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Concert to Showcase KY Debut of Hoffman Work

CKJF Sponsors Spring Musical Event

By Mary Engel

When cellist Benjamin Karp sits down to play "Self-Portrait With Gebirtig" with the Lexington Community Orchestra on April 10, it won't be his first public performance of the piece. But it will be the Central Kentucky debut of the work, written by Joel Hoffman, a University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music professor and a friend of Karp. Karp was part of the orchestra when "Gebirtig" made its U.S. debut in 1998.

This time, Karp will be the featured soloist. "I've wanted to do it ever since" that first time, said Karp, a professor of cello and director of chamber music at the University of Kentucky. He is also principal cellist of the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra.

According to Karp, Hoffman's inspiration for "Self-Portrait With Gebirtig" was Mordechai Gebirtig, a Yiddish folk poet and composer. A carpenter by trade, Gebirtig had no formal music education, yet he has been called one of the most influential and popular writers of Yiddish songs and poems. He was born in Poland in 1877 and died there in 1942, killed by Nazis while living in exile in the Krakow ghetto.



Although he did not survive the Holocaust, his notebook, filled with poems written during that time, did. The works were set to music and recorded as "The Krakow Ghetto Notebook" in 1993 at the U.S. Holocaust Museum.

Like Gebirtig's music, "Self-Portrait" is rooted in the Jewish instrumental music known as klezmer. It "has a lot of non-traditional rhythm, sort of folk styles that are not common. It's stylistically different from classical music," said Karp, who referred to it as a "klezmer fantasy."

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Not Your Father's Passover:

Recovering Old Meanings in New Understanding of the Exodus

By Stanley Ned Rosenbaum

A couple of years ago a prominent San Francisco rabbi got into a lot of trouble for suggesting that the exodus from Egypt, the foundation for Passover, didn't happen. The outcry of Jews and Christians was so great that he had to more-or-less take it back. In fact, the exodus didn't happen the way the Bible tells it. But to borrow a title from Ken Kesey, "Something Happened," and the historical truth behind the Book of Exodus is, if anything, more exciting than the Bible's account of it.

Understand this: all religious traditions are almost congenitally myopic and the passage of centuries during which their foundational stories are endlessly repeated doesn't help them see more clearly. However, using new information from science and discoveries from other Mediterranean cultures, none of which was available before the mid-

nineteenth century, we can propose a pretty plausible conjecture of what, in fact, did happen.

First, there were Israelite ancestors—Egyptian records call them "vile Asiatics"—in Egypt for many centuries. Some were war captives,

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Yom Hashoah, Yom Ha'Atzmaut Two Significant Days In Modern Jewish History

Holocaust Remembrance Day and Israel Independence Day to be Celebrated in May

By Pat Shraberg

May 6 (Nissan 27), Yom HaShoah and May 12 (Iyar 5), Yom Ha'Atzmaut are two very special days that have a remarkable connection. If you find this hard to believe, please read on.

Yom HaShoah or Holocaust Remembrance Day is truly a somber occasion. *Shoah* is the Hebrew word for "catastrophe," and it refers to the Jewish Holocaust in World War II. (The term "Holocaust" is subject to misuse in the vernacular. The term does not apply to every evil that exists in the world. Occasionally you

may hear of someone characterizing a particularly horrible event as a holocaust, but the term originally referred to the immolation of religious sacrifices such as the burning of offerings in the Great Temple. It was popularized by Elie Weisel—who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his work teaching all people about the lessons of the *Shoah*—as referring to the mass slaughter of European Jews during WW II.) The date for the commemoration was picked up to coincide with the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, so it is also

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Mazel Tov to...

- **Kim Morris** on completing her Associates Degree in Medical Assisting in March 2005. As a graduate of National College of Business and Technology, Kim is now working for a local health clinic, serving mainly low-income families. Kim is the sister of Fran Morris Mandel and Lisa Miller.

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- **Harold Frankel**

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Ben Karp (from page 1)

The composition opens mournfully, then is alternately reflective, somber and dancelike. "It's a great deal of fun," Karp said of the piece, which has been played in New York, Paris, Tel Aviv, Washington and Baltimore and recorded by the Berlin Radio Symphony.

"Self-Portrait With Gebirtig" fits right in with the concert's theme, which is Jewish heroes. The concert also will feature Leonard Bernstein's Symphony No. 1 ("Jeremiah"), and music from two movies—*Exodus* and *The Prince of Egypt*. Symphony No. 1 includes three passages from Lamentations that will be sung by soprano Joyce Hall-Wolf.

The Lexington Community Orchestra was formed about 15 years ago by a UK doctoral student who wanted conducting experience, said Jonathan Roller, who has been the conductor for thirteen years. Today the orchestra has about 60 members who range in age from nineteen to 80. A few are musicians by profession, but most are musicians by avocation. Their occupations run the gamut, from lawyers to farmers, homemakers and teachers, but not necessarily teachers of music.

This is the third time that CKJF has underwritten a Jewish-themed concert by the orchestra, said Roller, who teaches part-time at Asbury College and has taught at UK. "We could keep doing this concert for years because there are so many great Jewish composers."

The concert, sponsored by the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, will be on Sunday, April 10, at 3:00 p.m. in the Recital Hall of the Singletary Center for Arts. Admission is free, and a reception will follow. ☆

Super Sunday Establishes Connections



Barbara Barr and Paula Leichtman getting ready to make phone calls.

By Daniel Chejfec

On February 27, volunteers came together to perform our annual rite of reaching out to the community. The program, while designed to raise funds for the CKJF/UJC community campaign, is not only about money. It is about contacting our Jewish neighbors and establishing a connection. Over the years, we have identified more than one situation in which intervention by our Jewish Family Services was warranted—and

that alone makes it worthwhile. Unfortunately, the shortage of volunteers does not allow us to make this effort more often, but on Super Sunday we do.

We received contributions from 152 households, totaling \$11,600 or an eighteen percent increase over what the same donors gave last year. It is important to notice that 21 households that contributed in 2005 did not contribute in 2004. This brings the total for the 2005 CKJF/UJC community campaign so far to \$21,500. These contributions allow us as a community to provide much-needed services here at home and around the Jewish world, including Israel. In 2004, 35 percent of our budget

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Benjamin Karp to Be Featured at Concert

By Mary Engel

Cellist Benjamin Karp has given concerts on four continents, most recently appearing as soloist with the Tianjin Symphony Orchestra in China. In 2003 Mr. Karp taught and performed at the Espirito Santo Conservatory in Vitoria, Brazil, and was soloist with the Espirito Santo Philharmonic. Now in his fourteenth year as professor of cello and director of chamber music at the University of Kentucky School of Music, Benjamin Karp received the MM degree from Indiana University, where he was a student of Janos Starker and Gary Hoffman, and a BA in Philosophy from Yale University. Growing up in Atlanta, Benjamin was the first student of noted pedagogue Martha Gerchesfski.

Mr. Karp is principal cellist of the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra, and frequently joins the cello section of the Cincinnati Symphony for concerts, tours, and recordings. He has played in

Carnegie Hall five times with the orchestra, and in 2003 joined them for a two week tour of Japan. Mr. Karp is a member of the Leonore String Quartet, which in 2001 appeared in Florence, Italy playing in the Galleria Accademica.

An enthusiastic advocate of recent music, Mr. Karp has recorded a CD of chamber music by noted American composer Joel Hoffman released by Gasparo Records. Next month he will be performing Mr. Hoffman's *Self Portrait with Gebirtig* for cello and orchestra.

Benjamin Karp is a widely known chamber musician, appearing at festivals throughout the United States. Before coming to the University of Kentucky Mr. Karp was for six years cellist of the New College String Quartet and principal cellist of the Florida West Coast Symphony. He has recorded for the Telarc, Gasparo, Arabesque, CRI, and Centaur labels.



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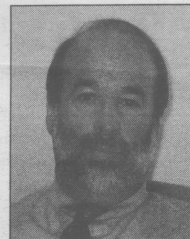
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President's Message

David Feinberg



Come Together Right Now

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As I was driving home from the office, listening to the radio, John Lennon's "Ode to Togetherness" began to play. The catchy Beatles' song from 1969 triggered some thoughts floating in my subconscious that have coalesced into something I wanted to share in this column. It is about competition. By nature, I am more than a little competitive, but I've gotten less so as I get older. One area in which I am not competitive is that of credit. No, not that type of credit—the kind of credit that we think we earn from putting out a new program, a new initiative, or a new and improved anything else.

Whether it is the Temple, the Synagogue, the Havurah, Hadassah, Hillel, or the Federation who develops something new for the Jewish community I rejoice equally. I do not care whose idea it was. I do not care which organization takes "credit" for a project. I do not care if the Federation is the lead

organization or a support for some other group's program. Maybe I am naïve. If so, let me remain so.

The rivalries that sometimes occur seem a little silly to me. The Jewish community, as we all know, is very small in the context of the surrounding community. What business do we have competing with each other when the important point is that something takes place that benefits the entire Jewish community? Regardless of the genesis of the idea or program, we as Central Kentucky Jews and as American Jews all are better off for it.

As long as our community programs, in aggregate, serve our needs and the needs of Israel, how much difference does it make who takes credit for it? Let us all participate, all be creative, and all of us take pride and "credit" for what we communally have developed. If one organization has a smashing success, we all are better for it.

A few weeks ago, I attended the Hadassah Auction fundraiser held at the Temple. The co-auctioneers were Rabbi Kline and Rabbi Cohen. There

were plenty of people there from all the organizations who were also members or at least boosters of Hadassah. The auction items were high quality, the food was terrific, and people had fun. The gentle competition to buy items was sweetened by the kibitzing of the rabbis. Informal and friendly, the event was welcoming to all.

In addition to being a very entertaining evening (the rabbis were amazing), it was yet another example of one organization's success promoting all our values and needs. The night's entertainment was enthusiastically delivered by stand-up comedian Steve Kesten. (Thank you Steve; you might not want to give up your day job quite yet.) I love to see us going to each other's events. It is good for us individually and it is exactly what I think we should be doing for our community.

In light of the above polemic, I would like to point out that the Federation and the entire community is involved in the Newspapers for Education program. The program is sponsored by the *Herald-Leader* newspaper, and

financially backed by Columbia Gas and the Jewish community. This particular edition of the newspaper is to introduce to the children in the Central Kentucky region the events surrounding the Holocaust.

We are committed to raising \$5,000 for this effort. Already, we have raised approximately half that amount. We need your help to fulfill our commitment. I am positive we can cover the costs for this vital educational initiative. In addition, I do not want to read that the Sons of Knute (I also listen to Garrison Keillor's *Prairie Home Companion*) had paid our share to sponsor an educational program about the Holocaust. This is our history and our story. Please send your checks to the Federation with a notation on the memo line that this is for the Newspapers in Education program. Thank you in advance for your generous donation. ☆

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Gloria Rie to Receive Lauren Weinberg Humanitarian Award

By Ned Rosenbaum

Gloria Rie has had her share of personal tragedy but it has not prevented her from taking an active role in public service. Before coming to Lexington, she was director of patient advocacy at New York University Medical Center. Since she came to Lexington in 1991, she has continued her public service pursuits. She was associate vice president of volunteers and community education at Hospice of the Bluegrass for three years. She's served on many boards and is currently chair of the Lexington Human Rights Commission.

In 1995 Gloria founded the Humanitarian: Center for Culture & Diversity and, in 1999 with Rachel Belin, introduced into our schools a new curriculum: *Facing History and Ourselves*, an examination of racism, prejudice, and anti-Semitism which

studies the lessons of the Holocaust and other examples of genocide. Students thus can make the essential connection between history and the moral choices they make in their own lives.

Gloria has two grown daughters: Stephanie lives in the New York area and works for the NBA. Bonnie lives in Glendale, CA and is a landscape architect. Each daughter has a daughter of her own. Gloria herself has lived in the area for twelve years with husband Michael, a critical care intensivist/bioethicist at UK Medical Center.

This year Gloria will be one of three recipients of the Kentucky Council of Community & Justice's Lauren Weinberg Humanitarian Award. The dinner will be at the Marriott from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. on April 12. (Call the KCCJ at (859) 255-6999 for tickets). ☆

Know Your Board

Stanley Ned Rosenbaum

Stanley Isenstein, president of Interplex Plastics, has been a Lexington resident for 28 years and lived in a whole lot of other places before. Most notably, the New Hampshire native—an ardent Zionist—lived in Israel for a year just after the creation of the State.

He married a non-Jewish woman, now deceased, because, he says, she was the only girl who wanted to go to Israel with him. When he mentioned Israel to the fathers of the Jewish girls he dated, they “threw me out of the house.” In the event, they did not get to Israel until many years later, but Mrs. Isenstein converted to Judaism and was an active member of Adath Israel for many years.

Stanley served in the US Army during the Korean War but did not see combat. He has four grown children, two in this area, one in Connecticut, and one in Wisconsin.

Steve Kesten has been married to the former Nancy White of Lexington almost 41 years.

They have three children (Robert, Sara, Daniel), all grown and married, three grandchildren, and a fourth on the way.

The Kestens moved to Lexington in 1968. Steve is self-employed with Kesten Properties in real estate brokerage, ownership, and management. He has been a member of Temple Adath Israel since 1968; both sons became B'nai Mitzvah there, and grandson Ethan attends TAI Preschool. Steve served on the Temple board for eight years, four as chair of the budget and finance committee. He was twice elected president of local B'nai B'rith Lodge 289.

Steve has been active on the CKJF Board for four years, and a fundraiser for over 25 years. He has visited Israel on a Federation trip, and hopes to return again someday. Steve says the biggest problem facing CKJF is “getting more people under 40 years of age committed to this excellent charity, which helps Jews all over the world.” ☆



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Barney Miller's a Lexington Tradition Since 1922

By Connie Jo Miller

In June of 1922, Bernard Miller opened the doors of his shop on East Main. “Barney,” an MIT graduate and Rhode Island resident, met Bettie Abraham at a ball in Providence. Once they were married, Bettie—who was a native of Shelbyville—preferred the couple reside at her “old Kentucky home.” So they moved to nearby Lexington and Barney Miller's got its start as an auto accessory shop, something very innovative for the 1920s. Automobiles then came without accessories (and we're not talking about the six-disc CD player). Cars had to be outfitted with the basics, lights, wipers, running boards, and rear-view mirrors. Barney always kept up with technological advances, so when the electric radio hit the market he was among the first to bring radios and phonographs to the city of Lexington.

Bettie and Barney soon had twins, Harry and Mimi. The family became one of the first members of Temple Adath Israel. As time passed and technology advanced, Barney's son Harry joined his father's business. Harry made a significant trip to the New York World's Fair in 1939 and ended up placing an order for the first black and white television sold in Kentucky (\$600 out of the pocket of Warren Wright, Jr. for Calumet Farm). From there, it was TV history.

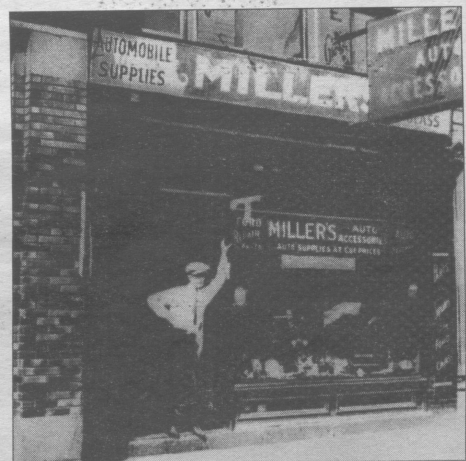
Just like his Grandpa Barney, today's third generation owner of the same name is well respected with a friendly good nature. Barney always has a smile and a wise word for his customers. The staff at Barney Miller's is exceptionally well trained and experienced. They pride

themselves on making what could be quite complicated very easy (gone are the days of too many remote controls). It's all about personal service and part of the accommodating, friendly, family atmosphere customers expect at Barney Miller's. Walking into Barney Miller's, you may be greeted by Jo Ann Miller, Barney's mother, who is happy to show you around or offer you a piece of candy.

The store, still located on East Main, boasts the area's most complete display of home theaters with a design, installation, and service staff unrivaled in Kentucky. The company's system designers work with builders, architects, interior designers, and carpenters helping to plan home entertainment from the ground up. Whether they're involved in new construction or working on existing homes, folks in Central Kentucky know they can count on experience. In keeping with that is Barney's old-fashioned attention to detail—they make plenty of house calls to make sure you know how to operate your equipment.

Barney Miller's is one of those family businesses that give Lexingtonians our sense of history, but it's far from outdated. Fairness and honesty never go out of style.

NOTE: We would like to publish an article about a Jewish-owned local business each month. If you would like to see your business featured, please write an article and send it to ckjf@jewishlexington.org. We reserve the right to edit the material submitted. ☆



Barney Miller in front of the original store on East Main Street.

From the Executive Director

Daniel Chefec



Before Jumping on the Plane*

As I write these words, I am getting ready to go to Israel for the Small Federations Executive Institute. This group meets in Israel once every four years thanks to the contribution of a private foundation that makes it no more expensive than holding it in the States. Going to Israel always forces me to think on many issues.

The first of them is what is going on today in Israel. In the post-Arafat era, with Palestinian society rushing to build their democratic institutions and making all the right noises about accommodation with Israel, the question "Is this for real?" is a valid one considering the track record. I don't have the answer to that; I don't know whether Abu Mazen is going to survive, politically and/or literally, I don't know if he is going to succeed in changing Palestinian society, I don't know if leaving the Gaza strip is going to make as much of a difference as Israelis expect, I don't know if Abbas is indeed going to confront his own internal opposition to peace in the way successive Israeli prime ministers have done. What I do know is that since the beginning of February the number of victims on both sides is

significantly down; I do know that when the forces of chaos hit in the form of a suicide bombing in Tel-Aviv, the Israeli and Palestinian police forces worked together to arrest those responsible; I do know that there seems to be a new lease on hope among Israelis. In short, "Is it

organization, for in diversity is where the secret of our strength lies. We need to provide services, promote Jewish education, and work with the non-Jewish community to preserve the American values that make it possible to be a Jew in America.

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going to work?" I have no idea, but so far it looks better than ever before—not perfect, mind you, but better.

Another issue is that of small federations, and small communities in general in America. What is the best way not only to preserve but also to strengthen Jewish life in small communities? We don't have the resources of large or intermediate communities, yet many of the challenges are the same. We need to increase affiliation, but we also need to create an environment which is welcoming to the unaffiliated; we need to work together, but we need also to preserve the separate and distinct identity of each Jewish

perspective. I believe that being a professional leader is being a facilitator and an architect: a facilitator because we need to make sure all voices are heard and some kind of consensus is reached; an architect because we need to translate the different needs, perceptions, and expectations of the members of our community into action in a way that works. The community needs to decide the direction of the future, but the professional is the one who needs to transform those goals into steps toward accomplishing them. As one of my community organizing professors at USC used to say, "You set big goals, but plan small steps."

But one of the most important facets of professional leadership is probably, in my view, accountability. While I have my own opinions—and those who know me know how strong those are—when I speak I represent the community, so what I voice cannot be my opinion but the community consensus.

There are, of course, the larger issues: the question of Jewish identity in the 21st century and the role of Israel in it; the question of how to deal with the fact that Jews, seem to be less and less inclined to join religious congregations; the question of how to deal with the fact that the almighty "Separation of Church and State" principle is cracking and that maybe—just maybe—that's not all bad. I guess I will not find many answers during my Israel trip, but I do hope to get some more questions. After all, what is a Jew if not a questioner?

**Editor's Note: Unfortunately, Daniel became ill on his way to Israel and was forced to turn back before leaving the U.S. ☆*

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Room for Everyone at Camp Shalom 2005

By Eileen Keplinger

Plans are well under way for Camp Shalom 2005, a day camp sponsored by the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, for children 4 to 13 years old in the Lexington Jewish community. This year's Camp Shalom will be held for two weeks, August 1 through August 12, at a scenic location out Richmond Road ten miles past Jacobson Park.

Diversity has long been a theme for Camp Shalom. Years ago, camp was held in a field with no place of shelter or modern amenities. But the kids got together and had fun. This concept is what Camp Shalom and its committee feels strongly about. With such a small Jewish population

in this community, it is important to provide a place where people feel welcome, act as role models to others, and even have a little fun in the process while being proud of who they are. Camp Shalom has striven over the years to be inclusive of all ages and provide a fun place for the whole community.

Arts and crafts, games, and swimming are just some of the fun activities planned for this summer. Camp will be in session from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday through Thursday, with an option of extended day until 5:30 p.m., but only from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday. Parents may sign their children up for one or both weeks. To reserve a spot, please fill out the registration form on the brochure you will receive in the mail and send it back with a non-refundable deposit of \$50 for each child enrolled; the \$150 will be applied toward tuition. Please make the check payable to CKJF and mail to: 1050 Chinoe Rd, Suite 203, Lexington, KY 40502.

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Series on Slavery Reparations Debate Continues

Local Rabbi to Contribute

On March 30 at UK, journalist and film producer Molly Secours began a series of talks on the reasons why the slavery reparations debate should be explored, particularly in the white community. The Nashville-based reparations activist's essay, "Riding the Reparations Bandwagon," is featured in Raymond A. Winbush's book, *Should America Pay: Slavery and the Raging Debate on Reparations*. She attended the United Nations Prepcom in Geneva, Switzerland and, as a journalist, covered the World Conference on Racism in Durban, South Africa in 2001.

The series will continue with "Reparations Campaigns from 1865 - Present," April 26, 2005, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Lexington Public Library Auditorium. University of Kentucky History professor Joanne Melish and other panelists will discuss "race" as a social construction in Lexington and colonial America. The panel will also provide an overview of the reparations campaigns of the past 140 years.

On May 24, 2005, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., again at the Lexington Public Library Auditorium, Dr. Alfred L. Brophy, School of Law, University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, will address "The Reparations Debate: The Legal Perspective." His talk will highlight the legal precedents set by reparations granted to survivors of the Nazi Holocaust and those Japanese/Americans interned during World War II. He will also discuss the legal strategies that led to successful suits by African-American farmers against the U.S. Agriculture Department as well as cases spearheading current reparations legal strategies.

"The Reparations Debate: The Moral Perspective," June 21, 2005, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Lexington Public Library Auditorium will conclude the series. Dr. James Kirby of Lexington Theological Seminary and Rabbi Marc Kline of Temple Adath Israel will discuss the moral obligation to address the legacy of racism and discrimination. They will also explore the controversies and strategies that are raised by the current reparations movement.

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BOOK REVIEW

Saga Touches Close to Home

By Vivian Bitensky

Carry Me Across the Water, by Ethan Canin, was the February selection for the Havurah Book Club. I found this book to be interesting on several levels. The story begins in a small ocean community called Edgemere, in New York City. Indeed, it begins on Beach 28 Street, where I lived for the first eighteen years of my life. The Canins, a family with two gifted sons, lived on the street too, and were friends of my brothers. Of course, living in Kentucky and reading about places familiar to your childhood is very exciting, and this was a strong motivation for me to get into the book. However, once I began reading I found it absorbing in its own right.

Carry Me Across the Water is a short novel or novella, but it encompasses the whole lifetime of its main character, August Kleinman. The author tells this story by weaving back and forth through the various periods of Augie Kleinman's life. On one page we are with him at his son's house for Yom Kippur, then on the next we are on the beach in Edgemere where he meets his wife,

Ginger, or in a cave on an island in the South Pacific during WWII, or hidden in a barge as he flees Nazi Germany as a child.

All these incidents are cleverly interwoven, and the reader is easily able to make the transition from one phase of Augie's life to another. What happened on that island in the South Pacific, how Augie will resolve his troubled relations with his son, and what his Jewishness ultimately means to him are all questions the reader wants to learn about.

Augie's sense of humor leads to light-hearted incidents, while his courage and growing self-knowledge provide thrust to a gripping story—even without a personal connection. ☆

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Rabbi's Corner

Rabbi Sharon Cohen



Stem-Cell Research: A Jewish Perspective

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In February, I had the pleasure of being a part of a local Hadassah program exploring the medical issues, as well as the Jewish view, surrounding stem cell research. Of course, the use of stem cells for medical research has become a hot topic in the American political arena in recent years. You may remember President George Bush's policy statement in August 2001 limiting the stem cell lines that scientists can use for their research. Most scientists agree that the stem cell lines now available are not sufficient. Political waves were made more recently when Ron Reagan, son of former President Ronald Reagan who passed away after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease, made an impassioned speech at the Democratic National Convention asking for a reversal of Bush's policy and an expansion of resources for embryonic stem cell research. Hadassah has added this important topic to its national policy agenda.

My introduction to this issue came a number of years ago in my former pulpit in Phoenix, and the emotional and spiritual impact has stayed with me to this day. Sarah, an incredibly vibrant, independent, and creative young teen in my congregation, was diagnosed with leukemia. When conventional treatments showed no

promise, she spent months in North Carolina undergoing what was at the time an experimental treatment using umbilical cord cells. Back then, embryonic stem cell research was in its infancy, too new for Sarah to consider. Certainly, it was not yet a blip on the political radar screen.

So, what does Judaism say about human embryonic stem-cell research? One of the foremost scholars in Judaism on this as well as other medical ethics issues is Rabbi Elliot Dorff. Rabbi Dorff, a Moosnick Lecturer at the Lexington Theological Seminary and a speaker at Ohavay Zion in 2003, is respected throughout the Jewish world for his scholarship and thorough understanding of Jewish law and ethics. Much of what follows is based on material he prepared for Hadassah and on his Rabbinic Responsum accepted by the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards for the Conservative Movement.

Jewish Principles

Three basic principles guide us as Jews regarding the use of human embryonic stem cells.

First, Jewish tradition holds that our bodies belong to God and so there are limitations as to what we can do

with our bodies. We are like tenants who pay rent to live in an apartment and must adhere to the rules of the lease, teaches Rabbi Dorff. As such, we are required to preserve life and health, not destroy it. In Hebrew, this mitzvah is called *Pikuah Nefesh*—

saving a life—and it calls upon us not only to rescue someone from a burning building if we can, but to find ways to be proactive regarding health and welfare. The idea that we lease our bodies from God also includes the duty to use our creativity and God-given intelligence to develop new cures for disease.

The second principle is that Jewish tradition accepts both natural and artificial means to overcome illness. We do not expect God to simply heal us; rather, we must pursue

both natural and artificial ways to preserve life.

Finally, the third principle holds that we are not God. There are limits to our abilities, so we must have humility in our approach—being careful not to harm ourselves as we pursue new avenues of research for health.

Jewish Law, Science and Spirituality

The biggest issue surrounding the use of stem cells is their source. Stem cells may most readily be derived from aborted fetuses and (frozen) embryos, including donated eggs and sperm. So in order to have an informed Jewish perspective we must understand the status of each in Jewish law. In fact, it is by examining the Jewish legal and scientific understanding of abortion that we come to understand the stem cell debate more fully.

Frankly, there is a misconception (no pun intended) that Judaism allows abortion whenever one wants. The majority of our sages view gestation in the womb in two stages. According to the Talmud, during the first 40 days of gestation, the fetus is considered "simply water." As such, it does not have the status of a human being or of having "ensoulment" at this stage of development. Obviously, this is very different from the idea that "ensoulment" (that is, the presence of a living soul) begins at conception held by Catholic and some Christian doctrine.

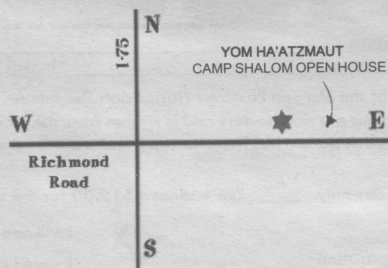
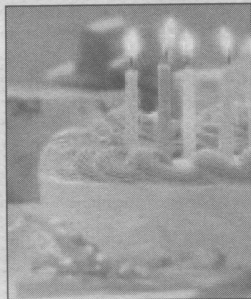
From the 41st day until birth, a majority of Jewish sources consider the fetus to be "like the thigh of mother" (there are some different understandings within Jewish tradition, but in the end, the conclusion remains the same). A person is not allowed to cut off one's own thigh just for the sake of self-injury; however, if the thigh is gangrenous or endangering the body it can be removed. So, too, if the mother's health (physical or mental) is in peril, abortion can (and, in some cases, must) be performed since the woman is a full-fledged human being and the fetus is still seen as merely a part of the body. It is this idea that has led many to believe that Judaism supports abortion for any reason, and at

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Judaism considers health care to be a communal responsibility. Therefore, we must fight to make any treatments resulting from research available to all in society, not just limited to the very rich or the privileged.

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The end of World War I meant the end of the Ottoman Empire and the opening up of its former territories. In 1922 the Jewish Agency was formed to assist Jews wishing to emigrate to Palestine, a move favored by conservative Jews here, but opposed by most liberal Jews who saw it as raising the specter of dual loyalties. That, however, was far from the worst of the problems that would face American Jewry in the next two decades. The great tide of immigration from Eastern Europe that had begun in 1881 produced a backlash in the early 20s. Though our part in the War had been brief and small, we were turned off by what Jefferson had earlier termed that "den of vice and corruption," Europe. Ditto Europeans.

Congress, reflecting the views of most Americans, passed legislation that progressively choked off the flow of "huddled masses" that had been inundating our shores, especially those from Eastern and Southern Europe. (At the same time, Winston Churchill tried to renege on the promise of the Balfour Declaration, but was unsuccessful in closing the doors of Palestine.)

Given such a "mandate," anti-Semites thrived. One such was Fr. Charles E. Coughlin, who began a long-running series of radio broadcasts in which he blamed Jews for all of the world's evils. Many employers included "No Jews need apply" in their ads, and many Jews hid their identities in order to get work (among them a relative of mine who changed his name from Nussbaum to Nutting, so he could work for DuPont, perhaps the most notorious of anti-Semitic employers.) Realty companies declined to sell property to Jews and even the great universities, beginning with Harvard, instituted quota systems to severely limit the number of Jews accepted.

Not surprisingly, the 20s were also the high-water mark for the KKK, which was not just a Deep South phenomenon. The state with the most active members was Indiana.

One would think that the Hollywood movie studios, all but one of which were headed by their Jewish founders, might have used the medium of film to combat this cascade of hate, but no such luck. The first major film to explore anti-Semitism, *Gentleman's Agreement*, was not made until 1945, the same year that the Catholic Church, finally, imposed a ban of silence upon Fr. Coughlin. And continuing long after that, Jewish actors, of whom there were many, had to change their names in order to get work.

The Depression made things worse, much worse. It's not only that Jews were blamed for it. Large-scale unemployment meant that America was ill-prepared to accept refugees from Germany who fled, or tried to, in ever greater numbers after 1935. It was then that the Nazi government issued the Nuremberg Laws rescinding or restricting Jews' civil rights. When two congressmen tried to pass a bill that would have admitted 20,000 German refugee children, the bill failed.

In 1938 President Roosevelt called a refugee conference at Evian, France, just across the border from Germany. At this conference countries were asked to "sign up" to take so-and-so many Jews. Except for the Dominican Republic,

which disingenuously asked for 100,000 unskilled Jewish laborers, none did. Hitler is reported to have said that the conference proved that he, alone, had the courage to do what everyone else wanted done.

Roosevelt did appoint two Jewish justices, Cardozo and Frankfurter, to the Supreme Court. He also made Henry Morgenthau (my father's mother's mother was a Kentucky Morgenthau) the first Jewish Cabinet member—Secretary of the Treasury, of course; it's almost a joke—but as the "friend of the Jews" that so many thought him, he was something of a failure.

If Roosevelt was unable to do much, Jews here were also in disarray. Faced with violent anti-Semitism in Europe and native hate groups like the Silver Shirts and the German-American Bund, some wanted to lie low so as not to "make the problem worse." Others, led by Stephen Wise, organized a boycott of German goods.

In the midst of this turmoil, Mordecai Kaplan, himself raised Orthodox, began a Jewish denomination which he called Reconstructionism. Among his new wrinkles was the claim that God was not in any sense personal but a "force for good in the Universe." (George Lucas is decidedly not Jewish, but is this where he got "The Force be with you"?) The same year that Kaplan added a fourth dimension to American Judaism, Henry Roth's truly original novel, *Call It Sleep*, was published. But the Depression stunted sales and it was not really discovered until 1960.

In 1938, my parents left the relative safety of Chicago and moved to a northern suburb. Their friends thought them crazy. And the next year, when the war broke out and I was born, my mother made a Presbyterian neighbor promise that if Hitler ever came here the neighbor would take Mom's two little boys and pretend they were hers. I wonder. That same year the steamship *Saint Louis* with 930 Jewish refugees aboard was denied entrance to Cuba, its destination, and after three weeks coasting Florida, to the US as well. It sailed back to Europe and oblivion. The clouds were gathering. ✧

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Camp Shalom (from page 6)

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We are pleased to announce that Kathy Feinberg will return as director of camp and will bring with her wonderful, fun, Jewish-centered programming. Kathy will again be joined by Assistant Director Elissa Brown. The kids look forward to seeing each other at camp all year long. Camp Shalom is now interviewing counselors (ages 15+), counselors in training (ages 13 to 14), and group leaders (college age). We look forward to seeing many old and new faces this summer. Camp Shalom gets better and better every year, so this year promises to be the very best ever. Come join us at the Open House and see for yourself. ✧

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American Football Scores a Touchdown in Israel

By David Brinn

February 27, 2005 - Forget high tech, shared values, and the love of democracy—what really brings Americans and Israelis together is the pigskin.

This was convincingly demonstrated this past February when Robert Kraft, the owner of the NFL Super Bowl champions The New England Patriots, re-dedicated the Kraft Family Field in Jerusalem, where over 1,000 Israelis are involved in the American Football in Israel (AFI) league.

Amid an atmosphere that was a cross between a spirited high school football event and a traveling carnival, around 500 people attended a ceremony that included "The Star Spangled Banner" and "Hatikva," all-star and exhibition games by both men's and women's teams in the AFI, a surreal game of catch between suit-clad Kraft and Israeli Finance Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, and traditional American delights like barbecue and beer. Not to mention the official 2004

Super Bowl trophy on display—the first time that it has ever been displayed outside of the US.

Before the official festivities, a group of burly, Israeli high-schoolers—mostly of American descent—strolled onto the brightly lit field for the first time since the project to upgrade the five year old facility by installing the ultimate artificial grass surface for recreational areas began.



New England Patriots owner addresses the crowd at the rededication of the Kraft Family Stadium in Jerusalem.

"Oh baby, this is good," one teen exclaims in slangy English, as he high-fives his buddy.

"Go kick some butt," a pig-tailed, sweat-shirted, female 16-year-old yelled to a tall, lanky boy, both sporting similar red t-shirts with English logos from one of the team sponsors. Moments later, two teams were on the field

competing with a concentration that rivaled the Pats and the Eagles on Super Sunday last month.

The fact that such a scene could take place in the capital city of Israel is testament to the commonality of Israeli and American interests and values, according to Kraft.

"The Patriots have been able to win because we stressed the team—everyone putting the team ahead of their own individual objectives. I see some parallels between the

state of Israel and the Patriots in the sense that we have people from a lot of different racial, social and economic backgrounds all coming together for a greater purpose. And in many ways, I see the same thing in Israeli culture," Kraft told reporters at a press conference he attended with his wife Myra and son Daniel.

More than 1000 men and women take part in the adult and teen football leagues. The top men's league includes 52 teams that compete for the Israeli championship, dubbed the Holyland Bowl. While most of the participants are of American origin or are children of American parents, more and more players are native Israelis according to league founder and president Steve Leibowitz.

"We've created a community of American football in Israel, of people who for them, football is more than a sport," he told ISRAEL21c. "Our field has become a place for them to go and meet friends and to of course play ball on. It's become a central part of the English-speaking community in Jerusalem, and native Israelis are joining in."

League coordinator Jay Abramoff agreed that the time has come for American football to burst wide open in Israel.

"It's an exciting game to play—in the last three years, the league has doubled in size. It's clear that people want to play football in Israel. And it's not just transplanted Americans but native Israelis who have been part of our high school training program for 11th and 12th graders," he said. "Football is something that Israelis and

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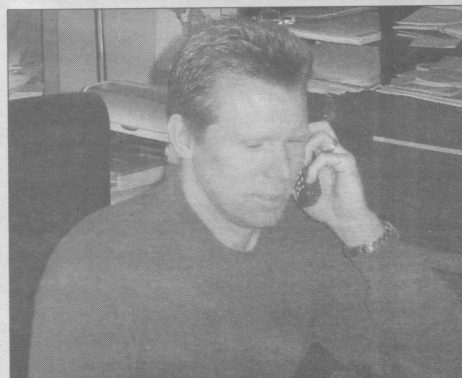
Super Sunday (from page 3)

was allocated to overseas needs, while 65 percent was allocated to cover our needs locally; eleven percent went for the Jewish Family Services, eight percent to Camp Shalom, and five percent to provide scholarships and camperships, just to name a few of our services.

But the effort of raising the money and contacting people would not have been possible without some help. Thank you to Cingular Wireless for providing the phones and the airtime for the effort, thank you to our staff for making sure everything was in place and running smoothly, but most of all thank you to our Super Sunday chairs Odette Kaplan and Susan Goldstein and to our dedicated volunteers: Ray Archer, Barbara Barr, Eleanor Benblatt, Harriet Cooper, Joe Engelberg, Lynn Furness, Sandy Goldberg, Marty Kaplan, Odette Kaplan, Joe Krislov, Judy Levey, Paula Liebschitz, Bob Orbach, Linda Ravvin, Stan Saxe, Pat Shraberg, and Carole Wilson—as well as CKJF staff Stacey Heisler, Jana LaZur, and Lori Zimmerman. ☆



Lynn Furness and David Feinberg discuss the next phone call.



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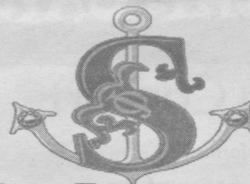
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Not Father's (from page 1)

others had migrated there when conditions in their home countries became intolerable. Jacob and family: so far, so good.

Once there, even the free "Asiatics" might well have been involuntarily recruited for work on Egypt's massive building projects, a situation they would not have enjoyed. They would have longed to be free and, in around 1550 b.c.e. (others think 1628), nature intervened to free them.

The volcanic island of Thera (Santorini), lying north of Crete, exploded with a force that makes the well-known explosion of Krakatoa in 1883 look small by comparison. Tsunamis swept the eastern Mediterranean, including the north coast of Egypt, while a cloud of aerosols that I estimate to have been about the size of Montana drifted slowly south and eastward.

All the plagues that Exodus reports can be explained as results of long-lasting atmospheric disturbances caused by this event. All save one—the death of the Egyptian first-born.

What I think lay behind that event is this: faced with a catastrophe of unparalleled magnitude and duration, one that overwhelmed the Egyptians and the numerous gods to which they prayed, they resorted to the sacrifice of their own children in order to propitiate...who exactly?

We don't know, but from the point of view of our vile Asiatic ancestors, it

must have seemed as though the whole show had been devised for their benefit. And who could have done it? The One God whom they, or some of them, held to be above the gods of all the other peoples. Whether our ancestors fled, or were kicked out—Egypt went through sporadic fits of xenophobia—is uncertain. But leave they did.

Now, some readers may object that the dates I use don't comport with a 13th century date for Raamses II, the "Pharaoh who knew not Joseph." True. What's happened here is "historical compression." The later collectors of Scripture, now safe in Israel, had many stories of times in which Asiatics fled Egypt. They combined these into one well-told, moving tale that demonstrated our God's care for us.

And so here we are, thirty-plus centuries later, about to tell the story one more time. That the "aftershocks" of this event have resounded through all the years is some indication of the essential truth of the story, isn't it?

'Avadim hayinu b'aretz mitzraim. It moves me to tears every time I repeat it. Enjoy Passover.

(For a more detailed account, see S. N. Rosenbaum, *Understanding Biblical Israel: A Re-examination of the Origins of Monotheism*, [Macon, GA: Mercer University Press, 2002].) ☆



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Some Thoughts Gleaned from the 2005 Session of the Jewish Council of Public Affairs

By Leah Craft

I was recently lucky enough to be chosen as an intern for the 2005 session of the Jewish Council of Public Affairs. Apart from meeting eminent politicians such as Representative Henry Waxman from California, Senator John McCain from Arizona, Senator Hillary Clinton from New York, and our very own Mitch McConnell, it was a very exciting and enlightening experience. Since I was an intern, I was able to actually assist and coordinate many of the forums, which even meant rescheduling speakers and events as a result of an unexpected snowstorm. In addition, it was also my responsibility to supervise the debates concerning Jews and equality in communities throughout the US.

I'd like to share with you a brief summary of the topics and the main ideas I gathered from each.

Strengthening Inter-group Relations

When do we want to engage inter-groups for Israel Advocacy? Something worth considering is the price of non-engagement. In the past, it was thought to be acceptable and expected not to discuss Israel with other groups (faith-based, for example), especially since friendly but superficial relationships were formed with these groups. But things are changing as evidenced recently by a Presbyterian group contacting

the JCPA to inquire how one should "go about being critical of Israeli policy without seeming anti-Semitic?" We can no longer continue a "don't ask/don't tell policy" within our communities; instead we must make other groups aware of our deep passion for Israeli advocacy. In particular, interfaith groups are important because we can educate them about our agendas and we can learn of theirs.

Strengthening our Communities: Building Coalitions

Why coalitions? Because you want to move forward. Even though coalitions seem to impede the process and perhaps remove some of the passion, they are still necessary. Coalitions are crucial in problem solving. We have to remember that the most critical factors are social justice, campaigns, and inclusiveness, where we spend more time trying to fix problems than deciding who may sit at the table. In building communities, we must remember the messenger is just as important as the message and everyone person and group has his/her "Israel."

What is a Jewish issue?

Any issue of social justice, whether it affects Africans, Muslims, Latinos, or gays and lesbians is a Jewish issue. For Jews to be secure, all must be secure. We must ask ourselves of this issue's impact on local and broader

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Football (from page 10)

Americans now have in common, whether it's on the field, or just getting together to watch games and hang out on the sidelines."

When Leibowitz launched the AFI in 1988, he had no idea it would become so popular and expand to its current level. But an evolving relationship with Kraft resulted in initial funds to build the multi-purpose sports facility in 1999. Leibowitz said that this week's renovations gives the field the potential to become the leading sports facility in Jerusalem.

"The fact that Mr. Kraft chose to come to Jerusalem right after the Super Bowl shows how we have become a strategic partner in this project of bringing football to the rest of the world," he said. "Now we want to take it to the next level, gain support from the NFL and see football here rise to the level it is in Europe. We'd like to open a tackle league and a well-developed outreach program for youth."

One youngster who won't need the outreach program is Ahuva Odenheimer, a 16-year-old high school student from Efrat near Jerusalem. She joined the women's league, like most of her friends, because it looked like fun.

"About a year ago, some of my friends and I were watching some boys we knew play in the high school league," she told ISRAEL21c. "We went up to the organizers and said why isn't there a girls league? And they said, 'well if you get enough girls interested....'"

Thanks to a donation from Myra Kraft, the women's league was launched soon after, and last summer Odenheimer and teammates traveled to the Dominican Republic, where they finished fourth in the women's World Cup of Flag Football.

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Stem Cells (from page 8)

whatever stage of the pregnancy. In truth, however, many stipulations surround the decision to abort in Jewish law. Decisions regarding the physical or psychological health of the mother and the age of viability of the fetus are not made lightly, and, as medical science advances, new questions continue to challenge our interpretation of Jewish law.

If a fetus (which does not have the status of a full human being according to Judaism, as outlined above) was aborted for legitimate reasons under Jewish law, Rabbi Dorff concludes that the fetus can be used to advance efforts to preserve the life and health of others (by having its genetic material taken) just as would be permitted (and encouraged) in the case of organ donation. In the United States, abortion is so passionate an issue that, although the Jewish perspective may allow it, we basically ignore the idea of taking stem cell materials from aborted fetuses. Instead, we focus our attention on donated sperm and eggs (frozen embryos), which in Jewish tradition are even less problematic.

Outside the Womb

Embryonic stem cells can be taken from sperm and egg that have been willingly donated and fertilized in a dish. According to the Jewish view, this genetic material outside the uterus has no chance of developing into a human being unless transplanted into a woman. As such, it has even less legal status in Judaism than zygotes and embryos in the womb which, based on the definitions of gestation as described above, are only considered "like water until the 40th day." Again, unlike the Catholic Church, we don't consider this genetic material to have a soul or to be a human being, or to even have the status of potentially being a life.

At the same time, Rabbi Dorff reminds us that we need to show respect for the fertilized egg cell since it does contain the building blocks of human creation. While it would be permitted to simply discard the material because it cannot become a human being as is, Rabbi Dorff and other modern Jewish ethicists teach that it would be preferable to use the genetic material for good—for the mitzvah of *Pikuah Nefesh*—rather than dispose of it. In particular, couples using in vitro fertilization are encouraged to donate for genetic research unused embryos that would otherwise be thrown away.

Many have asked about donating eggs and sperm specifically for embryonic stem cell research. Using

these definitions, this donation would be permissible. In Jewish tradition, male masturbation is normally seen as "wasting seed" and is discouraged. However, if it is done for the purpose of *Pikuah Nefesh*—for the sake of advancing medical research or directly preserving life—Rabbi Dorff argues it is allowed. Women who wish to donate their eggs must take drugs that stimulate egg production, and these drugs can pose some health risk to the woman (like ovarian cancer) if used too much. For the purposes of procreation, the risk is deemed worth it. In the case of donating eggs simply for research, Rabbi Dorff rules that a woman should donate only once or twice in order to minimize any risk to her own health.

As we enter the arena of the embryonic stem cell debate within American society, there are two other principles to keep in mind. Judaism considers health care to be a communal responsibility. Therefore, we must fight to make any treatments resulting from research available to all in society, not just limited to the very rich or the privileged. Jewish law also draws a clear line between embryonic stem cell research done for the sake of finding cures and research seeking to satisfy our desire for the "perfect" child. It is not permissible to manipulate genes or use embryonic stem cells simply because we want to produce a child with just the right color hair, height, build, intelligence, or the like.

A Hope For The Future

For Sarah, the young teen I knew in Arizona, the promise of embryonic stem cell research came too late. She succumbed to leukemia after her sixteenth birthday, the week of her Bat Mitzvah anniversary (*Parashat P'kuday*). I find it ironic, yet somehow comforting, that I sat down to write this article in March during the same week we studied the portion of *P'kuday* this year. It would have been Sarah's ninth Bat Mitzvah anniversary this year. Whenever the issue of stem cell research is debated, I remember Sarah and the beautiful life the world lost because medical research had not yet reached a stage at which it could help save her. I also find myself saddened by the thought of nameless others like Sarah, who might one day benefit from the advancement of stem cell research, yet may still lose their lives because of political policies hindering our progress. I pray that one day our society may reconcile our differing religious and moral views, and use our creativity and intelligence to find new avenues for healing in our world.

In memory of Sarah.... ☆

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Tikkun Lexington Update

By Jana LaZur

Stewart Home Visit

Thanks to the volunteers who visited the residents of the Stewart Home on March 24 to celebrate Purim. We drank the grape juice, ate the hamentashen and had a really good time. A big Thank You goes out to Annette Milch and Barbara Barr for their delicious hamentashen. The Stewart Home residents enjoyed this special treat and made Purim masks to celebrate the holiday as well. We welcomed new volunteers, including our own former Jewish Family Services Director Fran Mandel and one of her classmates, Lisa Diener. They were obtaining service hours for a class in their social work master's program. We also cannot forget to mention the regular volunteers: Barbara Barr, Angie and Rich Ornstein, Kevin and Jana LaZur, Ruth Moser, and Dawn Moore, who are the same smiling faces each visit that the residents look forward to seeing. But most of all, the Tikkun Lexington volunteers want to thank the Stewart Home and each and every Jewish resident for allowing us to come and share a moment which we will cherish and remember always. If you would like to join this special group of volunteers and residents, please contact Jana to sign up.

Next visit scheduled for Parent's weekend, May 5, 2005.

Faith in Action Update

Since the original training session, five active volunteers have made weekly visits to elderly recipients of the Faith in Action program. These recipients are described as elderly people living in their own homes or those of their working children. These people are not yet at a point of needing to be placed in a nursing home or similar facility. Volunteers

perform non-medical visits, run errands, and talk to the person on the phone to make sure he/she is all right.

Below are quotes from some of our Faith in Action Volunteers; you may want to volunteer yourself to something so worthwhile.

Julie Smoak writes, "I really look forward to my visits each week with my lady. At first I was a little worried we might not have anything to talk about, but our conversations range from childhood stories, to recipe tips, to jokes we've heard, TV shows, vegetable gardening, current events and so on. I always leave with a smile on my face."

Barbara Barr writes, "When I began my work with FIA, I thought I would 'do' things. I had in mind to read to my person, play cards, write letters for him, etc....as his eyesight was very poor. As I soon learned it was none of those things that was wanted. He really just wanted the company and to do most of the talking! I learned a lot about the way things were years ago during the depression, what activities kids did then, and I was exposed to jazz and learned about the great jazz artists and so much more. We have developed a really close friendship that, had I not become a volunteer for Faith in Action, I would have missed out on. I can honestly say that this has added a wonderful dimension to my life."

Ruth Moser writes, "My good friend, Karen Haller has MS, and she is in a wheelchair. We often spend time together at her house. Sometimes I help her into my car, pack her wheelchair in the trunk, and we go shopping and out to lunch. Does all of this make me a volunteer? It can, according to the mission statement of

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Thanks, Central Kentucky Jewish Federation!

We are so grateful to Lori Zimmerman, Marketing Director of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, for adding us to their list of charities to support on their Day of Giving. Fourteen volunteers came out to the shelter on Christmas Eve to give the animals special attention. We thank Lori Zimmerman and Joe Harris; Lisa, Abby and Emily Miller; Fran and Clark Mandel; Nancy Shoenberg and Mark Swanson; Shirley, Jordan and Kayla Bryan; and Nat and Judy Sandler.

What a thrill it was to open the Lexington newspaper on Christmas Day and see two great color photos on the front page. One photo featured Ben Swanson getting a kiss from shelter dog Hank. The other showed Lisa and Abby Miller taking Tilly for a walk down the lane. There was even a third photo inside showing Emily Miller and Fran Mandel in the cat room. Great publicity, but even better a great day of giving for the animals! Thank you all for opening your hearts to us.

From the Woodford Humane Society Newsletter-February 2005

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Ask JFS

Stacey Heisler

Ask JFS is a monthly advice column with questions from members of the community requiring assistance with a wide range of issues. If you have a problem or a concern that you would like addressed in this Shalom column, please send your queries to Ask JFS c/o Jewish Family Services, 1050 Chinoe Road, Suite 203, Lexington, KY 40502. You can also call in your confidential questions at 269-8244 or email them to us at JFS@JewishLexington.org.

Alcoholism and Other Addiction in the Jewish Community

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While sorting through my mail, I noticed a brochure for National Alcohol Screening Day. After reading the pamphlet, I thought, "This is something JFS needs to be involved in." According to my research, addiction is a well-hidden secret in the worldwide Jewish community.

"Addiction" is a word we do not hear much in the Jewish community. It is as if the word itself is taboo. However, recent studies have shown that alcoholism and drug addiction may be much more prevalent in the Jewish community than once thought. According to Rabbi Abraham Twerski, medical director of the Gateway Rehabilitation Center in Pittsburgh, "Among Jewish college youth there is a great deal of substance abuse. Among Jewish older folks alcohol abuse is more prevalent. There is also an enormous amount of prescription drug abuse."

Last August I attended a course on identification, screening, and intervention for substance abuse taught by medical professionals who were themselves in recovery. They made the point that many of those abusing alcohol and drugs, specifically prescription medications, are upstanding professionals in every community. Most of these individuals do not seek help until it is almost too late. This phenomenon crosses all cultural, ethnic, religious, and socioeconomic divides, especially in the Jewish community. There can be much stigma and stereotyping attached to seeking help on issues related to substance abuse.

According to the *Encyclopedia of Alcoholism*, "Difficulties in treating Jews who are alcoholics stem from a generalized

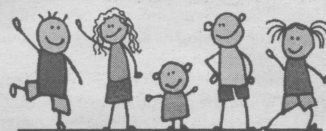
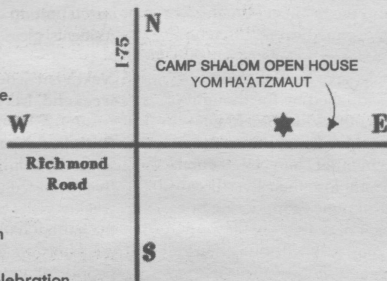
denial of the problem by the Jewish community and a lack of tolerance, which makes subjects feel isolated from their community and may worsen their situation." Also, many Jews do not seek help because Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are often in churches, and some feel that AA's Twelve Steps are attuned to Christian values. However, Rabbi Twerski, in his article "The Truth about Chemical Dependency and Jews," which can be found on the web at <http://jacsweb.org/Library/Literature/twerski2.html>, finds correspondences in the teachings of the Talmud with each of the Twelve Steps.

Here in our own community, thanks to the efforts of Rabbi Marc Kline, Temple Adath Israel has started hosting AA meetings every Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. My hope is that through this information one person will be reached who might have been afraid of the stigma attached to reaching out for help. Although JFS is not offering a day of screening, the alcoholism screening packets, as well as many other resources, are available at the JFS office. I am more than happy to help anyone in the community find resources or to complete an assessment. I can be reached at the JFS office (859) 269-8244. ☆

CAMP SHALOM OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, May 15, 2005
12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

- * Sign up and get your early registration discount.
- * Wear your comfortable shoes and tour Camp Shalom's site.
- * Meet the Camp Shalom 2005 staff.
- * Bring a picnic or buy food on site.
- * Learn more about the Geshet group-new to Camp Shalom
- * This program is in conjunction with the Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration



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B'tayavon (Hearty Appetite)

Ruth Poley



There are a number of people in the Lexington Jewish community who are considered to be excellent cooks. Certainly, one of the top among them is Rose Rita Wurmser. Just mention that Rosie has cooked something and everyone is eager to try it. We have a special treat this month. Since Passover is just around the corner, we have asked Rose Rita to share some of her recipes with us. The three recipes which follow are all tried and true favorites from her kitchen (two of them go back to her mother, Grandma Lillian). I hope you'll try at least one of them during Passover—I know I will. ☆

Grandma Lillian's Matzo Passover Rolls (Lillian was Rose Rita's Mom)

4 eggs
1/2 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup milk
1 cup matzo meal
1/2 cup cake meal
4 tablespoons oil or melted butter

Beat eggs with salt, stir in milk, add matzo meal and cake meal, small amounts at a time. Add melted oil and stir ell. Fill 12 greased muffin tins 2/3 full. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until brown.

Rose Rita's Matzo Meal Passover Pancakes

8 egg yolks
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup cold water
3/4 cup matzo meal
3 egg whites beaten stiff
oil for frying

Combine egg yolks, salt, and water. Stir in matzo meal and fold (gently, do not mix vigorously) in egg whites. Heat oil in skillet until hot, drop in batter by tablespoons. Fry until brown on both sides, drain on paper towels. Sprinkle with powdered sugar and cinnamon. Serves 4.

Grandma Lillian's Passover Macaroons

6 egg whites
1 cup sugar
1/2 pound almond paste
1/4 cup matzo meal

Beat egg whites until peaks form. Beat in sugar, then fold in almond paste and matzo meal. Drop by teaspoons onto a greased pan and flatten a bit with a wet knife. Bake at 350 degrees 20 minutes or until slightly brown. Makes about six dozen.

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

Community Geared Up for Many Activities this Month

Come Join the Fun

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Spring Concert

Sunday, April 10 at 3:00 p.m.

Join the community for a free concert sponsored by the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation. It will take place at the Singletary Center for the Arts on UK's campus. The Lexington Community Orchestra, conducted by Jonathan Roller, will perform the concert, titled, "Themes of Jewish Heroes," which will include Hatikvah, selections from, *Prince of Egypt*, Bernstein's *Symphony #1*, *Exodus*, and Bob Dylan's "Self Portrait." Benjamin Karp will perform a cello solo. Directly following the concert, attendees may meet orchestra members while enjoying a light snack at a reception in the President's Room.

No reservation is required, and the concert is free and open to the public.

Community Women's Seder

Sunday, April 17 at 4:00 p.m.

A coalition of women from the Temple, Synagogue, Hadassah, Havurah, and Community will host its Community Women's Seder this year. Send in your reservation form to come and enjoy this unique experience which celebrates Passover from a woman's perspective. Come and enjoy an afternoon of service,

song and laughter with many women in the community.

You can fill out the R.S.V.P. form on page 7 of *Shalom*, or look in your mailbox for the flyer. Please respond by April 5 so we can obtain an accurate headcount and have ample food to enjoy. No major meal will be served but customary Passover foods and a generous helping of desserts will be available.

Price: \$7.50 for admission and an additional \$7.50 if you need to purchase a Hagaddah.
Location: Temple Adath Israel

Yom Ha'atzmaut and Camp Shalom Open House at the Blue Grass Christian Camp
May 15 Noon- 3:00 p.m.

This community-wide celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut includes free birthday cake for Israel, Inflatable Moonbounce, and games for children to enjoy. Vendors and artisans to shop with, as well as Israeli song and dance. And treat your family to lunch with Middle Eastern food,

Subway sandwiches, cookies, and drinks, all of which will be for sale.

Camp Shalom is happy to announce the second year of camp at the same location. Come out and meet the new staff, tour the camp and register your children at a discounted price.

We hope to see you there!!

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Directions: Take Richmond Road out of town. Go past I-75 and drive another 4-5 miles of beautiful scenery and follow the signs to the 2nd entrance of the campsite. ☆

JCPA (from page 12)

communities and if we don't address this issue, will our absence from it affect our counterparts?

Why do people engage in community service? Clearly, because it is the right thing to do and we hope that when we work for others, others will work for us. Every human life is valuable—worthy of dignity and respect. If your brother falls, then strengthen his hand. ☆

Camp Shalom is a day camp sponsored by the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation. Activities are geared to encourage unity, fun, and learning for children 4 through 13 years of age. Jewish themes are incorporated into the daily program through music, games, drama, and arts and crafts. At the end of each fun-filled week we will welcome the Sabbath together with candles, blessings, songs, and Shabbat observance. Children of all denominations are invited to attend. Our camp is led by a group of experienced and talented individuals dedicated to Judaism and the care of Camp Shalom campers.

New to Camp Shalom 2005 is **Gesher** (meaning bridge). This is a program for campers ages 10-13, and offers an exciting array of activities geared to this age group. Campers aged 4-13 attend from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Extended day is available Monday through Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. STAFF WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR EARLY DROP-OFF AT 8:30 a.m.

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Extended day M-Th. (3:00-5:30) \$ 30.00 per week
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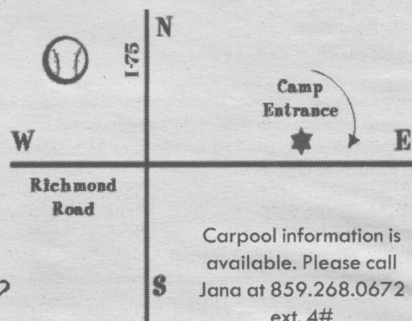
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Number of additional campers _____ X \$ 110 = _____
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Early registration Discounts (before June 1, 2005):
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Camp Shalom 2005 *WEEK 2 * 8/8 - 8/12

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Number of additional campers _____ X \$ 110 = _____
additional campers extended day _____ X \$ 30 = _____
Early registration Discounts (before June 1, 2005):
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Total Week 2 = _____

Total Week 1 = _____ Total Week 2 = _____

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A non-refundable \$50 registration fee, per
camper, must accompany complete application.
This deposit will be applied toward tuition.
Balance due by July 15, 2005.

Yom (from page 1)

a reminder of those brave individuals who perished in their fight for freedom. How did those tortured individuals rise up against their captors without the benefit of weapons? How did they manage an unparalleled demonstration of courage in this ghetto? They were able to hold off the Nazis longer than it took the Germans to conquer Poland. Given the slightest opportunity, Jews will fight to preserve their people. This day of remembrance not only celebrates the memory of persecution and death but also recognizes Jewish courage and valor.

The catastrophe of the Holocaust evoked an extraordinary response from the Jewish people, and a mere three years after the end of the war the State of Israel was born.

The next important date marks Yom Ha'Atzmaut, or Israel Independence Day. Theodore Herzl (1860-1904) is considered to be a modern-day prophet. As a reaction to what he felt was anti-Semitism occurring in such so-called civilized countries as France and Germany, he became obsessed with Zionism. He is often quoted as saying, "If you will it, it is no longer a dream." He felt that the only way Jews would ultimately have a sense of security would be to have their own state. He actually dreamed the details of creating this country right down to describing its flag, the dress of its citizens, and the uniforms of its military. He died at an early age after exhaustive efforts to make his dream come true. On May 14, 1948 David Ben-Gurion announced the birth of the State of Israel in a proclamation of independence which stressed the unbroken link between the land and the Jewish people. The proclamation stated that it (Israel) would be open to Jewish immigration and the gathering of exiles. Again, Jews understood that it was up to them to provide for the protection and preservation of their people.

As we take pause to light six yearzeit candles to represent the lives that were extinguished by the Nazis, we also reflect on the strength of our people, who will never let this happen again, and whose determination ultimately culminated in independence with the establishment of the State of Israel.

It is a mitzvah to observe both of these special days. Eli Wiesel said that it is a Jewish duty to teach about the Holocaust so that inhumanity is never allowed to happen to Jews or any people again. It is a custom to

celebrate each of these special days with special services and celebrations and to renew the commitment to the future of Israel and the Jewish people.

The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation provides opportunities for such celebrations and remembrances.

The Michael Adelstein Holocaust Awareness program provides funding for area educators to tour the US Holocaust Memorial Museum. This visit, which is a very moving experience for the participants, has translated into a better treatment of the subject in the classroom. The Emilie Szekely Holocaust Education Essay Contest, open to all public school students, is sponsored every year by CKJF. Of course, there is a collection of Holocaust videos, books, and posters housed at the Federation office. We are also currently involved in a collaborative effort with the Lexington *Herald Leader* and Columbia Gas to produce a special issue of "Newspapers in Education" on the Holocaust. This program annually provides over 3,000,000 newspapers to school children in the classroom. It is used with instruction geared toward the promotion of critical thinking. Birthright Israel—*Taglit*—is another program supported by CKJF. The Birthright program is a financing system to provide a free trip to Israel for Jewish children ages 18 to 25 who participate in an approved education program and who will be visiting Israel for the first time. CKJF also assists in providing speakers to UK and has worked jointly with the Patterson School to bring in such names as Yossi Olmert, Giora Becher, and Eli Avidar, just to name a few. Again, there are books available in the Federation library on the history of the State of Israel. CKJF also facilitated the acquisition of \$1,500,000 in State of Israel Bonds to help Israeli infrastructure. Recruiting is on for another \$500,000 bond—call the office for details.

A final note: on November 3, 2003 when the General Assembly met in Jerusalem, Lexington was represented by fourteen individuals who participated in the Solidarity march down Ben Yehuda Street. You might want to plan ahead to be sure you will be there at the next Jerusalem GA in 2008.

From Yom HaShoah to Yom HaAtzmaut we reenact in a way the history of our people going from the darkness of persecution to the redemptive feeling of freedom and dignity. On the evening of May 4 we will be holding a community-wide commemoration of Yom HaShoah, this year at Temple Adath Israel. On May 15, at the Bluegrass Christian Camp, we will come together in a block party celebrating Israel's 57th birthday. Join Us! ☆

Tikkun Lexington (from page 13)

Faith in Action. I have never thought of myself as a volunteer when I have been with Karen. We are just two good friends spending time together. Several times she has even come with me to the Leisure Club."

If you would like to become a faith in action volunteer yourself, it is very easy. Dr. Gary Stewart conducts a professional training session that lasts either one long day or two shorter days in which he exposes each volunteer to a wealth of information for every situation you might encounter. Please call Jana for more information or to sign up for the next session. If our community gets at least six of our own volunteers, Dr. Stewart will come out to the CKJF offices and we can have our own training session. Otherwise, we can attend any number of sessions that take place at churches within the community.

Our B'Nai Mitzvah

Evelyn Dantzie Geller

Zachary Sharer - OZS

Zachary Sharer, son of Sharyn Sharer and Jack Sharer, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah at Ohavay Zion Synagogue on April 9, 2005. His older sisters, Rebecca and Tasha, will join them in this celebration.

Zachary is an eighth grade student at Southern Middle School. Since he relishes any opportunity to be involved in sports, it is natural that his favorite subject is Physical Education. The sport he likes best is lacrosse, with football a close second. He will soon be on an indoor lacrosse team.

Zach also likes to listen to music, particularly rap. In addition he rides his bike for fun.

At this time his mitzvah project is pending.

Aaron Davidson - TAI

Aaron Davidson, son of Janet Tamaren and Jeff Davidson, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah at Temple Adath Israel on April 9, 2005. Joining them in this celebration will be his older sister, Laura.

Aaron is a seventh grade student at Morton Middle School, where his favorite and best subject is mathematics. At school he is a member of the chess club, the Math Counts—a club whose members compete in math events—and Immex, a group that creates computer applications. His interest in computers is such that he knows several computer languages. Aaron also likes soccer.

For his mitzvah project Aaron tutored students at Glendover school in math.

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Together, this community of Lexington is trying to help the elderly to remain more independent. Help us with this mission.

Bakers Needed

When people become sick and/or hospitalized, it is so nice that the rabbis come visit them and often the congregations bring food for those who are ill and to their families. In addition to these efforts, Tikkun Lexington also provides meals if needed. If you know someone who needs a meal, please call Jana to report those in need.

If you want to be on the list of bakers, please call Jana as she is always adding to this list. If you would be interested in delivering meals, Jana can arrange that, too.

Thanks in advance to everyone who calls and adds their names to this list, and as always thank you to the dedicated volunteers who have already been participants. ☆

TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL NEWS

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Laine Simone Fine Baby Naming

Please join us for a very special Erev Mother's Day Shabbat Service on May 6 at 7:30 p.m. to welcome and name the newest generation of our family, Laine Simone Fine. Laine is the great-great granddaughter of Edith and Dolph Wile and Nanette Wile Strauss and James Madison Strauss. She is the great grandchild of Phyllis Strauss Scher and Stanley B. Scher and the grandchild of Elizabeth B. Scher and Robert L. Scher. The proud parents are Jamie Scher Fine and Bradford M. Fine. The family have been members of Temple Adath Israel since 1900. We invite the congregation to a special one in Laine's honor after services

Torah Study

April schedule is 4/2, 4/16, and 4/30. Rabbi Kline conducts Torah study in the TAI library, Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. on alternate weeks. He is joined by a congenial group that brings together members of TAI and others, who, following the ancient tradition of Judaism, love study and matters of the mind. If you enjoy wrestling with problems of life and faith, join this friendly group.

Finding a Jewish Path While the Ground Shifts Beneath Us

The class takes place on the following dates: 4/17/05, and 5/22/05. This is an adult discussion group led by Larry Kant that studies traditional Jewish sources in novel ways as we seek to reclaim a modern Jewish path. As in previous years, times are on selected Sundays from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. This year our theme will be "Difficult Bible Passages."

Book Discussion Group— Open to All

The TAI book discussion group will meet this month on April 27, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. The book for discussion is Wallace Stegner's *Crossing to Safety*. RSVP to the Temple office by April 25 so that we can set up enough chairs. Next month we will meet on May 25 to discuss *The Adventures of Cavalier and Clay* by Michael Chaban.

April 24 -

A Mitzvah Day for TAI

Mark your calendars and get out your gardening clothes—we are participating in *Reforest The Bluegrass*. Though this program is

typically held on a Saturday, the LFCUG has arranged for us to participate on a Sunday. All ages are invited to help in the planting and replenishing of our local environment. This is a rain or shine event, so dress for the weather. No tools or gardening skills are needed to participate. Meet at Temple at 10:00 a.m..

Tuesday Bridge Club

Tuesday Bridge Group meets in the Temple Library beginning at 11:00 a.m.. Bring your lunch and play until 2:00 p.m.. You don't have to be an

Annual Congregational Meeting

May 1, 2005
12:30 p.m.

Watch your mail
for details

expert to join. This group is going strong, so if you like to play bridge, here's your chance to join and socialize with fellow Temple members. If you wish to join in, please check with other players.

Silent Auction on May 1 to Benefit the Religious School

Start thinking of your many talents. On May 1 the Religious School will hold a silent auction. They are looking for donations of services and items. Examples are trips, classes, items donated such as UK tickets, restaurant vouchers, or services from the many talented people in our congregation. We have already the following: one hour of one-on-one Talmud study with Rabbi Kline, one session of Hebrew Bar/Bat Mitzvah training from Elissa Brown, and crochet lessons from Cindy Kline. Call the Temple office to let us know what you can contribute to the Silent Auction. Watch your weekly email news and future bulletins for more details.

THE LEXINGTON HAVURAH NEWS

President, Gail Cohen • (859) 272-1459

The Lexington Havurah, founded in 1978, is a network of diverse people dedicated to Jewish learning and renewal, community building, and Tikkun Olam (repairing the world). It is affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the National Havurah Committee. Members plan, conduct, and share responsibilities for all services.

Havurah Annual Retreat Held Sunday, March 6

Each year the members of The Lexington Havurah look forward with great anticipation to the annual retreat, a day of Jewish education. This year the scholar-in-residence was Professor Oliver Leaman of the University of Kentucky. Dr. Leaman holds the Chair of Jewish Studies at the university. The event was held on Sunday, March 6 in the beautiful setting of the Firebrook Community Club house. The day was divided into two parts. In the morning Professor Leaman discussed the nature of Islam. The afternoon topic was Islam and Judaism. As always, the members of the Havurah found the presentation and discussion very stimulating. The day also provided an opportunity for members to spend time together in a casual setting. John Michalman presided for the day, Kathy Feinberg was in charge of arrangements.

Purim Pot-Luck and Kabbalat Shabbat Service, Friday, March 25

On Friday, March 25, the Havurah held its Purim celebration with a pot-luck feast and Kabbalat Shabbat Service. The Megilla was read. In the spirit of the happy holiday, many members appeared in costume. The service leaders for the evening were Judy Baumann and Eve Podet. The event took place at the Lexington Theological Seminary. The hosts for the evening were Ann Baker, Francie Chassen-Lopez, Beth Goldstein, and Rafi Finkel.



Oliver Leaman, Kathy Grossman, and Mimi Siegel sharing a meal.

Pesach Morning Service to be Held Sunday, May 1

On Sunday morning May 1, at 10:00 a.m., The Lexington Havurah will conduct a Holiday Morning service in celebration of Passover at the Lexington Theological Seminary. Yizkor will be recited. The service will be led by Judy Saxe and Ann Baker. The hosts will be Carole and Terry Wilson, Jenny Wilson, Kiki Freedman, and Evelyn Geller.

For more information please call Gail Cohen, president, at (859) 272-1459.

OHAVAY ZION SYNAGOGUE NEWS

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With Pesach taking up the last days of the month, April will be a busy one, filled with preparation for and celebration of this special holiday. We welcome newcomers to the community and veterans alike to participate and to be a part of the OZS family. Please remember that throughout the holiday of Passover NO foods may be brought into the synagogue unless they are specifically marked "Kosher for Passover" AND are unopened.

Passover is Here!

This year, Passover begins on Saturday evening, April 23. The OZS Congregational Seder, catered by Dupree Catering, will take place the second night of Passover, Sunday evening April 24 at 6:30 p.m. The evening will include a delicious seder meal (vegetarian option available) with traditional favorites, singing, learning, and fun. Reservations are a must. Please call the OZS office for more information.

Siyum B'khoreem – Fast of the Firstborn

On the day prior to Passover, it is a custom for the first-born in every household to fast in commemoration of the tenth plague, in which the firstborn of the Egyptians were killed. However, there is a custom of engaging in some type of study after which it is considered a mitzvah to eat, so the firstborn who have studied may then partake of food. Because Passover begins Motza'ay Shabbat (on Saturday evening) and thus the fast would come in conflict with Shabbat, the Fast of the Firstborn is shifted back to Thursday this year. Join us on Thursday morning, April 21 as we fulfill the mitzvah of studying and eating during our Siyum B'khoreem. We will begin with Shaharit at 7:30 a.m., followed by a study and a light breakfast. This is a perfect way to spiritually prepare for the Passover holiday. It is also your last opportunity to get your fill of bagels and danish before the holiday begins.

Sale of Hamaytz and Ma'ot Hittin

On Passover, Jewish Law teaches us not only to clean and put away our hamaytz (leavened foods), but to "sell" it so that none of it remains even in our possession. If you wish to take part in this mitzvah, please come by the OZS office and fill out a form which will designate Rabbi Cohen as the agent who will symbolically "sell" it for you. This mitzvah is often done in conjunction with the mitzvah of Ma'ot Hittin, of donating to a Matza Fund to help those in need and to assure that on this holiday of Freedom no one should go hungry. Donations collected in the Matza Fund will be sent to MAZON: A Jewish Response

to Hunger. All forms and donations must be turned into the OZS office no later than 10:00 a.m. on Friday morning, April 22 so that the "sale" can be completed before both Shabbat and Passover begin.

Yom Tov Worship

The Festival Morning service for the first two days of Passover will be on Sunday and Monday mornings, April 24 and 25, at 9:45 a.m. The Festival morning service for the last two days of Passover will be on Shabbat and on Sunday, April 30 and Monday, May 1 at 9:45 a.m. Yizkor will be recited during the service on May 1.

Shop the OZS Gift Shop

The OZS Gift Shop is fully stocked for all your Passover gift needs. Come check out the large variety of traditional and modern Passover Seder Plates, Kiddush cups, cups for Miriam and Elijah, matza covers, and candlesticks, in addition to all the regular Judaic items. The Gift Shop is generally open on Sundays from 10 a.m. to noon, or call the office to schedule a time to stop by.

Religious School News

As part of their celebration of Pesach, the Religious School students will take part in their own model seder on Sunday morning, April 17 at 11:00 a.m. The model seder is always a wonderful experience for our students as it allows the children to take a leadership role and become well-versed in various parts of the seder, including some fun songs. Everyone is welcome to attend the model seder and watch the children shine.

Shabbat programming for our youth continues as our Religious School students lead us in the Friday evening Service on Friday, April 15 at 6:00 p.m. Our Shabbat Morning Junior Congregation, led by Heidi Zimmerman, will meet during the Passover holiday, Saturday morning, April 30, at 10:30 a.m. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children.

Midrasha

During the past month, Midrasha students, under the guidance of Midrasha coordinator Marilyn Robie,

have been discussing issues of Jewish Identity. They have explored stereotypes others have of us as Jews and discussed how we define ourselves. Using television and movie clips, the teens have examined how Jews are portrayed in American culture and how this affects the way non-Jews think about Jews. In addition, they will consider how to be a good Jew and a good guest in a Christian, Muslim, or Buddhist context, and discuss the decisions they are forced to make when their Judaism clashes with the modern experiences of school, activities, dating, etc. We thank Marilyn Robie and Teri Harper guiding our teens in this important unit of study.

Family/Adult Education News

Need some help with solving those challenging parenting problems? Join psychologist Marilyn Robie and social worker Evalynne Elias for a special **Parenting Workshop** as they explore parenting issues using the book *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee: Using Jewish Teachings to Raise Self-Reliant Children* by Wendy Mogel, Ph.D. This special six-week workshop, which met twice in March, will meet this month on Sunday April 17, from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. at OZS. Books are \$10.95 and are available in Simone's office. Call Simone at OZS for more information.

Making a Difference: Social Action

We are happy to have established an ongoing relationship with God's Pantry as we and members of Temple Adath Israel join together to visit the God's Pantry facility the third Tuesday of each month to help sort and bag food items for distribution to those in need. Come and join us with the whole family as we work together for this wonderful cause. Our next God's Pantry Night will be Tuesday, April 20 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Call Ziggy Rivkin-Fish at (859) 269-3990 to sign up.

Shabbat at OZS

Celebrating Shabbat is always the focus of our week at OZS and this month is no exception. We have an alternating Friday evening schedule. On the first and third Fridays of the month, the service is at 6:00 p.m., while on the second, fourth, and fifth Fridays, the service is at 7:30 p.m. with an oneg following. On Friday April 8, the Shabbat Evening Service will be held at the special time of 6:00 p.m. (not 7:30 p.m.) as Zack Sharer celebrates becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Zack will participate in the Shabbat morning service on April 9, beginning at 9:45 a.m., and will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah during the morning's celebration.

The Friday evening service on April 15 at 6:00 p.m. will be led by our Religious School students, and the Stewart Home will be here for their monthly Shabbat at OZS on Friday, April 1 at 6:00 p.m. Join us for our spirited Shabbat Morning Service each Saturday morning at 9:45 a.m. Kiddush Lunch follows each week.

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on the 2nd and 4th Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. • Shabbat Services Saturday at 9:45 a.m.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Shushan Purim					Ilana Kline Bat Mitzvah TAI	Ilana Kline Bat Mitzvah TAI
27	28	29	30	31	April 1	2
		• OZS Board Meeting • TAI Board Meeting			• Aaron Davidson Bar Mitzvah TAI • Zachary Sharer Bar Mitzvah OZS	• Aaron Davidson Bar Mitzvah TAI • Zachary Sharer Bar Mitzvah OZS
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
• Rosh Chodesh Adar II • Spring Concert 2005 Singletary Center 3:00 p.m.	Shalom Deadline	• Chabad-Rabbi Litvin visits • Camp Shalom Meeting 8:00 p.m.	JFS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	Leisue Club 12 noon - Applebee's on Nicholasville Rd.		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
				Ta'anit Bechorot - Fast of the First Born		Passover First Seder
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Passover Second Seder	Passover	Passover	• Passover • CKJF Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. • CKJF Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	Passover	Passover	Passover
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
• Passover • Havurah Services		• OZS Board Meeting • TAI Board Meeting		Yom HaShoah - Holocaust Memorial Day (Observed)	Laine Simone Fine Baby Naming - TAI	
May 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Rosh Chodesh Iyar	• Shalom Deadline • Rosh Chodesh Iyar • Chabad-Rabbi Litvin visits • Camp Shalom Meeting 8:00 p.m.	• Yom HaZikaron • JFS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	Yom HaAtzmaut - Israel Independence Day	Rachel Trentz Bat Mitzvah TAI	Rachel Trentz Bat Mitzvah TAI
8	9	10	11	12	13	14