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Director's Message

By Tamara Ohayon



Blessed – the word that comes to mind when I think of Lexington.

We have a beautiful little city, a great mix of folks of all walks of life. We have an impressive amount of diversity and culture for a city this size and a great central location to keep us connected to the world outside of Kentucky. We are an affordable city, with nice neighborhoods and good schools. Major corporations, universities, and hospitals are here to draw in newcomers as we watch Lexington grow exponentially.

Most of us also know that it is our small Jewish community which makes Central Kentucky truly special. We are blessed with active congregations, a strong Hadassah chapter, and Jewishly committed volunteers. Not only do we shine locally, but many of our Lexingtonians serve as Board members or officers for both Jewish and secular national organizations.

While there has been a Jewish presence in the area for over a century, it was only in the late 1960s that a group of eight mothers got together to convince Carole Wirtschafter to help launch a community summer camp for all of their kids. From this pioneering spirit, Camp Shalom was born, and within a decade Jewish Federation was incorporated.

Over the past four decades, Jewish Federation has grown and expanded its reach. It has added more programs, adjusted to fill needs, and strived to bring our community ever closer together. As older generations fade or move away, as children and grandchildren come and go, our mission to support and advocate remains the same – though the ways in which we carry out that mission inevitably will, and perhaps already have, changed.

We are very blessed to be in the midst of a recent baby boom in our Jewish community. There have been a lot of little ones at Camp Shalom and enrollment for PJ Library is steadily growing. And participation in holiday, Shabbat, and family programming has been growing again, as well. As professionals and leaders, we are constantly trying to stay on top of trends and adjust to suit the desires and needs of our expanding and shifting membership and donor base.

Judy Wortman has been an exemplary role model for us for over seven years. With her wisdom, warmth, and initiative she has guided us through a process of healing and reflection. She has held our hands through tough decisions, brought us around tables to talk through difficult changes, and constantly challenged us to do more when able, to accept scaling back when necessary, and to be proactive in making plans for our future.

She has been a surrogate sister, mother, and Bubbe to many, and most importantly a friend to all who embraced her. We are really going to miss your glow, Judy.

We are especially blessed because, thanks to Judy and Mike Grossman, and all those who were willing and eager to sit on our reinvigorated Presidents Council, representatives from each local Jewish organization have together made tremendous strides in finding ways to bridge the remaining divides between our micro-communities. On June 15 the Presidents Council sponsored a Town Hall meeting at Temple Adath Israel, where came yet another step closer to deeper self reflection, and true long-range planning. Dr. Jack Ukeles, who was hired by the Presidents Council with financial support from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence in Louisville, and who facilitated a community survey in January, shared the data gained from his study as well as recommendations for our future as a stronger and more cohesive Jewish community.

In July, the Presidents Council met again to review a final report from Dr. Ukeles and his suggestions for implementation of his recommendations. While all organizations are positive and supportive of the overall ideas presented, we are all embarking on an analysis and implementation process at our own respective paces. Of the seven recommendations, some make sense to move forward with now, while others require more research and discussion. Rest assured, with your input and support, our leadership will be able to evaluate what will work for each of us.

I recently taped a quote to my computer screen in the office. "Changemaking happens when people fall in love with a different version of the future." (Seth Godin) (*continued on p. 5*)

President's Message

By Evalyn Block



Three years ago I was asked to be the Vice President of the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass. I was aware of the fact that, if I took the position, at a future date I would transition into the Presidency. I questioned whether that was a role I wanted to assume. It would have been easy to have said no considering that I currently work full-time, am active in Hadassah, and keep busy with a myriad of activities. Also, I considered the amazingly talented people who had previously served in that position and wondered how I could possibly measure up. My decision was made after I asked myself what I was passionate about and, aside from family, what matters most to me.

Being President of the Federation is an honor but one that comes with a responsibility and an obligation to you. I view the Federation as a large canopy under which everyone should feel comfortable and welcomed. It does not matter

whether you are a member of OZS, TAI, Hadassah, B'nai B'rith, the Havurah, or if you are unaffiliated. We are one community and we need to embrace that concept. That is why I would like to continue and expand the Federation's collaboration with the various Jewish organizations here in Lexington. In order to do that, and be effective at bringing you the programs, services and activities you want, I need your help. I want to hear from you. Call me, send me an email or stop me if you see me out and about and let's have a conversation. Since this is your Federation I need to know what you want and need from us so that we can better serve you. Also, and I mean this sincerely, I want your constructive criticism. I view being critiqued by the people you serve as a positive, not a negative.

I want the Federation and the Jewish community in Lexington to be vibrant, active and engaged. There are many small Jewish communities that are struggling. If we want to leave a legacy to our children and grandchildren we must lead by example. That is why I ask you to join me in supporting the Federation. Volunteer to be on the board or a committee, or help out with a program. Give generously in whatever capacity you are able. I will do my part to the best of my ability but I need you join me by doing your part. It is up to us to ensure the future.

Thank you.



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Report of the Results of the Community Study

By Hanna B. Smith

On June 15, 2016, the Presidents Council of the Jewish organizations of Central Kentucky held a town hall meeting to acquaint the Jewish community with the recommendations arising from the community study conducted in 2015 by Ukeles Associates, Inc. Dr. Jacob Ukeles, President of Ukeles and Associates, reviewed the findings of the study and then presented his recommendations for a Bluegrass Jewish community strategy.

The meeting was held at Temple Adath Israel and was attended by a cross-section of the Jewish community. The presidents of both congregations, the Lexington Havurah, and the various organizations were present as were the rabbis. Dr. Eli Capilouto, President of the University of Kentucky, was among the audience. In all, more than 100 people attended the meeting.

One of the reasons for the population study was concern over the future of the Lexington Jewish community, with its aging membership and declining donor base. The Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass, Temple Adath Israel (TAI), Ohavay Zion Synagogue (OZS), the Lexington Havurah, the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah, and the B'nai B'rith Stanley Rose Lodge #0289, all are facing the same issues. Design of the study was to get a better picture of the community's assets and liabilities and guidelines for future planning.

With the Presidents Council spearheading the project, JFB, Hadassah, TAI, OZS, the Havurah, and B'nai B'rith supported the project, including financially. The Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, a Louisville-based Jewish philanthropy, generously contributed to make the study possible.

A survey of needs and interests was sent to members of the Jewish community in 2015 whose emails were available, 910 individuals in all. The response rate was 46%, an extraordinary rate according to Dr. Jacob Ukeles, showing the community's high level of interest.

The survey confirmed the reality of concerns such as an aging leadership and donor base, distance between the congregations and the congregations and the Federation, and gaps in Jewish infrastructure, such as no Jewish day-school, mikvah, and full-service JCC.

Among the assets were the relative stability of the Jewish community, with new people moving in as others leave, and a well-educated and relatively affluent membership committed to Jewish tradition. Both congregations and other Jewish organizations have rich traditions and member loyalty. As a city, Lexington has a relatively strong economy and the cost of living is affordable. The University of Kentucky offers a strong Jewish Studies program and invites cooperation with the Jewish community.

The most frequent response to the survey was a desire for greater integration and collaboration between the congregations and organizations, and more community-wide activities.

In developing a planning strategy for a healthy future, the survey looked at the Jewish population of the Bluegrass as a stable entity based upon the fact that new people move in while others leave. There may not be a population increase, but the community is unlikely to seriously decline in number or to disappear altogether.

Based upon the responses to the survey, the following community vision statement was drawn up: "A stable, open, pluralistic, engaged and integrated Jewish community, rooted in the rich history of the Central Kentucky Jewish community and the culture of the Bluegrass."

In order to make the vision statement a reality, the survey recommends strategies to sustain the community, bring the community together, and create partnerships to better engage the community in Jewish life.

For sustaining the Jewish community, recommendations include securing the financial future with a legacy and endowment campaign and to promote the Bluegrass Jewish community to others. The latter includes, for example, developing a guide to Jewish life in Central Kentucky, to be made available to the Chamber of Commerce, the VisitLEX Visitors Bureau, and to major employers in order to attract Jewish professionals and their families to Lexington.

Recommendations for bringing the community together are creating programs for children and youth across the community, coordinating Jewish social, cultural and educational opportunities for adults of all ages, and creating community structures for the Federation, the two congregations and other organizations that allow them to work together.

Creating partnerships to better engage the community in Jewish life calls for strengthening the relationship with the University of Kentucky and to develop (*continued on p. 5*)

Gifts to endowments support a strong, vibrant Jewish community

By Lisa Adkins, President/CEO, Blue Grass Community Foundation



We all want to leave something behind--some lasting testament to who we are and what we believe in. Perhaps the most effective way to leave a meaningful legacy is through a planned gift to an endowment. And the best time to do it is NOW.

We are poised at the door of the largest transfer of wealth in history. The result is a philanthropic potential that exceeds any period in history.

In Lexington alone, as baby boomers age, \$6.31 billion will be left to the next generation within the next ten years. Many of these heirs will leave Kentucky and take their wealth with them.

But what if these same donors made a plan to leave just five percent of their wealth to permanent charitable endowments for the benefit of their community?

Endowments are permanently held assets that provide perpetual support for charitable causes. Typically, about five percent of these are invested back into the community each year. Five percent doesn't sound like a lot, but let's look at the numbers.

Five percent of \$6.31 billion would result in a total of \$315.49 million reserved for the benefit of the causes we hold most dear. Using a conservative five percent annual rate of return and payout on that \$315.49 million, \$15.77 million in new money would be available each year to support the causes we care most about. The results could be transformative.

In addition to the satisfaction of making a lasting gift to better our community, donors also receive attractive tax benefits. In 2016, the Kentucky state legislature approved \$1,000,000 in Endow Kentucky tax credits. The Endow Kentucky Tax Credit offers substantial credits of up to 20 percent to businesses and individuals that make gifts to permanent endowment funds held at qualified community foundations.

Unlike tax deductions, tax credits are taken off a donor's tax bill dollar for dollar. A gift of \$5000 can eliminate a \$1000 state tax liability. A gift of \$50,000 or more can eliminate a maximum \$10,000 state tax liability, and can be carried forward five years.

This is in addition to state and federal charitable tax deductions. For example, a gift of \$50,000 gives a donor in the 28 percent tax bracket a federal tax deduction of \$14,000, a state tax deduction of \$3,000, and an Endow Kentucky Tax Credit of \$10,000. The endowment fund receives a gift of \$50,000—at a cost of only \$23,000 to the donor.

To qualify for the tax credit, donors must obtain preliminary approval of their gift by filling out and submitting a one-page application to the Kentucky Department of Revenue beginning July 1 of each year, and gifts must be made to qualified Kentucky community foundations.

To learn more about leaving a lasting, meaningful legacy and the Endow Kentucky Tax Credit, contact Lisa Adkins, President and CEO of Blue Grass Community Foundation at ladkins@bgcf.org or 859-225-3343.

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JIM MISCHNER

(Director's Message, continued from p. 1) Despite our blessings in Lexington, we are not immune to the challenges of the times.

As I begin to take on my new role as Executive Director, I will share with you that I do not believe I have been hired to do the work of changemaking for you. I truly believe that my role, my purpose, as Federation Director is to help YOU do the work. In the coming years I pledge to be your sounding board, your researcher, your coordinator, your convener, your connector, your partner—and when needed, your leader—in the work of growing, enriching, and sustaining this beautiful Jewish community we live in.

During this time of transition, I ask you to reflect on what you see for us in the future. Let us not squander the opportunity that Judy and the Presidents Council have given us. We now have a chance for innovation and continued positive change. Let us take this opportunity to think about the legacy we can leave behind and act on it before this chance has passed.

While we do not have a large annual campaign, our Federation has remained fairly stable. I liken it to living paycheck-to-paycheck with no significant savings in the bank, no social security or other monthly benefits coming in to help pay the bills, and a 401K that cannot be touched. Without legacy gifts, without a substantial and growing pool of endowment funds, Federation is literally surviving year-to-year, paycheck-to-paycheck. We get by.

It is up to us, as leaders of our community to not only pave the way, and walk the path of long-term financial stability, but also to encourage our friends, neighbors, and fellow congregants to do the same.

We need to be thinking about the seeds we can plant today, the legacy that will grow and support the next generation of leadership.

We have been given a chance now, to dream of a slightly different future we can all “fall in love with,” and to plant the right seeds to see that garden thrive and expand. Our older community members, those who have served on committees and boards for decades, have an opportunity to encourage, mentor and support the younger generations – including my generation – in the tending of that garden. And if, in the end, we have done our work, my generation will do the same for our children and grandchildren.

I feel very blessed to have the opportunity to lead and support you in this changemaking.

So, I'll go get my gardening gloves and meet you at the Federation door.

Thank you.

(Report of the Results, continued from p. 3) a life-long Jewish learning program with the University's Jewish Studies Program. This recommendation takes into account that for some people Jewish culture and learning is important while religious and mystical traditions are less so.

The community strategies included detailed steps to reach these goals. Ukeles and Associates will present a final report with implementation recommendations by July 12, 2016. In the meantime, for those interested in reading the report of the Bluegrass Jewish Community Strategy, please go to the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass' web site at jewishlexington.org, click on “More” on the banner featuring the town hall meeting. Also, watch for outreach and information from Ohavay Zion Synagogue, Temple Adath Israel, and other organizations concerning these goals.



Community members attended a Jewish Community Town Hall Meeting on June 15 for a presentation of the community study findings by Dr. Jacob Ukeles of Ukeles and Associates.

ASK JFS: *Bikkur Cholim* - Visiting The Sick

By Mimi Kaufman



There are a number of people in our Jewish Community who have become increasingly isolated as they age. Some are choosing not to drive; some have become a little less mobile. So what can we do as a community to help? In Judaism, *Bikkur Cholim*, or visiting the sick, is considered a *mitzvah* that can help people heal both physically and psychologically.

"Friendly visitors," are volunteers who have been trained by local professionals on the different aspects of the aging process, and how to visit people in their homes. These volunteers go into the homes of individuals to provide companionship. They are an extension of Jewish Family Services. Volunteers act as the eyes and ears of the professional, making them aware of situations that may need more assistance than the volunteer is trained to handle.

"Friendly visitor," programs benefit everyone. They help Jewish Family Services by reaching more people who may benefit from services and they help the person who is isolated. An unexpected benefit is that the volunteer can enjoy the wisdom of an older new friend. We all can learn from each other. It is a win-win for everyone involved.

I would like to give another try to having a more formalized group of "friendly visitors." This group of potential volunteers would have occasional meetings with each other and JFS. Training and support if needed can be offered this way. You can volunteer as little or as much time as you wish.

If you are interested in becoming part of a new group of *Bikkur Cholim* volunteers, please come to the first training and informational session. It will be held on Thursday September 15th at the Federation office, from 10:00am to Noon. Coming to the training session does not commit you to becoming a volunteer. Come and learn about the program. For more information on either being a volunteer or receiving this service, please call me at 269-8244 or email at jfs@jewishlexington.org.

JFS: At Your Service is a monthly column covering a wide range of issues. If you have a problem or a concern that you would like addressed in this Shalom column, please send them either by mail to Jewish Family Services at 1050 Chinoe Road Suite 112, or by email to jfs@jewishlexington.org. You can also always call with your confidential questions at (859) 269-8244.

Chabad of the Bluegrass

By Rabbi Shlomo and Mrs. Shoshi Litvin

Women, Wine and Wisdom

Led by Mrs. Shoshi Litvin, this social gathering offers fellowship, Torah, and fine kosher refreshments. Women ages 21 and over are invited to greet the new month together. Join us in welcoming the month of Av, on August 4 at 7:30pm taking place at 568 Columbia Ave.

Practical Parshah

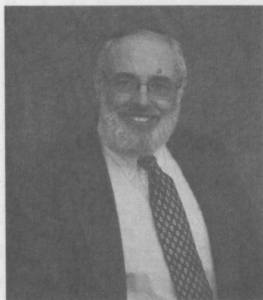
This series of classes discussing the weekly Torah portion and how its lessons are applicable to our everyday lives. Classes meet at the Chabad House on Wednesdays at 7pm. Open to the entire community.

Meet and Greet

With thanks to the Holy One Blessed Be He, we are delighted to announce we will be moving, having grown out of our original space, with over 250 visitors! We will be relocating to 568 Columbia Ave. Join us Monday September 5 at 5:30pm for our Chanukas Habayis- House warming barbeque, and welcome the incoming Jewish freshmen.

For more information, visit ChabadBluegrass.com or call 859-813-0770.

Ask A Rabbi: H. D. Uriel Smith



Question

Do the Biblical stories, such as those of Samuel, Saul, and David, have something to tell us today?

Response

We are living in an era of uncertainty, when many of us are searching for moral and emotional answers that can give us full security and comfort. A story may help us. A famous psychologist found a person knocking frantically on his office door an hour before official office hours. The man was in a panic, shouting that it was an emergency, and that he needed immediate help. The psychologist tried to calm him down, but to no avail. Finally the psychologist looked at his watch and told him that he could take

him for half an hour, but the patient would have to calm down. When they came in, the psychologist told the patient, "Please sit down, and tell me the whole story from the beginning." The patient sat down and started talking more calmly. "In the beginning" he said, "I created heaven and earth."

Here in Kentucky we have museums like the Creationist Museum and Noah's Ark Encounter ostensibly proclaiming that the Bible is literally true, but actually teaching that God is a joker, who created a universe that looks evolutionary, but He continues to demand that we pretend not to see that. They further teach that it is good to sell God's truths in a Disneyland fashion to make much profit. Of course, fundamentalists cannot see the joke.

Here in the USA we pledge allegiance to our flag and republic, "One nation under God." Our money states, "In God we trust." And nowadays, when a newly elected president recites the Oath of Office, he usually adds, "So help me God." We are fumbling over the separation between church and state, partially because we do not know how to differentiate between recognizing the importance of religion in our lives and recognizing still that religious claims often are merely opinions.

Our Bible helps us to treat religion in a mature fashion. We can argue with biblical stories. We can even challenge God. Abraham demands from God (Genesis 18:25), "Should not the Judge of all the earth act justly?" Moses repeatedly complains to God and makes God change His mind (e.g. Exodus 5:22-6:1; 32:11-14; 34:8-10; Numbers 11:11-15; 14:13-20), and even breaks the two Tablets of the Covenant shortly after God delivered them to him (Exodus 12:19). The Book of Job tells us that we may not understand why problematic events happen (Job chapters 38-41), but continues that Job was more righteous in challenging God than his friends who tried to defend God (Job 42:7-9). This stance gives us greater freedom of thought than Christianity, which teaches that we are too sinful to challenge God, and than Islam, which teaches us fully to surrender to God.

So, how can we support such challenges? I have discovered that as our cultures have become more sophisticated our sense of the sacred has become privatized and more attenuated, so that at present it seems that if we strengthen our religious senses we must be juvenilizing our thought, and becoming as children. The New Testament actually states, (*continued on p. 8*)

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Celebrate your loved ones and support our Jewish community by giving a special contribution. Thank you for your support.

Thank you to:

- Linda and Leon Ravvin in memory of Vivian Weil
- Linda and Leon Ravvin in memory of Jack Joffe
- Linda and Leon Ravvin in memory of Bobbi Fried
- Linda and Leon Ravvin in memory of Irvin Stern

Todah Rabbah

By Judy Wortman



Dear beloved members of the Jewish Community of the Bluegrass,

In my column last month, I said my official good-bye to the community. Since that time, I was given a magnificent farewell party and was honored by very generous gifts for the Judy Wortman Fund for Staff Development. Since the party, you have contributed over \$2600 for this most important endeavor. As is the case in many organizations, the costs of staff development are often eliminated from the budget when funds are tight. This can be penny wise and pound foolish. Training is critically needed to ensure that leadership is in tune with best practices, and staff can bring new learning and skills to better serve the community. This is particularly true at a time when new roles are being assumed by

current staff, and new staff members have been hired who have not worked for Jewish Federations before.

When I was asked if there was something specific I wanted to see funded in my honor, I immediately responded with a fund for professional development. I came to this community with nearly 40 years of experience and a great deal of coursework in Jewish communal leadership and fundraising. Our community benefitted from this. I am proud that I will be able to participate in this way to ensure the future education of our professional leaders.

Thank you for a wonderful party catered deliciously by Barbara Goldman, our *Shalom* Editor-in-Chief, and coordinated by Tamara Ohayon, Michael Grossman, Evalyn Block, Lynn Furness and Linda Ravvin. And thank you to so many of you for contributing to this important fund. Most of all, thank you for these years of love and support.

B'shalom,

Judy

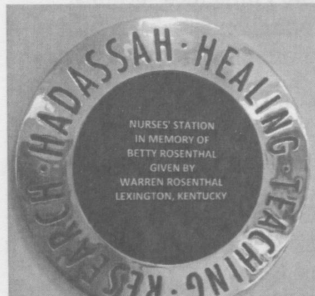
(Ask A Rabbi, continued from p. 7) "Unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3). However, a fuller analysis shows that once we reach the stage for college entrance requirements, a stage named Aristotelian (named after the philosopher Aristotle), we can continue beyond it to develop a dialectic between religious and materialistic perspectives. I call the dialectical stage of Aristotelian thought Hegelian, since the philosopher Georg W. F. Hegel developed that stage. Hegel developed a religious perspective of that stage, leading to a Christian Protestant perspective of reality. Karl Marx turned Hegel's philosophy on its head, developing his dialectical materialism, an anti-religious philosophy. For him religion was "the opiate of the masses." Thus, at the Hegelian stage you can become Hegelian or Marxist, pro- or anti-religious.

The problem is that, since until this stage any increase in sophistication has led to a decrease in the power of religion, many individuals believe that the new increase in sophistication should also decrease religion still further. It does not occur to them that the many religious philosophers at the Hegelian stage (e.g. Schopenhauer, Schelling, von Henning, and Kierkegaard among Protestants, and Walter Kaufmann, Martin Buber, Franz Rosenzweig, and Emil Fackenheim among Jews) show that the continued attenuation of religion has ended. Still, materialism continues in the stage beyond the Hegelian, the Galileian stage (named after Galileo Galilei), especially when studying the natural sciences. Galileo especially argued that we should develop mathematical and geometrical models of reality, which can then be tested. He argued that, "The Bible teaches us the way to go to heaven, not the way the heavens go." Also the dialectical situation continues with more advanced stages such as Kantian and Post-modernism (sorry for this telephone-book of names). At these stages we continue beyond modelling, developing transcendental judgements of reality. For these, religion is irrelevant. Thus, Kant in his Critique of Pure Reason proved that all the traditional proofs for God's existence cannot succeed.

The whole system of advanced stages of scientific, semiotic, and psychosocial stages of thought lead to a relativism in religion. They support multiculturalism, where no religion is supported strongly. This supports mutual tolerance, but leaves the support for any one religion weak. Only at the most sophisticated stage of scientific thought can we state unequivocally that the sense of the sacred is necessarily part of that sophistication. This still does not argue for any particular religion. It is consistent with Judaism, Christianity, Buddhism, Taoism, and all advanced religions involved with the sacred. (Continued on p. 13)

Hadassah Announces Major Rosenthal Gift to Hadassah Medical Organization

By Judy Saxe



The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah is proud to announce a generous gift from Warren Rosenthal for a Nurses Station in the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower. The Tower is located on the campus of the Hadassah Hebrew University Medical Center in Ein Kerem, Jerusalem. The Nurses Station, located in the newly opened Department of Internal Medicine, is named in memory of Mr. Rosenthal's late wife, Betty.

After the SWD Tower was dedicated in 2012, comprising 19 floors, five underground and fourteen above, departments were moved from the original hospital to the new building as funds became available to equip and furnish them. Mr. Rosenthal's gift of \$125,000.00 helped bring about the completion of the

Department of Internal Medicine.

Over 100 years ago, Hadassah was the first to bring modern medicine to the Middle East. Hadassah established Israel's first teaching hospital and its first nursing, medical and dental schools. Hadassah Medical Organization staff established the first cancer center, burn unit, trauma unit, bone marrow transplantation center, neonatal unit, and first Embryonic Stem Cell Research Center in Israel. HMO houses Israel's National Skin Bank and the only bone marrow registry for Arabs in the world. HMO physicians are researchers, and its researchers are physicians.

The Lexington Chapter is proud that Betty Rosenthal, one of our cherished members, will have her name permanently inscribed in Hadassah's newest tower of healing. Thank you, Warren Rosenthal, for this powerful and moving tribute to your wife's memory.

Tzofim (Israel Scouts) Friendship Caravan Show & Camp Shalom Visit

Monday, July 25 at Temple Adath Israel & Tuesday, July 26 at Camp Shalom



Israel21C: First-ever Philistine cemetery revealed in groundbreaking discovery

Bone samples discovered in Ashkelon could shed new vital light on the mystery of the Philistines' origins.

By Abigail Klein Leichman

(Originally published online July 11, 2016)



The Leon Levy Expedition to Ashkelon has announced the groundbreaking discovery of the first Philistine cemetery ever to be found, following more than 30 years of excavation at the site on the western shore of Israel.

Findings from the cemetery, dated to the 11th–8th centuries BCE, support the Bible's description of the Philistines as western migrants to the shores of ancient Israel around the 12th century BCE.

The Philistines are most famously known as the archenemy of ancient Israel from the Hebrew Bible. Ex-

cavations at Ashdod, Ekron, Ashkelon and Gath (Tel es-Safi) have demonstrated how culturally distinct they were from the Israelites of that period in their ceramics, jewelry and weapons.

Bones from the cemetery are currently undergoing DNA, radiocarbon and biological distance testing.

"After decades of studying what Philistines left behind, we have finally come face to face with the people themselves. With this discovery we are close to unlocking the secrets of their origins," said Daniel M. Master, professor of archaeology at Wheaton College in Illinois, one of the sponsors of the Leon Levy Expedition in the Ashkelon National Park along with the Leon Levy Foundation, the Semitic Museum at Harvard University, Boston College and Troy University.

The expedition operates under license from the Israel Antiquities Authority and the Israel Nature and Parks Authority.

"Ninety-nine percent of the chapters and articles written about Philistine burial customs should be revised or ignored now that we have the first and only Philistine cemetery found just outside the city walls of Tel Ashkelon, one of the five primary cities of the Philistines," said Lawrence E. Stager, Dorot Professor of the Archaeology of Israel, Emeritus, at Harvard University.

Archeologists digging in the Philistine cemetery found decorated juglets filled with what is assumed to have been perfumed oil, along with storage jars and small bowls. A few individuals were found wearing bracelets and earrings, and some were accompanied by their weapons, but the majority of the individuals were not buried with personal items.

New finds from the cemetery and highlights from previous excavations in Ashkelon are on display in the Israel Museum exhibition, "Ashkelon: A Retrospective, 30 Years of the Leon Levy Expedition," through February 17, 2017 at the Rockefeller Archaeological Museum in Jerusalem.

Submissions for the September *Shalom* are due August 10!

Contributor articles are always welcome!

B'tayavon: Molly's Lemon Meringue Pie

By Babara Goldman

A love of food is abundantly clear to anyone attending any of our Jewish community events or meetings. As Jews, our love of eating dates back as long as we have walked the earth.

For several years, Vivian Bitensky has delighted our tastebuds with her monthly food column. I don't know how I would get through winter without her delicious potato soup recipe. After discussing the column and abundance of culinary talent in our community, we have decided to invite anyone wishing to share recipes to please contact us. If you are at all interested in sharing a recipe please contact shalom@jewishlexington.org.

But, few of us really know about Vivian. Here's a short interview with Vivian from Summer 2016:

1. How long have you lived in Lexington? Where are you originally from?

I have lived in Lexington for 11 years. I lived on Long Island North Woodmere which is part of what is called The Five Towns.

2. What is your favorite dish to cook? To eat?

Favorite dish to cook? That's a hard question. I suppose brisket mainly because it was a holiday meal and so has pleasant connotations. Vegetable Lasagne for a dairy dish. My favorite dish to eat would be a really good prime rib but I would settle for a corned beef or pastrami sandwich from a N.Y. Kosher deli.

3. What are your earliest cooking experiences?

My earliest cooking experiences were as a little girl helping my mother and grandmother prepare Shabbat dinner. Baking was also my Mom's forte and her rugelach and lemon pies were awesome. She would give me dough to roll out to make the rugelach and then I would fill it and when baked I was thrilled to see them on the plate.

4. How did you become involved with Shalom?

When we moved to Lexington I was so excited to get the Shalom. I came from a large Jewish community and was anxious that I would be isolated here. When I read the Shalom I felt welcome to a vibrant Jewish Community and I have enjoyed reading the Shalom ever since. At one time I wrote some Book Reviews for the paper and that was so rewarding.

Thanks for the opportunity to share some of my favorite recipes. Hope you enjoy this pie. The recipe was my mother, Molly's. It has always been a major treat.
~Vivian

Molly's Lemon Meringue Pie

Prepare dough. Dot with butter. Roll over pie plate so it fits over plate. Brush with egg whites. Bake 400 degrees for half an hour.

FILLING

1. Mix together 1 cup sugar & 1 cup flour. Boil 1 cup of water and add sugar and flour mixture. Cook until thick.

2. Separate 3 eggs and refrigerate whites. Beat yolks with 1 tbsp. butter and the juice and rind of a lemon. Add slowly to flour mixture. Cool and pour on baked shell.

TOPPING

Beat egg whites with 1/2 tsp. cream of tartar and 1 tbsp. sugar. Beat until peaks are formed. Put on top of filling and bake until slightly brown.

(Best to do last step before serving.)

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THE LEXINGTON CHAPTER OF HADASSAH

Dianne Bazell, President

By Dianne Bazell

With summer fully upon us, and warm weather and long days of sunlight perhaps prompting us to do less, we at Hadassah continue to be Women Who Do—and Do Even More.

Hadassah has joined the Coalition for Women's Health Equity, which will work to address inequities in quality of care, funding and support, and gaps in women's health awareness. The list of our partners is impressive: American Association of University Women, American Heart Association, Black Women's Health Imperative, Breast Cancer Fund, Institute for Women's Health and Leadership of Drexel University College of Medicine, Jewish Women International, National Council of Jewish Women, National Organization for Women, National Partnership for Women & Families, National Women's Political Caucus, Society for Women's Health Research, Vision 2020, Women Against Alzheimer's, and WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease. Coalition membership is open and will continue to grow. Announced in April 2016, the Coalition held its inaugural event in May in Washington, D.C. with a panel presentation by leading women's health care experts and advocates (see below).

Hadassah and its Coalition partners will focus on pervasive gender disparities throughout the health care system in order to create a well-coordinated and unified force to advocate for women's health equity—from prevention and diagnosis to treatment and cure.

"We are here to address an issue that represents one of the most consequential and, at the same time—one of the most hidden vestiges of gender discrimination today," Ellen Hershkin, national president of Hadassah, said at the event, which took place on Capitol Hill during Women's Health Week. "By engaging in direct advocacy, grassroots mobilization and the sharing of resources, the Coalition will make a lasting and powerful difference for women's health equity."

Here in Lexington, our Hadassah chapter is engaged in a variety of social, educational, and advocacy programming, headed up by Ruth Scott, to bring our community together and support Hadassah's health and welfare agenda. In June, Odette Kaplan and Judy Saxe hosted a delicious Moroccan dinner to honor our major donors (Keepers of the Gate and Founders), featuring Hadassah National Board member Carol Ann Schwartz. In July, our membership chairs, Mimi Kaufman and Faith Erdmann, celebrated our nearly two dozen new members with a chapter-wide Dixie Belle boat ride along the Kentucky River.

On the 22nd of this month (there's still time to RSVP), our Associates, chaired by Kathy and David Feinberg, are holding a BBQ featuring Dr. John T. Slevin, professor of neurology at the University of Kentucky, who will speak on progress in the understanding and treatment of Parkinson's Disease, one of several research foci at the Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) in Jerusalem.

And for September 18, our Education/Advocacy VP Lisa Satin is planning an informative event on human trafficking, one of the four main areas of Hadassah's domestic advocacy agenda (along with gender equity in medical research, women's preventive health, and affordable child care). Speakers from the state attorney general's office and Catholic Charities of Louisville, as well as Kim Edwards, board member of The Well (a safe house for women) and well-known author (The Memory Keeper's Daughter), will lead a panel discussion on what the Department of Homeland Security calls "a modern form of slavery." More on this in next month's newsletter.

Our book club, led by Gail Byers and Vivian Bitensky, meets monthly. Join us whenever you can—to learn, to help repair the world, and to be among friends.

At right: Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) addressed the inaugural event of Hadassah's Coalition for Women's Health Equity in Washing, D.C., on May 12.

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THE LEXINGTON HAVURAH

Gail Cohen, 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 Synagogues of Conservative Judaism and the National Havurah Committee. Members plan, conduct, and share responsibility for all services. For additional information about services or membership in the Havurah, please contact me at gail.cohen@twc.com.

By Gail Cohen

Summer is a time to relax, commune with nature and, perhaps, get in touch with our spiritual sides. We in the Havurah enjoy doing that so much, that this summer we have planned two sessions of Havurah Havdalah Under the Stars. One will have already taken place as this issue of Shalom goes to press.

This has been a wonderful year in the Havurah. We have had services, celebrated holidays together, done community service, shared many meals and held other special events.

One of the special events we look forward to as members of the Havurah is our annual Education Retreat. We enjoy a day of study with a scholar. It is always enlightening and rewarding. This year the topic dealt with the study of Talmud. We discussed, among other topics, how we see and how we treat "the other." Our Scholar in Residence was Rabbi Mira Wasserman, Professor at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia. She also happens to be the daughter of our outgoing Federation Executive Director, Judy Wortman. It was wonderful to be able to take advantage of the connection to lure such a scholar to Lexington.

The next Havdalah Under the Stars will take place on August 27. It is not only a particularly spiritual service; it is also an eating opportunity. We will have one of our famous potluck dinners. If you are interested in joining us for this event, please contact me at 272-1459 for more information.

Enjoy the rest of Summer!

(Ask A Rabbi, continued from p. 8) It supports Buber's view that each individual I-thou relation involves the Eternal Thou. But it also shows that a purely materialistic perspective, such as Marxism, is incomplete and unacceptable.

We can now return to the beginning of understanding. In the preparations for a simple action, as Benjamin Libet has shown, there is a period of between a third and a full second of unconscious preparation shown by the rise of a 'readiness potential' (RP), while the conscious decision period lasts just about 200 milliseconds. Determinists claim that the decision to act occurs during the RP period, or at least this unconscious period evaluates how good or important is the proposed action. They miss the point that, since there are trillions of possible actions, we need to prepare ourselves for the short-term decision by ensuring the unity and harmony of our body whichever way we decide. Starfish, which do not have an RP period, may have different parts of their body decide to move in opposite directions when their "flight" decision occurs suddenly. They may thus tear themselves apart. When we are unable to develop the proper muscle harmony by sending the proper neural commands to our muscles, we may develop muscle cramps, with only half the muscles of an arm or leg acting.

The muscular decisions are thus binary, yes or no, involving preliminary RP periods. We can shorten the RP period by lots of practice. We can also make the decisions more nuanced, deciding how strongly we shall act, or in which directions shall the decisions proceed, through game preparations and practice. We can also combine the decisions in a series, such as in piano playing, dancing, swordplay, or hip-hop singing. Children learning to speak develop their babbling into the language of their family. In all these games and practices we develop activities fitting our culture, and downplaying activities fitting other cultures. If we remain out of contact with other languages or cultures we become completely unconscious of how narrow are our cultural perspectives. The black, the Hispanic, and white communities here in the USA are often completely oblivious of the other communities' perspectives. Senator Warren R. Austin, in 1948, when he was the US Ambassador to the United Nations, complained, "Why can't the Arabs and the Jews resolve their disagreements at the conference table like good Christians?"

Throughout our history the Jewish community survived by learning to think one stage ahead of our surrounding cultures. In this way we learned not only our own culture but also that of our neighbours. The Bible helped us to think in this wider fashion. *(Continued on p. 14)*

(Ask A Rabbi, continued from p. 13) The Book of Samuel tells us of the childhood of our nation, when the majority of the community was still illiterate. Samuel is in constant contact with God. He has what Freud called an "oceanic feeling" of limitlessness of the presence of God. He cannot understand the needs of the Israelite nation to have a leader, a king, to bring them together to fight for their freedom. Nevertheless, God tells him to anoint Saul as king (1 Samuel 8:4-9,22). But, after Saul was chosen, Samuel still complains (1 Samuel 12:1-25). Saul is the "fight or flight" king. His thinking is binary. He knows how to fight the Philistines. But, he is not able to think outside the binary limits. He does not understand how to create a harmony between the Israelite tribes while also keeping a harmony with God. So he dies fighting with the Philistines. David, who replaces him, is able to think outside the box, develop a fuller harmony among the tribes, and develop a peace with the Philistines. He thus is not only a warrior and singer of psalms, but also a peacemaker.

With such stories we learn to think outside the box. We learn to try to find decisions that instead of choosing one of two choices choose both, harmonizing them in a new path.

There is of course a major difference between the organization of ideas and acts by babies just learning to speak and walk in contrast with the organization by adult communities at the time of Samuel, Saul, and David. However, the stories helped their readers to move beyond binary thinking, integrating many different ideas.

In this way Jewish tradition became very successful. The school of Hillel always gave the Shammai ruling together with their own. When the Mishnah was collected, it gave both majority and minority opinions. The Talmud included arguments for a variety of paths to those opinions, training scholars to think for themselves. When printing was invented, commentaries surrounded the Bible and Talmud texts with many different, often contradictory, explanations.

The Jewish community regularly learned the best new knowledge also from the surrounding communities. In order to calculate the Jewish calendar, the Talmud utilized the figures for monthly moon cycles taken from the Claude Ptolemy Almagest. In Spain, scholars such as Menahem ben Saruq and his star pupil Judah ben David Hayyuj transformed the Arabic grammar they learned from Arab grammarians into a Hebrew form, with Hayyuj showing how Hebrew words were based on trilateral roots. The three major 12th and 13th century Jewish mystical schools, that of Abraham son of Maimonides, the gematria-based one of Abraham Abulafia, and the major Kabbalah one of Sefer ha-Bahir ("Book of Illumination") and the Zohar ("Splendor"), all are influenced by their contemporary Muslim Sufi schools. Major 18th century traditional scholars, such as Elijah the Vilna Gaon, Malbim, and Nahman Krochmal, brought into their studies the latest scientific information such as physics and astronomy.

However, the present ultra-orthodox haredi movements are showing signs of failure of nerve and cowardice. As Marc B. Shapiro shows in his book, *Changing the Immutable: How Orthodox Judaism Rewrites Its History* (2011), many printers for the haredi movement, including ArtScroll, are trying to guard the fragile minds of their readers by eliminating all possibility of them studying modern ideas. They are cutting out references in all their books to the first Chief Rabbi of Israel, Rav Abraham Cook, and to Joseph Soloveitchik, the rosh yeshiva of Yeshiva University. They are infantilizing haredi Jews. In Israel the graduates of the haredi track of Israeli schools have gone through intensive traditional Jewish studies. But, they received little knowledge of math and science, thus making it extremely difficult for such graduates to find work.

David's history should show us to think outside the box. Thus, David can become for us the ancestor of the final anointed one, the Messiah.

Have a Question? Ask a Rabbi.

The Rabbis write columns in response to questions submitted by the readers. We encourage you to submit your queries on theology, morality, ethics, religious observances, etc. for response by one of our Rabbis. If you have an issue you would like to see addressed, please email it to shalom@jewishlexington.org and put "Ask a Rabbi" in the subject line of your email. (It may take quite a while until your question is answered or it may never be answered, if no Rabbi selects it.) You will not be identified as the writer of the question to either Rabbis or readers, nor will you be asked to specify which Rabbi should answer.

OHAVAY ZION SYNAGOGUE NEWS

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WELCOME

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

KIDS SHABBAT

Join us for this month's Kids' Shabbat service on **August 19 at 5:30pm**. We light candles, drink grape juice, eat pizza, sit together on beautiful carpets, sing songs, and read amazing stories from PJ Library. Newcomers and friends are always welcome! **For more information or to RSVP**, email Dominique Olbert at domino456@aol.com.

WELCOME BACK SHABBAT

Please join the OZS community as we celebrate Shabbat together on Friday, August 26 at 5:30pm. For more information please call the OZS office at 266-8050 or email office@ozs.org. All are welcome!

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

Please join us any Saturday morning of the year, as Ohavay Zion Synagogue celebrates Shabbat. We begin at 9:30 a.m., though please feel free to join at any time during the service. Our worship is filled with joyous song and fascinating Torah discussions. The service concludes around noon, and all are invited to schmooze over lunch after the service. This is a wonderful way to celebrate Shabbat and to meet some nice Jewish folks here in Lexington. Newcomers and friends are always welcome!

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TUESDAY MINYAN WITH LEARNING FOR EVERYONE

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

STUDYING THE PROPHETS

Please join us **Wednesdays at noon** as we explore the book of **Ezekiel** through the teachings of our Jewish tradition. We have a wonderfully diverse group of learners and terrific conversations. All are welcome!

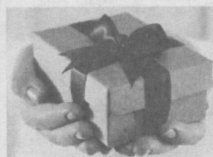
TALMUD STUDY

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

INTERESTED IN OZS?

OZS is a warm and welcoming Jewish community. If you are interested, or if you know someone who may be interested in learning more about Ohavay Zion Synagogue, please call the office at 859-266-8050 or email Rabbi Smolkin at Rabbi.Smolkin@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you!

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PJ LIBRARY READING TIME

TAI has dedicated space in our Youth Library and our Anita Mersack Outdoor Reading Garden for families to share in our growing collection of PJ Library Books, before, during, and after religious school. The collection is in our Youth Library and these books provide our young children with wonderful introductions to the magic of Jewish storytelling.

KOLLEL STUDY GROUP

Kollel meets at 9am every two weeks in the TAI Library. The group explores cultural, ethical, and its historical aspects of our 4000-year tradition. The emphasis is on dialogue and exploration. Please join us any time. **Our next sessions will be August 6 and 20.**

TALMUD STUDY

We explore selected readings in rabbinic literature on alternate Saturdays at 9am in the library. The discussion is always lively and informative, and you can join the group anytime. **We will meet on 13 and 27.**

PARSHA

Join us each Saturday morning at 11am in the library as we take a look at the Torah portion for each week. Various Temple members will lead some discussions, and everyone will take turns. **We will meet on August 6, 13, and 27. (No Parsha on August 20 due to a Bat Mitzvah)**

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Shalom Sisters! So much for that slower pace of summer huh? Sisterhood has been busy! On June 12 we all came together for some tea and good company. We were fortunate to have a longtime Sisterhood member and former Past President lead us all in a beautiful installation service. It meant so much to me that my mother, Marcia Brown, could be the one to help me begin my time as Sisterhood President. There are some

big shoes to fill as I look at the long line of strong and successful women that have led our Sisterhood.

On June 26, some of our members met with the lovely ladies from Louisville for Sisterhood Area Day. We had a delicious lunch at Travinia and had a chance to say YES! In early November Louisville will be hosting the Central District Convention. I hope to see everyone there.

Mark your calendars for our first event of the new year. On Wednesday, September 7, we will all gather at 7:00pm at the home of one of our members, Beth Pitman, for coffee and dessert. It will be so great to see everyone after a long and busy summer!

If you are interested in becoming involved with Sisterhood, please don't hesitate to contacting me (263-1859) or (taisisterhoodpresident@gmail.com).

Hope you had a great summer,

Elissa

GENERATION TAI

Generation TAI is our Chavurah group for young adults. Programming runs the spectrum from worship to social action and from Shabbat to holiday meals. This month we will have:

Friday, August 5 - "Try Something New" Potluck, 7:00pm at the home of Andrew and Lizz Hawkey.

Please email Lizz Hawkey at emphawkey@gmail.com to reserve your seat, or go to our Facebook page for more information on all of our activities.

MAZEL TOV

Kyle Rosenstein on his graduation from UK College of Medicine

Ross Rosenstein on his graduation from UVA with an MBA/JD degree

Jamie Rosenstein on her graduation from Cornell University with a degree in Psychology and minor in Economics

David Sogin on his appointment as Interim Dean of the College of Fine Arts at the University of Kentucky

The Wirschafter-Sippy Family on Emanuelle's Bat Mitzvah

--- AROUND THE COMMUNITY ---

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

Send notices to shalom@jewishlexington.org. Remember, we welcome photos too!

Mazel tov to:

- Charles and Leona Stern on their great-granddaughter, Maya Luna Spinney, daughter of Nicole Stern and Russell Spinney, granddaughter of Don Stern, and great niece of Shirley and Jared Bryan.

All Graduates!

B'nai Mitzvah Announcements:



Emanuelle Sivan Wirtschafter Sippy, at TAI, August 20, parasha v'etchanan. Daughter of Rabbi David Wirtschafter and Shana Sippy. Granddaughter of Carol and Jonathan Wirtschafter z"l, Roni Sippy, Lachman and Anjali Sippy. For her bat mitzvah, she is working on issues of hunger relief.



Ruth Baker prepares beets for her borscht recipe, a featured dish at Lexington Jewish Food Festival happening August 28 at TAI!

Other Jewish delights will include knishes, matzoh ball soup, pastrami sandwiches, bagels and lox cream cheese, falafel, hummus, kosher hot dogs, chopped liver, Israeli salad, and more! A special "Seder Sampler" of Passover staples will also be available.

For more information about the festival, visit facebook.com/LexJewishFoodFestival

Condolences to:

Stephanie Barnett on the loss of her grandmother, Nella Fae McElroy.

The family of Vivian Weil.

The family of Irvin Stern, Jr., husband of Sybil Stern, father of Douglas, Thomas (Eve), Robert (Schnaer Zalman), and brother to Charles (Leona), and uncle of Shirley (Jared) Bryan.

The family of LaVerne Hanes Emberton, mother of Deborah (David) Sogin and grandmother of Celia and Ari Sogin.

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Volunteers Needed for Lexington Jewish Food Festival!

It takes a lot of work to put on a festival, and we can't have this community event without the help of our community! Volunteers are needed before, during, and after the event.

Contact Samye Miller Stith at samyems@gmail.com to help out!

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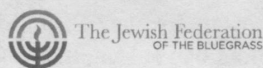
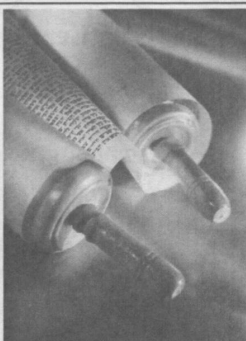
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August 30 with Rabbi Sharon Cohen

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