



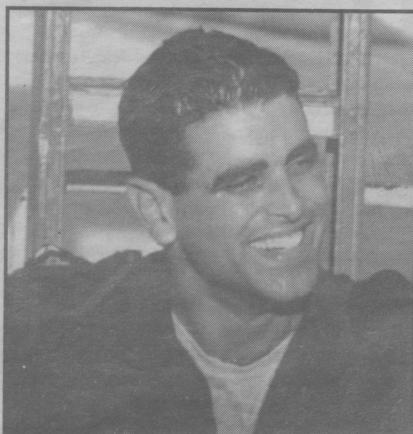
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CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF WITH TAL KEINAN



Join the Jewish community of Central Kentucky at Makers' Mark Restaurant in Applebee's Park on May 5, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. for a sensational kickoff event spearheaded by Tal Keinan, Israeli Air Force pilot and patriot extraordinaire!

Tal Keinan knows American Jews. He grew up in Miami and made aliyah at the age of twenty.

After finishing his B.A. at Tel-Aviv University he entered the Israeli Air Force as a combat pilot, rising in the ranks to Air combat instructor and commander of the IAF Flight Instructors' course. He provides a rich and unique perspective on Israel-Diaspora relations from the vantage point of his personal journey as an "Oleh" and his experiences as an American Israeli. His service in the Air Force gives him also an interesting "in" on security issues.

At a time when the Jewish people is witnessing an open onslaught on Israel by the Palestinians and a sharp rise in Anti-Jewish propaganda throughout the Arab World and Europe, and at a time when the world is becoming a very dangerous place, his perspective becomes extremely important. We will have a look at the idea of being One People through the eyes of an Israeli.

The 2002 CKJF/UJC Community Campaign faces significant challenges. Every year we stress the importance of contributing to our campaign. But this year the need to support Israel in its nation building and the rescue of imperiled Jews around the world holds special meaning.

Israel is under fire, both in the literal sense and on the diplomatic front. The world supports the

actions that the U.S. has taken in Afghanistan to uproot the Al-Qaeda network. These same actions, when taken by Israel in its effort to uproot the Arafat-led coalition of terror, are denounced. Even under siege, Arafat has told Al-Jazeera that "The Jihad will continue until the total liberation of the homeland." Suicide bombers, trained by Hamas in territory controlled by the Palestinian Authority and financed by Iraq and other Arab regimes, will continue to dominate the Palestinian tactics to avoid an agreement and negotiate peace. The continuous violence has decimated the tourist industry, the third largest industry in Israeli economy, leaving over 30,000 people jobless. The consequences for the overall Israeli economy are staggering. What better evidence than to report that 500,000 Israeli children today live below the poverty line.

Yet Israel continues to fulfill its role by defending its citizens, by such costly undertakings as rescuing Jews from starvation in Ethiopia with the help of the JDC, and by providing a safe haven for Jews escaping the growing anti-Semitic climate in France and the economic collapse of Argentina. All this is done while Israel continues to absorb Jews from Russia and the former Soviet Union who choose to make Israel their home.

In addition, the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) and the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), international groups also funded in part by campaign, continue to work with marginalized communities to help them become part of the Israeli mainstream.

With our overseas contribution we are part of this tremendously positive enterprise. We become an integral part of the world-wide Jewish community. As American Jews, we are in a unique position to be able to help those of our people in other parts of the world, and to support Israel financially and politically.

The campaign this year is vital. Your participation is the only way to achieve this vitality. Be counted by making a minimum campaign pledge of \$250 and attending this exciting kickoff event.

Big Changes At CKJF

New Office, New Website, New Computer System

New Office Location

CKJF is moving up and out of the basement office space on Romany Road to brighter and larger space on Chinoe Road in the Chinoe Center office building.

The new office space will have two areas for committee meetings and volunteers, a larger storage area, adequate parking spaces, and sufficient office space for staff including Jewish Family Services. It should accommodate the needs and growth of our community over the next few years.

The new office will also allow CKJF to concentrate its reading and audiovisual material for easier access by the community.

Stan Saxe, Federation President, cited the members of the search committee for a new facility for their efforts over the past two years. The committee included Steve Caller, Steve Kesten, Bret Caller and was chaired by immediate past CKJF president Marty Barr. "Special thanks go to Bret Caller for his commitment and work on behalf

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CONDOLENCES TO:

The family of **Mike Adelstein** who died on March 31.

Jerry & Karen Sander on the death of Jerry's mother, **Rita Sander**, on April 4.

The family of **Rose Brazin** who died on April 5, 2002. She is survived by her daughter, **Harriet Brazin** and her niece, **Jan Cerel**.

Robert Sloat on the death of his father **Robert E. Sloat** on April 9.

The family of **Robert Cohen** who died April 16. He is survived by his daughter, **Jan Cerel**; granddaughter, **Sylvia Suhl**; and niece **Harriet Brazin**.

Dan and James Liebman on the death of their father, **Herbert Liebman** on April 25.

MAZEL TOV TO:

Aaron Davidson, who was a medal winner in the fourth grade class of the Kentucky American Water Company Science Fair. Aaron is the son of **Jeff Davidson** and **Janet Tamaren**.

Kaitlin Graff, who was a medal winner in the sixth grade class of the Kentucky American Water Company Science Fair. Kaitlin is the daughter of **Anne** and **Wayne Graff**.

Amy Nigoff who has been accepted into Ohio University's doctoral program in clinical psychology. Amy is the daughter of **Lowell & Betty Nigoff**.

Ada Wikler, on the birth of her grandson, **Samuel**, who was born on March 7, 2002. The proud parents are **Daniel Wikler & Sarah Marchand**.

Joe Krislov on his engagement to **Louise Miller** of Simsbury, Ct.

Gabriella Pessah on her engagement to **Adam Benson**.

Alan Stein for being honored by Volunteers of America in recognition of service to the community.

Merle and David Wekstein on the birth of their grandson, **Samuel Doron Wekstein Kravitz**, son of **Debby and David Kravitz** on March 17, 2002.

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President's Message

by
Stan Saxe

What Can We Do?



Disturbed by continual reference by t.v. news announcers and analysts that terror directed against Israel results from poverty, deprivation, occupation and denial of human rights, my column this month was to be *The Root Causes of Terrorism*. I was going to write that those who claim people who face hopelessness and despair become the suicide bombers disregard some facts: 15 of the 19 suicide hijackers of 9/11 were from Saudi Arabia and were financed by a millionaire, and Christian Arabs living in the areas under Palestinian Authority control have not become suicide bombers.

Scholars of Islamic history, both Arab and non-Arab, understand the role of Islamic fundamentalism. Islamic radicals who embrace fundamentalism teach that the hated infidel, whether the Christian West or Israeli Jews, should be killed. The extremists who have hijacked the principles of Islam and promote for their own twisted purposes the destruction and killing of non-believers are the root cause, in my estimation.

However I will not expand the topic this month because Benjamin Netanyahu has written the featured article on the April 19, 2002 editorial page of the Wall Street Journal. It is titled "The Root Cause of Terrorism." The former prime minister is much more diplomatic than I. In the article he mentions Mahatma Gandhi, the people of Eastern Europe and Martin Luther King, Jr. Netanyahu writes these people pursued their cause without resorting to terror because "they believed in the sanctity of human life, were committed to the ideals of liberty, and championed the values of democracy." He goes on to describe totalitarianism as the root cause of terrorism. Check it out on the web: <http://opinionjournal.com>. The site contains The Wall Street Journal editorial page and op-ed articles which can be retrieved easily and quickly.

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Lowell Nigoff Chairs Super Sunday – May 19TH

Campaign chair, Alan Stein, announced that Super Sunday, our Grassroots phone-a-thon for the 2002 CKJF/UJC Community Campaign, will be held on May 19 from 9 am to 2 pm. at Temple Adath Israel

So why Super Sunday? Because every person counts, and every dollar helps. This is an opportunity for every Central Kentuckian to provide help for the grave situation in Israel and overseas.

CKJF also provides services to the local Jewish community. Camp Shalom offers a great summer experience for children ages 4 to 10. This unique camp is celebrating 35 years of service to the Central Kentucky Jewish community with what will be the best Camp Shalom ever.

Jewish Family Services continues to help the community one person at a time. The isolated senior, the single mother, the elderly are all helped by JFS. JFS also provides educational opportunities for teens and their families, especially in the areas of health education.

The Community Activities Committee continues to organize unique cultural and social opportunities for the community to come together. Trips such as the one to the Huntington Museum of Art, the Boat Ride on the Kentucky River, and cultural programs such as the Lexington Community Orchestra concert on Jewish composers were well attended

and enjoyed. Yom Ha'atzmaut, the annual celebration of Israel Independence Day, was marked this year by the screening of the re-mastered version of the movie "Exodus." The committee is planning another boat ride in July and a second concert in the Fall, and will continue to enhance Jewish life in Central Kentucky.

The Community Relations Committee is faced with the daunting task of representing the voice of the Jewish community in the public arena on issues of public concern. Interpreting the Middle East crisis to the wider audience of Central Kentucky, expressing our support for the State of Israel, raising awareness on issues of anti-semitism and preserving the separation of church and state are issues this committee addresses. The committee also works with other groups in the greater Lexington area to address serious social issues such as homelessness, racism, discrimination, housing shortages, and a wide gamut of social problems. In addition, the CRC promotes an ongoing dialogue with other ethnic and religious groups in the region and helps mark significant Jewish events such as Yom Hashoah; the committee also works with the local elected officials and school officials to promote fair treatment for all.

Tikkun Lexington, an initiative to promote volunteerism in our community and participation in

the wider community, brought Jewish holidays through the year to the Jewish students at the Stewart Home in Frankfort, and is now preparing to launch more initiatives in partnership with the social action committees of our congregations.

The Shalom Newspaper and the new community website are designed to keep our community informed on local Jewish communal events, and to serve as a forum for community opinions. The paper reaches the homes of those affiliated, as well as unaffiliated Jews, in the Greater Lexington area and promotes our community in the wider American Jewish community.

This wide array of programs is funded by the CKJF through the annual campaign. Super Sunday not only helps raise the funds for overseas and for local needs, but also reaches out to every Jewish household in the community. It is about building community.

We need volunteers on Super Sunday to make phone calls, work on refreshments, or help distribute the pledge cards. Please call the CKJF office at 268-0672 and give an hour or two of your time. And, most importantly, on May 19th, answer the Super Sunday call with your pledge to support the CKJF/UJC campaign. The need is urgent, both here and abroad, and every person counts. Every dollar helps.

Central Kentucky Jewish Community Shows Solidarity with Israel

On March 24, 2002, United Jewish Communities, the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and the Federations of North America mobilized a nationwide expression of support for the people of Israel. Over 40 members of the Lexington Jewish joined a show of public solidarity with the State of Israel. We watched as elected officials expressed US support for Israel. We visited the bombed Moment Café in Jerusalem and listened to the reports of this horror by Mayor Ehud Olmert and the café owner. We heard Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's appeal to the Jewish people for unity and public support. They were part of almost two hours of an outpouring of emotion and love for Israel.

Our leaders reiterated the unwavering support of the North American Jewish community for the State of Israel and its fight against terror. This most significant event linked close to 100 communities via TV satellite hookup and another 40 through the world wide web or audio link.

The highlight of the broadcast was Elie Wiesel, speaking by satellite link from Florida. With his usual thoughtful demeanor he expressed his pain and sorrow, blaming Chairman Arafat not only for not stopping the violence, but also for wasting an historic opportunity for his people to achieve independence.

This show of support for Israel was unique in its unanimity. It highlighted the fact that this was not about politics or settlements or territory. Israel is facing a fight for its very existence, unlike anything experienced since 1948. This broadcast put aside differences to focus on the fundamental right of the Jewish people to have its own State. It was a call to American Jews to stand side by side with our brothers and sisters in Israel to protect Israel's rights. In the words of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, "At this time it is very important for the Jewish people to be united here in Israel and in the Diaspora, for we are one people..."

We stand with the people and the State of Israel at this critical time. We share their pain and outrage at the terrible loss of life and limb as a result of the Palestinian campaign of terror and violence launched against Israel eighteen months ago.

We stand with Israel as it fulfills its most basic responsibility as a democracy; defending the nation and protecting its citizens.

We stand with Israel in demanding that the Palestinian Authority end the violence and terror, arrest and persecute the perpetrators, dismantle the terrorist infrastructure and the incitement against Israel and Jews, and live up to all its previous commitments.

We stand with our government and with Israel in combating the global threat of terrorism.

We stand with Israel as it seeks a true and lasting peace that will assure secure and defensible borders, as well as the safety of its citizens and of all people in the region.

We call on all people of good will to join us in standing with Israel now.

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"The Impositions of History"

By Daniel Chejfec, Executive Director
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When I left town to spend the Seder with my family in Chicago, I thought about writing this column on a different subject, but after this last Erev Pessah, how can I write about anything different than what is happening in Israel?

Eight and a half years ago, I was watching CNN with many others and marveling at the incredible sight: Yitzhak Rabin, architect of the Israeli victory in 1967 and Prime Minister of Israel, shaking hands with Yasser Arafat, leader of the PLO, a terrorist group bent on the destruction of the Jewish State. I did not think the marriage was the perfect shiddach, mind you, but I felt it was the best possible at that moment; and I was filled with a sense of hope. Maybe there was, after all, a light at the end of the tunnel – a way to live side-by-side in peace. For more than seven years, I hoped. Rabin was assassinated. The Jewish community headquarters in Buenos Aires was blown up. Netanyahu came to power. Arafat continued his campaign of incitement against Israel and Jews. Barak defeated Netanyahu. And I kept hoping.

In the summer of 2000, at Camp David, Barak offered Arafat a deal that, in spite of my commitment to peace, I had difficulty accepting, for it implied sharing Jerusalem with Arafat. But the Arab wizard of political survival rejected Barak's offer and used the opportunity to launch a bloody and insane attack on Israel. I was there in March of 2001. I saw the empty hotels, I saw the Israelis trying to understand the reasons for the attack. I saw despair and uncertainty about the future. And I buried my hope. The crude reality of day-to-day life in an Israel under siege by terrorists can do that to you. It can swing you from your hopes into pragmatism.

I came back home with a heavy burden. For Israel to survive, I thought in those days, it might have to do things I will not like, yet no workable alternative occurred to me.

Since my visit, the situation has worsened greatly, culminating in a terrible rape – the assassination of people who were

gathering just to spend the Passover Seder together in Netanya. All hell broke loose, and each one of us lived through those days in different ways. I know that a part of me died in Netanya – that part of me that hoped against hope for a diplomatic solution. The equation was simplified – If Israel makes concessions, it is interpreted as weakness, and Israel is attacked. If Israel retaliates, it is seen as arrogance and oppression, and Israel is attacked. If Israel does absolutely nothing, it is seen as an opportunity, and Israel is attacked. Israel is attacked, no matter what it does, then Israel is forced to defend its citizens by any possible means.

As I write these lines, CNN is criticizing Israel for putting the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem under siege. Did they think of criticizing the sharpshooters who occupied the Church and violated its sanctity? Obviously not.

Over the last couple of weeks, our community has been very active on this front, sometimes as a community, and sometimes through individual initiatives. In late March, at the KET studios, we came together as a community to participate in the "We Stand with Israel" national initiative, as part of a satellite hook-up. We listened to Ariel Sharon, to Ehud Olmert, to Elie Wiesel, to the leadership of United Jewish Communities and the Conference of Presidents of Major National Jewish Organizations. We wept with the Israelis, and we saw their resolve.

A week and many casualties later, Prime Minister Sharon briefed the leadership of American Jewry over the phone about the events developing in Israel. He stressed the need for the unity of the Jewish People in Israel and in the Diaspora. He urged us to publicly express our support and our love for Israel.

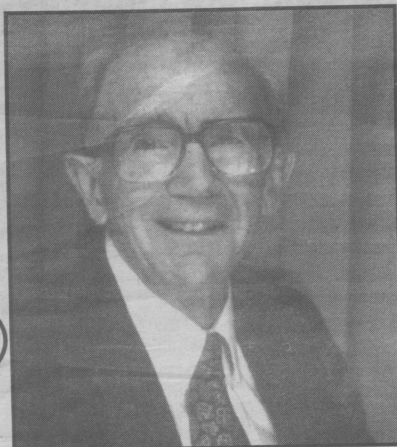
On April 1, KET broadcast a panel discussion featuring two political science professors, Nayef Samhat from Centre College and Stuart Kaufman from UK, as well as John Stemple (Director of the Patterson School), and Mrs. Hashim from the University of Louisville. It was clear from Mrs. Hashim's comments that she was not interested at all in facts. She wanted only to dehumanize and demonize Israelis.

Many of us might feel uncomfortable with Sharon's views. Many of us might support his views. Many of us might like him, and many of us might not. But we all need to

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Memories Of Mike...

A memorial service
will be held
on Sunday, May 12 at 1:00 P.M.
at Temple Adath Israel



...A Tribute

When I came to Lexington in October 1999, one of the first people I met was Michael Adelstein. I was immediately taken by his dynamic personality and his demeanor. He was as unassuming as he was passionate. Over time, I had many conversations with him about so many topics, that they would fill a book by themselves. What always impressed me the most was his passion for the Federation's mission locally and abroad, and his clear and often very sharp understanding of the issues involved. His wit, his sense of humor, enhanced his commitment and showed his love for the Jewish people and for the Central Kentucky Jewish community in particular. I wish I had a chance to spend more time with him and drink from his wisdom. Mike was a real "Mentsch," and I will miss him dearly.

Daniel Chejfec

There have already been, and there will be many more, encomiums written about Mike Adelstein. They are well deserved. Mike was a consummate teacher; he had a great store of knowledge and a great desire to pass on that knowledge to his students. He was concerned for his community, his state, and his country, and found time to give his wisdom and his passion to various community activities.

We all looked forward to his columns for *Shalom*. We knew we would be entertained, amused, and most of all, enlightened by whatever subject happened to capture his curiosity.

He was a kind, thoughtful, warm, and gracious man. Mike Adelstein was a gentleman, a gentle man, a mensch. His presence is missed.

Marcia Blacker

On April 2 I lost a person who has been important in my life as a teacher, mentor, colleague, and dear, dear friend. Naturally, I knew his

fragile health made his every day a gift; nonetheless, this was a shock. He and Gay had just shared the Seder with Abe and me on the previous Thursday evening, laughing, talking about the wonderful winter they had spent together in Hawaii, listening to their travel plans for the summer and following winter, analyzing the chances of the teams in the Final Four—in short catching up with each other's lives. Less than three hours later, he had a massive stroke, and the Mike we knew and loved was gone.

I did little but think of him that terrible weekend as we and his many, many friends checked in with each other about how he was doing. And all those thoughts were happy, consoling ones. I thought about the great times we spent together over the years: the word play that consumed the lunch bunch (mostly writing teachers) as we munched our sandwiches in the tiny English Department Lounge at UK; the comical misses as we tried to find each other in Istanbul but never did succeed (though finally on their last day Mike tracked us down by phone and we got to exchange experiences before he and Gay returned to the States; Mike always did persist); the relaxed rambles we took when he and Gay visited us in Florida, and always the dinners and the talk. When Mike began, "Let me ask you a question," we could always count on an interesting discussion that left us with a whole new slant on an issue.

I thought about his influence on me—and so many others—as a teacher: his willingness to experiment and innovate in the classroom while insisting that students use language eloquently and precisely; his cutting-edge textbook, *The Writing Commitment*, written with his colleague and close friend, Jean Pival, a textbook so many of us relied on through its many editions; his commitment to high standards in university governance as a member of the AAUP, as President of the UK

Faculty Senate, and as a member of the UK Board of Trustees.

Mike was a first-class teacher of writing, but even more to the point, he was a first class writer. He loved the act of writing. His frequent letters and op-ed pieces published in the Herald-Leader argued persuasively about a variety of political and moral issues, especially issues connected to the University of Kentucky and his insistence that the University have the kind of leadership it deserved. Nothing interfered with his writing his column in

Shalom which was a highlight for me. It was a priority and the articles came like clockwork even when he had surgery scheduled in Cleveland or planned to be away on an extended trip. And his articles were so engaging. Our daughter, who lives in New York, told me she always turned to Mike's column first thing, reading it avidly.

Mike's voice was a force in the community—soft spoken to be sure—but powerful. It insisted on compassion, ethical conduct, accountability, and excellence. That voice is silent now, but who of us will ever forget it?

Judy Levine

Mike was not only a gracious and gifted human being who earned the respect and admiration of his students and peers, he demonstrated a commitment to the Jewish community in Central Kentucky. Mike has served as a CKJF Board of Directors member, on the Executive Committee and as Secretary. He served on the editorial board of *Shalom*, our monthly newspaper. His monthly columns written for *Shalom* were widely read and were a high point for our publication. They were of a quality well beyond that enjoyed by other Federation & community newspapers. I miss his generous and joyful contributions to our community.

Stan Saxe

New and Returning Campers Enjoy 35th Anniversary of Camp Shalom

by Kathy Feinberg

Camp Shalom, the summer day camp sponsored by the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, welcomed 2002 campers and celebrated the camp's 35th anniversary on March 17 at the Temple Adath Israel social hall. It was a Sunday afternoon of reminiscing about past summers at Camp Shalom and excitement about our 2002 camp.

Photographs were displayed from the first camp in 1968 and Gail Cohen, Judy Saxe and Evelyn Geller helped us identify our first campers, some of

whom are now parents of campers.

Ted Friedman read a moving tribute to Sue Friedman written by his daughter, Greta.

Sue saw the need for a Jewish day camp in Lexington in 1967, and formed a committee whose work and dedication resulted in the first Camp Shalom.

New and returning campers had an opportunity to meet our 2002 staff and pick up applications for campers and counselors, buy a Camp Shalom sweatshirt, and make a craft. Crafts were provided by Bonnie O'Neill and Jana Lazur, Program Directors for 2002 Camp Shalom, Tammy Bradley

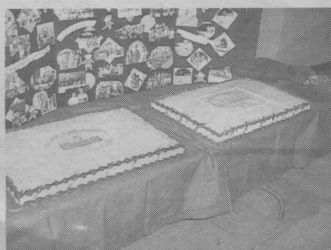
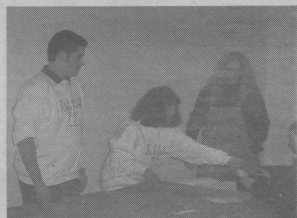
our pre-K Camp Director; Janis O'Connell, Vicki Atha's daughter and Lisa Miller, Camp Shalom committee chair.

Jason Heymann, Assistant to the Camp Director and Penina Goldstein, Senior Counselor, welcomed returning campers and organized games for the children.

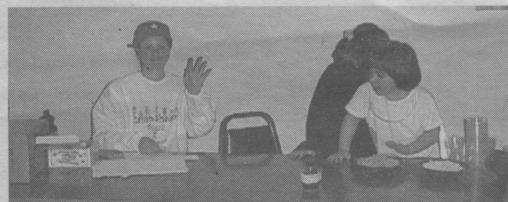
Our thanks go to Daniel Cheijfec, CKJF Executive Director; Vicki Atha, CKJF Activities Director; and our Camp Shalom staff and committee for making the Camp Shalom 35th Anniversary Party a great success.

Celebrating 35 Years of Camp Shalom

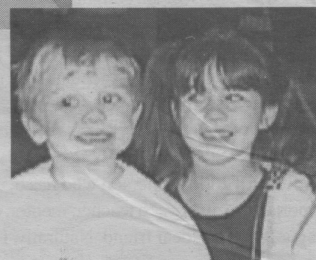
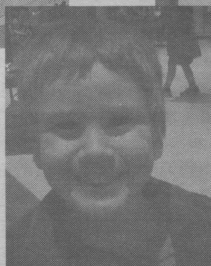
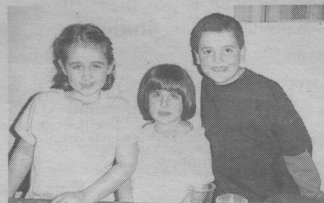
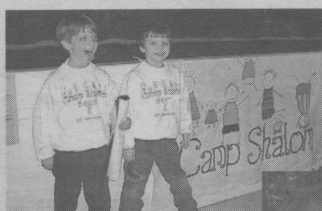
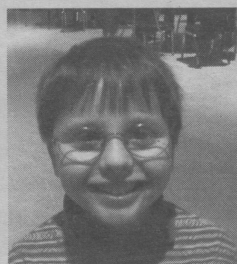
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ATPAC: Promoting Israel's Interests

Leisure Club Kickoff Event Leaves Lasting Impression

By Fran Morris, Director of Jewish Family Services

Leisure Club members were treated to a special program last month. On April 18th we listened to an enlightening discussion on the state of health care in the United States by veteran newscaster Jerry Sander from Channel 27, WKYT. Mr. Sander explained the differences in the health care system here and in South America. It was interesting to view a part of his broadcast in

Ecuador some time ago. Besides presenting an educational discussion, Jerry is a dynamic speaker whom we all enjoyed.



Jerry Sander introduces the newscast we are about to view



Vinnie Dubilier & Annette Milch shmooze with guests during lunch



Madeline Weinberg asks a question during the program

We would like to thank CKJF for subsidizing the cost of lunch for us at this program. Thanks

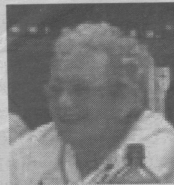


Bea Milner sits contentedly after a good meal

also to Jeff Kaplan who brought the delicious Subway sandwiches. Please check the ad below about the upcoming Leisure Club tour of a local horse farm. Transportation and a tour guide will be provided at no charge to Leisure Club members, thanks to a subsidy by CKJF. The bus will leave promptly at 9:30 a.m. from the Temple Adath Israel parking lot, and will arrive back there at 11:30 a.m. Please bring a sack lunch and we will eat together afterwards. You must RSVP to 269-8244 to reserve your space.

We could still use some energetic folks to be on the Leisure Club committee. If you are interested, please call JFS at 269-8244. Leisure Club, a program for older adults, is sponsored by Jewish Family Services of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation.

Leisure Club members listen closely as Mr. Sander delivers his presentation



Pavel Sheftel (left) and Jerry Sander (right)



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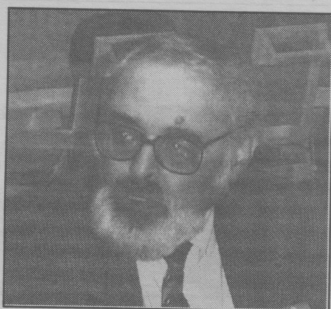
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Rabbi H. D. Uriel Smith

If this were a rational world, the Palestinians would have kicked out their leaders, both secular and religious, long ago. First, these leaders are liars, telling the most idiotic lies. Second, they are deliberately killing the Palestinian children. And third, they are keeping their followers immature, making sure that they do not learn to think like adults.

If this were a rational world, the supporters of the Palestinians would have told their proteges to kick out these leaders. But then, these supporters would have to face themselves and realize that they are using the Palestinians merely as tools to fulfil their own cultural or religious formulations of justice. They ask the Israelis to perform miracles, while they enable the Palestinians to continue lying, to continue committing paedicide, and to continue acting immaturely, and thus create a logjam that harms both the Palestinians and the Israelis. And then they blame the Israelis for not fulfilling at once all the types of justice that the different "peace and justice" types demand should be fulfilled.

So the worlds in which the Palestinians and their supporters live cannot be very rational. Nevertheless, in order to understand them we must recognize that the Palestinians and their supporters are not total idiots. Something must be setting blinkers on their minds, keeping them from seeing the obvious. We have to realize further that there cannot be just one strand forming these blinkers. The Arab, European, and Palestinian supporters arise from such different milieus that they cannot be blinded by a single universal strand.

Let us look at some of the strands in these webs of deceit. If we are truly to reach out for peace, we have to understand what are these strands, so that we can remove some of them, and realign the rest. Thereby we can help all, not just the Palestinians and the Israelis, but also the

neighboring Arab and Muslim nations, the Christian communities and the European nations, university personnel and anti-globalization protestors, Hindus, Buddhists, Communists, as well as the Jewish communities in the Diaspora.

In this article I will look just at what hides the lies. Some of the culprits are not deliberately lying:

they can no longer tell the difference between really truthful statements, and sweet-talk which just feels good. Others know they are lying, but believe they are bringing a greater good that will override such lies. And then there are some who believe that their tradition positively commands them to lie in their fight against the infidels.

Let us look at forces blocking people from separating real truth from what they feel should be true since it feels good. Clovis Maqsoud, a Lebanese professor who subsequently represented the Arab League at the United Nations, told Hans Tütsch, a Swiss professor, around 1960: (Tütsch, Facets of Arab Nationalism [1965], chap. ii, n. 9, p. 141)

"For you [Westerners] facts are something static, facts are God. For us [Arabs] facts are subjective, something fluid; they change."

This fluidity of truth is not peculiarly Arab. Most cultures on this level of semiotic sophistication have the same

difficulties in accepting distasteful facts as true. Most religious fundamentalists are on this level. This is the level when Christians can declaim,

"If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be rooted up, and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you," (Luke 17:6)

and claim that this declaration is literally true. On this level various Hasidim declare that the Tanakh tells us that the world was created 5762 years ago; the fossils were added only to make it look older. But, in the West the fundamentalists are part of a larger more sophisticated culture. The Arab culture is still only developing towards that greater sophistication. This fluidity of truth has had practical consequences.

The Egyptians continuously want truth to feel good. So after Egyptair 990 went down in October 31, 1999, they absolutely refused to accept that the crash was deliberate. Independent investigators

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hearing the cockpit recordings were in no doubt that the co-pilot, Gameel al-Batouti, committed suicide by crashing the plane with all the passengers into the sea. The Egyptians were offended by this conclusion. When last month the National Transportation Safety Board published their report, the Egyptian government started court proceedings to

overturn this conclusion. For the Egyptians truth is fluid, and in this case must be changed.

In 1973 the Egyptians had practiced for a year how to cross the Suez Canal and capture the Israeli positions on the other side. Their assault was successful. But then they did not know what to do next. Since Arab soldiers at the front will send back to their officers what sounds good, rather than the exact facts, the Army Headquarters could not be sure how to respond to the good news. By the time they made up their minds, General Sharon had crossed the Suez Canal in the opposite direction and started surrounding the Egyptian Army. The Israelis summed up the situation long before the Egyptians could and reacted much more quickly.

The suicide teams piloting the four passenger planes on September 11th last year had prepared themselves for over a year. They assumed that if

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the passengers phoned home, this would demoralize their families and

all other Americans. They could not imagine that Westerners on the fourth plane would quickly gather information from these phone calls telling them that the flight had become a one-way trip to death (after all this information would not feel good), and that therefore the only chance they had was to fight back. The passengers surprised them.

These cases of fluid truth belong to a conscious semiotic level, which Edward T. Hall in his *The Silent Language* called a Formal level of awareness. I call this level the Ishmaelian level. Depending on how we divide up the levels it is on the fourth or sixth level of semiotic awareness. Beyond it are E. T. Hall's Technical levels, scientific levels, called by Kurt Lewin the Aristotelian and Galileian levels. (See his *A Dynamic Theory of Personality*.) On these levels the Correspondence perspective of truth arises: statements are true if their meaning corresponds to reality. In science we test whether the hypotheses correspond to reality.

But, when we climb two further levels of sophistication we "discover" again a fluid theory of truth. Beyond the next level, the Kantian level (named after the philosopher Immanuel Kant), we enter the level of Postmodernism, beloved by many literary and art critics, sophisticated religious leaders, and some philosophers. But, as Alan Sokal has shown (*Fashionable Nonsense*), the postmodernist refusal to recognize scientific limits is foolish and can be very dangerous.

Edward Said, who became the president of the Modern Languages Association, has demonstrated both the brilliance and the distorting powers of postmodernism in his many works, including *Orientalism*, *Covering Islam*, and *The Question of Palestine*, through which he has worked tire

see Rabbi's Corner (continued on page 13)

AIPAC: Promoting Israel's Interests

by Leon and Linda Ravvin

Most of the world is an Arab lobby, and the counterbalance to this world today is the United States Congress. These words were expressed at an American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) meeting held in Lexington on Wednesday, April 10th. The guest speaker was Steve Rosen, National Director of Foreign Policies for AIPAC, from Washington, D.C. The session was very well attended and emphasized the importance of being well informed about Israel's situation.

Thursday evening, April 11, saw the arrival of Secretary of State Colin Powell in Israel. This followed a week of statements from the U.S. administration to Israel to pull its troops out of the West Bank. It was also a week in which Powell traveled, meeting with Arab leaders and European representatives. The pressure on the United States to step back from its "wayward" friend, Israel, has mounted by the day.

Mr. Rosen gave an excellent account of the present situation in Israel and the occupied territories.

The Oslo Accords were designed as a step-by-step process in which Israel would gradually withdraw from much of the occupied territories leaving them under the control of the Palestinian Authority. This was to be in exchange for guarantees from the Palestinian Authority to cooperate with Israel's security needs and promote peace between Palestinians and Israelis. In fact, Israel had already handed over substantial areas of the West Bank and Gaza to the Palestinian Authority during the period following Oslo. This led up to the Camp David meetings between President Clinton, Prime Minister Barak and Chairman Arafat in which a final proposal was presented by Clinton and supported by Barak. The proposal was that Israel would hand over virtually all of the territories to Palestinian control including parts of East Jerusalem. The deal also involved shared sovereignty over the Temple Mount and other sites holy to both Jews and Muslims. Additionally, it included a statement declaring full mutual recognition and an end to the conflict between the two parties.

The deal was summarily rejected by Arafat without any effort at a counterproposal or further negotiation. Instead, it became apparent since the Oslo Accords, that instead of peace-building measures, a vast infrastructure of terrorism had been constructed in the territories. This infrastructure was based on an educational system promoting hatred of Jews and Israel and delegitimizing Jewish historic rights to Israel. This led to the present relentless period of terrorism with repeated suicide/homicide bombings in Israeli cities. The inevitable Israeli response was military incursions into areas previously under Palestinian control in an attempt to dismantle the terrorist infrastructure.

Although the U.S. Administration and Congress remain supportive of Israel's "war against terror," Mr. Rosen emphasized the enormous counter pressure exerted by Arab and Muslim states who constantly assert that the occupation and military

incursions are the "primary problems." These pressures led to the Administration's recent "balanced" position demanding that the Palestinian leadership stop and take responsibility for terrorist activity and that the Israelis pull back from the recent military incursions.

AIPAC is the most important organization informing and updating congressional and administration leaders in Washington and throughout the

United States about Israel's concerns and issues. AIPAC also advances the mutually beneficial potential of a strong and democratic ally in the Middle East.

It is our responsibility as American Jews to contact, inform and educate our representatives in government and media to Israel's current critical situation and the efforts that have been made to offer peace.

Remembering the Holocaust: Yom Ha'Shoah

On Sunday, April 7th, the Central Kentucky Jewish community came together to honor the memory of those who perished at the hands of the Nazis, at a time when ironically, the Nazi lies are again being used against the Jewish people.

This community-wide marking of the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising was punctuated by the Kaddish in memory of those who died and the traditional six memorial candles symbolizing the six million of our brothers and sisters who died.

The guest speaker, Dr. Hanna Liss, gave a very challenging speech forcing us to rethink our understanding of one of the darkest episodes in our history. The program would not have been possible

without those who volunteered their time to organize it and those who participated in the ceremony.

The thanks go to the organizations' representatives, Leon Ravvin from Adath Israel, Herb Fertig from Ohavay Zion, Sharon Wainshilbaum from Hadassah, and Rabbi Uriel Smith from the Havurah. We are also thankful to Benjamin Karp for his beautiful rendition of Ani Ma'amin, to Rabbi Sharon Cohen, Rabbi Jonathan Adland, and Marilyn Moosnick. We also thank those who participated in the initial procession: Candleholders Emily Szekely, Sylvia Green, Hannah Smith, Ernie Cohen, Judy Hersh, and Larry Kant, and chuppah holders Herb Fertig, Sandy Goldberg, and Fran Morris.

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Dear JFS,

My husband and I are concerned that our teenage daughter is involved in drugs. She denies this, but we have reason to doubt her. Her behavior has changed a great deal over the past year. Whereas she used to enjoy participating in activities with the family, she now prefers to spend all of her free time outside the home, or alone in her room. She recently has a new boyfriend, and we don't feel comfortable with him or his friends. My husband and I hope this is just a phase and she'll grow out of it, but we're scared. What should we do?

Sincerely,
Terrified Parents

Dear Parents,

Few things cause more fear on the part of parents than the suspicion that their child is involved with drugs. It is common for parents to try and put aside their concerns in the hopes that this is "just a phase" which will soon pass. Indeed, some kids experiment with drugs for a short period of time before giving them up, without much apparent harm. However, other kids escalate their use of drugs to the point that can cause serious damage to their health; emotional, physical, and psychological. In addition to the dangers caused by the drugs themselves, kids who continue to use drugs are more likely to engage in other risky behaviors, such as driving while impaired, and unsafe sexual

activity. Unfortunately, no one can predict which child is likely to give up drugs in the experimental stage and which child is likely to escalate their usage. It is for this reason that your concerns are justified.

Your daughter's change in behavior and increased isolation from your family can be warning signs of possible drug use. Your discomfort with her boyfriend and his friends are further cause for concern. Additional warning signs would include increased argumentativeness and outbursts of anger directed toward you. If you believe your daughter is using drugs, you should strongly consider searching her room for drug paraphernalia, if you have not already done so. Be aware that teenagers will often hide their drugs in innocuous containers such as soda cans, breath mint tins, and camera film containers. While your daughter may accuse you of violating her privacy, it is your responsibility as a parent to ensure her safety, as well as to ensure that no laws are being violated on your property.

While you raised the issue only of illicit drug use, please keep in mind that alcohol is the number one drug of abuse among teenagers. Parents often overlook the dangers associated with teen alcohol use, for a variety of reasons. However, it is illegal for teens to drink, and you should regard your child's use of alcohol to be as potentially dangerous as the use of any drug.

Parents are often afraid to confront their teen's drug or substance abuse because they want to avoid the conflict that will ensue. Other parents fear losing their child's friendship. But the worst thing for parents who suspect their child is using drugs can do is to ignore the problem and hope it goes away. It often doesn't disappear and can produce tragic results.

Your first step might be to call the Drug Information Services of Kentucky, DISK. This is the statewide distribution center for information about drug and alcohol abuse in the family, school, or

CKJF Director Spends Night On The Streets

Daniel Cheffec, Executive Director, Central Kentucky Jewish Federation

Last month I participated, along with Larry Kant, Diane Duane and about 40 other Central Kentuckians, in the "Keep the Heat On" program which provide funds to heat the residences of low-income families and individuals. One issue that the experience awoke in me was the importance of structure to our daily life. When I was "out there" with no schedule and no obligations, I realized how much we depend on a schedule. When one does not exist, each moment is the same as the next, and the next, and the next. A schedule's purpose is to find purpose. We define our day by where we need to walk; where we have breakfast, lunch, and dinner; and where we sleep.

To help us understand the deprivation endured by those with low incomes, we lived on the streets. In our case, we knew the experience would end after 24 hours. But the homeless and the poor suffer day after day after day as their situation

becomes more and more difficult. I admire those who having been homeless, managed to get out of the streets; it takes more courage and more determination than we realize.

I could talk about the experience of walking aimlessly through the same streets I normally drive on, but I found more interesting to see how my own perception of the city has changed. How can I ever again see Phoenix Park, where I stopped to rest, in the same way? We went to Rupp Arena that morning when crowds were gathering for the Sweet Sixteen Tournament, and walked amongst the crowd. But we were "invisible" because of the way we looked. How can I look at Rupp Arena in the same way ever again? It is a strange sensation - walking the streets as a homeless person. It changed forever the way I see the city and its people. I am grateful for the experience.

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community. The phone number for DISK is 1-800-432-9337. I would also strongly encourage you to call JFS at 269-8244 so that we can assess the situation and problem-solve together. At JFS, we refer you to the appropriate professionals in the community who can advise you of all treatment options available. The good news is that with appropriate guidance and support, you can repair your relationship with your daughter and assist her in becoming drug-free and healthy once again.

Sincerely, JFS

President's Message (continued from page 2)

This month I want to respond to the question "What Can We Do?" in this time of troubling events, uncertainty, and when Jews, especially in Europe and in Israel, are being targeted for hate and violence. What we can do is to work for a strong Jewish community not only here in Central Kentucky but across Europe, in Israel and around the world. We do have the means as we are beginning our CKJF/UJC 2002 Community Campaign.

Our Campaign chair Alan Stein who shaved his head because the Lexington Legends lost their home opener has lost only hair. He has not lost his enthusiasm for having a winning CKJF/UJC 2002 Community Campaign and a winning baseball season for the Legends. See you at the Campaign Kick-Off event at the Maker's Mark Club at Applebee's Park on Sunday, May 5.

We are strong in Central Kentucky, thanks to our members, our volunteers and our staff. We will shortly move up and out of the basement on Romany Road to our new offices in the Chinoo office building in the Chinoo Center. As noted elsewhere in this issue of Shalom, we will now have adequate space for staff to work, be able to house Jewish Family Service and provide an area for volunteers to work. We now have sufficient space for Federation Board members to meet as well as providing for press and media conferences. Marty Barr is seeing the culmination of his and his new facilities committee's diligence and effort over the past two years. Bret Caller has done a terrific job as a committee member to help CKJF achieve this goal.

More evidence of our evolving strength in the community is the debut of our new web site, www.jewishlexington.org. Lowell Nigoff, Federation vice-president, headed the committee to work with CKJF staff to make happen this exciting new development in communication for us here in Central Kentucky.

More than 100,000 came to the National Solidarity Rally with Israel on short notice

National Solidarity Rally with Israel
U.S. Capitol, Washington, D.C., April 15, 2002

by Vlad Seder

Usually it's very hard to get out of town for me - because of my business and other responsibilities, but this time I made a decision immediately as I saw the information about the rally, just five days ahead of it. I hoped there would be at least a few more people from Lexington to go with, but it proved to be just me and Fran Jarvis.

When we came to Washington, it looked like a Jewish invasion: many blocks away from the Capitol the only people on the sidewalks were the rally participants going toward the Capitol from all directions. And then we saw the Capitol - and the large space between it and the pool all

covered with people. It was breathtaking - I could not imagine so many people would gather on such short notice. Of course, most of the people were from the New York, New Jersey, D.C., Philadelphia and Baltimore area, but there were many people from other places, like Chicago, Toronto, Indianapolis and Columbus. But we probably were the only two from Kentucky.

I was very impressed with the great organization of the rally; everything worked smoothly, like they spent at least a couple of months on setting it up! And the amazing number of dignitaries who showed up on such a short notice: Wolfowitz, Zuckerman, Wiesel, Sharansky, Lauder, Netanyahu, Giuliani, Senator Reid,

Senator Mikulski, Congressman Gephardt, Congressman Armey, Governor Pataki, Senator Specter, Rabbi Melchior - just to name a few.

The pro-Israel tone of all the speeches was remarkable. After listening to all of them one could wonder where all this "cycle of violence," and "balanced approach" stuff was coming from. By the way, the reports about "booing Wolfowitz" that appeared in many newspapers were slightly exaggerated: he was met with friendliness by the rally participants; it was his remark, "Palestinians and Israelis are all victims of violence," that was booed vigorously.

It was a very sunny and warm day. The temperature was in the 80s; the endurance of the participants was amazing; they were staying under the bright sun for three hours, and many of them were in very advanced age. So, it was like an expression of that endurance when the rally ended with singing "Am Israel hai."

Let me share with you some ideas that crossed my mind while I was listening to the speeches. The "root cause" of the Palestinian aggression for sure is not the Israeli "occupation." Their "struggle" started much earlier than the "occupation" began in 1967, and even Arafat's PLO was started in 1965. And their target for sue is not peace; so called "suicide bombings" were invented right after the Oslo Agreement was signed. And the latest surge of the "suicide bombings" during the Cheney's visit and after it, and even during the Powell's visit is pure idiocy for a people "struggling for peace." It rather recalls the Pharaoh's self-defeating behavior during the Ten Plagues. For sure, the purpose of the Palestinian "struggle" is still the same as it was before - to "drive the Jews into the sea." It happened once a long time ago. It was the same Pharaoh who tried to "drive the Jews into the sea." We, fresh from the recent Passover, remember how it went that time.

The full transcript of the rally can be seen at <http://www.israelrally.org/trans.html>. By the way, Netanyahu's article on the editorial page of the *Wall Street Journal*, that appeared on 4/19, was actually a transcript of his speech at the rally.

Jewish Law Supports Organ Donation

by Kathie Kroot

Rabbi Joseph Prouser, author of *Chesed or Chiyuv? The Obligation to Preserve Life and the Question of Post-mortem Organ Donation*, was the guest speaker at Hadassah's program on Organ Donation. The program was organized in conjunction with the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, Temple Adath Israel, Ohavay Zion Synagogue, the Lexington Havurah, Kentucky Organ Donation Affiliate (KODA), University of Kentucky Hospital Transplant Center, and Kentucky's Trust for Life. He was introduced by Temple Adath Israel member, Greg Davis, a UK Professor of Medicine and a long time advocate of KODA and organ and tissue donation.

Rabbi Prouser began his lecture reminding us about the Jewish imperative to preserve human life, *pekuah nefesh*. When the saving of a life comes in conflict with other halakhic obligations, those obligations are suspended. For example, in the case of circumcision of an ill infant son on the eighth day, *pekuah nefesh* would dictate that the ritual be postponed until the child is healthy. Similarly, if the health of a Jewish adult would be imperiled by fasting on Yom Kippur, *pekuah nefesh* would prohibit fasting on that the "Sabbath of Sabbaths." Even violating Shabbat is allowed, should a life be saved. Failure to act in favor of life is a sin, with three exceptions: committing idolatry; murder; or forbidden sexual acts to save a life.

In his lecture, Rabbi Prouser applied *pekuah nefesh* to the topic of post mortem organ and tissue donation. As Jews, we have been taught *Kevod Ha-met*, dignity for the dead. How can we ignore this obligation? *Pekuah nefesh*, saving of life by post-mortem organ and tissue donation, enhances this obligation by bringing even greater honor to the dead and may have an added benefit of helping mourners emotionally. He also cited the biblical commandment, "You

shall not stand idly by the blood of your neighbor" (Lev. 19:16), as a basis of *pekuah nefesh* that makes the mitzvah obligatory, not optional.

What would our sages, such as Rabbi Akiba, say about organ donation? "They would have come to the same conclusions," says Rabbi Prouser. "Jewish law has NOT changed; the facts and possibilities have changed." The transplantation of organs is a remarkable medical development of the 20th Century with most advances occurring in the last 40 years. The different Jewish movements all acknowledge that organ donation is permissible. Where they differ is whether organ donation is an obligatory mitzvah or a mitzvah that is optional that should be strongly encouraged. Organ donation is not against Jewish law.

Today's Rabbis have a responsibility to insure that their congregants are aware of the facts before an imminent decision must be made. Congregants should be aware that there is a desperate need for organ donors. Eighty thousand people are on the waiting list. Sixteen people are dying every day because they have lost their wait for an organ. How can we, as Jews, help? Give consent for post-mortem organ donation when requested by doctors or hospitals for use in lifesaving transplantation procedures. And according to Rabbi Prouser, this is not a choice, but an obligation.

Continue the mitzvot of our people. Become an organ donor under your own volition. Since consent for post-mortem organ donation is usually given by the next of kin, each of us needs to be proactive. This can be done by signing your drivers' license or donor card. Keep it with you at all times with any other comprehensive advance medical directives. And, above all else, inform your family of your decision to be an organ donor.

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This summer will be a lot of fun for the campers. We are already getting our markers and glue ready for a big two weeks of fun and Jewish experiences. Our themes are 'Gifts from the Earth' and 'Taking Care of the Earth' and we plan on incorporating so much Jewish education into the fun they won't even know they are learning! The staff this year, if possible, is going to be even more exceptional than before. There will be more senior staff and counselors to work with children. We look forward to lots of swimming at the Lansdowne pool, sports training, drama, and dance as well as the regular fun crafts and beads and lanyards that are always so popular. Our themes provide many

by Jana LaZur

ecological ideas that will be sure to provide much fun and learning. We are already hard at work in planning and can't wait for camp to begin!

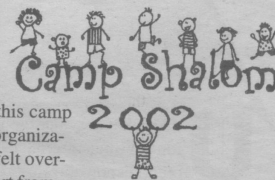
Camp Shalom was a wonderful experience for me. I got to play with the kids and lead them in activities that were fun. My own children attended and helped me with ideas and leadership in camp. This year, I am sharing my position with my dear friend Bonnie O'Neill who will bring in a lot of organization and fun for the children as well. And, I challenge each parent to come and spend an hour or two with us and experience the joy of children having FUN! We will be happy to let you participate and, who knows, you may even want to stay longer!

Congratulations to the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation for sponsoring such a worthwhile project for the children of the

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recognize that Israel actively pursued peace and hoped against hope to achieve it. Yet the murderous actions, all encouraged, supported, and even funded by the likes of Yasser Arafat and Saddam Hussein, made it impossible. Once again the wheels of history defeated the best of intentions. The 1993 handshake was dead.

I personally still prefer peace, and I hope one day it might be achieved. But today, I feel one with my friends, my family, and my fellow Jews in Israel. I regret the need for the current military action but I understand its inevitability. Israel was forced to go to war after trying everything else.

We still have much to do to help Israel. Children must continue to attend school, and for that they need armored vehicles. The Tourism Industry is in a very bad situation, and has left many unemployed. Jews escaping economic collapse in Argentina, anti-semitism in France, and facing starvation in Ethiopia, continue to arrive in the Jewish State. More than half a million Israeli children live today under the poverty line. Israel is diplomatically isolated today more than ever, and her fight is for survival. Israel needs our support. When you are asked this year for your commitment to the 2002 UJC/CKJF Community Campaign, remember this.



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True Stories from the Frontlines

Two Hadassah physicians reveal their experiences while serving in Jenin and Nablus

JERUSALEM — April 23, 2002) — According to reports from two Hadassah physicians who served on reserve duty in Jenin and Nablus during the recent Israel Defense Forces operations, IDF soldiers and medical teams exercised the greatest humanitarian care possible with civilians in need of medical help.

According to Dr. David Zangen, a senior pediatric endocrinologist at Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center at Ein Kerem, who served as a brigade physician in Jenin, the refugee camp was a booby-trapped fortress which gave

cover to 200 terrorist inside whose mission was to recruit suicide bombers from children and teenagers. Pictures of these future suicide bombers, dressed with explosive belts, were found by Dr. Zangen's brigade in the houses they searched. "It was extremely difficult for me to see these photos because as a physician at Hadassah, I regularly treat Palestinian children," said Dr. Zangen.

While in Jenin, Dr. Zangen treated a number of cases, including a 60-year-old man with shrapnel in his foot. At one point, however, the soldiers stopped a Palestinian ambulance with the intention of aiding its passage. Inside was a young man that was supposedly in critical condition with an infusion line taped to his arm. According to Dr. Zangen, the "patient" turned out to be a very healthy and sought after senior terrorist. In another case, the soldiers in his unit asked a six-year-old boy what he was carrying in his briefcase. He tossed it and ran away; when the soldiers opened it, it contained three explosive devices.

According to Dr. Zangen, the soldiers never entered the Palestinian hospital in Jenin, although they were certain that terrorists were hiding there. He also pointed out that the destruction in the center of the camp comprised only 20-30 buildings, many of which had exploded from booby-trapped explosives within.

Dr. Menachem Bitan, also a pediatrician at Hadassah in Ein Kerem, participated in the fighting in the Casbah (old city) of Nablus, as a member of the medical platoon. Living in the ground floor of a building below several Palestinian families, he soon realized that there were two sick children - a two-month-old baby and a two year old. Since his unit only had antibiotics suitable for adults, they arranged for a Red Crescent ambulance— to take the children to the local hospital under IDF escort. He also divided several Tylenol tablets into portions small enough for the children to ease their discomfort before they received the appropriate medical treatment.

Responding to the situation at hand, Dr. Bitan treated Palestinian children whenever he encountered patients in need of care. At one point, he was simultaneously treating both children and wounded soldiers. "Although this was an insane situation, I have rarely felt that I was exercising the Hippocratic oath in a more tangible and positive way."

Both doctors are now back on duty at Hadassah Medical Center in Ein Kerem. During last week, the week of Israel's Independence Day celebrations, a total of 23 babies were born in the two Hadassah hospitals, Ein Kerem and Mt. Scopus. This is twice as many as during the same period the year before.

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lessly for the Palestinian cause. He is a Christian Palestinian, but he still does not recognize that the postmodernist stance, provided by him and by other Christian supporters of Palestine, has proven counterproductive. Fluid truth removed the Christian secure faith in the truth of their cause. Therefore the Christian Arabs have left Palestine in droves, so that now there is not a single Palestinian town with a Christian majority, not even Nazareth and Bethlehem.

Said has used this fluid view of truth in devastating fashion, feeding both the Arab populations and the West emotional themes which distort truth. He morally correctly leads people to feel compassion for the Palestinians and the harsh situation in which they are living. But, in the process he uses distortions and outright lies to explain why the Palestinians are in such straits. For instance, in "Interiors" (The Edward Said Reader, p.269) he pretends that Israel is not a real country: it is only "the Zionist entity." The Palestinians, who feel they are being used as tools, and that therefore the cultural and social forces that are creating them as a Palestinian state derive from the outside, project that feeling onto the Israelis, and conclude that Israel is merely a creation of the crusading or secularist West. In the language of systems theory, Palestine is a heteropoeitic system, and the Palestinians assume Israel is similarly heteropoeitic and not self-organizing.

Westerners, who have bought into the Postmodernist stance, and who also feel guilty for their colonial past, project their guilt onto Israel. They claim Israelis are colonialists. Both the Israelis and the Palestinians are victims of those distortions. Secular Jews, who are so scared of sacred powers that they deny their existence (they are merely "subjective," i.e. we can deny the interiority of human beings), claim, with no basis for their claims, that Israel can immediately free the Palestinians. A full structural analysis of "freedom" will show that this is nonsense. But that belongs to a longer article.

In the meantime we must say, those who support lies also support war. Only when all sides favor truth can we begin to communicate, and develop a harmonious community of both Israelis and Palestinians.

Local Volunteers to be Honored by Tikkun Lexingtons

Tikkun Lexington's Steering Committee cordially invites all community members to a community-wide brunch honoring the efforts of local volunteers. The brunch, featuring lox and bagels, will be held at Temple Adath Israel on June 2, from 10:30 a.m. -12:00 noon.

Our guest speakers for the event are Rabbi Uriel Smith, Barbara Grossman, and Judith Oer. Rabbi Smith has been working as a volunteer chaplain in local correctional facilities for many years. Barbara Grossman is the Director of Guest, Volunteer and Senior Services at Saint Joseph HealthCare. Judith Oer has been instrumental in maintaining programs at The Stewart Home School in Frankfort, a school

for the developmentally disabled.

Tikkun Lexington volunteers provide holiday parties and recreational activities for the institutionalized, home-cooked meals for the sick, telephone calls and friendly visitors for seniors in the community, and even minor repairs to the homes of seniors. The brunch is being planned as a way to honor these and other community volunteer efforts, as well as for the promotion of volunteer networking and finding new volunteers.

Tikkun Lexington is a program of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation.

If you plan to attend, please call the CKJF office, 268-0672, or email ckjf@jewishlexington.org.

Looking For A Few Good Counselors Monday, July 29 - Friday, August 9

We are looking for some enthusiastic counselors-in-training (13 year olds) and camp counselors (14 & up) to work with 4-10 year olds this summer. Nature walks, arts and crafts, pool. This is your chance to have a great experience and have fun!! Call 268-0672 or come by the CKJF office, 1050 Chinoe Road, Suite 203, for your counselor application.



Community Passover Celebrations

Tikkun Lexington Brings Passover Seder to Stewart Home

by Tucky Williams, Tikkun Volunteer

Tikkun Lexington volunteers recently assisted in a special Passover seder at The Stewart Home School, a residential school for the mentally disabled. As Tikkun Lexington has been growing, it has begun to forge a strong relationship with the Stewart Home and its residents. With this seder, the volunteers of Tikkun were further able to increase their ties.

The seder was sponsored for the Stewart Home by Tom Falik of Wellesley, MA, whose two children are residents of the Frankfort school. Falik led students through a traditional Passover seder with gefelte fish, hard boiled eggs, Hillel sandwiches and white grape juice (instead of wine). Volunteers

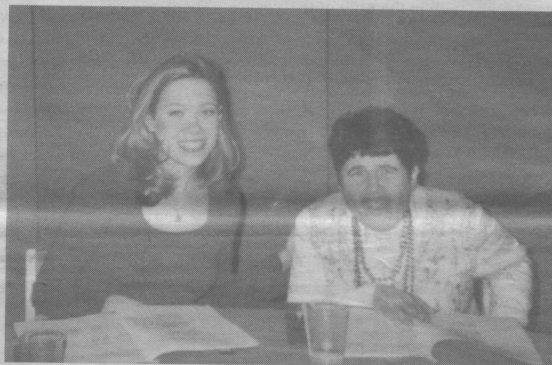
kept themselves busy passing out food and making sure the residents understood the meaning of the seder. Judy and Robert Oer also spent time refilling the "wine" glasses, which seemed to be empty more than a few times throughout the evening.

A full dinner of roasted chicken breast, latkes, and vegetables was brought out after the traditional seder, much to the delight of those attending. During this time, volunteers were able to talk to the residents about their lives and provide them with supportive interaction from the Jewish community.

Afterward, residents posed for pictures and socialized before saying goodbye to Falik and the volunteers, who also included Vicki Atha and myself.

All of us at Tikkun Lexington truly appreciate these opportunities to work with the residents of the Stewart Home School. Our thanks to the School and to Tom Falik for including us in this special event. Doing this work not only makes us happy, but we think it makes G-d happy, too.

Tikkun Lexington is always looking for new volunteers! If you are interested, call Vicki Atha at CKJF at 268-0672.

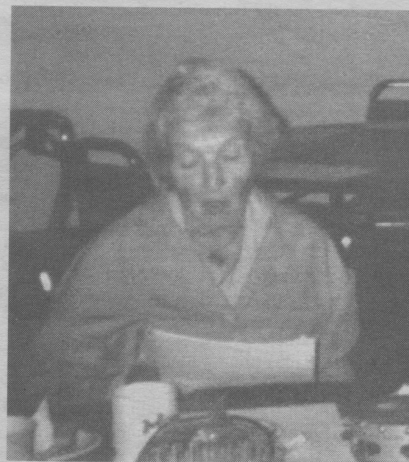


Third Year for Women's Community Seder

by Judy Bauman



A small but enthusiastic group of women gathered on the fifth night of Passover 2002 for the third annual Central Kentucky Women's Community Seder. The Journey Continues, an interactive Haggadah published by Ma'yan, was the basis of the Seder. Toni Reiss added new readings. Aviva Bowling led us in songs both familiar and new, and participants used tambourines to joyfully celebrate Miriam's role in the Passover story. The Seder concluded with Israeli dancing led by Elise Mandel. Planning for next year's Seder will begin soon. Please contact Toni at Temple Adath Israel if you would like to be on the steering committee.



Community Passover Celebrations

Lexington Jewish Singles Enjoy "Happy Boat" Seder

by LisaMarie C. Price, Tikkun volunteer

Last Saturday night, twelve people showed up on my doorstep carrying chopped liver, strawberries, gefilte fish, and all kinds of assorted Passover goodies. We gathered around my dining room table (plus two card table extensions) to share Haggadot and other pertinent readings. We tasted a delicious selection of kosher wines and grape juice. We laughed and reclined to the left. Though I had never met some of these people before, the Jewish Singles' Seder brought us all together as a family for the night.

Having participated with the Jewish Singles

group in quite a few events over the last year, I have come to know and love them. We always have a great time (happy boat rules!), and I usually make a new friend. But this night was different from other nights. This night brought together people who might not have a family with whom to share a seder. This night brought together people who might live alone or far from their loved ones. This night brought together people whose sole purpose was to be with other people like themselves and observe this important holiday together.

As we were cleaning up and doling out

leftovers into plastic containers, my heart—as well as my stomach—felt full. A sit-down dinner for fourteen? In my little home? Am I nuts? Okay, so the dishes didn't all match, and we were pouring some of the wine into cordial glasses, but it was so much fun...a truly wonderful experience.

Please stay tuned to your email for information about the next Singles event, or you can call 269-8244 for more information. We are planning a pizza and pool party at one of our member's lovely clubhouse pools in June. See you then!



Wendy Katz and Clark Mandel are amused by a Passover story



Bob Stomel and Damon Farnum follow as the Hagaddah is read.



LisaMarie Price and Fran Morris give each other a congratulatory hug after a job well done.

Hillel Seder at Goldstein Home

By Austin Cantor, JSO/Hillel Faculty Advisor

Members of University of Kentucky's Jewish Student Organization Hillel, were treated to an interactive Passover seder in the home of Hillel Associate Advisor, Susan Goldstein, on Wednesday, March 27. Susan and her husband Steve have been hosting the students, as well as community members and family, for the past six years.

Ritual foods were served as the guests took turns reading Haggadah passages. Besides the ritual foods, participants indulged in fruited chicken breast, steamed asparagus, quartered potatoes, and carrot tzimmes. All enjoyed the food, as well as the beauty of the Goldstein's home decorated with Susan's incredible artwork.

The Jewish Student Organization Hillel, offers

supportive Jewish activities for university students throughout the world. All U.K. undergraduate, graduate and professional students as well as those at all other institutions of higher education in the Central Kentucky area are invited to become members of Hillel. For more information, contact Vicki Atha at Central Kentucky Jewish Federation 268-0672 or email vicki@jewishlexington.org.

Welcome to Camp Shalom 2002

Camp Shalom is a day camp sponsored by the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation. Activities are geared to encourage unity, fun, and learning for children ages 4 through 10 years.

Jewish themes are incorporated into the daily program through music, games, drama, arts and crafts. At the end of each fun-filled week we will welcome the Sabbath together with candles, blessings, songs, and challah. Children of all denominations are invited to attend.

Our staff is headed by the Camp Director, Kathy Feinberg, who will be supported by adult specialists in arts & crafts, physical activities, drama, and pre-K camp. A terrific bunch of counselors round out the Camp Shalom line-up for 2002.

Camp Shalom 2002 will run for two weeks, July 29 - August 9, at the Lansdowne Club in Lexington, Kentucky. Our 4-year-olds* attend Pre-K Camp from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, Monday through Friday. Campers aged 5 - 10 attend from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday through

Friday.

STAFF WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR EARLY DROP-OFF AT 8:30 AM

* PRE-K CAMPERS MUST HAVE BEEN 4 BY OCTOBER 1, 2001

Children are enrolled on a weekly basis, and may attend one or both sessions. Let Camp Shalom provide your children with lots of fun and a lifetime of memories!

The Theme for
CAMP SHALOM 2002 is
The Environment & Jewish Life!!

Camper's Check List

Food: •Campers must bring a lunch daily.
•Please do NOT include any pork or shellfish.
Lunches will be refrigerated.
(Pre K campers do not stay for lunch)

Attire: •Backpack
•Shorts and t-shirts
•Sneakers (no sandals please)



Swimming: Campers will be swimming every day, weather permitting. Please bring the following items:
• Sunscreen
• Swim suit & pool shoes (e.g. flip flops)
• Towel
• Goggles (optional)

Every camper will receive one very cool Camp Shalom t-shirt!

A non-refundable \$50 Registration fee, per camper, is due by May 15, 2002. This deposit will be applied towards tuition.
Balance due by June 14, 2002.

TUITION	
Camp Shalom	\$135.00
5 - 10 yrs. old	per week
Pre-K Camp	\$ 70.00
4 yrs. old	per week

Enrollment is on a first come, first served basis. Early registration is strongly suggested.

CAMP SHALOM 2002 APPLICATION

July 29 - August 9, 2002 at the Lansdowne Club

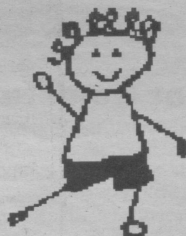
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Address _____ Business Phone _____
Child's Name _____ Age _____ Birthday _____

Please enroll for Camp Shalom (5-10 yrs. old):

Week 1: 7/29 - 8/2 X \$135 = _____

Week 2: 8/5 - 8/9 X \$135 = _____

Total Tuition = _____



Please enroll for Pre K Camp
(4 yrs. old by October 1, 2002)

Week 1: 7/29 - 8/2 X \$ 70 = _____

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Total Tuition = _____

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BY MAY 15, 2002

BALANCE DUE BY JUNE 14, 2002

Please make checks payable to CKJF 340 Romany Road, Lexington, KY 40502
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2002-2003 Judaic Studies Lecture Series and Course Offerings Announced

Please mark your calendars for the following Judaic Studies lectures.

John Hollander (Yale University) Topic: American-Jewish Poetic Identity (organized by Jennifer Lewin, english) Monday, November 4, 8 pm, President's Room, Singletary Center for the Arts

Matthew Goldish (Ohio State University) Topic: Benedict Spinoza and Shabbatai Zvi: On the Meaning of Jewish Heresy in the Seventeenth Century (organized by James Force, Philosophy) Monday, March 24, 8 pm, President's Room, Singletary Center for the Arts

Linda Raphael (George Washington University) Topic: Fiction and the Representation of the Holocaust (organized by Oliver Leaman, Philosophy) Monday, April 14, 8 pm, President's Room, Singletary Center for the Arts
This lecture Series is supported by the Zantker Charitable Foundation.

Courses offered Fall 2002:

RAE 130: Elementary (Biblical) Hebrew I (TR 2:00-3:50 pm, Rosenbaum)

RAE 230: Intermediate (Biblical) Hebrew III (TR 11:00 -12:15 pm, Rosenbaum)

RAE 324: Jewish Thought and Culture I: From Ancient Israel to the (TR 9:30-10:45 pm, Leaman)

CLA 390: Roman, Jew and Greek: Backgrounds to Christianity (W 6:00-8:30 pm, Holle)

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR NEEDED

The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation is looking for an energetic individual to work with the following areas of the organization:

- Community Activities Committee - Organizes programs such as the winter dinner, the summer boat ride, the trip to the Huntington Museum, and the annual celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut
- Camp Shalom - Provides administrative and staff support for the Camp Shalom committee
- Hillel - works with the Hillel advisory Board and the Faculty Advisor to promote the Jewish Student organization's activities at the University of Kentucky and other campuses.
- Tikkun Lexington - works with the Tikkun steering committee to help promote volunteerism in the Jewish community

Experience working with volunteers and familiarity with Judaism and the Jewish community required. Send cover letter and resume to:

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR SEARCH
CENTRAL KENTUCKY JEWISH FEDERATION
1050 CHINOE ROAD, SUITE 203
LEXINGTON, KY 40502

Or by e-mail to ckjf@jewishlexington.org

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NOTE:

Lots of people are weighed down by guilt, over things they do every day, or over something they did maybe 30 years ago. We imagine that if we didn't feel guilty, nothing would restrain us from being bad and doing bad things.

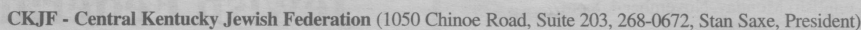
In fact most people would be about as decent as they are now, even if they could eschew guilt. True antisocial people, those said to have no conscience, are only 3% of males, 1% of females.

With guilt I excuse myself for doing the bad thing. This leaves me free to go on doing it.

For the most part, anticipating that we'd feel guilty doesn't keep us from doing bad. Rather, it handicaps us afterwards from using our full mental energies on present challenges.

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TAI - Temple Adath Israel (124 N. Ashland Ave., 269-2979, Jane Grise, President)

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

HAD - Lexington Chapter of Hadassah (Nancy Menard, President)

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TIME: 6:00PM

PLACE: Temple Adath Israel Social Hall

COST: \$15.00/person for catered, three-course dinner

RSVP: Reservation and payment deadline is Friday, May 10, 2002 to the Temple office, 269-2979. Make check payable to Temple Adath Israel Sisterhood.

(Transportation and child care are available upon request. Requests must be made to the Temple office by the RSVP deadline.)



Rabbi Jon and Sandy Adland invite you to share our joy at the Bat Mitzvah of our daughter
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Rachel Hannah

as she is called to read from the Torah and to lead the congregation in worship
Saturday, May 25, 2002

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at 10:30 AM

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124 North Ashland Avenue
Lexington, Kentucky

A Kiddush Luncheon will follow services
Rachel will also lead the Erev Shabbat Service, May 24, 2002, at 7:30 PM

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Please share our joy as our son

**Jonathan Louis
Herman**

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at ten o'clock in the morning
at Ohavay Zion Synagogue
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Lexington, Kentucky
Please join us for lunch after the service.
Pam and Larry
Jonathan will also lead service on
Friday, May 10, 2002 at eight o'clock p.m.



*Please share in our
happiness as our
older son*

**Solomon
Alkhasov**

is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah
on Saturday the First of June, 2002
at ten o'clock in the morning
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