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MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL, MR. YITZHAK RABIN, ON THE OCCASION OF ROSH HASHANA 5754

My Dear Friends,

From our common house in Jerusalem, the eternal capital of the State of Israel and the everlasting capital and the spiritual home of the Jewish people, I send you my warmest wishes for a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Shana Tova.

Rosh Hashana is a time of soul-searching for the Jewish people. Therefore I would like to share with you some of my thoughts at one of the most significant times in the history of the Jewish State.

Let me begin by saying that the Jewish people in Israel share the deep concern of our fellow Jews throughout the world over the demographic future of the Jewish people. The open pluralistic societies as well as other less fortunate ones have given Jews opportunities to integrate; however, they have also posed the greatest challenge to the task of preserving our Jewish identity, the danger of assimilation.

Indeed, Israel follows with great anxiety the growth of anti-Semitism, bigotry and racism. The old demons of anti-Semitism have found new ways to lure us. It is our sacred duty to combat fanaticism, to remain alert and to carry the historic message of our Jewish religion, a message of tolerance and openness.

Every Jew in the world should know that the days of wandering are well behind us. Our duty is to be the safe haven of the Jewish people, and this mission is deeply entrenched in our minds.

The Zionist thinker Ahad Ha'am foresaw the Jewish State as the spiritual center for all Jews, a source of pride, and a focus for our strongest energies. By the early decades of the next century, we will almost certainly reach a great Zionist milestone, and the State of Israel will become the largest Jewish community in the world.

Israel today is a strong country. And it is from a position of confidence that we are negotiating with our Arab partners. Peace is the essential element of our security doctrine. However, let there be no misunderstanding: There will be no unilateral compromises on any front. The security of the State of Israel and its citizens is our first and foremost

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HISTORIC HANDSHAKE



Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin (left) accepts hand of P.L.O. Chairman Yasser Arafat (right) after signing agreement at White House on 9/13/93.

ISRAEL-PLO RECOGNITION SIGNING CEREMONY BY PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL, YITZHAK RABIN JERUSALEM, SEPTEMBER 10, 1993 - 9:15

PRIME MINISTER YITZHAK RABIN: Good Morning. I welcome you, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Israel. I believe that you brought a certain letter.

NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER HOLST: Yes sir, I have a letter addressed to the Prime Minister of Israel and signed Yasser Arafat, the Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, the letter in which the PLO recognizes the right of the State of Israel to exist in peace and security, and elaborates on the basis of that recognition.

(PRIME MINISTER RABIN SIGNS THE DOCUMENT)

PRIME MINISTER RABIN: I have just received a letter from Chairman Arafat in the name of the leadership of the PLO, in which he takes commitments to recognize Israel and its right to exist in peace and

security, to solve the long conflict between the Palestinians and Israel through negotiations in a peaceful way. He takes commitment to end terror and violence, to renounce it. He takes upon himself to look at the articles of the Palestinian Covenant inoperative and no longer valid. I see in this commitment on the part of the PLO a change, a dramatic change, that opens the road towards reconciliation and peace between the Palestinians and Israel. It is the first agreement between Palestinians and Israel since the creation of the State of Israel.

I am fully aware about the difficulties that face the Palestinians and Israel in the solution of our problems. I see in it a big step towards the achievement of these goals, knowing that still it is a long way to go, with obstacles on the road

that we shall have to remove, and it is possible to remove them.

I believe it starts a new era, era in which we will do our best to achieve peace and security to Israel, and at the same time to give the Palestinians the right, in the context of agreement about interim period, to run their affairs.

I believe that there is a great opportunity of changing not only the relations between the Palestinians and Israel, but to expand it to the solution of the conflict between Israel and other Arab peoples.

It is an historic

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THE TORAH THIS MONTH

By Rabbi Jon Adland

Except for the first Shabbat, *Shabbat Sukkot*, the readings this month come from the beginning of the Torah, the book of Genesis. The portions in October begin with creation and conclude with the famous story of the *Akedah*, the binding of Isaac, one of the most significant and well-known passages in the Torah.

SHABBAT SUKKOT October 2/ 17 Tishri

Exodus 33:12-34:26

This special reading includes the moment when Moses asks to know God. Moses, the leader of this rebellious band of former slaves, wants to know that God will lead him and the people on this arduous journey that is still before

them. God reassures Moses that God will be present. At this instant Moses asks to see God. God won't allow this promises to make all of God's goodness pass before Moses and then Moses can see God's back.

When this moment concludes, Moses is commanded to again carve the tablets of stone on the top of Mt. Sinai. When Moses ascends to the top, God comes down in a cloud and proclaims that God is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, kind, faithful, and merciful. This passage contains the 13 attributes of God.

The portion concludes with God commanding the Israelites to observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, Shabbat, the Feast of Weeks, and Sukkot.

BERESHIT - October 9/ 24 Tishri

Genesis 1:1-6:8

This portion begins with the two different stories of creation. The first one Man and Woman are created last and in the second Man and Woman are created first with Woman being created from Man's rib. The stories are different and teach varying ideas about God.

Chapter 3 is known as the "Garden of Eden" story. As a result of eating

from the fruit of the tree of good and bad, Man and Woman become aware of themselves and their bodies. Because God specifically said not to eat of this tree, Man and Woman were banned from the Garden forever.

The next chapter gives us the story of Cain and Abel. Cain, jealous of his brother's relationship with God, murders Abel and is punished by God. Cain is marked and sent roaming the world forever.

After a long genealogy in chapter 5, the portion concludes with Noah's birth.

NOAH - October 16/ 1 Cheshvan

Genesis 6:9-11:32

Noah's story is well-known to almost every adult and child. Noah is commanded by God to build an ark to save himself and his family from the impending flood that God will bring down on the earth. God says that the flood will put an end to all flesh that had corrupted its ways on the earth.

The story at this point seems to be two intertwined tales. In one, Noah is commanded to take a pair of every animal on earth onto the ark and in the other story Noah is commanded to take seven pairs of clean animals and one pair of unclean animals.

After a long period of rain, either 40 days in one

tale or 150 days in the other, the waters begin to subside. With the help of a dove, Noah determines that dry land is once again appearing. The ark lands on Mt. Ararat and Noah comes out of the ark, builds an altar and makes an offering to God of one of every clean animal.

God promises Noah never to do this again to bring a flood on the earth to destroy humankind. God then makes a covenant with Noah. The rainbow serves as the sign of the covenant.

The portion concludes with the story of the "Tower of Babel." This tale explains how we were spread throughout the world and why we speak many languages. People were trying to build a tower to God and when they got to close God confused their speech which ended their ability to cooperate on the project.

The final verse of the portion mentions the death of Terah, Abram's father.

LECH L'CHA - October 23/ 8 Cheshvan

Genesis 12:1-17:27

Lech L'cha begins with the God's command to Abram to leave his native land and father's house and go to the land that he will show him. God promises to make a great nation and great name of Abram and God will bless him. Abram with his wife Sarai set forth on the journey to Canaan.

As do his son and

grandson and great-grandson, Abram goes to Egypt. He makes this journey because of a drought in the land of Canaan. When entering Egypt, Abram instructs Sarai to say that she is his sister. If she says that she is his wife, then the Egyptians will kill him and take her. Pharaoh does take Sarai into his household, but he is afflicted with plagues. Pharaoh sends for Abram and asks him what he has done. Abram explains that Sarai is his wife. Pharaoh tells his men to send Abram, Sarai and all their possessions away from Egypt.

Another important part of this portion is Hagar's, Sarai's maidservant, pregnancy by Abram. Though it was Sarai's decision for Abram and Hagar to have a child together, Sarai was unable to conceive, Sarai was angry and she treats Hagar very harshly. Hagar runs away from Sarai. An angel of God finds her in the desert, orders her to return to Sarai, but then says that he will increase her offspring, that she will have a son and name him Ishmael, that he will be a "wild-ass of a man", and that he shall dwell alongside of all his kinsmen.

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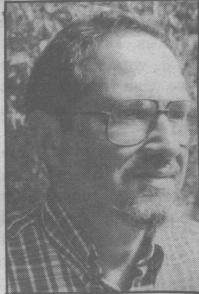
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE AT WORK

By Pam Allweiss and Bill Leffler

Many members of the Lexington Jewish community have responded to our question, "What is the role of the CKJF?" with the answer that CKJF is the vehicle for Central Kentucky's Jewish community to contribute to the development of Israel. Although true, numerous other concerns are addressed by committees of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation. One of the most essential to us all is the Community Relations Committee, better known as the CRC.

Your contributions to the CKJF help maintain the programs of the CRC as well as the work of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC). NJCRAC is an information resource dealing with issues of concern to us as Jews. It also serves as an advocacy organization engaging Jewish leaders from across the nation in the formation of position papers to guide communities on national and international issues.

The CRC of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation has some of the following goals:



Bill Leffler

Promotion of interaction among all Jewish groups (affiliated and non-affiliated) in Central Kentucky and the promotion of a sense of unity among these groups.

The education of the community on local and national issues.

Fostering understanding between the Jewish community and other religious, racial and ethnic communities.

Represent the views of the Jewish Community at civic, educational and other activities.

Activities planned by the CRC include:

--A mayoral forum held last spring. At this forum,

various issues were raised including the use of county dollars for Christmas religious festivals. The forum was effective; at a candidates' night, held this past month, Mayor Miller outlined the items to be cut from next year's budget; the Christmas funding is removed from taxpayer expense.

--The community presented its concerns and questions to the two candidates for Mayor at a Mayoral Candidates Forum.

--A seminar for clergy from all faiths introducing them to the customs and practices of Judaism.

--A meeting with the search committee for Superintendent of Schools. This meeting, an opportunity for the Jewish community to express its concerns with issues such as testing on the High Holy Days, penalizing Jewish students and teachers because of their religious practices, proved to those in attendance that this type of interaction must continue on

an annual basis.

Future plans include: --Recognition of members of the community who have given of themselves in community service.

--Development of a census of affiliated Jews so that program planning by and for all organizations can be more effective.

--Development of seminars to involve the entire community on issues such as Christian religious practices in the schools which offend our children and ourselves.

The CRC is a representative committee. Representatives from each of the organizations in the Jewish community are invited to join in the deliberations. Input from the widest possible range of the community is essential if each point of view is to be represented.

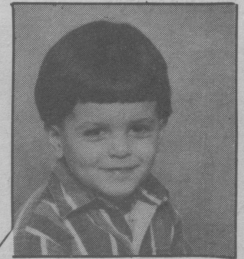
If you are interested in becoming involved in the work of the CRC, please phone the CKJF office and express your interest.

CRC MEETS WITH SEARCH COMMITTEE

Pam Allweiss and Bill Leffler, Co-Chairpeople of the Community Relations Committee of CKJF, recently met with a committee of the Fayette County Public Schools. The Committee is seeking public input and concern about the qualifications of the new Superintendent of Schools, as well as issues with which this person will deal.

Among the concerns shared with the committee were the need for the new Superintendent to be more attuned to the increasing cultural diversity of Lexington, to find ways of decreasing violence in our schools and promote conflict resolution in a peaceable fashion; a willingness to confront difficult problems openly, increased community

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



This month's Volunteer of the Month is Zachary Jon Charney-Cohen. Zack volunteers to help with our CKJF Bulletin each month, cheerfully inserting flyers, applying address labels, sorting by ZIP Code for bulk mail and any other task requested. He is also polishing up his not inconsiderable computer skills. Zack brings his special touch and incredible charm to each task and constantly displays the true spirit of tzedakah through volunteering.

input into the functioning of the schools and better coordination with Metro Government -the latter a concern that Mayor Pam Miller expressed at the Candidates' Evening on September 12.

Two representatives of the Main Street Baptist Church were in the meeting along with Pam and Bill, who were pleased to see the overlapping of black Baptist concerns with Jewish concerns.

RESETTLEMENT NEEDS UPDATE

New Americans continue to arrive in Lexington, and are we ever gratified to be able to have the mitzvah of helping other Jews become self-sufficient and self-reliant. But the reality is that in order to continue our assistance we must have ongoing support from the members of the Jewish community of Central Kentucky.

Please call Sharyn Sharer at 268-0672 or Evelyn Geller at 272-8972 if you have the time or talent or facilities for any of the following:

1. We need people who have trucks or vans and can transport household furnishing to storage or to apartments.

2. Drivers are always appreciated. New Americans need to be taken to job interviews, doctors' offices, agency appointments, etc.

3. Because job procurement is vital, we need people who can go through the want ads for appropriate jobs (basic work which would help the new Americans develop spoken English skills) or who can contact business associates to solicit jobs.

4. There is a vital need for two people who can act as Co-coordinators of Volunteers. These people would maintain lists of drivers, translators, etc. and arrange for new Americans to get to "official" appointments.

There are other jobs to be done as well. If you have a skill you believe would help the new Americans in the acculturation efforts, please call Evelyn Geller. Community participation is essential to the success of our resettlement program.

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moment, that hopefully will bring about an end to 100 years of bloodshed, misery, between the Palestinians and Jews, between Palestinians and Israel.

I would like to thank you, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway, for your efforts, for your involvement in the achievement of these papers and others. I would like to thank you, Shimon, for your efforts to bring it about. As I said, it's only the beginning, but a tremendously important beginning.

FOREIGN MINISTER HOLST: Mr. Prime Minister, let me just very briefly state how pleased we have been and how humble I feel having had a chance to play a small role in this very important endeavor to bring peace to the embattled area of the Middle East. It has been a very long journey, and some dedicated people have worked very, very hard to produce the documents that settle the immediate matters that needed to be settled.

We have had the privilege of working together with some fantastic Israelis, and equally with some unique Palestinians in finding a solution to what increasingly came to be seen as common challenges, common problems. And when I see the kind of spirit, the kind of cooperation that developed between the two groups of people, who as ably and so tenaciously represented their different sides, I feel that the future is bright indeed. There is hope.

I think one has, as the Prime Minister said, entered a new era. We have gone beyond the stage, the decisions could only be made by consensus. You had to break by the consensus in order to make to the necessary decisions and in order to provide a basis from which you can build a new consensus.

It seems to me that the importance of the documents that have now been initialed and signed is that we have created a new basis for building a common

future in the Middle East. One had put history behind us, and we are looking towards the future. And the Declaration of Principles that have been agreed between the two sides, it seems to me, points towards a future which you will have to build together, and by common endeavor rather than in common conflict.

So, my only task is to thank you very much for everything that you have done in accomplishing this very important result, and for giving us a chance to serve in that very important endeavor.

FOREIGN MINISTER SHIMON PERES: I would like to take this opportunity to thank, first of all, the Norwegian people and Norway - a

wonderful land that has embraced the peace negotiations with such an open heart and hospitality. I would like to thank you, Johan, for your tireless and brilliant work. And, with your permission, I would like to have a look at Mariana, your wife, and at Moona and Terry Larson. These were the four people that days and nights were working tirelessly, without distinguishing between land and air, and day and night. We are very grateful for what you have done, and our thanks came from the depth of our hearts to all of you, and your particularly.

As the Prime Minister has said, we understand the seriousness of the moment for our own people. It is for them a new

experiment. We know that this is not just a political accord, this is really something that relates to every family in our country - to the mother, to the father, to the children - what will be really the future of life like. And we understand the seriousness of it.

I want to say also that we wish from the depth of our hearts to the Palestinian people, a different future. We don't hate people and we don't hate persons. What we were trying seriously is to get rid of a poisonous past. And, to use a Biblical wish, to return to a land of milk and honey. We can do, and we have to live accordingly.

I think that all of us will work tirelessly to make this agreement, which until this moment is a piece of

paper, into a new reality. For me, it was a privilege to work with the Prime Minister. I think both of us felt deeply that we are serving a great cause and a great occasion, and we must meet the size and the seriousness of it.

I would also like to thank from the depth of my heart to the Israeli teams. I won't mention names, but there are people who worked very very hard and we thank them as well.

Again, we are departing to a new future. Difficult was this as well. So we are to going to face a situation without difficulties. But the difference is that we are going to face a new day with many chances and hopes - for us, for our neighbors, and for the whole of the Middle East.

ISRAEL-PLO RECOGNITION TEXT OF LETTERS

September 9, 1993

Mr. Prime Minister,

The signing of the Declaration of Principles marks a new era in the history of the Middle East. In firm conviction thereof, I would like to confirm the following PLO commitments:

The PLO recognizes the right of the State of Israel to exist in peace and security.

The PLO accepts United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338.

The PLO commits itself to the Middle East peace process, and to a peaceful resolution of the conflict between the two sides and declares that all outstanding issues relating to permanent status will be resolved through negotiations.

The PLO considers that the signing of the Declaration of Principles constitutes a historic event, inaugurating a new epoch of peaceful coexistence, free from violence and all other acts which endanger peace and stability. Accordingly, the PLO renounces the use of terrorism and other acts of violence and will assume responsibility over all PLO elements and personnel in order to assure their compliance, prevent violations and discipline violators.

In view of the promise of a new era and the signing of the Declaration of Principles and based on Palestinian acceptance of Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, the PLO affirms that those articles of the Palestinian Covenant which deny Israel's right to exist, and the provisions of the Covenant which are inconsistent with the commitments of this letter are now inoperative and no longer valid. Consequently, the PLO undertakes to submit to the Palestinian National Council for formal approval the necessary changes in regard to the Palestinian Covenant.

Sincerely,

Yasser Arafat
Chairman

The Palestine Liberation Organization

Yitzhak Rabin
Prime Minister of Israel

September 9, 1993

Dear Minister Holst,

I would like to confirm to you that, upon the signing of the Declaration of Principles, the PLO encourages and calls upon the Palestinian people in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to take part in the steps leading to the normalization of life, rejecting violence and terrorism, contributing to peace and stability and participating actively in shaping reconstruction, economic development and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Yasser Arafat
Chairman

The Palestine Liberation Organization

His Excellency
Johan Jorgon Holst
Foreign Minister of Norway

September 9, 1993

Mr. Chairman,

In response to your letter of September 9, 1993, I wish to confirm to you that, in light of the PLO commitments included in your letter, the Government of Israel has decided to recognize the PLO as the representative of the Palestinian people and commence negotiations with the PLO within the Middle East peace process.

Yitzhak Rabin
Prime Minister of Israel

Yasser Arafat
Chairman
The Palestine Liberation Organization

NATIONAL NEWS

LAWMAKERS URGE ACTION ON ISRAELI MIAS

(NER 8/23/93) In a July 30 letter initiated by Rep. Gary Ackerman (D-NY), 73 Members of Congress wrote Secretary of State Warren Christopher to encourage greater U.S. involvement to help end the captivity of missing Israeli servicemen Ron Arad.

The letter urged Christopher to "have the State Department and other agencies work diligently to secure the freedom of Ron Arad...and intensely pursue

information on the three other missing Israeli servicemen - Zachary Baumel, Zvi Feldman, and Yehuda Katz...We consider Iran responsible for the fate of Ron Arad and believe that Iran could be helpful in solving this continuing tragedy."

The lawmakers wrote that the U.S. should demonstrate that hostage-taking is unacceptable, whatever the nationality of the victim. The letter stated

that the U.S. must take more action on this issue because "Israel has been and continues to be America's strongest ally in this important and volatile region." The U.S. should work for the release of "captives everywhere, regardless of nationality," it added.

BY: SHARONA MARCOVITCH,
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MODEL LETTER FOR ISRAELI MIA'S

All of us can help to reinforce this effort by writing to Secretary of State Christopher, President Clinton and Senators Ford and McConnell. A sample letter and addresses follow:

President Bill Clinton The White House 1660 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W. Washington, D.C. 20500	Honorable (Senator) U.S. Senate Washington, D.C. 20510
The Hon. Warren Christopher Secretary of State Washington, D.C. 20520	Honorable (Representative) U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

I would like to bring to your attention an issue of major concern to the American Jewish community: the fate of four missing Israel soldiers: Zachariah Baumel, Zvi Feldman, Yehuda Katz (all captured in 1982), and Ron Arad (captured in 1986), who are believed to be held by Islamic fundamentalists who reportedly are receiving their orders from Iran and/or Syria.

I would ask you to bear in mind the fact that Israel played a key role in securing the release of all of the Western hostages who were being held in Lebanon. It was widely believed that after the release of these prisoners, the United States would exert its influence to arrange the speedy release of the missing Israelis.

At the very least, the families of the MIA's should not be condemned to live with the tremendous suffering and anguish of not knowing whether their loved ones are alive or dead.

I urge you to use your good offices and influence to bring this very sad chapter to a close. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Letters or cards can also be addressed to the Syrian Ambassador to the United States and the Ambassador of Iran to the United Nations.

Ambassador Waleed Al-Malum
Embassy of Syria
2215 Wyoming Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20008

Ambassador Kamala Kharrazi
Iranian Ambassador to the United Nations
622 Third Ave.
34th Floor
New York, NY 10017

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

HARDSHIP IN HEAVEN



MAGIC CARPET II - The Booney family relaxes in their Jewish Agency Absorption Center apartment in Rehovot. With funds raised by the UJA/Federation Annual Campaign, hundreds of Yemenite Jews are beginning new lives in Israel.

the fate of his parents, as well as that of his four brothers and sisters and their families in Yemen.

Boony's parents received a total of three letters from their Israel relatives during their more than 40 years of separation. "Our relatives didn't know if we were alive, and we didn't know how the were faring," Boony relates. "It was only in the past few years that the authorities allowed letters through."

He describes the years of separation as a period of terrible exile. "It hurt us to know that most of our people had realized the dream of *aliyah*, but that we were denied entry to *Eretz Yisrael*," he says.

Become coming to Israel, Bony was a jeweler in his hometown, near Sana, Yemen's capital, where he specialized in silver ornamentation. He had a small car and a large family house, and was able to support his wife and children comfortably. When the family departed for Israel, they left everything behind, taking with them just three suitcases crammed with clothes and holy books.

"May dreams have come true," Boony says, "but that's not going to help me

feed my family," Boony says. "In Yemen, we had a thriving business, but here I still don't know how I'm going to earn a good livelihood."

He has already begun to investigate employment opportunities. "I have checked out the jewelry industry here, and I have much to learn," Boony says. "A lot of technology is used and the market is very competitive. I simply don't know where to start. For a Jew, being in Israel is almost heaven, but I don't know how I'm going to feed my family. I need to develop some more skills."

The absorption process he and other newcomers from Yemen are experiencing has been eased by Israeli relatives. "Our family here has been very good to us," Boony notes. "They are always bringing us food and clothes and other things. But they are not wealthy people. There is a limit to the material help that they can give us."

Boony's wife, Miriam, has beautiful dark brown eyes, but modestly keeps her face covered in front of strangers. She points to her

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Boony's dream became reality when he reached Israel in March, 1993. Since then, he has been living at the Jewish Agency's Oshiot Absorption center in Rehovot. Speaking in fluent Hebrew after only five months in Israel, Boony candidly discusses the pleasures and pains of his return to Zion and of the absorption process.

"The greatest miracles," say Bony, who is slim, with a graying beard and dark, long, dangling sidecurls, "are to touch the Western Wall in Jerusalem and to meet the uncles, aunts and cousins whom I have never seen."

Among those relatives is a cousin, Sa'adia Boni, who lives near the absorption center in Rehovot. Sa'adia, who is now 50, left Yemen as a small boy in 1951, on the wings of the Jewish Agency's "Operation Magic Carpet," which brought 45,000 Yemenite Jews to Israel.

"Shlomo had not yet been born when we left for Israel," recalls Sa'adia, "but I have vivid memories of his parents - my Uncle Zecharia and Aunt Hamama."

Shlomo Boony's elderly parents, Zecharia and Hamama, are among those who even now remain behind in Yemen, along with an estimated 900 Jews. His countenance clouds with anxiety when he discusses

MESSAGE FROM YITZHAK RABIN

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nothing will allow it to be compromised. That is the main principle that guides us. Let me also assure you, Jerusalem will remain united forever, under Israeli sovereignty, as the capital of Israel and the Jewish people. This issue is not open to

concern;

negotiation.

Moreover, the whole world is no longer against us. Israel now enjoys full diplomatic relations with more than 120 countries. Japan, China, India and other nations, some of them previously hostile or indifferent to our interests, are now our trading partners. Leaders from around the world are interested in developing and strengthening economic ties. Multinational

firms are viewing us with new interest. The Arab boycott is losing its grip. And most important, Israel's relationship with the United States is firmer and friendlier than at any time in history.

Dear friends, we know that your love for us - as well as ours for you - is undiminished by our geographical separation. We in Israel invite you and your children to come and make

your lives here, to come here often, to invest in our industries. Send your children to explore our country, to study in our universities, to learn in our yeshivot, to participate in our youth

programs. There is no doubt in my mind that by doing so, not only will the bonds between our communities be strengthened, but the seeds for Jewish continuity will be sown and will bear fruit. We

shall never forget that the Jewish communities around the world have played a central role in bringing to Israel close to half a million immigrants from the former Soviet Union, Ethiopia and Yemen. But this historical momentum should be continued. Especially now, greater energy and resources must be expended to enable hundreds of thousands of additional Jews to come to the Jewish homeland and to be properly absorbed.

Above all, our greatest challenge, and my most cordial and heartfelt call upon you is to preserve your Jewish identity. Dear friends, there are still countless challenges and obstacles facing Israel and the Jewish people, but Rosh Hashana brings with it fresh optimism and confidence. May the year 5754 be a year of peace, a year of strength, and a year of opportunity for the entire house of Israel. As we proclaim on Simchat Torah, "Chazak, chazak v'nitchazek" - from strength will come yet greater strength.

Shana Tova
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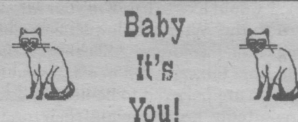
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HADASSAH NEWS

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OCTOBER EVENTS

by Carol Hustedde

The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah is very fortunate to have been chosen as a stop on the current Mediscope tour. The national office of Hadassah brings a Hadassah health professional from Israel to the United States each year for two or three weeks during which time the individual tours the country visiting many regions and big chapters.

This year we will be hosting **Marjorie Korenblit**, who is Assistant to the Head of the Nursing Division for Manpower, Hadassah Medical Organization. Ms. Korenblit will be in Lexington from **October 29th through October 31st**. The Lexington Chapter will be coordinating two presentations by Ms. Korenblit. The first, a talk sponsored by the UK College of Nursing and the College of Medicine, will be entitled, "The Transcultural Aspects of the Absorption of Nurse Immigrants at Hadassah." This presentation will be on Friday afternoon, October 29th (location and time to be announced). The second presentation will be held on Sunday, October 31st, as a part of a brunch hosted by Hadassah at the UK Faculty Club. The title of this talk will be "The Absorption of Nurse Immigrants - A Joint Endeavor;" the brunch will begin at 11:00 a.m.

The visit by Ms. Korenblit provides a rare opportunity for the Lexington community to meet and hear about the challenges of transcultural care in Israel today. We look forward to seeing many of you at these events. For more information, please call Carol Hustedde (276-5335) or Kathy Feinberg (223-1304).

WOMEN'S HEALTH FAIR PLANNING UNDERWAY

By Kathy Feinberg

Plans for the Hadassah Women's Health Fair are now underway. The first planning meeting was held on August 30 and committees were formed. The following people will head up these committees: Linda Ravvin will chair facility and refreshments, Susan Mason and Janet Tamaren will coordinate planning workshops, Janet Tamaren will be the professional liaison, Gloria Katz will chair publicity, and Kathy Grossman will chair printing and registration.

The health fair will

take a comprehensive look at all aspects of women's health issues including clinical, psychological, legal and educational. It will address health concerns of all ages from early childhood to the elderly. The Health Fair, which will be held in the spring, will be a day long symposium with an opening plenary session which will be followed by concurrent workshops. Additional planning meetings will be held throughout the year. Anyone interested in this exciting project should call 223-1304 for more information.

MEN WELCOME?

HADASSAH ASSOCIATES gives men of all ages the opportunity to support the Hadassah mission of providing excellence in medical care, training and research.

We're over 20 strong in Lexington!

Learn about Hadassah at our October NEW MEMBERS tea!

Contact : Janice Newman, Membership V.P.
272-6807



Marjorie Korenblit
Will Speak Oct. 31

HADASSAH LOX BOX

Lox Box is returning on December 5. This tasty, traditional event supports the functions of the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah.

This year Lox Box offers a Veggie Box, along with its usual Lox Box and Salami Box. The Lox Box includes 3 ounces of lox, six bagels and a 8 ounces light cream cheese. Salami Box contains a 12 ounce low fat salami, six bagels and a 8 ounces of light cream cheese, and the Veggie Box is 1-1/2 dozen bagels and 2 - 8 ounce packages of light cream cheese.

Lox Boxes will be delivered to homes in Fayette County on Sunday, December 5, between 10 am and noon. Lox Boxes may also be picked up between those hours at Temple Adath Israel and Ohavay Zion Synagogue. The Veggie Box, Lox Box and Salami Box are \$15 each. An extra package of lox or a salami may be added for an additional charge of \$6; and extra dozen bagels is \$5. Lox Box chairpersons Dawn Verney and Judy Baumann suggest ordering Lox Boxes as great gifts for the holidays! We'll include a gift card and call the recipient to arrange delivery.

To order your Lox Boxes, please use the flyer enclosed in this newsletter. Volunteers are needed for selling lox boxes, packing and delivery. To volunteer, or for more information, please call Dawn (273-0539) or Judy (223-1299).

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Assistant to the Head of the Nursing-Division for Manpower
Hadassah Medical Organization

Ms. Korenblit will speak on:

"The Absorption of Nurse Immigrants: -A Joint Endeavor"

WHEN: Sunday, October 31, 1993 - 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: The University of Kentucky
Faculty Club
510 Rose Street

For reservations, please call Carol Hustedde, 276-5335

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

Hadassah's Women's Discussion Group Announces our fall line-up of coming attractions:

Oct. 21: Feminism in the American Jewish Community.

Home of: Ginger Knight
3162 Beaver Creek Dr. 40517
7:30 pm

Nov. 18: Sex, Truth and the Movies: A Jewish Point of View, a Legal Point of View - A discussion of stereotypes in the movies of women in general and Jewish women in particular.

Home of: Linda Ravvin
1004 Meganwood Circle, 40502
7:30 pm

Dec. 16: Interfaith Relationships - A discussion of the difficulties that may accompany inter-faith relationships, whether these relationships are with family, friends or colleagues. What are conflicts you have had or difficulties you encounter?

Home of: Susan Mason
2042 Williamsburg, 40504
7:30 pm

Our discussions are animated and interesting. New faces are always welcome and encouraged, so give us a try. For more information call Joan Flashman, 223-8066.

TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL NEWS

TAI SISTERHOOD NEWS

We're off to a great start. Our October Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 18th at 6:30 pm, followed by our Sisterhood Newcomer's Night program at 7:30 pm. Plans are underway for our joint Temple/Sisterhood fund raiser on November 13th. We hope you'll come out and join the fun!

The Leisure Club continues to be meet on a monthly basis. We have a great time enjoying a variety of programs as well as good food, fun and friendship.

Our "Pin" project continues to flourish. A new shipment of House Pins, Book Pins and People Pins has arrived. Proceeds from the pin sales are contributed to local agencies which help the less fortunate. The pins, which sell for \$10, make wonderful and meaningful gifts.

For more information on how to purchase these pins, please call our chairperson, Marcia Brown, at 271-4239. Don't forget to stop by our gift shop and see all of the beautiful items on display!

TAI "YOUNG " ADULT OPENING PROGRAM OCTOBER 2 PIZZA & BOWLING

"Young" Adults is open to all interested singles or couples who feel young and want to participate. Call Temple for more details.

OUTREACH

The TAI Outreach program is for interfaith families, people choosing Judaism, and their extended families. We have designed this year's program to be both educational and supportive...and fun. Sessions will be held at the Temple unless otherwise noted.

Making a Jewish Home Sunday morning, October 17th

Ideas and examples of ways to create a Jewish environment in your home.

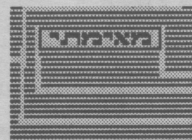
"LET'S LEARN" BEGINS OCT. 13 7:30 P.M. Cost: Free

Our "Let's Learn" program enters its fourth year this fall with some exciting new offerings. This year "Let's Learn's" theme will be *The Jewish Book*. We will present four mini-courses beginning with three weeks of Jewish Literature taught by Mike Adelstein in October.

October 13, 20, 27
Jewish-American Novel
Michael A. Adelstein
(A reading list is available in the Temple Office)

October 13 - "The Beginnings"
October 20 - "Post World War II: Minor Authors"
October 27 - "Post World War II: Major Authors"

TALMUD LISHMAH BEGINS OCTOBER 5



"Talmud Lishmah" will begin Oct. 5, at noon and conclude at 1 PM. "Talmud Lishmah" will meet the first and third Tuesday of each month. No prior Talmudic knowledge is necessary or required. We will be using the new Steinsaltz Talmud as our text.

Bring your lunch. Coffee and hot tea will be available. Let us learn together.

SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, October 1st
Newcomer Welcome Shabbat Dinner
6 PM
Erev Shabbat Service 8 PM
Marilyn Zelcer will sing
Torah Portion: Shabbat Sukkot
Exodus 33:12-34:26
Child Care Available

Saturday, October 2nd
Torah Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM

Friday, October 8th
Family Shabbat Service 7:30 PM
TAI Makhela will sing
Story Sermon
August-October Birthday Blessings
NO Child Care Available

Saturday, October 9th
Tot Shabbat 10-11:15 AM

Friday, October 15th
Erev Shabbat Service 8 PM
Marilyn Zelcer will sing
Torah Portion: Noah
Genesis 6:9-11:32
Child Care Available

Saturday, October 16th
Torah Study 9:30 AM
Alicia Rose Bat Mitzvah 10:30 AM

Friday, October 22nd
Erev Shabbat Service 8 PM
Marilyn Zelcer will sing
Torah Portion: Lech-Lecha
Genesis 12:1-17:27
Child Care Available

Friday, October 29th
Erev Shabbat Service 8 PM
Torah Portion: Vayera
Genesis 18:1-22:24
Child Care Available

Saturday, October 30th
Torah Study 9:30 AM
Shelley Harrison
Bat Mitzvah 10:30 AM

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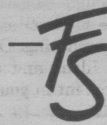
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- 3 Sukkot - Adland Open House 3:30-5:30
- 4 Child Health Day
- Hadassah Fundraiser 7:00-10:00 pm
- 5 TAI Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 pm
- 6 CKJF/Children's Museum Sukkot Education 4:00 pm
- 9 OZS Education Retreat 8:00 pm
- 12 Hadassah Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- Barry Douglas-Piano-Singleterry Center 8:00 pm
- 16 Alicia Rose - Bat Mitzvah - TAI 10:30 am
- 18 TAI Sisterhood Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- TAI Sisterhood 730 pm
- 19 CKJF Resettlement Committee Meeting 7:30 pm
- Hadassah New Member Meeting 7:00 pm
- 20 CKJF/Children's Museum Sukkot Education 4:00 pm
- OZS Special Board Meeting 7:30-9:30 pm
- CKJF Exec. Committee Meeting 7:30 pm
- 21 Hadassah Discussion Group 730 pm
- Israel Bonds Luncheon
- 26 CKJF Community Relations Committee 7:30 pm
- Hadassah Donor Event 7:00 pm
- 27 CKJF Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 28 TAI Exec. Committee Meeting 7:30 pm
- 30 Shelly Harrison - Bat Mitzvah - TAI 10:30

BREAST CANCER PREVENTION STUDY

One out of every nine women will develop breast cancer. Nearly 2,300 women in Kentucky are diagnosed each year with breast cancer and almost 600 women in Kentucky will die each year from this disease. Because of these startling facts, the University of Kentucky Markey Cancer Center is participating in a national study to determine whether the medication tamoxifen may prevent breast cancer from developing in women who are at increased risk. This study is sponsored by the National Cancer Institute through the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project.

Tamoxifen has been used for almost 20 years in the treatment of patients with advanced breast cancer. Recent research has shown that when tamoxifen is used as additional therapy for early stage breast cancer it not only prevents the recurrence of the original cancer, but also prevents the

development of new cancers in the opposite breast.

Only women who are at an increased risk of developing breast cancer are eligible to participate in the breast cancer prevention study. Women who have already had breast cancer are not eligible. Since breast cancer risk increases with age, most healthy women over age 60 are eligible to participate. Women between 35 and 59 may be eligible if their risk of getting breast cancer within five years is high enough based on: having a mother, sister or daughter with breast cancer; previous benign breast biopsies; first menstrual period before age 13; never having been pregnant; or giving birth to their first child after age 30.

Volunteers are needed for this important study. To find out if you are eligible for the study, call 606-257-5207 at the Markey Cancer Center.

THE TORAH THIS MONTH

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chapter of this portion Sarai is told that she will become pregnant. When Sarah heard that he was to become pregnant, she laughed and said, "Can a child be born to a man a hundred years old, or can Sarah bear a child at ninety?" (Isaac's name means "He will laugh".)

In this chapter, God changes Abram's name to Abraham and Sarai becomes Sarah. God restates his covenant with Abraham and adds that the sign of this covenant will be the circumcision of every male child on the 8th days of life. God says that he will bless Ishmael, but God's covenant will be with Isaac. Abraham circumcised himself, Ishmael at the age of 13, and every male in his household.

VAYERA - October 30/ 15 Cheshvan

Genesis 18:1-22:24

The final portion for October contains four

sections. The first concludes the story of Sarah's pregnancy when three men (angels) come to Abraham's home announcing the upcoming event.

The chapter continues with the men leaving Abraham's home and looking down toward Sodom. The story then switches to one of the most important moments in Torah when Abraham argues and bargains with God on behalf of the corrupt population of Sodom looking to save the city if even 10 righteous people can be found. Unfortunately, there aren't even 10 righteous people in the community of Sodom so two of the angels try to rescue the few who aren't corrupt: Lot and his family. The story has tremendous overtones and subplots that can not be summarized in a few words. Suffice it to say that not everyone looks out for the interests of others.

In chapter 20 Sarah gives birth to Isaac who is

circumcised on the 8th days of his life. A short time later Sarah forces Hagar and Ishmael to leave. Abraham tries to supply them with enough food and water, but after wandering around in the wilderness of Beer Sheba she sits down asking God not to let her watch her child die. God intervenes and saves them.

The final chapter is known as the *Akedah* - the binding of Isaac. There is no simple way to understand this chapter about a father commanded to sacrifice his son as a sign of an act of faith to God. Abraham, the father, follows through with the request only to be stopped at the final moment by an angel of God. It is hard to know what each of the main characters was thinking. It is hard to know if Abraham would have followed through if not stopped. It is hard to understand why God tested Abraham if such a fashion. The chapter must be read, reread, pondered, studied, and then start all over again.

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SAVING GASOLINE

MA'ARIV (8/10/93) An Israeli-made device is being marketed to improve engine performance in cars, save fuel, and prevent air pollution.

It is called Gas Magic 2001, and is made by Q-Trade. It enables a 20 percent saving of fuel by cars. Its installation is simple and no technical knowledge is required. The patent is based on the fuel flowing through a magnetic field which enhances its capacity to burn in the engine. Ten-year guarantees are offered, and the device can be moved from one car to another.

JERUSALEM: A W.H.O. "HEALTHY CITY"

(BEZALEL AMIKAM, AL HAMISHMAR, 6/24/93) The World Health Organization recently declared Jerusalem one of 35 "Healthy Cities" in Europe, and the capital of Israel will participate in a project (by the same name) over the next five years. The W.H.O. initiated the endeavor in order to encourage municipal awareness of health issues.

The status afforded Jerusalem was granted on the basis of factors such as ecological stability, the provision of basic services and the involvement of residents in matters relating to their quality of life.

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One of JNF's most exciting projects is Operation Promised Land, which is establishing dams and reservoirs through out Israel to stem the current water shortage and to provide water sources for a growing population.

Trees may be purchased for \$10 each. They are an ideal way to commemorate an event, or to honor or remember a loved one. For information on purchasing trees, or obtaining or returning a Blue Box, please contact Marcia Epstein, 2105 Paige Court, Lexington, KY 40502-3022, tel. 269-7071.

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GLOBES (8/10/93) A new remedy against viruses in computer software has been presented by Compu-Lab, involving secrecy of data in PC computers. It costs \$150, a little more than regular anti-virus software disks, which need frequent updating. The VPH card system is meant to "intercept" material moving from the computer to a disk, identify destructive activities of viruses, and prevent them from operating.

The company's director, Gideon Yanpolsky, says the system does not need to identify a virus to defend against it, and thus is useable against new and unknown viruses. It also eliminates "Trojan Horses" or unintentional deletions.

MEETINGS ON COOPERATION BETWEEN AMERICAN AND ISRAELI COMPANIES

(HA'ARETZ, 8/11/93)

The Israel Export Institute is organizing a series of meetings between Israeli companies and companies and factories in the United States, in the framework of a program for the advancement of industrial and business cooperation between the two countries. The meetings for cooperation will be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on November 8-9 and in Austin, Texas on November 11-12. The meetings will cover the following industrial fields: computer hardware, electronics, chemicals, communications and equipment and supplies.

Insights Into Infertility



October 30, 1993 • 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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Raising Adopted Children
Home Study
International Adoption
Agency Adoption
Treatment Options for
Endometriosis

Assisted Reproductive
Technologies
Recurrent Pregnancy Loss
Micro-manipulation
Interpersonal Relationships
Surviving Infertility: How to
Manage the Stress and Uncertainty

Fees (include lunch and information packet) are \$15 per person for RESOLVE members or students and \$25 single or \$40 non-member couple. Registration at the door, if available, will include an additional \$5 fee.

For more information, call 606/223-1304.

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HARDSHIP IN HEAVEN

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children and gently remarks that although it will be difficult for her and her husband to adjust to life in Israel, the children will enjoy a much better future.

Fourteen year old Yechiel, who is studying at a

yeshiva, echoes this point. "Life was so suffocating in Yemen," he says, "but here I am with my own people. I just love it here. I wake up every morning so excited. I'm just beginning to live.

The Boonys, like all the Yemenite newcomers, are extremely religious. "Because of our beliefs," explains Shlomo Boony, "we always had faith that we would reach Israel. I only

pray that the rest of our family will join us soon."

The Jewish Agency and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, which are the two major beneficiaries of funds raised by the UJA/Federation Annual Campaign, are cooperating in this latest rescue of Yemenite Jewry.

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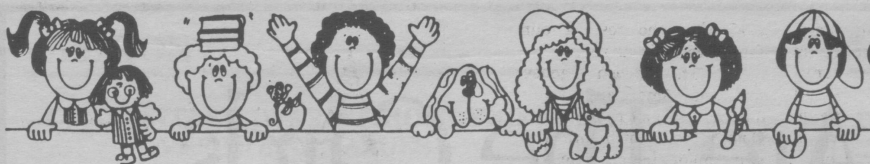
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by Kim Slaton



SUKKOT & SIMCHAT TORAH

Sukkot is a holiday of thanksgiving which lasts an entire week. Jews build temporary huts called sukkahs. *Simchat Torah* is the holiday which comes at the end of Sukkot. People go to their Synagogue or Temple to parade around waving flags and singing in excitement over starting to read the Torah over from the very beginning.

Jewish Kids of Lexington

Chanukah in October?

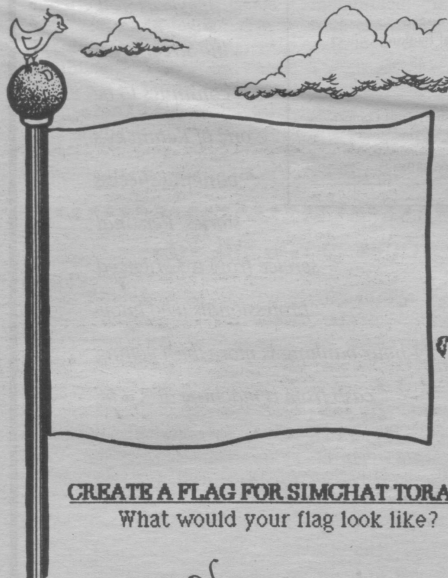
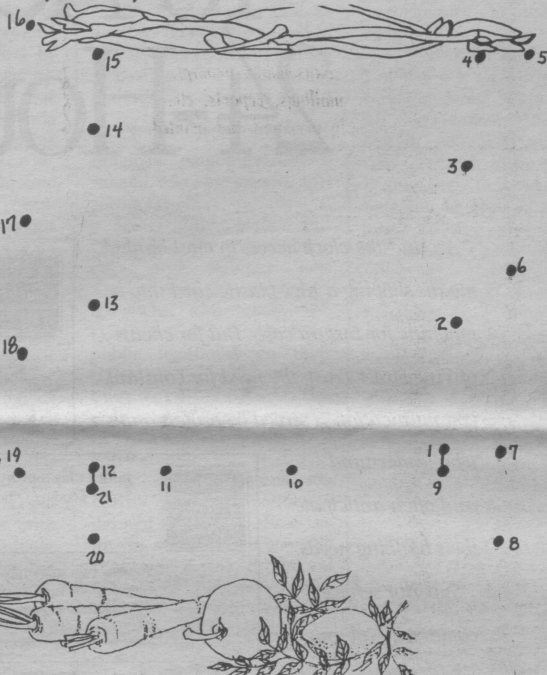
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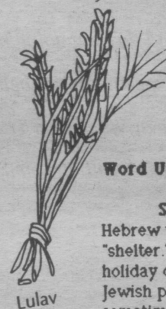
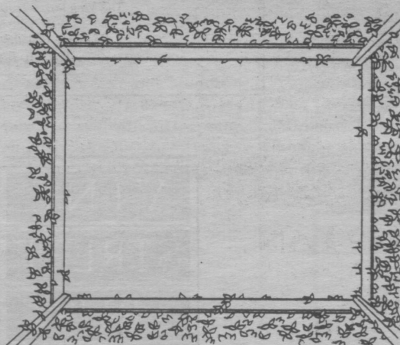
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Sources: My very own Animated Jewish Holiday Activity Book, Can you Imagine, and The Jewish Kids Catalog

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OPINION

COMMENTARY: WAR WITHOUT END OVER MORAL VALUES

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(RNS) - One of America's biggest stories of the 1990s is the bitter conflict over moral values, a clash that promises to sharply escalate. Each side, armed with its own fundamental principles, uses powerful buzzwords and symbols to score important points.

One group, usually called the Religious Right, wants a "restoration" to an idealized America where, among other things, women's traditional functions as homemakers and primary child-raisers are assured.

In the America envisioned by the Religious Right, white Christian males are the ultimate arbiters of educations, economic, political, religious and cultural power. Among the words fired off like gunshots are "Christian morals," "family values" and "tradition," while other terms are held up as "evils." The latter include "radical feminism," "abortion on demand," "secular humanism," "big government" and multiculturalism.

The other side in this fierce battle for the future of

America has no single general label like the Religious Right. But it, too, is well organized and uses key terms to define its aims, including "choice," "power-sharing," "religious/racial/ethnic pride," "pluralism," "sexual equality," and "entitlement."

Critics charge that the America of the religious Right is one in which Jews, blacks, Hispanics, Asians, American Indians and other minorities would be merely tolerated, even if they escaped becoming victims of systematic bigotry. Many Jews sense a latent anti-Semitism within its ranks and blacks complain of racism, but the Religious Right vehemently denies prejudice.

And, believing authentic American values are at stake, the Right feels little need to compromise.

One Protestant minister readily acknowledged past mistakes of our society, but still maintained, "It was better back then. We never locked our doors and every summer I slept safely outside on my parents' porch. And now these days are long gone. We've lost something precious." It would be a serious mistake for critics to

blithely dismiss the Religious Right and its adherents as ignorant "crackers" or "rednecks."

My friend's genuine yearning and anger is shared by millions of Americans who perceive their own values under attack in a bewildering and complex America they basically distrust.

Those against the Religious Right perceive themselves as a broad-based coalition of victimized American minorities who are now vigorously striving to fulfill their own version of the "American Dream" (ironically, a term used by both contending groups). Like the Religious Right, this coalition pursues its agenda in the courtroom, voting booth, school room, synagogue and church, and often in the streets. Members of the Religious Right publicly complain of an anti-Christian bias within this "progressive" coalition, while many in the coalition charge that the Religious Right seeks a theocratic America.

Like the Religious Right, its enemies are convinced of the absolute justice and morality of their demands. While the diverse members of the coalition may sometimes be at odds with one another on some issues, they are uncompromising and united on one essential goal: to break the grip of unfair power held by white Christian males.

As the conflict intensifies, the trench warfare has spilled over into synagogues and churches. Both sides seek the moral authority of the religious communities to buttress their cause. Bible quotations are recklessly used to gain a debating edge, and "Judaism says" or "Christianity teaches" are vain attempts to choke off discussion.

Jews, Protestants and Roman Catholics are struggling to redefine the role of women in their faith communities. Even though there are now many female rabbis and ministers, Orthodox Judaism and several Protestant groups still refuse to ordain women, and Roman Catholic leaders have reaffirmed that only men may be priests. Full

LETTERS

Poor Attendance Sends Wrong Message

Only about two dozen people attended the forum for the two mayoral candidates that the Community Relations Committee sponsored on Sunday evening, September 12th. For a Jewish community of about 800 families, that was a very disappointing turnout. Unfortunately, it reflects very poorly on our community in a couple of significant ways.

First, it says that as Jews we do not feel a need to be part of the political picture of Lexington. I suspect that both of the candidates gained

religious empowerment of women, more buzzwords, still seems far off.

Today Jews and Christians are encountering gays and lesbians who demand their full civil rights, but who also insist the synagogue and church grant public legitimacy to their "lifestyle," yet another buzzword. And the ordination of known gays and lesbians remains a battleground.

In 1865 the end of a brutal civil war politically defined America. Now we are in another civil struggle that will define the moral values of America. But sadly, no end is in sight.

the impression that Lexington's Jews are few in number and of little political consequence. A count of the house would convey such an impression.

A second impression is that Lexington's Jews are apathetic. We do not care about local issues. We do not want to meet our candidates and hear their views on matters of local concern. While there may be Jews in Lexington, we are non-participatory to the local body politic.

Neither of these impressions is complimentary. They reflect an uninvolved, invisible Jewish community, one that does not wish to be seen or heard, one that bears no listening to when we express our unhappiness about events in Lexington that affect us.

The CRC finds such behavior most unfortunate. If we are to be heeded on public issues, we must be visible in the daily discourse of the public arena in this community. The CRC wants to improve this situation. We hope you will join us and support our activities and events by your presence.

WILLIAM LEFFLER

BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR 1994 INCLUDES 1.27 BILLION NIS INCREASE IN FUNDS ALLOCATED TO IMMIGRANT ABSORPTION

DAVAR (8/24/93) reports that the budget allocated to absorption of new immigrants in Israel will increase by 1.27 billion new Israel Shekels (over 440 million dollars) in 1994. This was disclosed yesterday in the proposed 1994 budget which was presented by Finance Minister Avraham Shohat to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. The Knesset is due to vote on the budget on October 25th.

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So even though there's hope that the worst may be over, the responsibilities of UJA and your local Jewish federation remain.

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