promising commitments in the recent Communiqué of the Council of Religious Institutions of the Holy Land.
- The international community should continue its policy of isolating Hamas unless it fundamentally transforms itself and meets the international community's three demands.
- The organized American Jewish community should express its support for the Israeli Government's efforts to achieve peace and security for the people of Israel.
- As the Israeli government enters negotiations on permanent status issues (including settlements, borders, Jerusalem, and refugees) to reach a comprehensive and just peace agreement with the Palestinians, the

organized Jewish community should support those efforts, consistent with our longstanding tradition of supporting the efforts of Israel's government to achieve peace and security.

The community relations field is encouraged to:

- Advocate for the aforementioned positions and messages to decision-makers and opinionmolders in the general community, to the Administration and Congress, to the international community;
- Convey its own commitment to these principles to the Jewish community and to Israeli leaders.

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B'tayavon (Hearty Appetite)

Ruth Poley

When someone mentions carrot salad do you think of some sweet concoction made with raisins and mayonnaise? Well, this month I'm going to introduce you to a whole different breed of carrot salad.

This being the 60th anniversary of Israel's statehood, I'm offering up my recipe for Israeli Carrot Salad. I cut this recipe out of a magazine more than 30 years ago and made it quite frequently. Somewhere in one of our moves, the printed recipe fell into a black hole. So I had to reinvent it. I think this is pretty close to the original. I know it tastes as good as it ever did. This is a really easy dish to make and is a terrific accompaniment to all sorts of meals. It's a great side dish with meat or chicken and also works well as one of a variety of salads if you're entertaining in warm weather. ☆

Israeli Carrot Salad

- 1 - 2 pounds of carrots
- 1 clove garlic (or more, to taste)
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 6 tablespoons olive oil
- salt and pepper to taste

Wash and scrape the carrots. Shred them, either on the shredding holes of a box grater or in a food processor with a medium shredding blade. Chop the garlic fine. Combine the parsley, lemon juice, olive oil, garlic, salt, and pepper and whisk to blend. Immediately pour over carrots and toss to coat. Refrigerate for several hours or overnight to allow flavors to blend before eating.



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

The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah

Evalyn Block, President

Thoughts on Israel turning 60

This month Israel will celebrate 60 years of independence along with Jewish communities throughout the Diaspora. Many celebrations will be joyous, as they should be, but I wonder how many of us will take a moment to be serious and reflective. Will we remember the trials and tribulations those who have gone before us have faced and the sacrifices so many have made, and continue to make, so that Jews have a homeland?

In the scheme of things, Israel is in its infancy in comparison to other countries and yet has accomplished so much and given so much to the world. I do not make that statement from a biased perspective; it is simply a fact. But I must pause to wonder how much more it could have achieved and accomplished if it had known peace and did not have to contend with an implacable enemy that seeks its destruction and an economy continuously under strain by having to spend more per capita on its own protection than any other country on earth. As Jews we make up .02 percent of the world's population and yet we occupy the world media like no other group of people. Unfortunately, most of Israel's press is negative, so perhaps on her 60th birthday we need to stand up and toot our own horn and say to the world, "Look at us, see what we have accomplished, celebrate our triumphs, for they have not been self-serving." (Check Google for more of Israel's myriad accomplishments.)

I want to share part of *The Declaration of the Establishment of the State of Israel*,

Attention proud grandparents, parents, and students

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

written by David Ben-Gurion and signed by him and members of the provisional Council of State on May 14, 1948. I read this document for the first time a few weeks ago and was impressed by the following paragraphs:

We appeal—in the very midst of the onslaught launched against us now for months—to the Arab inhabitants of the State of Israel to preserve peace and participate in the up building of the State on the basis of full and equal citizenship and due representation in all its provisional and permanent institutions.

We extend our hand to all neighboring states and their peoples in an offer of peace and good neighborliness, and appeal to them to establish bonds of cooperation and mutual help with the sovereign Jewish people settled in its own land. The State of Israel is prepared to do its share in a common effort for the advancement of the entire Middle East.

This is evidence that, since the establishment of the State of Israel, its desire has always been to live in peace. I acknowledge that in the past 60 years Israel has made mistakes, as all nations have, but hold my head up proudly knowing that its intentions have been noble from its inception.

Thanks to all those who have contributed through Hadassah, or any other Jewish organization, in making Israel a light unto the nations and insuring that we will always have a Jewish homeland. Happy Birthday, Israel, and many more.

Hadassah News

Hadassah had to cancel its auction fundraiser, East Meets West, due to the untimely death of Rabbi Kline's wife, Cindy. We will be rescheduling the auction for a future date; once the date is announced we hope you will join us at making this event a success. ☆

The Lexington Havurah

David R. Wekstein, President

The Lexington Havurah, founded in 1978, is a network of diverse people dedicated to Jewish learning and renewal, community building, and Tikkun Olam (repairing the world). A havurah is defined as a gathering or community of friends. The Lexington Havurah is affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the National Havurah Committee. Members plan, conduct, and share responsibilities for all services. For additional information about services or membership in the Havurah, please contact me at (859) 269-4454, mwdrewek@insightbb.com, or the co-chairs of the Membership Committee, Evelyn Geller (859) 278-3609, evelynkadimah@aol.com, or David Feinberg (859) 223-1304, kdfjm@insightbb.com.

Religious services

On Friday, May 23 the Havurah will have a Kabbalat Shabbat at the Lexington Theological Seminary at 8:00 p.m. Judy Baumann and Judy Worell will lead.

There will be a Shabbat morning service on Saturday, June 21. Details to be announced.

Education program

"The Jewish Contribution to Human Values and Spirituality" talk by Larry Kant scheduled for March was canceled. It is to be rescheduled in the next few weeks.

Many members, old and new, enjoyed the program by Rabbi Neil Katz and other festivities associated with the Havurah's 30th anniversary gala. Watch for details—and pictures—in the next issue of *Shalom*. ☆

Flower Power



Planning the Garden of your dreams or landscaping your patio? Make your selection of hanging baskets, patio plants, flowers, herbs & vegetables directly at the wholesale greenhouse. Buy Cash Certificates (\$5 each with no expiration date) from Hadassah and use them like cash at Proper Plants, on Military Pike. Use the form provided or call one of the following Hadassah members to arrange to pick up certificates in person. Pricing information will be included with your certificates.

- Erin Gold 523-2586
- Janice Newman 272-6807
- Vinnie Dubilier 223-5146

Mail this form & your check, including 90 cents for postage, payable to Lexington Chapter of Hadassah and mailed to:

Erin Gold
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Lexington, KY 40513

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City _____ Zip _____

Amount enclosed (please include 90 cents for postage) \$ _____

Temple Adath Israel

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Book Discussion Group

Join us on May 1 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss *The Lost* by Daniel Mendelsohn, and again on May 29 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss *Kafka in Bronteland* by Tamar Yellin.

Torah Study

Rabbi Kline conducts the study of the Tanakh (the Bible) from the Book of Joshua and beyond using the new Jewish Study Bible on alternate Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Library. May schedule is May 10 and 24.

Kollel Study Group

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

and the relation of Judaism to Christianity, Islam, and Buddhism. Drop in to the library on alternate Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. and join in the provocative and friendly discussion. May schedule is May 3, 17, and 31.

Tuesday Bridge Club

The Tuesday Bridge Group meets on Tuesdays at various locations to include bridge players who may not be able to come to Temple. If you would like to join this group on Tuesdays beginning at 11:00 a.m., call Leona Stern at (859) 277-0350 prior to Tuesday to find out where they are playing for the week and bring your lunch and play until 2:00 p.m. You don't have to be an expert to join. This group is going strong, so if you like to play bridge, here's your chance to join and socialize with fellow Temple members.

Chavurat-Chochma (A Friendly Gathering of Wisdom)

We will meet on May 30, 2008 for a very interesting and informative program. Watch your mail for more info on the guest speaker. While invitations are sent to members of the congregation 60 years old—and better—all are welcome! We meet most months to schmooze, nosh (lunch), and share our wisdom.

Books and Bagels on Sunday, May 4

The Social Action Committee will hold its annual Books and Bagel fundraiser on Sunday, May 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. You can help by donating used books, CD's, cassette tapes, and even records. Bring your items to the Temple and leave them on the back of the stage. This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to get them out of your house. Please come, enjoy bagels and coffee, get some great deals on books, and then stay for the congregation's annual meeting. Contact Austin Cantor at ahcantor@insightbb.com or (859) 278-2530 if you have questions.

Sisterhood news

The final Sisterhood meeting of the year will take place on Wednesday, May 21, at 7:00 p.m. We will install our new officers, who will serve for the next two years, at this meeting. Dinner will be served and it's sure to be an enjoyable time as we take the opportunity to chat with friends both old and new, and meet with the women who will be steering our group in the near future. If you have any interest in Sisterhood, you should plan to attend this meeting, and see how you can contribute to, and benefit from, our activities. Reservations are required; call Sandee Wildes at (859) 269-2979 to reserve your place.

Thanks to all of you who donated items to the Mitzvah Crib. Everything we collected has been donated to The Nest, a drop-in crisis day-care center.

Remember, the Gift Shop is open on the first and third Fridays of the month for one-half hour before the start of services. It is also open on Sunday from 10:00 to 12:30 during Religious School, and for other special events. Think "Temple Gift Shop" when you need gifts or ritual items for your own home.

TAI BROTHERHOOD HAS PLANNED A SPECIAL NIGHT FOR ALL MEMBERS, NEIGHBORS, AND FRIENDS

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR
SATURDAY MAY 17, AT 6:00 p.m.**

The evening will begin with a delicious dinner to be served at 6:00 p.m.

Afterwards, there will be a showing of **Exodus** starring Paul Newman and Eva Marie Saint.

This film is about three hours long, so child care will be provided as needed.

**Your RSVP is needed by May 7, 2008
so enough food and
child care can be arranged.**

If you are looking for something to do with your friends, why not plan to come to Temple to enjoy this wonderful evening?

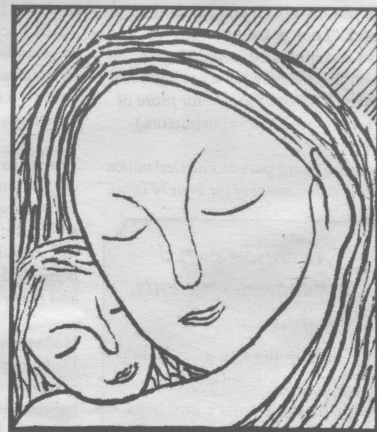
There is no charge for this event.

Brotherhood will depend solely on your generous contributions. Proceeds from this event will help fund other Brotherhood programs that will benefit the Temple in many ways.

The Anita Roos Baker Mother's Day Concert

Sunday, May 11th
7:30 PM
featuring:

Tedrin Lindsay
Brandy Lynn Hawkins
Benjamin Karp
Margaret Karp
Alicia McCorvey
Everett McCorvey



Singletary Center for the Arts Recital Hall
405 Rose Street

Presented by the Friends of U.K. School of Music
and the Temple Adath Israel Music Fund

The concert is free and open to the public
Reception following in the President's Room

Around the Community

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

Mazel Tov to...

Mike and Kathy Grossman on the graduations of their children, **Andrew Grossman** and **Becky Grossman**. Andrew is graduating from Golden Gate University Law School in San Francisco in May. He plans to practice in the trademark/copyright area. Andrew is student body president at GGU and is an assistant editor of the *GGU Law Review*. He has been selected to speak at the commencement ceremony on May 16. Andrew's wife, Ashley, is completing the first year of the MFA program at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco.

Becky is graduating from Claremont-McKenna College in Claremont, California on May 17. Becky has been an honor student all four years at CMC, and has worked as a research assistant at CMC's Center for the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights for the past three years. She has been awarded a post-graduate Humanity in Action Fellowship that will take her to New York and then Berlin, where she will work with government or non-government organizations focusing on contemporary minority rights issues. Immediately upon graduation, Becky will be leading a group of CMC students to Israel, where her students will learn about Middle East issues first hand.

Lowell and Betty Nigoff on the engagement of their daughter, **Amy Joy**, to **Jeb Messer**, son of **Rod Messer** and **Becky Messer**. The wedding will take place in May, 2008.

Ruth and Neil Poley on the marriage of their son **Philip** to **Denise Patton** in Asheville, North Carolina, on May 3, 2008.

Francie Chassen-Lopez on being named the UK Arts and Sciences Distinguished Professor for 2008-2009.

Bar Mitzvah.....

David Guttman — May 3, 2008

David Guttman, son of **Geoff** and **Mary Guttman**, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah at Ohavay Zion Synagogue. Joining in this joyous occasion will be David's younger brother, **John**.

For the first time in his life, David is being home schooled. Previously he attended school in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. He is studying under a standardized curriculum from Ontario. The curriculum is paced so that David has to complete a given program by the end of June.

David—proud owner of two dogs, Buddy and Rudy—also is taking clarinet lessons. He plays "for fun."

For his mitzvah project David is going to bring a compost bin from Windsor to the synagogue. Then, any leftover organic wastes can be converted into compost and used constructively. David feels that "We all should be able to recycle what we can so that pollutants don't circulate into the air."

Confirmation 2008: June 8, 2008/ 6 Sivan 5768...

The annual Erev Shavuot/Confirmation Service will be held this year on June 8, 2008. The entire Temple community celebrates with them on this special day in their lives. The members of the Confirmation Class are:

Aaron Davidson - Son of Drs. Jeff Davidson & Janet Tamaren

Alexandria Fleischman - Daughter of Drs. Roger Fleischman & Elizabeth Piercy

Rebecca Fleischman - Daughter of Drs. Roger Fleischman & Elizabeth Piercy

Kathryn Kaplan - Daughter of Paul & Carol Kaplan

Jennifer Klein - Daughter of Steven & Jan Klein

Ilana Kline - Daughter of Rabbi Marc & Cindy Kline (Z-L)

Heidi Marsh - Daughter of Dan Marsh & Laura Anshel

Rebecca Meece - Daughter of Regina Meece

Kyle Prothro - Son of Morton & Sandie Friedman

Marshall Roorda - Son of Randall Roorda & Susan Cobin

Emma Simpson - Daughter of Mark & Tina Simpson

Rachel Swanson - Daughter of Drs. Mark Swanson & Nancy Schoenberg

Rachel Trontz - Daughter of Richard & Elizabeth Trontz

Condolences to...

Zelda Gall on the death of her husband and to **Steve Gall**, **Pam Kowan**, and **Debi Gall** on the death of their father, **Sidney Gall**, on March 5, 2008.

David and Chela Kaplan on the death of Chela's brother, **John Richardson**, on March 21, 2008.

Ruth Kerber and **Dan and James Liebman** on the death of **Adolph Kerber**, Ruth's husband and Dan and James' stepfather, on March 21, 2008.

Barbara and Mike Archer, **Betsy**, and **Jeff** on the death of Barbara's father, **Norman Pollak**, on March 31, 2008.

Rachelle Lehner on the death of her grandmother **Miriam Folstein** on April 5, 2008.

Daniel Chejfec, **Hector Chejfec**, **Jennifer** and **Matthew Chejfec** on the death of Daniel's sister-in-law, **Hector's wife**, and **Matthew** and **Jennifer's mother**, **Lauren Lamensdorf Chejfec**, in Bellevue, Washington on April 10, 2008.

Judy Worell on the death of her husband, **Bud Smith**, on April 9, 2008.

Ohavay Zion Synagogue

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Friday evening services

On the first and third Fridays of the month, services begin at 5:45 p.m. There are no synagogue services on Friday, May 9; this is a good time to get together with family/friends for an at-home welcome to Shabbat.

The high school seniors will conduct the Shabbat service on May 23—time to be announced. See May bulletin.

There will be a host-home Shabbat service on May 30. Watch for the place in the May bulletin.

Yom Hashoah

On Sunday, May 4, the Jewish community will gather at OZS to observe this solemn day and to remember the loss of so many during World War II. This year's observance will be at 7:00 p.m. at OZS.

Minyans

We continue to need members to attend daily minyans so that those who want to say kaddish are able to. The Tuesday D'vine minyan does well! Any suggestions for themes for other days? How about just enjoying the pleasure doing a mitzvah affords you? Services begin at 5:45 and are over by 6:15, except for those divine Tuesdays when the wine flows at 5:00 p.m.!

Talmud Study

A hardy and studious group continues to meet every Friday at 7:30 a.m. The group encourages all to join for a breakfast nosh and the joy of learning.

Religious School

May 18 is the last day of religious school for this year. It is also Teacher Appreciation Day. Come at 10:00 a.m. to celebrate with your children and thank the teachers for their tireless efforts to provide a good Jewish education for the next generation.

Chinese Dinner

Join friends and make new ones at the monthly Sunday dinner at Hunan on Southland Drive on May 25 at 6:00 p.m.



Community Calendar

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

OZS - Ohavay Zion Synagogue - www.ozs.org

2048 Edgewater Court • 266-8050 • Art Shechet, President

Daily Minyan Mon.-Thurs. at 5:45 p.m.; Kabbalat Shabbat Service, Friday Evenings at 5:45 p.m.; on the last Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. with Oneg and program following • Shabbat Services Saturday at 9:45 a.m.

TAI - Temple Adath Israel - www.lextai.org

124 N. Ashland Avenue • 269-2979 • Sammie Miller, President

Shabbat Services Friday 7:30 p.m.; Worship Service Saturday 10:30 a.m.

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

Evalyn Block, President • eblock3375@windstream.net

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

269-4454 • David Wekstein, President • mwdrwek@insightbb.com • Shabbat Services monthly, call for schedule

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Yom Hashoah-Holocaust Remembrance Day	OZS Bar Mitzvah David Guttman	OZS Bar Mitzvah David Guttman
27 Yom Hashoah Community Observance - 7:00 p.m. at OZS	28 Rosh Chodesh Iyyar Yiddish Club at CKJF 7:30 p.m.	29 Rosh Chodesh Iyyar OZS Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m. TAI Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Hadassah Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	30 Yom Hazikaron	May 1 Yom Ha'atzmaut	2 Shalom Deadline	3 Benefactors Event
4	5	6 Chabad-Rabbi Litvin visits 12:00 noon CRC Meeting 7:30 p.m.	7	8 Ta'anit Bechorot - Fast of the First Born	9 Stewart Home Parents weekend - 4:00 p.m. at Stewart Home, Frankfort	10
11 Pacesetters Dinner	12 Yiddish Club at CKJF 7:30 p.m.	13	14 TAI Sisterhood Dinner and Installation of new officers 7:00 p.m. at TAI	15	16 Lag B'Omer	17
18	19 Memorial Day CKJF Office Closed	20	21 CKJF Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. TAI Book Discussion Group	22	23	24
25 Yom Ha'atzmaut Community Celebration	26 Yom Yerushalayim Yiddish Club at CKJF 7:30 p.m.	27 OZS Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m. TAI Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.	28 Rosh Chodesh Sivan	29	30 OZS Bar Mitzvah Michael Solomon	31 OZS Bar Mitzvah Michael Solomon
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