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Federation Sponsors Hanukah Event and December 24 Community Party

by Kim Slaton

The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation has two fun events scheduled for December - a children's Hanukah Party on December 8 and a repeat of the December 24 Jewish Community Party.

The Hanukah Party will be at Amerisport Gymnastics Center, 2041 Creative Drive, from 2:00-4:00 PM. All children,

ages 4 and up, are invited to attend. Younger children are also welcome, but they must be accompanied by an adult.

Jessica Ross and Margie Karp will serve as party hosts.

Come celebrate Hanukah with the Jewish community. Lots of fun activities are planned and a snack will be served. This event is FREE!

Make your reservations today, call the CKJF office at 606/268-0672.



Jessica Ross, co-host of the Hanukah Party



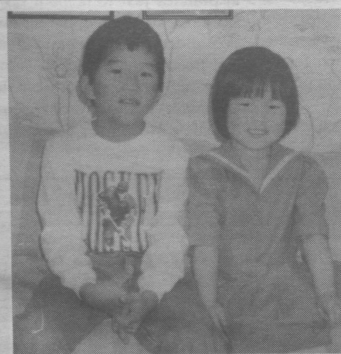
Margie Karp, co-host of the Hanukah Party

Italian Oven, 115 North Locust Hill Drive, hosted by owners Wayne and Susan Masterman.

The buffet planned for the evening will include: garden salad, garlic bread, vegetable soup, lasagna, tuscan tomato bread, pasta with marinara sauce, pasta with white sauce & mushrooms, pasta with sauteed vegetables, vegaboli, pizza, pesto pizza, ice cream with chocolate sauce, spumoni, tiramisu, pepsi products, coffee and tea, iced tea, and apple juice. A cash bar will also be available.

The December 24 party begins at 6:30 PM. Admission for the evening, with advanced reservations, is \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children ages 6 to 10. Children under 6 are free. Reservations, check included, should be sent to the CKJF office, 340 Romany Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40502. The deadline for receipt of advance reservations is December 16.

As it was for last year's party, everyone is asked to bring two non-perishable food items which will be donated to G-d's Pantry. The planning has just begun on the activities for the evening. If you are interested in being on the planning committee for this once a year event, please call the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation at 606/268-0672.



Ted & Emma Simpson

The Jewish Family: The Growing Influence of International Adoption

See story on pages 11-14

The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation is thrilled to have Ruth Poley chairing this year's December 24 Jewish Community Party. "We all had such a great time at our December 24 party last year, we're doing it again this year," said Poley.

Last year's party, which was also chaired by Ruth, was held at Imperial Hunan's restaurant where approximately 150 people attended. "With such a terrific turn out we realized that we needed a restaurant exclusively to ourselves, and that is exactly what we got!" said Poley. This year's party will take place at The



Ruth Poley, chair of the December 24 Party

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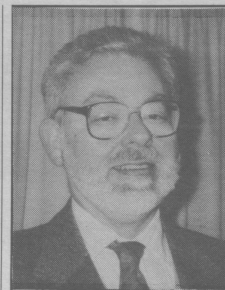
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**Shalom's Deadline is
November 15
for the
December/January issue**



The President's Spot

by Tomas Milch H.

Ah, fall is in the air; the leaves are turning colors, the air conditioners scarcely stir at noon, football from Friday evening to Monday night, political cartoons (or TV commercials, depending on your taste), the World Series, and last, but for Jews, certainly not least: Election Day.

As a naturalized citizen I can tell you that Election Day in the United States is a very important event. The results of our elections affect the lives of many who will never see a free ballot or an honest ballot box. They are of such importance that many a foreign pundit has observed that citizens of all countries should be able to vote in the U.S. elections. Many of our forefathers left the Old World just for the opportunity to come to the United States so they could be enfranchised and be able to express their opinion through their vote. Two generations ago our grandparents fought and died in war, in part to protect their right to vote.

And yet, for many Jews the advent of Election Day is only

a moment of apathy. Politicians bore us. Their canned, polled, sound byte attuned pronouncements make us reach for the TV remote control or the crossword puzzle. If it rains we might not go to the polls. But, with all the attendant banality, the open greed (or graft), the insincerity and mendacity in the process of democracy, as Jews we must ALL vote! Not that we are a powerful voting block, not that we all have the same political views, not that we can sway the larger issues one way or the other, No...! But by exercising our right to vote we ensure that we will not, by inaction, delegate our future to some one else.

On this Election Day there are many issues that touch Jews in central Kentucky and across the world. Welfare, immigration, foreign policy, educational policies just to name a few. Let's not forget about the separation of church and state, taxation, and freedom of speech. I know how I will vote, and I'm certain that you do too. Now, on Tuesday, November 5, let's go and do it!

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TORAH



RABBI ERIC R. SLATON TORAH COMMENTARY

**November 1-2/
Cheshvan 20
PARSHAT VaYera**

Three visitors appear before Avram and he invites them to stay to refresh themselves. They tell him that Sari will have a son. Sari, who is listening, laughs. G-d questions Avram as to why she laughs. Sari denies laughing.

G-d tells Avram because of the great wickedness he will destroy the cities of Sdom and Amorah (Sodom and Gomorra). Avram pleads with G-d to spare them if there are 50 innocent people, to which G-d agrees. Avram asks if there are 45 innocent people, would everyone have to die for the lack of 5? G-d agrees to spare the cities if there are 45 innocent people. Avram continues to bargain until G-d agrees to spare the cities if there are only 10 innocent people.

Unfortunately there are not even 10 innocent people, so two messengers go to save Lot and his family who are living in Sdom. Men come to Lot's door demanding they send out the visitors to have their way with them. Lot offers instead to send out his daughters. The men try knocking down the door but the messengers stop them with blindness. Lot and his family escape and are warned not to look back. Lot's wife disobeys and is turned into a pillar of salt. Lot and his daughters go alone to Tzoar. The daughters are concerned about the lack of available husbands with which to produce children. Causing their father to become drunk, they cohabit with him. The two children produced are named Moav and Ammon and whose descendants become neighbors and often enemies of the Israelites.

**November 8-9/
Cheshvan 27
PARSHAT Chayeh Sarah**

Sarah dies having lived 127 years. The Midrash suggests that she dies because she had a vision of Isaac lying on the altar just as Abraham was about to sacrifice him. Abraham must now bury her. In the very land G-d has promised will belong to his descendants, he owns nothing. He purchases the cave of Machpelah and places his beloved wife to rest.

Abraham sends his trusted servant Eliezer to find a wife for Isaac. Upon reaching Haran, Eliezer asks G-d for a sign that he might know the proper bride. The one who is to be chosen should offer both him and his camels water from the well. No sooner does he finish his request than Rebecca appears and does exactly as Eliezer has specified. Rebecca in fact is Abraham's niece. She is asked if she wishes to go with Eliezer to which she consents. Eliezer returns with Rebecca. Upon their return, Isaac immediately takes her to be his bride.

The translation of the name of this portion is "the life of Sarah." Though she is not alive, it is her death that causes the events of the portion to occur. Abraham acquires the first piece of land of Israel, and seeks out a wife for Isaac.

**November 15-16/Kislev 5
PARSHAT Toldot**

This portion begins the story of Jacob. Unable to conceive, Rebecca finally gives birth to twins. The first one born is covered with red hair and is named Esau. The second one is born holding onto the heel of his brother and is named Jacob.

The brothers grew up into distinct individuals. Esau the hunter is a large and hairy man and is favored by his father. Jacob is a quiet scholar and is the favorite of Rebecca. Esau returns one day from the hunt famished. Jacob is making a pot of lentil stew. Esau asks for some and

Jacob tells him he must buy it with his birthright. Esau scorns the birthright for the stew.

Isaac commands Esau to cook him some game after which he will bestow upon him the blessing of the eldest son. Rebecca hears and tells Jacob to fetch a kid. She prepares it and places the skin on Jacob's arms. Jacob is afraid to try to deceive his blind and feeble father but Rebecca insists. Isaac does not believe the voice is Esau's, but when he touches the kid skin on Jacob he is convinced and gives him the blessing. When Esau returns, Isaac tells him that he has been fooled. In anguish, Esau begs for a blessing. Isaac gives him the blessing of the younger son.

Enraged, Esau says he will wait for his father's death to exact revenge. Rebecca hears and tells Isaac she wants Jacob to return to Haran to find a bride.

**November 23-24/Kislev 16
PARSHAT VaYetzay**

Jacob leaves for Haran. The first evening he has a dream in which he sees a ladder reaching from earth to heaven with divine messengers ascending and descending. Realizing this is a special place, upon awaking he dedicates the stone on which his head rested, and calls the place Beth El. (The House of G-d). He says that if G-d will protect him and provide for him, he will be faithful and dedicate one tenth of all he has to G-d.

Arriving in Haran, he meets a young girl at the well whom he helps. It turns out that it is his cousin Rachel. She runs to tell her father Laban who brings Jacob home. Jacob goes to work for Laban for seven years in order to marry Rachel with whom he has fallen in love. On the wedding night, Laban substitutes

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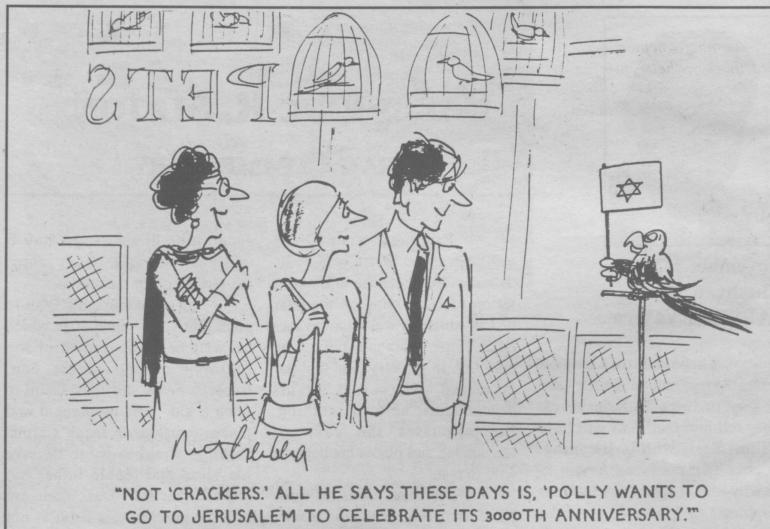
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Dave Messner

92-years-old, that's the age of my grandmother. Until this last year, she was always "years young," not "years old." However, after 90 plus years of good health, my grandmother is now feeling the effects of a long life on her body.

Recently my sisters, mother, daughter and I were summoned (via airline tickets sent by my aunt) to my grandmother's home in Connecticut. I got the feeling this was a "last reunion" visit.

An injury received a few weeks ago had left my grandmother almost immobile, thus she remained virtually ensconced in her favorite comfortable chair during our visit. Each of us would take turns sitting by her chair and sharing a little conversation.

She looked at me and said, "I don't mean to be morbid, but I wouldn't mind if I went tomorrow."

Straight faced, I answered back, "But GaGa (our name for my grandmother) it would spoil my whole day." She laughed. GaGa has, always laughed at my jokes.

She has also saved my baby teeth for over 40 years, the homemade gifts I gave her when I was a child, and every photo and news clip that's ever been printed containing my image or a mention of my name.

I remember being about six-years-old and GaGa was visiting us. Every morning she had a half of a grapefruit for breakfast. I had my usual cereal. My soulful eyes would fix on the grapefruit until I was offered a taste. It didn't take long before my grandmother would pass her entire grapefruit to me, which I happily devoured. GaGa would dutifully eat my cereal.

I love my grandmother. Though her body may be wearing down, her mind and blue eyes remain sharp. I don't know how

many more visits GaGa and I will share, but I know she will always be with me.

In the song *Hello in There*, Bette Midler sings, "Old trees get stronger, old rivers grow wider everyday, but old people they just grow lonesome waiting for someone to say, hello in there."

I'd like to think every-one reading this article would take the time to say "Hello in There" to their parents and/or grandparents. We are the lucky ones, we have the opportunity to know the generations of our family.

I wish I had a dollar every time GaGa said "hello to me." Come to think of it, I do, because she always enclosed one in each of her cards and letters. Those dollars are certainly worth more than the 100 cents they represent. In fact, those dollars have made me rich in many ways.

I still love

grapefruit, and now I'm saving my own daughter's baby teeth. Also, each member of my family encloses a dollar in every card and letter sent to my daughter. The tradition continues.

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FEATURE

For all the parents out there that are questioning whether they can afford to send their children to Israel for the summer, I have a story to tell you that I hope will convince you to try as hard as you can to make sure your children visit Israel before they graduate from high school.

Israel: My Most Amazing Summer Experience

by Adam Goldstein

I am back now from the most amazing, fun, and important summer experience of my life. During my trip I not only had a great time, but also made very special friends. The first day in Israel set the tone for the trip. We left our ship, *Exodus*, in Haifa, wide-eyed and looking at how beautiful the land was. We drove to a lovely kibbutz, where we ate a delicious ethnic Israeli meal of falafel and assorted vegetables. After eating, we all wandered down to the Mediterranean, where we watched our first sunset



Adam (far right) and friends at the gate entering the Old City. The Mezzuzah is made from bullet shells used during the Six Day War in 1967.

in the Holy Land. The sight of the sun sinking into the waves symbolized the closing of my life before visiting Israel and opened my eyes to my Jewish Heritage.

We then boarded our bus and threaded our way up a pass in the Judean hills towards Jerusalem. We were silently brought to the top of a hill, where I gazed almost dreamily and looked for the first time at Jerusalem. The sight was incredible. The whole town was almost glowing and you could see the stone walls of the Old City that I had heard so much about. At the end of the first day in Israel we all held hands and recited the Shehecheyanu. This was just the first of 34 days in our homeland,

each of which was just as moving.

I grew not only as a person but as a Jew. I cannot, in words, describe touching the Western Wall, watching the sun rise over the mountains of Jordan from Masada, or listening to the deafening silence of the Negev. These experiences are truly unique. You not only become connected with Israel but also with our history as a Jewish people. As our exuberant leader, Gingy, would say, "It is not my story. It is our story." Going to Israel is something that should be required of all Jewish teenagers. I cannot emphasize enough how important it is to make this trip.



The ship, renamed "Exodus '96" for this voyage, carried 565 teenagers from Greece to Israel.



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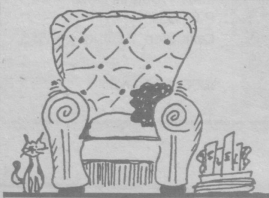
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Leah, Rachel's older sister and tells Jacob that if he wishes to marry Rachel he may marry her after the wedding feast but must work another seven years. During this time twelve sons and a daughter are born to Jacob.

At the end of 14 years, Laban agrees that Jacob's compensation will be all the speckled and striped animals of the flock. Through clever animal husbandry, Jacob acquires a great deal of wealth. Laban's sons become jealous. Fearful, Jacob flees with his family. Without his knowledge Rachel takes the household idols from Laban. Laban chases after Jacob, but is told in a dream by G-d not to harm Jacob. Jacob allows Laban to look for the missing idols which he does not find because Rachel sits on them and tells her father that she cannot rise because it is her time of the month. They sign a pact and Jacob heads back to Palestine.

Clearly Jacob's maternal family (his mother and uncle Laban) use deceit in dealing with their own family. Jacob becomes an apprentice to Laban. While at first he is tricked by his uncle, he eventually succeeds in getting the better of Laban.

November 29-30/Kislev 19 PARSHAT VaYishlach

Jacob's sends messengers to let his brother Esau know of his return. The messengers report that Esau is coming with four hundred men. He prays to G-d for

strength and does not attempt to flee. Jacob sends gifts with other servants. That night he confronts a stranger and wrestles with him until daybreak. Jacob refuses to let the stranger go until he blesses him (Jacob). The stranger does so and gives him the name Yisrael ("one who has striven with G-d"). Jacob runs in front of his family bowing seven times. Finally he and Esau meet and hug one another. They then go their separate ways.

Shechem the son of the ruler of the Hivites seduces and rapes Jacob's daughter Dinah. He falls in love with her and sends his father to propose marriage as well as a permanent alliance. Jacob's sons tell him the men must be circumcised first. The men agree to do so. On the third day when the men are weak from the circumcision, Levi and Simeon kill all the men. They then bring their sister home. Jacob is fearful their actions will inflame the anger of his neighbors against him. The sons reply that they could not let their sister be treated thusly.

Jacob and his family go back to Beth El. They give to Jacob all the idols that they have. They travel safely and Jacob builds an altar. G-d blesses Jacob. As they return, Rachel dies in labor and is buried near the road.

The Torah records the genealogies of both Jacob and Esau. Isaac dies and is buried by Jacob and Esau in the cave of Machpelah.



ASK Jewish Family Services

by Mollye Schwab

Ask Jewish Family Services is a regular column in *Shalom* that is intended to reflect personal and family situations that may provide information and resources to readers in the community. It is intended to provide general information, but it may not necessarily relate to all readers. Letters and phone calls to ASK JFS are welcome and can be sent to Jewish Family Services, 340 Romany Road, Lexington, KY 40502; or call (606) 269-8244.

Dear JFS,

What does the new Welfare Reform Legislation mean to the people in the central Kentucky Jewish community? Who is affected? What can the community do to help prepare for the changes that may be coming?

Signed,
Want to Help

Dear Want to Help,

It is possible that the central Kentucky community is going to be affected by the Welfare Reform Legislation in many ways. Some of our community members will be affected directly, others may be affected indirectly. The legislation has specific changes and cuts in various programs that may affect anyone receiving public assistance. The legislation also has specific provisions for refugees and immigrants. These provisions have the potential to affect the new Americans in our community.

In general, the new welfare law will cut back the amount and length of time federal assistance is available. The key elements include: 1) AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children), Emergency Assistance, and other programs replaced with Block Grants with each state determining the eligibility criteria, 2) Food Stamp cuts total \$28 billion with new restrictions and time limits of eligibility, 3) Child Care Cuts in effect, 4) SSI (disability benefits) for children and other specific groups of people will have additional rules for eligibility.

The specific provisions for refugees and legal immigrants are:

For Refugees and Asylees:

- 1) Refugees who have come to the United States will have access for federal and state programs for the first five years after entry in to the U.S.
- 2) After the first five years, refugees and asylees will be barred from receiving SSI and Food Stamps until they become citizens.
- 3) After the first five years, there is a state option to bar Medicaid, AFDC, Title XX Social Service programs until citizenship.
- 4) Two exceptions exist for refugees or asylees:
 - a) Those who have worked 40 quarters (10 years) in which they qualify for Social Security, and their spouses and minor dependents.
 - b) Veterans, active military duty, their spouses and dependents.

For Legal Immigrants:

- 1) Barred from Food Stamps, SSI until citizenship
- 2) State option to bar Medicaid, AFDC, Title XX Social Security programs and all entirely state-funded means-tested programs until citizenship.
- 3) Exemptions:
 - a) Refugees, asylees for the first five years
 - b) Those who have worked 40 quarters (10 years)
 - c) Veterans, active military duty, their spouses and dependents

While there is potential for the welfare reform to have effect on our community directly, just as in any other community, there are some people who may be affected more than others. Just as outlined earlier, recipients of Food Stamps, state day care, etc., will most likely be directly affected in one way or another.

The new American community in central Kentucky has the potential to be affected directly as well. If resettled through CKJF, a person will have come to the U.S., and finally Lexington, with the status of refugee and therefore could receive SSI, Food Stamps, Medicaid, etc., for their first five years in the U.S.,

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FEATURE

Ah! Those Good Old Jewish-American Days!

by Michael E. Adelstein

Semitism has spread all over the nation and is particularly virulent in urban centers."

In 1941, Lindy (Charles Lindbergh), the great American hero, toured the country, giving pro-Nazi, anti-Semitic speeches to an adoring American public, sponsored ironically by the Daniel Guggenheim Foundation, which had offered the prize for his solo flight across the Atlantic.

The best evidence of the anti-Semitic mood of the period is revealed in two incidents. The most horrid was the refusal in June 1939 to allow the *St. Louis*, a refugee ship with 900 Jewish immigrants, to land at Fort Lauderdale. A Coast Guard cutter even stood by to prevent anyone from swimming ashore.

Also revolting was the failure of Congress to pass a bill in 1939 to admit 20,000 German refugee children, most of whom would have been Jewish. True, some of the oppositions came from isolationists but much of it was due to anti-Semitism.

Anti-Semitism affected not only German refugees but many American Jews. Real estate ads in newspapers throughout the country carried key words, such as "No Jews," "Restricted," and "Near Churches." Employment was advertised with statements that "only Protestants or Catholics" need apply. Barring Jews from many professions and businesses was so common that the phrase "gentleman's agreement" entered the language to indicate the unwritten code of anti-Semitism. It gained greater currency after Laura Hobson used it for the title of her 1947 novel and after Gregory Peck appeared in the movie version.

It was commonly known that gentleman's agreements kept Jews out of such enterprises as iron and steel manufacturing, machine tool production, the petroleum and automobile industries, commercial banking, chain stores, and newspaper chains. Few Jews sat on the boards of large corporations, banks, railroads, or insurance companies--even those firms founded or directed by Jews, such as Kennicott Copper, American Smelting and Refining, Sears

Roeback, NBS, and CBS.

But most Jews, perhaps unaware of this discrimination, did not protest. Alan Dershowitz in the second chapter ("Leaving Brooklyn, Learning about anti-Semitism in the Real World") of *Chutzpah* recounts his shock at being passed over in seeking legal employment. Editor of the *Yale Law Review* and number one in his class, he observed that the lowest ranking Wasps (White Anglo-Saxon Protestants) got better job offerings than higher ranking Jews. Then he was informed about anti-Semitism in the New York legal profession with its different types of firms: some excluded all Jews, some accepted a few "Waspification" Jews, some tried to balance the number of Jews with Wasps, and of the Jewish firms, some preferred Wasp-looking and Wasp-sounding Jews.

American Jews of the period were familiar with the quotas restricting their admission to colleges, particularly the Ivy League schools. Everyone knew that they limited their enrollments to 20 per cent at the maximum.

When I applied to the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, even though I was only a mediocre student, I felt my chances of gaining admission were quite good because Penn traditionally accepted the maximum, and a large number of Jews from my high school had enrolled there in previous years.

What I did not expect as a relatively sheltered Jew from a comfortable middle-class "ghetto" (72-86 streets on the West Side of Manhattan), was the established anti-Semitism at Penn. When I applied for a position on the college newspaper, having written for my high school paper, I was firmly informed that I could apply only for the business staff; no Jews were accepted on the editorial staff.

One of my friends, an accomplished actor, encountered a similar rebuff when he applied to Penn's famous *Mask and Wig* show--no Jews accepted.

Then there was the huge fraternity system. Fraternities and

sororities were divided into two groups: A and B (non-Jewish and Jewish). Each had its own separate council, each played intramural sports among its members, each had its own prom, and so forth. It was indeed truly separate and generally equal.

Socially, they did not mingle. I remember vividly being rejected for a date by an attractive cheerleader, who informed me, as we walked together after class, that as a Tri-Delt she was not allowed to date boys from Jewish fraternities.

In *The Disuniting of America*, Arthur M. Schlesinger bemoans the fact that the melting pot concept of America is giving way to the Tower of Babel as blacks, women, Native Americans, Hispanics, and others group together. But in the pre-World War II period, there was no melting pot for American Jews despite their efforts to assimilate. It was during this period that Mr. Justice Frankfurter, one of the brilliant Jewish Justices appointed to the Supreme Court, stated in *West Virginia Board of Education v. Barnett* that he was "one who belongs to the most vilified and persecuted minority in history..."

However, American Jews have come a long way since "the good old days." World War

II changed the national image of Jews as many of them served side by side with men who had never met Jews before. Public opinion polls showed a drop in anti-Semitism in 1944. Then in 1945, Bess Meyerson became Miss America and Hank Greenberg homered in the ninth inning to lead the Detroit Tigers into the World Series. The tide had turned. Blacks climbed up to occupy the lowest rung on the ladder and to bear almost the full brunt of discrimination.

And as a result of the apparent acceptance of Jews, we are no longer considered to be "a minority" when other groups, such as the African-Americans, women, Native Americans, Hispanics, and others, are considered for affirmative action and other programs. We are as well accepted into American life and society as the former German Jews were in theirs. Hopefully, the good common sense of our people and leaders, as well as the edicts of our Constitution, will protect us when hard times, the fertile soil for anti-Semitism, next occur.

(What stories of anti-Semitism, past or present, can you tell about Lexington or other places? The Editor welcomes letters or articles on the subject.)

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Looking through nostalgia's glasses, we senior citizens peer into the past, seeing bagels that were really bagels, cream soda for a nickel, and gefilte fish on Friday nights with horseradish. And these culinary delights are enriched by scenes of youth when the sun shone brightly every day, bills did not appear in our mail, work and worry were things for our parents, and stress was only another six letter word. But how good were these days of yore for American Jews?

On the surface, life seemed fine. There were no pogroms, only occasional Klan activities in the deep South, and little newspaper or radio mention of anti-Semitism. Living in Jewish enclaves, most of us encountered little discrimination as we moved through our elementary and high school years. We were ignorant of what was occurring in the United States during these years prior to World War II.

Anti-Semitism was mainly manifest in limiting immigration, placing quotas on admitting Jews to universities, issuing real estate covenants restricting home sales, excluding Jews from many professions and good jobs, and barring them from social organizations, such as country clubs, fraternities, and service clubs.

Perhaps most important were the immigration restrictions. Discriminatory quota legislation in the early 1920's limited the mass migration of Jews to the United States. In the terrible years of 1933-39 (Kristallnacht occurred in 1938), when Hitler's "final solution" gradually became evident, only 157,000 German Jews were admitted, about the same number that had entered in the single year of 1906.

The polls at the time revealed that 70-80 percent of Americans were opposed to admitting more Jewish refugees. Elmo Roper stated that "Anti-

COMMUNITY

Moosnick Lectures to Focus on Jewish Spirituality



Dr. Hava Tirosh-Rothschild

Dr. Hava Tirosh-Rothschild, associate professor of religious studies, Indiana University, will survey the nature of Jewish spirituality when she presents the 1997 Franklin B. Moosnick Lectures at Lexington Theological Seminary. She will focus on two expressions of Jewish spirituality: philosophy and Kabbalah, a mystical interpretation of scripture by rabbis and certain medieval Christians.

On Thursday, April 3 at 10:00 AM, Dr. Rothschild will address "Kabbalah and

the Myth of Judaism" in the Seminary's Fellowship Hall. That evening at 7:30 PM in Temple Adath Israel, Lexington, she will speak on "Two Models of Jewish Spirituality: Philosophy and Kabbalah." And on Friday, April 4, she will return to the LTS Fellowship Hall and speak at 10:00 AM on "The Kabbalistic Life of Torah."

Dr. Tirosh-Rothschild is a graduate of Hebrew University of Jerusalem in the Department of Jewish Philosophy and Kabbalah and Hebrew Literature, and of SUNY at Stony Brook, New Albany, New York. Her Ph.D. dissertation was written on "The Philosophy of R. David ben Judah Messer Leon." Her book on the subject received the Arnold Wiznitzer Award for the best work in Jewish history for 1991, given by the Institute of Jewish Studies of the Hebrew University at Jerusalem. In 1992, she was awarded the Outstanding Young Faculty Award, Indiana University.

Her fields of study are in medieval and early modern Jewish intellectual history; Jewish philosophy; Jewish mysticism; medieval European intellectual history; and Hebrew literature.

The Moosnick Lectures were established by Lexington Theological Seminary in honor of Lexington physician, Dr. Franklin B. Moosnick. Their purpose is to enable the Seminary's students and general public to learn from outstanding Jewish thinkers and to gain appreciation for Judaism. This will mark the eleventh lecture in the series.

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CKJF Community Activities Up-Date

by Ruth Moser

Get ready kids. On December 8 there will be a Chanukah Party at Amerisport Gymnastics Center. Children four and older can be dropped off for two hours worth of Chanukah celebration and a romping good time. Younger children will need someone with them. If you have not been there, you must give this a try.

Remember last year's memorable December 24 Party? We will have a repeat performance, but no latkas because Chanukah comes early this year. Instead we will gather at the Italian Oven for an evening of food and fun. This promises to be even better than last year, and will probably become a Lexington tradition.

There's an open-to-all children in the community



Ruth Moser, Chair for CKJF's Community Activities Committee

(Jewish or not) Passover Program planned at the Lexington Children's Museum. This should be an informative and entertaining afternoon for all who are

there.

Do all of you "older" members know about the Leisure Club that meets monthly at Temple Adath Israel? A planning session was held and 1996-97 plans include: a Chanukah/White Elephant sale in December, luncheon at a fantastic Lexington restaurant, a trip to the Louisville JCC to get together with Louisville counterparts, and other exciting events. Try to attend.

And of course...don't forget about Camp Shalom. Plans are in the making to see that Camp Shalom 1997 is even bigger and better than last year.

If you would like to help plan any of these programs, or you have an idea for a great program, please do not hesitate to contact the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation office at 606/268-0672. Great programs take people like you. Get involved!!!

A Travel Note....by Michael E. Adelstein

Anyone traveling to New York City before January 19 should take in *From Court Jews to the Rothschilds: Art, Patronage and Power 1600-1800*. This exhibit is being shown at the Jewish Museum, 1109 Fifth Avenue, phone 212/423-3200.

The Court Jews worked for the rulers of the hundreds of kingdoms in Europe's German-speaking lands. These Jews served as diplomats, financiers, minters, arms purveyors, dealers in fine art and jewelry, and artists. They had a great influence on royalty and on their Jewish communities.

Among the more than 270 works are paintings, sculptures, decorative arts, costumes, and illuminated manuscripts. Most interesting are the stories they tell about the artists who fashioned the renowned jewelry collection of Prague's Rudolph II and also about the Rothschild family, who were among the last Court Jews but first international entrepreneurs, building a financial and industrial network across Europe.

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if determined to be in financial need. They would then need to secure citizenship status after five years to continue receiving those benefits, along with continuing to be financially eligible.

Those new Americans in Lexington who were eligible for citizenship have already secured that status independently. The Resettlement Committee of the CKJF/JFS Resettlement program is presently focusing on communicating to all new Americans the need to begin preparing and studying now in order to satisfy the Immigration and Naturalization Service requirements necessary to successfully attain citizenship status once eligible.

It is hoped that through the efforts of the Resettlement Committee, the central Kentucky Jewish community and the Russian speaking community, we will be able to deal with the changes in the reform legislation productively.

Your concerns regarding the impact of the welfare reform changes are certainly legitimate, and hopefully, they will remain only concerns and not the reality for our community. If you would like to get more involved now, call Jewish Family Services or a member of the Resettlement Committee and ask how you can help; perhaps you can help by assisting in the necessary advocacy and communication to the state offices or by providing one-on-one support in helping individuals study for their naturalization. Your help and concern are greatly appreciated.

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Camp Livingston 1996 - A Summer to Remember

Camp Livingston, the Cincinnati JCC's coed resident camp in beautiful southeastern Indiana, has completed one of its best summers in recent memory. With the addition of new program areas and an influx of new, highly qualified staff, Camp Livingston provided a summer of happy memories for close to 300 young people from throughout the tri-state region.

Highlights of the summer include a new high ropes course. Older campers were continuously challenged as they maneuvered 40 feet above the ground on a variety of elements. Almost 200 boys and girls, under the direction of Assistant Camp Director Dan Grabel, successfully completed this new and exciting event.

Other additions to Livingston included the introduc-

tion of a water skiing and kneeboarding program headed by Cincinnati native Michelle Herman, a skilled water ski instructor. Almost the entire camp attempted to ski behind one of the two "Sea-Doo" personal watercrafts owned by Livingston.

Livingston's Adventures Unlimited program also had a wonderful year, under the direction of Bradley "Chots" Chotiner. A recent graduate of the University of Texas, Chots came to Livingston following years of working on the administrative team at Camp Sabra, the JCC resident camp of St. Louis. 40 teens in this program had the time of their lives by traveling to places such as Red River Gorge in Kentucky and the Ohio Pyle State Park in Pennsylvania. Taking part in memorable activities such as white water rafting, rappelling, and hiking, the campers gained

self-confidence and learned valuable skills.

The final highlight was our new song and music program led by Song Leader-Judaic Specialist Stephanie Alexander. Wonderful song sessions featuring traditional camp style sing alongs happened twice daily. Alexander, a Judaic major at Tulane University, shared her love of music and Judaism as the dining hall rocked with plenty of RUACH!

It was a great summer at Camp Livingston and plans are already under way to make 1997 even better. Early registration continues, so call now to receive valuable discounts. Call Camp Director B. Andrew Brown, M.S.W., at 513/761-7500, ext. 250, for more information.

Community Religious School Begins

The new Community Religious School began classes October 13 with 45 students enrolled. The school is open to eighth, ninth, and tenth graders in the Jewish community. Classes are held at both Temple Adath Israel and Ohavay Zion Synagogue. Instructors for the first study block (October 13-December 1) include Rabbis Adland and Slaton, Tonya Sommer, Mark Wides, Nancy Ritter, and Alyson Wides.

The first seven weeks the eighth grade will study Jewish History and Ethics, the ninth grade will focus on Social Action and the Torah portions for the week, and the tenth grade will learn about Jewish Worship and Jewish Ritual Objects.

The second study block is set for December 8 through February 23, and the third and concluding session is March 2 through May 11.

The school is sponsored, in part, by the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation.



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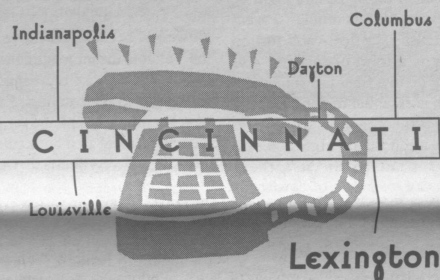
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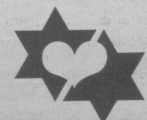


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FEATURE

On Our Good Behavior?

by Evelyn Dantzie Geller

Once again we have experienced the emotions and practiced the rituals inherent in the Yomin Nerahyim - the Days of Awe. We have prayed and atoned and fasted in anticipation that we will be rewarded with a good life during 5757 for the good we did during the year just past. May it be so.

Now I want to use my reference to fasting as a segue into one of the behaviors I will be addressing in this article. I want to discuss *sacrifice* - and fasting surely is a form of sacrifice - of giving up to a finer use something which is essential to our lives, and *fealty* - the devotion we give to those we hold in high esteem. And I want to discuss them because of my ongoing consternation over the Rosh Hashanah Torah reading of the Akeida.

Much of Jewish holy writing deals with behavior. We are given positive precepts to guide us toward "good" behavior and negative precepts to help us avoid our "evil inclinations." I've never had much difficulty with these directives. I exercise my free will and choose how to behave. Of course, I then must deal with the consequences of my behavior. Not so simple, however, are the serious challenges I have in dealing with writings that do not simply say "Thou shall" or "Thou shall not." These passages force me to reflect upon the words and their intent and to extrapolate meaning and relevance from a parable or a story. This takes concentration and thoughtful analysis. So here goes.

This summer, at the National Havurah Institute, I attended a wonderful Shabbat service. During the D'var Torah, the speaker - who was a most intelligent provocateur - suggested that one option for dealing with biblical passages that caused general consternation to those of us trying to interpret Torah in a modern

societal context, might be to put them aside. (Please understand that this is a superficial condensation of the speaker's learned exposition, and I beg you not to fault either her idea or my interpretation on the basis of their brevity.) Those of us in attendance were afforded the opportunity to respond to her proposition.

After hearing a number of comments which seemed to support my own views, I volunteered my thoughts. Essentially they are that there are many passages in the Torah which upset me - for a variety of reasons. However, because I believe that the Torah is meant to stimulate us to learn and to use our capacities for reason to their utmost, I must read them and ponder over why they are present in a book alleged to be, at the very least, of Divine inspiration. Therefore, even if I am horrified by the words - as I am by those that tell the story of the Akeida - I am obliged to look for meaning in them. I have a duty to learn from any Biblical discourse. Then, I must decide how to use that learning as a guide to beneficent action; to behavior that not only does good but also does no harm.

As I read the story of the binding of Isaac by his - and our - father Abraham, I am struck by the fact that the emphasis is on the *binding*, not the *sacrifice*, or Isaac. Even though the latter event almost occurs, the tale has a happy ending with son and, in my opinion the father, being saved by Divine intervention. All stories need a hero! My somewhat irreverent musings and ponderings resulted in a conclusion that two of the concepts that this Biblical passage is designed to get us to think about are those I mentioned previously, *sacrifice* and *fealty*.

Let us first examine *sacrifice*. Rosh Hashanah marks a point in time when we are expected to examine, truly and completely, our lives and the behaviors in which we have engaged. Basically, we are to ask ourselves,

"Have we lived a good, even a righteous, life?" If the answer is "Well, mostly, but..." - and most of us probably fall into that category - we are expected to make restitution to and ask forgiveness of the people we have wronged. Then we may ask Ha'shem to forgive us for the sins we have committed; with reasonable expectation of such indulgence. But we know that Divine clemency depends upon our resolve to change our behaviors. We cannot make empty promises to do better. If our intent is shallow, if we know in our heart of hearts that we are not going to change, then our words - silent or spoken - are meaningless. The resolve to change our behaviors, to be good if you will, involves sacrifice. We must forgo something that is comfortable or usual or valuable to us in order to atone. We need to stop; to accept a new mode of behavior; and then we can adopt this new way of action. (And if this sounds like change theory, haven't we always known that those who wrote the Bible were ahead of their time?)

I rationalize that Abraham believed that it was his duty to sacrifice his son because it was a practice not uncommon to his time. His real sacrifice, however, came in abandoning this ingrained belief; in giving up that which he had regarded as essential to demonstrating his devotion to a higher power. He had to find alternatives to give in expiation or as evidence of his commitment. He had to give up not his son, but a way of life; not alone an act, but the ingrained beliefs that led to the act.

Therefore, I contend that sacrifice, for Jews intent upon Tzedakah, T'shuvah, and Tefillah, means more than giving money. Don't get me wrong! Giving of one's material resources always will be a vital aspect of Jewish living. But I think real sacrifice entails consciously abandoning some thing to which one is accustomed, some thing one wants for purely selfish reasons, or some thing which one

values. We do this solely in order to make life better for others. For example, it might mean going an extra step and considering charitable contributions as monthly financial obligations rather than saying "If there is anything left over I will try to honor my pledge to give charity." It might mean extending a hand of welcome and hospitality to a student or a newcomer to the community and "adopting" someone for a period of time. You know exactly what I mean. I believe that sacrifice is an essential component of living a beneficent life. And I think that learning and internalizing this abstraction is part of the intent in the story of the binding of Isaac.

The second notion that derives from this account is that of *fealty*: of faithful, never unwavering devotion. We may look at fealty as one basis for relationships among human beings, as well as a foundation for the relationships that humans build with a Divine Being.

At this time, I do not want to address anything other than the question of fealty between parent and child. That includes not only the reciprocal devotion between a human parent and a human child, but also the devotion between a Spiritual parent and a human child. Note that I have said that fealty is reciprocal; if one is devoted to a parent or a child, one has every right to expect a return on that investment. One sided fealty is servitude - even slavery. Blind allegiance, without the option to say "No," is not the Jewish way. Therefore, questioning an act, a demand, a command, or even a request is not only permissible, it is requisite. We are obliged to ask for moral justification.

So why did Abraham obey what he believed to be G-d's directive to use Isaac as the sacrificial lamb? And why did Isaac, actually an adult at the time of the binding, allow himself to be bound up as a sacrifice? And why would G-d ask such an offering of a human being? What

amount of devotion was being asked by any one of the actors in this scene compared to any of the others? I haven't the faintest idea! I have no concrete answer.

But I think this is the direction a discussion about fealty should take. In the Bible, Abraham and Isaac have not yet learned the magnificence and the awesome responsibilities of free will; of being able to act in light of personal choice and of being individually accountable for both the act and its consequences.

Today we are coming to grips with the fact that free will is not license. We know that choice goes beyond being able to decide what to do or not to do. We must bear responsibility for the results of our choices. This holds true not only for the way we choose to behave toward one another and toward Ha'shem, but also for the ways we behave toward such non-human phenomena as the environment, education, and scientific research.

Teveya the dairyman argued with G-d. He refused to accept as "G-d's Will" the misfortunes which befell him. Hillel admonished us to act first on our own behalf in order to enable us to act on behalf of others. I suggest that stopping to think, asking questions, even saying "No" would be reasonable components of fealty. Blind devotion is just that. It is unseeing and ultimately benefits no one. I truly believe that G-d wanted Abraham and Isaac to question the Akeida and that the ram was sent because the human players in this narrative had not yet learned all of the ramifications of fealty.

Each of us aspires to do good. But as human beings we are a little lower than the angels. Therefore, we are given, each year, an opportunity to examine our conduct as humans and to realign, as each of us deems necessary, our paths toward goodness.

FEATURE

The Jewish Family: The Growing Influence of International Adoption

The Torah tells Jews to "Be fruitful and multiply." Sometimes that's not as easy as it sounds. In their article *Building Jewish Families Through Adoption*, authors Jordan, Hettleman, Lipsitz and Steinitz report, "One out of five Jewish couples of child-bearing age in America struggles with infertility. This figure is somewhat higher than in the general community, as Jews tend to marry and begin their child-rearing later than others."

In addition, current mores allow for more same sex unions, single parenthood, and the ideology of first caring for the children already here on earth. In this country there is also widespread use of birth control, legalized abortion, and the desire of single mothers to parent their babies. Thus, the gap between want-to-be parents and waiting children grows wider.

International adoption has answered many a parent's prayer. The 1990 National Jewish Population Survey of the Council of Jewish Federations identified 60,000 adopted Jewish children under age 18 in the USA, which represents more than three percent of all Jewish children in this country. One quarter of these children were born abroad.

Deciding to adopt is only the first step. The process itself requires full time dedication on the part of the prospective parents. This is especially true for Jewish families as many adoption agencies are Christian based, and require their children to be placed in a Christian home. There's also the reams of paperwork and miles of red tape. And of course, there's the waiting and not knowing, then maybe knowing, but still waiting.

There is help. Holt International Children's Services, though Christian based, arranges adoptions to families of all denominations. In fact, their motto states, "At Holt, we believe every child, of every race, in every nation, has the right to grow up with parents of his own. Prejudice, apathy, religious or national customs, should never stand in the way of letting children receive this God-given right." Holt has placed several children in the central Kentucky Jewish community.

A support group, Stars of David International, Inc., is a national non-profit network for Jewish and inter-faith adoptive families. Though NOT an adoption agency, Stars of David offers advice on all aspects of adoption. They also help organize local chapter support groups. National Chapter Coordinator Susan Katz says, "The Jewish community needs to be unconditionally accepting of Jewish adopted children. If the statistics are accurate, and one in five couples experiences infertility, it is quite reasonable to expect that many children will be adopted within the Jewish community who simply will not 'look Jewish' or fit the Jewish stereotype. Who will be their playmates, who will be their friends, who will they marry? It is important that as Jews, we are accepting of all our fellow Jews, whether born into, converted into, married into, or adopted into a Jewish family."

Katz goes on to say, "Infertility and adoption need to come out of the closet and be considered along with anti-Semitism, support for Israel, Jewish poverty, Jewish child abuse, and the rescuing of Jews from the former Soviet Union and other countries as deserving of our time, our concern, and our financial resources. Our children are our future. For many of us, adoption is what pro-



Celia and Ari Sogin

vides this future."

Indeed, the modern Hebrew word for adoption is *ametz*, meaning strengthen. This is taken from a reference in Psalm 80 to a transplanted branch that grew strong.

Following are articles written by five central Kentucky families who have experienced international adoption from various countries, either as parents or grandparents. Their words say more than any text or formal study about the fulfillment and joys of adoption.

The Sogin Family

by Deborah Sogin

After the 750th reading of *Good Night Moon*, smiles, tantrums, trains and cars all over the house, it is often hard to remember that this whole journey began about five years ago. Now that the adoptions are over, I guess the hard part begins.

The perfect time - it was 1986 and we lived in Austin, Texas. I had finished my Master's degree, David had completed his Ph.D and after one more summer in the Texas heat, David was offered a position at the University of Kentucky. We could officially say - it was the perfect time for a family. Not so fast, my friend.

We moved to Lexington, and David began teach-

ing at the University, playing in the Lexington Philharmonic, and I got a job at the University Library until I could transfer my teaching certificate. Lexington was a beautiful city, we had met some nice people and were starting to get settled in. Birth control was not being used, so we assumed that in a few months....

Soon it was six years later, and Clomid, Pergonal and artificial insemination were regrettably household conversation. We felt as if we fell off the edge of the earth each time a pregnancy test failed. The time for a decision had arrived. Did we go on to the next level of treatment (where the land of insurance coverage never treads) or did we want to know that we would be parents?

Summer, 1991

Adoption books replaced infertility books, and after nudging from both families, David and I had our first meeting with Jewish Family Services for adoption counseling. After examining many programs, we decided to adopt internationally. Many agencies do not accept Jewish couples, but Maine Adoption Placement Services did, and we began the quest. There were many programs available, but the newest one - Russia - caught and retained our attention. It was the closest link in the genetic chain for us, but the fledgling program was full of problems.

We both felt that we could walk naked down the street and receive less scrutiny than we endured during the home study - *what is your job, what are your assets, just exactly what is your philosophy of child rearing?* We just wanted to adopt a kid! Russia required three levels of certification (notary public, county clerk and Secretary of State for every vital document). What a pile of papers!

April, 1992

We got a call. We could have a blond girl, four-years-old, who loved music, but had a congenital problem with one arm and hand. Were we ready for the responsibility of parenting a child with an orthopedic problem that may never be corrected? We decided that we would take the risk and accepted. We fell in love with the blackened image on the fax.

We were delayed until November, but we had warm clothes, our Russian friends lent us their apartment in Moscow, and our passports and visas were ready. We began a journey that changed our lives - instant parenthood.

We returned to the US the day before Thanksgiving, 1992. What an appropriate holiday.

What has happened since then?

Celia has had two surgeries to transfer tendons which increased the limited use of her left hand. Most people never notice the arm, because Celia takes over the room with her smile. If only I could get her to WALK (not run) in Temple.

She loves school, her friends, her cousins, and wearing beautiful dresses so she can swirl around. She loves to sing, ballet class, and her bike. She has seen many concerts and operas and most of the time is the BEST!! She is excited about learning the Hebrew alphabet in religious school and is in a very accepting class. Her humor and love of life is an inspiration, but her determination to be a winner can be exhausting. She wanted a dog and a brother....

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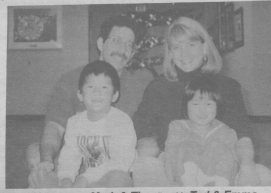
I guess the second time around seemed simpler. The amount of paperwork hadn't changed, but we knew the hoops. This time we even got a video of about eight minutes. Even Russia has seen technological advances. We had to wait three months to make sure that no Russian couple wanted to adopt Ari and we went back to Russia in April. Kathy and Mike Grossman graciously kept Celia while we were gone so she should keep some kind of routine. We traveled to Ekaterinburg, in Eastern Russia, at the edge of Siberia.

After a tentative beginning, Ari has been a true joy. He follows Celia like a puppy but speaks up for himself when needed. At his child naming, he blurted out his name and started talking about the animals on the certificate. He has learned English very quickly. He has completed one surgery on his eyes and reluctantly wears a patch over the stronger eye for three hours every day.

Ari just turned four and is in the Temple Tots program. He knows his way around Temple by the time the holidays were over, and we sing most every evening. He loves his new bike, his cars and trains, and calls himself a man.

Five years ago I couldn't have imagined the joy I have experienced. I still get the same

old questions - "Do you know anything about her/his parents?" or comments about how everyone needs to change a few diapers to be a parent. I guess to some people we will never join the "parent" club, but you couldn't prove it by me. With Russia as a starting place, the adventure should continue to be exciting. Now, all we need is a dog...



The Simpsons: Mark & Tina (back), Ted & Emma

The Simpson Family by Tina Simpson

We made the decision to adopt in 1987. I had heard of Jewish families in other cities who had adopted

need of families was reliable. The laws were clearly written and followed. All expenses were explained up front. It was explained that the focus of these adoption agencies was to find families for children who needed them rather than babies for couples who wanted them. We chose to work with Holt International Children's Services which was based in Eugene, Oregon as it seemed to be the oldest, largest, and most established agency, and had a good reputation.

We knew that we had to consider not just ourselves in this decision but our families and the local Jewish community as well. We were extremely fortunate to have enthusiastic support from both sets of future grandparents, aunts and uncles. As for the local Jewish community, well, as far as we knew it had never been done here before, so we based our hopes on the fact that most of the Jewish community in Lexington had ties to larger metropolitan areas and probably were already familiar with multi-racial Jewish families. We never had any doubt that Ted (our first child) would be accepted by the congregation at Temple Adath Israel, and I'm happy to say, we were right. In fact, beyond mere acceptance, I would have to say that the mem-

bers of our congregation have shown a warm fondness for our children that is even greater than we expected.

The process to adopt Ted took about 18 months from start to finish. After returning the first application we were given the go-ahead to start a home study. Our home study included meetings with other families in various stages of the adoption process, interviews with a social worker, a home visit by the same social worker, autobiographies, and letters of recommendation from friends. After about nine months our name went on a waiting list. Finally we were given a picture of a baby boy who looked like a little eskimo. His name was Yun Seung, which means "Brilliant Victory." Was it ever! Copies of that referral picture went out to all our family members. I even taped one onto the dashboard of my car. We spent six long months loving a photograph of a baby and longing for his arrival. We chose the name Theodore Yun-seung and the Hebrew name Yitzhak. He was our little Ted on the other side of the world. His arrival in Memphis, Tennessee was magical. He was eight and a half months old. He started walking a few weeks later and learned to say "No!" soon after that. He was nothing like the month old baby in the picture we had been carrying around. He was real and he was wonderful. It took him about a week to get his days and nights straightened out. It took about two weeks for me to feel as though I was really his mother.

Ted was circumcised by Dr. Belin at the Lexington Surgery Center under general anesthesia. Rabbi Adath was in the operating room to say the appropriate blessings. Mark and I were holding our breath in the waiting room. We had a naming ceremony in the Temple a couple of weeks later, which was much more fun. Today Ted is in second grade. He plays T-ball, piano and violin. He says he wants to be a scientist when he grows up because they get to do cool stuff.

Early in 1992 I received a phone call from a woman I had met only briefly at a meeting of adoptive families months before. She told me about an agency in Temple Adath Israel, and I'm happy to say, we were right. In fact, beyond mere acceptance, I would have to say that the mem-

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quite the walk in the park that her brother's had been. She was very sick and most of what we fed her came back out her nose. The car ride home from Detroit was long and scary. We didn't talk much. After a few days we learned how to feed Emma and she became healthy under our pediatrician's care. The hole in Emma's heart has closed now by simple virtue of her growing bigger, and this summer we were told that the need to be seen by a cardiologist ever again. She has had two operations on the cleft in her lip and will have the cleft of her gum-line closed with bone taken from her hip when she is between 7-10 years old. I think the only issue facing her long term will be speech therapy. She is a very bright, funny child who is every bit as girly-girl. She loves Barney the Dinosaur, having friends over to play and wearing pink. She takes gymnastics and violin lessons. She says her Daddy is her hero. She's mine.

Both of our kids know they are Jewish. They both have attended three years of preschool at TAL, which has made them feel at home both in the Temple and with the rhythm of the Jewish year. They have many Jewish friends. Judaism brings us close together as a family; it is an important way in which the four of us are the same. The kids don't question their Judaism. They know that Daddy is the only one of us who was actually born Jewish, but they also know the same can be said of many Jewish families. Actually the funniest reactions to my kids' religion come from people outside the Jewish community. One man thought it was amazing that we were able to find Jewish Korean children available for adoption (yeah, it took a while, but we found them). Other people have said innocently, "oh yes, you're raising them Jewish," to which I usually respond with a weak "yes" while thinking, "no, we're just raising them this way,

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they are Jewish just as much as any of us are who choose to be Jewish whether we are born into the religion or not." Our children wouldn't stop being Jewish if they forgot to recite the Sh'ma one night. They are really Jewish and we are really their parents.

or, we discovered that the political situation in China would prevent adoption from happening for us.

In the middle of November, 1992, we were advised that the Holt adoption agency was now placing children from Korea in Kentucky. Holt was founded in the 1950's after the Korean War. We applied to

major snowstorm in the Midwest, Joshua's flight had been delayed. He missed his flight connection in Detroit, and would now be arriving at 10:00 PM. Another wait. More phone calls with Holt in Oregon. We went to the Florence Mall, ate some junk food, and tried to find ways to occupy 6-year-old Michelle.

We returned to the airport early just in case Joshua's flight was early. Of course, that would not be. We again went to the designated gate and at 11:00 PM passengers started coming off the plane. At this point, we had no patience for niceties. We simply asked the first person off the plane if there was a baby on board. Several very tired businessmen looked at us and said there is definitely a baby on this plane. Hearing this, my mother jumped into action and started going into the airplane to catch the first glimpse of Joshua. After tripping over several people in the process, she yelled out, he's here. Joshua was carried off the plane by a very dear lady who had been one of three people to escort him from Korea. She was the widow

of a TWA employee and had volunteered to be an escort. I will never forget the moment she asked me who it was - to confirm the obvious - and placed him in my arms. It was a magical moment. We were completely overwhelmed. Joshua, on the other hand, was completely calm and very curious and interested in all of the new people he was meeting. Joshua, with a head full of straight black hair, kept bouncing around in all directions so he could size up the situation. As we were taking pictures, movies, and savoring the moment, the airline employees (who had been kept overtime to keep the gate open for this delayed flight) were politely trying to get us to leave. We finally did. We put Joshua in his car seat, which he did not like, and returned to Lexington with a sleepy Michelle, and a very awake Joshua.

After this long journey, we wanted to celebrate Joshua's arrival with a naming ceremony at

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Bill, Jane, Joshua & Michelle Grise

The Grise Family by Jane Grise

Our family has been greatly enriched by our children - Michelle and Joshua. Michelle's curiosity about everything and interest in art, music, literature, history, and sports is a joy to behold. Joshua's interest in music and people and his engaging personality is a wonder. This is the story about how Joshua was joined our family.

After Michelle was born in 1987, we assumed that we would have a few more children since her conception and birth had been extremely simple and easy. After several years of infertility medical intervention, it became apparent that we would not have another biological child. We jumped into the adoption world and that was not simple either. In 1991, newspapers were beginning to run stories about the large number of abandoned girls in China who were in desperate need of homes. It seemed so simple - they needed homes and we wanted to parent again. Unfortunately, after investing emotional and financial resources in this endeavor,

Holt on November 16 the day Joshua was born! On December 29, we received a telephone call that I will never forget - a little boy had been born in Taison, South Korea and information and photos would be sent to us. The next few months were filled with paperwork, negotiations with INS, and worry that something would go wrong. After five years of things going wrong, it was hard to be completely positive. A week before his arrival date we decided we had better put our crib together, tell Michelle she was going to be a sister, and buy some diapers and formula.

Joshua arrived on April 1, 1993. He was supposed to arrive at the Cincinnati Airport at 5:00 PM. We drove up to Cincinnati with my mother, who was so excited about the arrival of her new grandchild that she could not stand to stay in Lexington and miss this event. We met Sandy Hamilton at the airport, she was the social worker who had advised us over the years and she also did not want to miss this event. We all went to the designated gate and looked at the crowd of arriving passengers. As the passengers were filing off the airplane, we were paged by the airline. Because there was a

HOLT INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Mission Statement

Holt International Children's Services is dedicated to helping every homeless child to have a family of his own. Holt reunites children with birth families, or places them with adoptive families in the country of their birth or another country. A Christian, non-profit organization, Holt strives for the best interests of each child. "Every child deserves a home of his own." - Harry Holt, Founder

History

In 1955 Harry and Bertha Holt had six birth children, but that didn't stop them from adopting eight Korean children. Their adoptive life actually required an act of Congress. Harry returned to Korea in 1956 and Bertha began coordinating adoptions from her home in the United States. Harry died in 1964, but Bertha, affectionately referred to as Grandma Holt, continues to lead the organization. Bertha celebrated her 75th birthday in February 1996.

Statistics

Holt and its associated agencies have placed over 60,000 children world wide, including over 29,000 children in adoptive families in the United States. Children with special needs are a significant portion of the children Holt helps. In 1995 Holt placed 253 such children with parents in the United States. These children had disabilities, medical conditions, were over six years of age, or were sibling groups. In 1995 Holt placed 915 children with adoptive families in the United States.

Contact

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the Temple. While the standard prayers said at a naming are beautiful, I wanted to write part of the service to express our feelings about this important milestone. I composed the following prayer:

Joshua, I have dreamt for many years of standing on this bimah with you. Your father and I have journeyed for over five years to bring you into our family. This is a very special occasion for me, your father, and your sister. You also have had several long journeys in your very young life, to become part of our family and the family of Israel.

You are being named tonight after two men who have been very special to your father and me, and who each had personal journeys of their own. You are being named for Israel Gorman, my grandfather, who traveled from Russia to this country to make a better life for his family. If he had not had the courage and foresight to come to this country, his family would not have survived. He was a wonderful man who placed his family above all else. You are also being named for your father's father, William Grise, senior, who valued his family above all else. These men would have felt great nachus to see you here tonight.

You are also being named for a special person in the

Bible. God commanded Joshua to lead the Jewish people into the land of Israel. Like God's message to Joshua in the Bible, I hope that you shall "Be strong and of good courage; be not frightened, neither be dismayed; for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

We are blessed to have two wonderful children and can never take them for granted. We are fortunate to be an adoptive family. While I sometimes wonder how Joshua will blend his Jewish heritage, his French-Canadian last name, and his Korean roots, I know it is happening when he walks around the house with his tape recorder singing *Shabbat Shalom*.

The Engel Family

by Paul & Beth Engel

We are the parents of a beautiful two-year-old who is from Fuzhou in the People's Republic of China. We are involved in pre-school, runny noses, and an infatuation with Mickey Mouse. We are blessed each day with the words of "mommy" and "daddy."

Three years ago, we never would have believed that we would be able to write those precious words. But, we were determined to adopt, and felt that a Chinese adoption was the right path.

It took perseverance and determination. We worked with an agency in Philadelphia where we lived before moving to Lexington. The paperwork process for their international adoptions was complicated and required a lot of leg work, but the process was relatively quick. We were parents within one year of beginning this process.

We were matched with our daughter in August and were finally able to travel to China in December. Because the Chinese government is in control of the adoptions, the trip was long and arduous. We traveled with eight other couples who we did not know. (We now keep in touch on a regular basis. What we shared in China will be a bond that holds us all together for the rest of our lives.)

We were all "guests" in

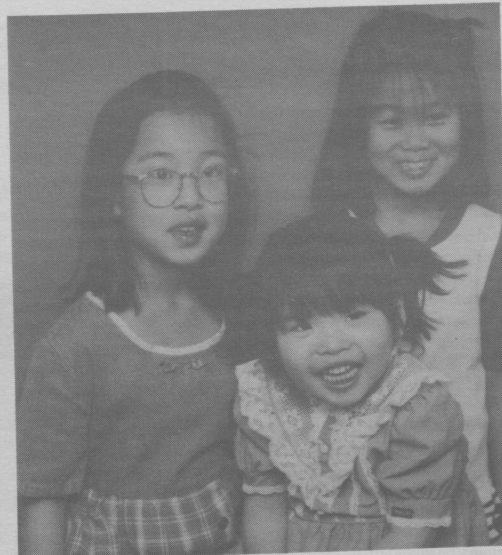
a government owned, "heat-free" hotel in the Jiaxing Province. On our second day there the nine foster mothers arrived with our babies. We had been waiting most of that day for them to arrive from the orphanage. And when they did, it was almost surreal. There we stood, 18 expectant parents, in a dimly lit hallway with all those babies staring with beautiful eyes. The anticipation "which one is ours?" was almost too much to bear. Each one was wrapped in so much clothing you could hardly tell that there were babies in there!

We were finally united with our daughter. That's when the process of getting her home and integrated into our lives really began. We had to negotiate our way through the U.S. Consulate in China, cross the Pacific (with a great deal of help from the flight attendants), deal with U.S. Customs -- who had a different version of the process than what was explained to us by the Consulate in China, and make our way to Lexington.

After getting our daughter home, we began the Naturalization process, only to find that this third branch of the Federal government had another set of conflicting regulations which had to be overcome. Despite it all, on the Fourth of July weekend, our daughter became a U.S. citizen.

Looking back now, at all of the work and confusion, makes it all seem worthwhile in the shadow of the immense pleasure we get from our daughter. For anyone reading this who intends to follow a similar path, we'd like to share a few tips:

- 1). Pick an agency with strong international experience within the target country
- 2). Know the federal regulations relative to the Consulate-Immigration and Naturalization, or be prepared to be flexible
- 3). If you are going to travel to your child's country of origin, recognize that there is no way to fully prepare yourself. It's emotional, and your destination is not likely to be "touristy," so be flexible, and do lots of homework by calling others who have been there.



Jena, Lindsay & Kara, grandchildren of Jake & Sylvia Green

The Green Family

by Sylvia Green

Meet the grandchildren of Sylvia and Jake Green of Winchester, Kentucky. They are the adopted Korean children of their son and daughter-in-law Jerry and Marcia Green of Indianapolis, Indiana. The adoption was handled by an organization named Holt International Children's Services. It took about nine-eleven months before each of the children were flown to Chicago, where Jerry and Marcia picked them up at the airport. Two of the girls were 3 1/2 months old when they arrived.

Lindsay, the youngest has cerebral palsy, and the agency approached Jerry and Marcia asking whether they would be interested in adopting a special needs child, and they agreed. It took about six months before she arrived in Indianapolis. Lindsay was one and a half years old and already speaking some Korean.

They children are so beautiful. Jena, the oldest, is 11 years old, very artistic and kind of serious. Kara, eight, has a personality plus. She smiles and her whole face lights up. She is our gymnast. Little Lindsay is five and a half now, and is such a happy child. She limps, but nothing

keeps her from running. She runs, she falls, she laughs and jabs all the time.

In the summer of 1995 Lindsay's right leg was operated on, and she was in a body cast for six weeks. What a little trooper. In the future she will need more surgery.

Our grandchildren are a beautiful family of whom we are very proud, and they deserve the best. One interesting note, when you ask the children their name they will tell you their English, Hebrew and Korean name.

MAINE ADOPTION PLACEMENT SERVICE

Maine Adoption Placement Service has international programs in Russia, Ukraine, Romania, Hungary, Moldavia, India, Vietnam, and China. They are very open to Jewish adoptive couples.

Costs vary, but most adoptions are in the \$20,000 range and require travel.

For information:
MAPS-International
1 Forest Avenue
Portland Maine 04101
Phone 207/775-4101
Fax 207/775-1019

RESOLVE

Resolve is a national consumer organization providing comprehensive information and support services about infertility, as well as adoption.

Kathy Feinberg is the President of Resolve of Kentucky. The next meeting of the Adoptive Parents Group is November 4, 7:30 PM at Temple Adath Israel. Tony Brewer will discuss Chinese adoptions. The next meeting of the Infertility Group is November 25, 7:30 PM, also at the Temple.

Dr. Zarnakoupis-Savos will discuss treatment in the 90's. Meetings are open to all interested persons.

For information call:
(606) 281-4603

COMMUNITY

Happy Anniversary!



GARRY & CHRIS HOOVER, married November 29, 1980 in Coral Gables, Florida

Shalom would like to wish you a Happy Anniversary! Please send your wedding photos to:

Shalom
CKJF
340 Romany Road
Lexington, KY 40502

Photos will run in the issue coinciding with the anniversary date.

Photos must be received before that issue's deadline.

NOVEMBER 15
is the deadline for the
December/January issue.



ALVIN & ELLIE GOLDMAN, married November 23, 1956 in Queens, New York

Press Releases.....

*American physicians, dentist and their spouses will meet their Israeli and Palestinian counterparts and study the state of Israeli medicine during the United Jewish Appeal's Maimonides Mission to Israel, March 16-26, 1997. The visit will be preceded by a pre-mission to Kiev, beginning on March 12. For information call: Emily Heller Segal (212) 880-1352; Beth Levy (312) 427-1600; or CKJF (606) 268-0672.

*The University of Haifa renewed its presence in the United States by reopening an office in New York. Established in 1963, The University of Haifa is committed to the pluralism of the Israeli society it serves. It attracts a diverse student body of approximately 13,000 comprised of Jews, Arabs, and other nationalities and ethnic groups. The University is also involved in outreach programs to Russian and Ethiopian olim. For information call: (212) 631-7471.

*Internet navigators looking for information on hunger in America and the Jewish community's efforts to confront it can now explore MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger's new home page on the World Wide Web. The address is:
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Lexington Chapter of Hadassah

ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE: VOTE

by Rhoda Kay

There are more than one million eligible Jews unregistered to vote. The women's vote could make or break this election. It is well known that the Jewish woman's vote is the SWING VOTE of America. Do not let this chance to be part of decision making for the beginning of the 21st century pass us by. Voting is our most cherished rite. When we don't vote, important issues like U.S.-Israel relations, education for our children, women's reproductive rights, and health care are left to chance. Political leaders are responsive to those constituents who are most vocal about their interests. We must continue to express our interests by voting. When women and Jews don't vote, their rights suffer. If you need a ride to the polls, please contact a Hadassah member who will gladly assist you or call me - Rhoda 263-8427.



Your Body is a Beautiful Responsibility

OSTEOPOROSIS

Who: Dr. Jeffrey Neal
Rheumatologist

What: "Act Against Osteoporosis"

When: Wednesday, November 6, 1996 7:30 PM

Where: The Senior Center
Alumni Drive

Why: Statistics: Over 25 million women are afflicted with Osteoporosis. One out of every two women will suffer an Osteoporosis related fracture in her lifetime.

Description: Osteoporosis is a debilitating disease that causes bones to become so weak they can break easily and often. It can lead to severe back pain, loss of weight, and curvature of the spine.

Risk Factors: Small Thin Frame, Being Caucasian or Asian, Post-menopause, Cigarette Smoking.

Diagnosis: A painless non-invasive bone density test.

**Attend this informative workshop to learn more about
Osteoporosis!**

Lexington Chapter of Hadassah is proud to offer this program to its members and to the community.

RSVP: Sharon Wainshilbaum 268-2579 or Sandy Berger 263-8477

Hadassah Fall Calendar

Wednesday, November 6th, 7:30 PM
OSTEOPOROSIS Workshop
Guest Speaker: Dr. Jeffrey Neal
The Senior Center on Alumni Drive

Monday, November 11 (tentative), 7:30 PM
Camp Young Judaea Midwest Rally
Linda Ravvin's home
Call for details: Linda 269-4130

Wednesday, November 13, 7:30 PM
Discussion Group-Jerusalem 3000
Books available: *Reflections on Jerusalem & Images of Jerusalem*
Linda Ravvin's Home

Thursday, November 21, 7:30 PM
"Euphoria or Blues-A Post Election Analysis"
Ohavay Zion Synagogue

Wednesday, December 4, 7:30 PM
Dreidels, Desserts and Diversions:
Pre-Chanukah game night

Lexington Havurah Service Schedule

The Lexington Havurah cordially invites you to join us for services:

Saturday, November 9, 1996

Havdalah, Seudah Shlishi
and Education Program
Lexington Theological Seminary
631 S. Limestone

Saturday, December 7, 1996

Havdalah & Hanukah Party
David & Kathy Feinberg's Home
2609 Clubside Court (in Firebrook)

For more information please call:
Judy Baumann, 606/223-1299 or Ernie Cohen, 606/272-1459.

Rabbi Litvin

of the Louisville Chabad

will lead a study session

Tuesday, November 12

at the CKJF office.

12:00 Noon.

Kosher luncheon available.

OHAVAY ZION SYNAGOGUE

SERVICE SCHEDULE

November 1996 Cheshvan-Kislev 5757

November 1-2, Cheshvan 22
Shabbat Va-Yera

Friday Evening 8:00 pm	Shabbat Morning
Bima Kathy Stein	Preliminary Service 9:30 am
Oneg Mickey & Ron Fleischman	Shacharit 10:00 am
Dawn Verney	Bima Sandy Archer
Sharon Wainshilbaum & Herb Fertig	English Reader Kris Cordova

November 8-9, Cheshvan 27
Shabbat Chayyei Sarah

Friday Evening 8:00 pm	Shabbat Morning
Bima Matt Cordova	Preliminary Service 9:30 am
Oneg Steve & Susan Caller	Shacharit 10:00 am
Alison & Bret Caller	Bima Kathy Feinberg
	English Reader Alan Kirschenbaum

November 15-16, Kislev 5
Shabbat Toledot
ELIZABETH ROSENBERG BAT MITZVAH

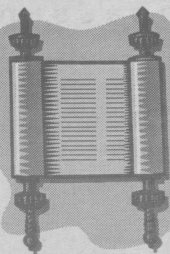
Friday Evening 8:00 pm	Shabbat Morning
Bima Bruce Brody	Preliminary Service 9:30 am
Oneg Ricki & Joe Rosenberg, in honor of	Shacharit 10:00 am
Elizabeth's Bat Mitzvah	Bima Bruce Brody
	English Reader No English reading

November 22-23, Kislev 12
Shabbat Va-Yetz

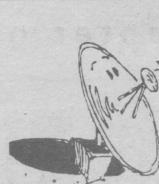
Friday Evening 8:00 pm	Shabbat Morning
Bima Judy Levine	Preliminary Service 9:30 am
Oneg Rhoda & Neil Kay	Shacharit 10:00 am
Barbara Stein	Bima Hillary Reubini
	English Reader Susie Rakes

November 29-30, Kislev 19
Shabbat Va-Yishlach

Friday Evening 8:00 pm	Shabbat Morning
Bima Lisa Satin	Preliminary Service 9:30 am
Oneg Kris & Matt Cordova	Shacharit 10:00 am
Jennifer Epperly & Bob Grossman	Bima Charlie Spiegel
Michi Eliaz	English Reader Sue Westerman



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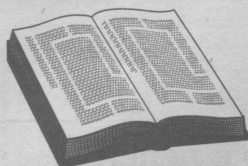
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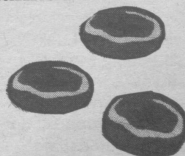
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And he'll take care of all the details.
Help us spread the word: OZS needs you to be a part of our winning team!

Talmud Study



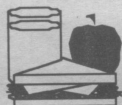
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at 7:30 AM
at OZS for
Daven, Bagels &
Talmud



OZS CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER

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| November 3 | Hebrew/Religious School |
| November 3 | Daven, Bagels & Talmud 7:30 am |
| | Social Action Committee at Hope Center 5:30pm |
| November 5 | Torah Study 10:30am |
| | ELECTION DAY - NO Hebrew School |
| | OZS Board Meeting 8pm |
| November 7 | Daven, Bagels & Talmud 7:30 am |
| | Social Action Committee at Hope Center 5:30pm |
| | Judaism 101 7:30pm |
| November 10 | Hebrew/Religious School |
| | Sisterhood Book Fair |
| | Hot Dog Lunch 12noon |
| November 12 | Torah Study 10:30am |
| | Hebrew School 4:45 pm |
| November 14 | Daven, Bagels & Talmud 7:30 am |
| | Educ Comm Mtg 7 pm |
| | Judaism 101 7:30pm |
| November 16 | Elizabeth Rosenberg Bat Mitzvah |
| November 17 | Hebrew/Religious School |
| November 19 | Torah Study 10:30am |
| | Hebrew School 4:45 pm |
| November 20 | Downtown Lunch 'n Learn 12noon |
| November 21 | Daven, Bagels & Talmud 7:30 am |
| | Social Action Comm Mtg noon Gratz Park Inn |
| | Hadassah Discussion Group 7:30pm |
| | Judaism 101 7:30pm |
| November 24 | Hebrew/Religious School |
| | Teachers' Mtg 12-1pm |
| November 26 | Torah Study 10:30am |
| | Hebrew School 4:45 pm |
| | Executive Board Mtg 8pm |
| | Deadline for Latkethon reservations |
| November 28 | Thanksgiving |

Downtown Lunch n' Learn



Wednesday, November 20th
12:00 noon
Gratz Park Inn
120 West 2nd Street

R.S.V.P.
appreciated
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TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL

SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, November 1

Erev Shabbat Service 8 PM
Torah Portion: Vayera
Genesis: 18:1-22:24
Candle Blessor: Barbara Bahr
Oneg Shabbat Hostesses/Hosts
Irvin & Sybil Stern
Doug Stern
Barbara & Marty Barr
Jane & Stephen Auer
Ruth & Matthew Barrett
Kiddush: Ben Sappin
Child Care Available

Saturday, November 2

Torah Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM

Friday, November 8

Family Shabbat Service 7:30 PM
Torah Portion: Chaye Sarah
Genesis 21:1-25:18
TAI Makhela will sing
Story Sermon
Candle Blessor: Tina Simpson
Oneg Shabbat Hostesses/Hosts
Carol & Joe Utav
Linda & Barry Gerall
Tina & Mark Simpson
Sarah & Adam Danow
Rina & Henry Luban
NO Child Care Available

Saturday, November 9

Kollel 9:30-11:30 AM

Friday, November 15

Erev Shabbat Service 8 PM
Torah Portion: Toledot
Genesis: 25:19-28:9
Justin Ellsworth Bar Mitzvah
Marilyn Langley will sing
Candle Blessor: Cindy Ellsworth
Oneg Shabbat Hostesses/Hosts
The Ellsworth Family
Kiddush: Justin Ellsworth
Robert Ellsworth
Child Care Available

Saturday, November 16

Torah Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Justin Ellsworth Bar Mitzvah

Friday, November 22

Tot Shabbat & Pot Luck
Dinner 6 PM
Erev Shabbat Service 8 PM
Torah Portion: Vayetze
Genesis: 28:10-32:3
Candle Blessor: Sue Hirsh
Oneg Shabbat Hostesses/Hosts
Judy & Ed Kaplan
Deanna & Roy Meckler
Regina & Bill Meece
Sue & Ed Hirsh

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

TAI's Social Action Committee has designated November to be the "MONTH OF HOPE." During the month of November, to support the Lexington Hope Center, a container will be placed in the Temple's hallway to take contributions.

Besides monetary donations, the Hope Center needs for men: white socks, gloves, sock hats, deodorant, combs and brushes, towels, razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste. Bicycles are needed for basic transportation, as well as pots and pans and other kitchen items.

If you have any questions regarding the Hope Center, please call Lowell Nigoff at:

233-1173 days or
278-5220 evenings.

Ushers: Ed Hirsh
Judy & Lou Hersh
Terri Potter
Marilyn Langley will sing
Child Care Available

Saturday, November 23

Kollel 9:30-11:30 AM

Wednesday, November 27

Thanksgiving Service 7 PM
Second Presbyterian Church

Friday, November 29

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM
Torah Portion: Vayishlach
Genesis: 32:1-36:43
NO Oneg Shabbat
NO Child Care Available

TORAH STUDY & SHABBAT MORNING WORSHIP

November 2, 1
December 7
Study at 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM

 **NOVEMBER 22**
New Tot Shabbat Service for our
Temple Tots (and families)

This special 6 PM Service will last
30 minutes and is aimed at
newborns to children 3 years old.

This Tot Shabbat Service will be conducted
Rabbi Jon and Sandy Adland. The service will
include a few basic prayers, songs, and a short
story. Children will be encouraged to move about
the sanctuary, express their enthusiasm without
reservation, and begin to become comfortable
with the smells and sounds associated with the
sanctuary.

Following the service there will be a Pot Luck
Shabbat Dinner open to those attending the 6 PM
service and the 8 PM service. If you are planning
to stay for the dinner, please let us know --
269-2979 -- so we can be adequately prepared.
A main course and a side dish are the usual
requests for a pot luck dinner.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Trustees - Tuesday, November 5, 7:30 PM

Sisterhood Board - Monday, November 18, 7:30 PM

Vision Committee - Tuesday, November 19, 7:30 PM
home of Jay & Sarah Schrier

Religious School Staff Meeting - Sunday,
November 24, 9:00 AM

Executive Meeting - Tuesday, November 26, 7:30 PM

POT LUCK SHABBAT DINNER SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 22, 6:30 PM

Following the first ever 6 PM Tot Shabbat Service, there will be a
Shabbat Pot Luck Dinner open to those leaving the Tot Shabbat
Service and those coming for the 8 PM Erev Shabbat Service.

The dinner will begin at 6:30 PM.

Please bring a main course and side dish. In order for the

Temple to be adequately prepared for this dinner,
please contact the Temple office,

269-2979, by November 20.

Family Shabbat Service

**NOVEMBER 8,
7:30 PM**

TAI Makhela will sing!
Rabbi Adland and Katani will tell a story!
November birthday blessings will be
offered!

Next Family Shabbat
December 13

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TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL

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Rosh Chodesh

a Jewish women's spirituality study group
will meet at
T.A.I., at 7:30 PM
on Nov. 13
All women are invited to attend

KOLLEL: A Dialogue on meaning,
purpose, and cosmic vision.



What does God expect from me?
What do I expect from God?
Study 9:30-11:30 AM
Upcoming Dates: Nov. 9 - 23
Dec. 14

BROTHERHOOD



"Wine and Cheese Party"
Saturday, November 23, 1996
at TAI, 4-7:30 PM.

Co-sponsored with the Liquor Barn. \$10
per couple/\$5 per person. RSVP to
Temple, 269-2979, by Nov. 18th.



Bucks and Bagels: A Financial Planning Seminar

with a panel of experts
to answer your questions--Sunday,
November 24, 10 AM-12 PM, at
TAI. Bagels and coffee compliments of the
TAI Brotherhood.



Beer Making Made Simple with Lowell Nigoff, the famous TAI Brewmaster.

Lowell will share his family brewing secret,
Sunday, Dec. 15, 10 AM- 12 PM, at
TAI. Brew, oops, we mean bagels and
coffee compliments of the TAI Brotherhood.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT
THESE PROGRAMS, PLEASE CALL
ANDY WEINER AT 257-1625 (W) OR
255-5747 (H).

**BROTHERHOOD MEETING
SCHEDULED FOR THE MORNING OF
NOVEMBER 3.**

Adult Education Committee is looking for a few good teachers

The TAI Adult Education Committee is interested in learning if there are any members of this congregation interested in teaching Jewish adult education courses at some time in the future. If you are interested in teaching a course, leading a discussion group, or have an interest in a particular aspect of Jewish life or thought that you could share with others, please contact Rabbi Adland at 269-2979 or Mark Simpson at 268-0005.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD TOYS

We are sorting our baby-sitting toys and trying to upgrade our Shabbat and holiday child care toy collection.

Please consider donating toys and books to support the effort. We will all benefit from a nice collection of activities for our children during child care.

Please drop off donations in the hall next to the school office.

Thank you.

WEB SITE ON CONVERSION TO JUDAISM

A New Web Site has been established on the subject of conversion to Judaism. The Conversion to Judaism Home Page includes information and advice for people considering conversion to Judaism. The site includes information about conversion from all movements in Judaism.

The URL for the site is:
<http://members.tripod.com/~epst>

The site was created by Dr. Lawrence J. Epstein, author of three books on conversion, including *Conversion to Judaism: a Guidebook* (Jason Aronson, Inc., 1994).

TAI SISTERHOOD NEWS

DUES

I am accepting and expecting your 1996-97 dues. Please make your check for \$25.00 payable to Adath Israel Sisterhood and send to:

Marilyn Lieber, Financial Secretary
328 Henry Clay Blvd.
Lexington, KY 40502

GIFT SHOP

Hanukkah is early this year - the first light is Thursday, December 5. For those of you who buy a box(es) of gelt (24 bags per box), **PLEASE** place your order with me **as soon as possible**. The cost per box is \$18.00. Call Marilyn Lieber at 266-1240 or at the Gift Shop, 269-2979.

TAI SISTERHOOD NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Wednesday, November 20, 1996, at
12:30 PM, TAI Social Hall

Special Guest:

Emilie Szekely

Topic: *The Holocaust: A
Personal Story*

Dairy luncheon and desserts will be
sponsored by our TAI Sisterhood.

Please RSVP by Monday, November 18th, to the
Temple office, 269-2979

Childcare available upon request.

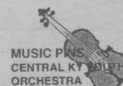
Next Program, Dec. 18, with Dr. Ken Foon,
Director Markey Cancer Center, "Cancer
Treatment and Cures."

SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY... BUY PINS

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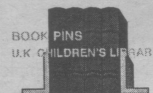
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MSTYG FALL SCHEDULE TAI MIDDLE SCHOOL TEMPLE YOUTH GROUP

November 2 -- MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE

**Chips, Chocolate, and Music
at Temple from 8 to 10 PM**

\$2 advance tickets at TAI

\$3 admission at the door

YOU MAY INVITE 1 GUEST

Lots of Prizes!!



4th Annual
Lexington Community
Interfaith Thanksgiving
Eve Service

November 27, 1996
7:00 PM

Second Presbyterian
Church



Sponsored by The Cathedral of
Christ the King, Faith Lutheran
Church, Park United Methodist
Church, Second Presbyterian
Church, Temple Adath Israel,
Woodland Christian Church.

Please Bring A Canned
Food Offering for God's
Pantry. A Collection will
be taken for the Hope
Center.



HANUKAH SHABBAT POT LUCK DINNER DECEMBER 6, AT 6:30 PM.

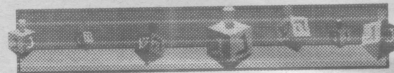
Please bring a menorah (if you want,
as many as there are members of
your family) and 3 candles for each
menorah (this is the 2nd night of
Hanukah). For dinner please bring a
main course and either latkes and
applesauce or sourcream, or another
side dish.

It is very important to make an RSVP
for this dinner no later than
December 4. Call Temple at
269-2979.

Services on Dec. 6, begin at 8 PM.

Our older youth choir will sing.

If you can help set up for the dinner,
please let us know.



FALL FATTY SCHEDULE



November 10th--anne
frank and me
Go to see play at
Lexington's Children's
Theater, "Anne Frank and Me." Meet at
theater at 2 PM. Return to Temple for
ice cream sundaes. Pick up at TAI at 4
PM. Tickets cost \$6. Money must be in
by October 20th, so that reservations
can be made.



For the second year we
have arranged with God's Pantry
(104 S. Forbes Road) special
Sunday morning work days, from
10:00 AM to 11:45 AM. On
each of the following Sundays,
one of our Religious School
classes will participate in *Tikkun
Olam* as they help with the work.
Everyone is invited and encour-
aged to help. You don't need to
have a child in the class to volun-
teer.

The schedule is as follows:

Nov. 3 ... 9th Grade

Dec. 15 ... 3rd Grade

Jan. 26 ... 6th Grade

Feb. 23 ... 4th Grade

Mar. 16 ... 2nd Grade

Apr. 27 ... 7th Grade



There is now a
box in the Temple
foyer for
collecting old eyeglasses. If you have any old
eyeglasses, please bring them to Temple and place
them in the box. This mitzvah will help those who
can't afford to purchase eyeglasses for themselves.

OUTREACH PROGRAM

Sunday, November 10 presents a discussion on THE DECEMBER DILEMMA

In a home where one spouse is Jewish and the
other is not, or families in which extended family
is not Jewish, how do you cope with the
DECEMBER DILEMMA

Brown Bag dinner at 5:30 PM at TAI
Discussion at 6 PM

**Let's join together and discuss the issues that
affect Jews/ Jewish families in December.**

Please send your e-mail address to the Temple to be
included for Shabbat messages from the Rabbi.
Rabbi's e-mail: JAdland@aol.com.

COMMUNITY

News from Campus

UK Jewish Student Organization/Hillel Foundation

by Mike Weinrauch

The University of Kentucky Jewish Student Organization/Hillel Foundation has been particularly busy so far this school year, having averaged about one event every week since late August. Boasting a new slate of officers, the group's moral continues to build from last year. Students are noticeably enthused about Hillel's increasingly visible presence on campus.

Events that have occurred thus far include a back-to-school pizza party on campus; a fall picnic on the lake at the home of our gracious Associate Director, Susan Goldstein; a Sukkot celebration at Temple Adath Israel; a Sunday morning schmooze over bagels at Bagel Bay; a day trip to the University of Cincinnati Hillel to attend the opening of Susan Goldstein's art exhibit and meet fellow students; and a weekend trip by six students to the Hillel sponsored Midwest Regional Student

Leadership Conference at the campus of the University of Wisconsin at Madison. The latter was an especially worthwhile program for those who attended, namely David Cantor, Jamie Scher, Laura Oremland, Justin Ross, Havah Williams, and Mike Weinrauch.

At the conference, participants had the opportunity to meet and discuss critical issues with approximately 50 other Jewish students from colleges throughout the Midwest. The packed program included a Friday night Shabbat dinner and a presentation by Vice-Consul Belaynesh Zevadia, the first Ethiopian-born Israeli diplomat. On Saturday, students enjoyed a choice of Shabbat morning services, a bagel breakfast, a group team-building workshop, lunch on the beautiful campus, and a series of break-out workshops dealing with inter-religious dating issues, anti-Semitism on campus (facilitated by a Federation director and a representative of the

Anti-Defamation League), and multi-cultural issues (led by a Black Jewish student from Howard University in Washington). After an information fair with representatives from various Israeli study-abroad and work-abroad programs, conference participants enjoyed a performance by a Jewish stand-up comic, a dance (complete with ballroom dance lessons by a famous competition couple), and the opportunity to socialize with new friends.

The Madison event was certainly a highlight for the academic year, as all aspects of our mission including social, spiritual, affiliation-based, and the educational needs of our students were furthered. As the semester continues, JSO/Hillel will continue to provide meaningful events, while also examining our own roles and goals, as well as our presence at UK and in Lexington.

CKJF Board Briefs

September 25, 1996 Meeting

by Michael E. Adelstein,
Secretary

President Tomas Milch H. urged the directors to attend the 1996 Council of Jewish Federations' General Assembly Meeting in Seattle on November 13-16.

Joel Eizenstat announced that the returns from a High Holiday mailing were greater than anticipated, but that many pledges are still outstanding. Milch H. appealed for leadership applicants for the 1997 drive.

The following reported about community activities: Ruth Moser and Kimberly Slaton about the Hanukkah party; Susan Cantor about four Hillel events to occur before October 1 and the appointment of Michael Weinrauch as program coordinator; and Annette Milch about the Leisure Club.

Molloy Schwab and Evelyn Dantzic Geller announced that a new policy and procedures manual for social services was being reviewed.

Geller agreed to write to Congressional candidates to obtain information about pertinent issues concerning our new Americans in view of recent legislation impacting them. Schwab reported on their acculturation program and trips to Louisville and the Herald Leader.

Milch H. stated that budgets would be due by October 10 and discussed a letter from UK Professor Dan Frank pointing out the need to support the new Judaic Studies program both with funds and attendance at guest speaker lectures.

The next Board meeting will be held on October 23, 1996.

KET Hosts Teenage Parenting Show

Adolescence can be a confusing, challenging time--for both kids and parents. If you're the parent of an adolescent, KET invites you to come to our studios in Lexington to be part of the studio audience for our new six part series "Time Out for Parents: the Teenage Years."

Taping dates are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, November 12, 13, 14 and 19, 20, 21 from 6:30 to 9:00 PM.

The audience will be able to ask questions to a panel of experts. Teens and pre-teens are also encouraged to be part of the audience.

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On December 2, 1884, the Spinoza Society purchased from the Lexington Cemetery Company an entire section for the perpetual and exclusive use of the Jewish community, according to a short history of the society written by Moses Kaufman, in 1887.

The area purchased by the Spinoza Society was Section E-1, and it sufficed for more than ninety years. In 1977, nearby Section E-2 was secured by the society.

If you would like to know more about space in the Spinoza Society's Section E-2, or other information about The Lexington Cemetery, please give us a call or visit.

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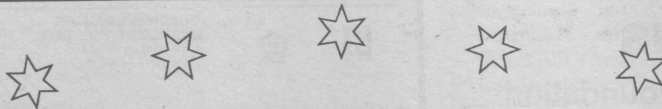
Office hours Mon-Fri 8am-4pm, Sat 8am-noon
Grounds open daily 8am-5pm

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Shalom...November 1996...

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COMMUNITY



You're invited!

We all had such a great time at our December 24th party last year, we're doing it again this year.

Join the Jewish community at the
Italian Oven®
for a **SUPER** Italian buffet. There will be lots of terrific food and great company.

A private room for the younger set will feature a pizza bar, their own soda machine, and a dessert sundae bar. We'll also have special entertainment just for the kids.

Details

If you make your reservations and pay in advance, the dinner is \$12 for each adult and \$5 for each child between 6 and 10. Children younger than 6 are free. You must also bring two non-perishable food items for each person in your party (including children under 6), to be donated to God's Pantry.

Reservations, checks included, should be sent to the CKJF. The deadline for receipt of advance reservations is Monday, December 16. Mail to:

December 24th Party
Central Kentucky Jewish Federation
340 Romany Road
Lexington, 40502

Questions? Call the CKJF at 268-0672.

That's 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 24
The Italian Oven, 115 N. Locust Hill Drive
(off Richmond Road near Kroger's). The restaurant will be closed to the public for this event.

More than 120 members of the Jewish community had a wonderful time at last year's party.

We hope you'll be among us this year.

This event is sponsored by the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation.

NOVEMBER 15 is the Deadline
for Shalom's
December/January issue

Leisure Club News

The Leisure Club recently held its annual planning meeting. Ruth Moser is the newest volunteer to help Annette Milch with the group's activities. Some of the events scheduled for the year are a Chanukah/White Elephant sale in December, a luncheon, and a trip to the Louisville JCC.



A fun time was had by all who attended the Leisure Club's planning meeting



Nell Stepman



Eleanor Benblatt



Leisure Club Volunteer Annette Milch

COMMUNITY

Bar & Bat Mitzvahs.....

*With great pride and much love
we invite you to join us as we celebrate
the Bat Mitzvah of our daughter*

Elizabeth

*Saturday, the sixteenth of November
Nineteen hundred and ninety-six
at ten o'clock in the morning
Ohavay Zion Synagogue
Lexington, Kentucky
Kiddush luncheon following services
Ricki and Joe Rosenberg*



We cordially invite you to join us in celebrating
the Bar Mitzvah of our son

Justin Lance

*Saturday, November 16, 1996
at 10:30 in the morning
Temple Adath Israel
124 North Ashland Avenue
Lexington, Kentucky*

Robert and Cynthia Brenner Ellsworth

Kiddush luncheon and dancing following services

November 1996 Community Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Basic Judaism 8:05 pm TAI TAI Adult Education 7:00 pm	5 TAI and OZS Board Meetings 7:30 pm	6 Hadassah Program 7:30 pm	7	8 Young Leadership Midwest Conference in Cincinnati	9 Havurah Havdalah/Education Program Young Leadership Midwest Conference in Cincinnati
10 Anne Frank & Mc FARTY (TAI) 2:00 pm TAI December Dilemma 5:30 pm Young Leadership Midwest Conference in Cincinnati	11 Basic Judaism 8:05 pm TAI Havurah Board Mtg. 8:00 pm TAI Adult Education 7:00 pm Young Judaea Rally Veterans Day	12 Acculturation Program 3:00 pm Public Library Chabad Study Group 12 o'clock noon Hadassah Board Meeting 7:30 pm	13 Hadassah Women's Discussion Group 7:30 pm TAI Rosh Chodesh 7:30pm	14	15 Deadline for Shalom	16 Elizabeth Rosenberg Bat Mitzvah Justin Ellsworth Bar Mitzvah
17	18 Basic Judaism 8:05 pm TAI TAI Adult Education 7:00 pm	19	20 CKJF Executive Committee 7:30 pm TAI Sisterhood 12:30 pm	21 Hadassah Program 7:30 pm OZS	22	23
24	25 Basic Judaism 8:05 pm TAI CKJF Social Services 7:30 pm TAI Adult Education 7:00 pm	26 TAI Executive Committee Meeting	27 CKJF Board Meeting 7:30 pm	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30

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