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Seventh Annual Winter Dinner needs YOU!

By Ruth Poley

We write about the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation Winter Dinner and advertise it as if you all know what it is. In the event you're new in town, or have not had the opportunity to attend the Winter Dinner, let me tell you about it.

The Winter Dinner is about camaraderie and warmth. It's about meeting up with old friends and making new friends. It's a great big get together with no special agenda other than to pass a pleasant few hours in the midst of a very busy time. You're not asked to do anything except come and enjoy yourself, have some dinner, and relax. You don't

have to get dressed up, you don't have to amuse your kids, and the only gift required is food for the needy.

Specifically, the Winter Dinner will be at the Sheraton Suites Hotel on Richmond Road on Monday, December 24th. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and the buffet will begin at 6:30.

The menu includes salad, pasta, veggie lasagna, mixed garden vegetables, pizza, garlic bread, carrot cake, chocolate mousse, coffee, iced tea, and lemonade. A cash bar will be available. There will be some scheduled activities for the children and some musical entertainment.

All this for a price of \$16 per adult and \$7.50 per child between the ages of five and ten. There is no cost for children four and under. We ask for a donation of two perishable food items for each member of your party (including small children). The food is for God's Pantry; if you forget to bring it, we will ask you for a donation of \$2 per person.

We need your reservation by Friday, December 14th. You can call the CKJF office at 268-0672, or simply fill in and mail the reservation form on page 3 of this issue. Don't miss this one-it's great fun!

First Moosnick Scholar in Residence to arrive this winter



Dr. Hanna Liss

The first visiting Moosnick Scholar at the Lexington Theological Seminary has been announced for this coming spring semester. The Moosnick Scholar program is an expansion of the endowed Moosnick Lectureship series on topics of Judaic interest held at the Seminary for the past 15 years in honor of Dr. Franklin B. Moosnick. Dr. Hanna Liss, of Frankfurt, Germany, will be in residence at the Seminary spring semester 2002.

The Moosnick Lectureship, endowed by friends, patients and families of patients of Dr. Moosnick, has presented eminent scholars to interact with students and faculty of the Seminary and to speak before the Jewish community over a two to three day period. With an increase in the endowment, the Seminary has launched the visiting Moosnick Scholar program which provides for a visiting faculty person to be in residence and teach for an entire semester. The Moosnick Scholar program will be every other year. In alternate years the Moosnick Lectureship program will be held.

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Central Kentucky Represented at General Assembly of UJC

Lexington and Central Kentucky were represented at the 70th General Assembly (GA) of United Jewish Communities, the organization resulting from the merger completed two years ago of the Council of Jewish Federations, United Jewish Appeal and United Israel Appeal. The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation was represented in Washington DC in mid-November by President Stan Saxe and Executive Director Dan Chejfec. Judy Saxe also attended.

"On one hand, the GA program is about community building, the next generation, developing skills for federations to serve their constituencies, strengthening connections with Israel and halacha," said Co-National GA Chair Sandy Baklor, "while the GA experience is about networking, meeting and learning from members of the Jewish community from all over the world." Despite a cautious fear that has put a huge dent in the nation's airline industry, the Jewish community showed up at this GA in impressive numbers. Over 3,600 to be precise—of which one out of every five was a student. And add to that a major delegation from Israel, headed by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Jonathan Kessler, editor of Insight magazine, spoke to students about confronting anti-Israel and anti-Jewish activity on campus. Kessler noted

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MAZEL TOV TO:

Bruce & Rachel Belin, on the birth of their daughter, **Sarah Julia**, on October 25. The proud grandparents are **Bob & Jo Belin**.

Gail & Ernie Cohen, on the birth of their granddaughter, **Melanie Shira Silver**, on August 26, in Deerfield, Ill. The proud parents are **Steven & Elaine Silver**. Also on the birth of their grandson, **Jared Robert Charney Cohen**, on October 19, in Rehovot, Israel. The proud parents are **Alex & Sara Charney Cohen**.

Stephen & Nancy Kesten, on the birth of their grandson, **Ethan Robert Kesten**, on November 4. The proud parents are **Robert & Sarah Kesten**.

Russell & Susan Kettenring, on the birth of their son, **Holden William**, on October 26. The proud grandparents are **Bill & Dodi Clemmons**.

REFUAH SHLEMAH (get well wishes):

Kathy Feinberg, Sandy Berger, Abby Miller, and Francie Chasen-Lopez.

CONDOLENCES TO:

The correct date of death of **Eugene Cazden**, is September 5, 2001. Eugene was the son of **Robert & Joann Cazden**.

Judy Schwartz Berg, 20 Ponderosa Drive, Melville, NY 11747, on the death of her mother, **Ethel Schwartz**, on October 26, 2001.

Please let us know of any news you would like to share with the community.



President's Message

by
Stan Saxe

We look to wind up our 2001 CKJF/UJC Community Campaign. Our campaign chairperson Alan Stein

knows what it is to be a winner, knows how to promote a team to be the league champion. He expects no less from we in the campaign who are the solicitors and the solicitees. So by this time in early December, if you have not yet been contacted to pledge, get ready, it's coming. We want to finish the year as champions.

As Alan pointed out in the November issue of **Shalom** our funds support Jewish Family Services here in Lexington, activities which promote Jewish life in Central Kentucky and which represent the interest of the Jewish community to the general public on local, national, and international issues.

Entering basketball season means it is time to start planning for the 2002 campaign events. The Community Activities committee has its schedule for the 2001-2002 seasons. The next big event is our 7th Annual Winter Dinner on December 24. Tikkun Lexington needs volunteers to work in local hospitals on December 25 to allow Christian employees to be off work and enjoy their holiday. From Lexington Singles (the young adults) to Leisure Club (our older adults) events are scheduled for this year. We have a good team; there will be some fun times here in Central Kentucky. We want our Federation to be a league champion!

Our overseas commitments remain. As has been noted, our Central Kentucky humanitarian efforts are channeled through the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee operating in 57 countries around the world where Jews live, and through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Immigration continues, with some 50,000 new immigrants over the past few months. Our support through CKJF/UJC does make a difference. Feel good about being part of a winning team. Feel good about being part of the 2001 CKJF/UJC Community Campaign.

Moosnick Scholar continued from front page

Dr. Liss, who will be at the Lexington Theological Seminary through June, 2002, will teach two courses at the Seminary. She will present lectures open to the public at the Seminary, Ohavay Zion Synagogue and Temple Adath Israel.

The courses offered for students at the Seminary are "Biblical Characters and Their Critique in Rabbinic Exegesis and in the Midrashim" and "Higher Criticism - Higher Anti-Semitism?: The Debate on the Hebrew Bible in 19th Century Germany."

Dr. Liss received her Ph.D. in Jewish Studies at the Free University of Berlin. In the late 1980s she spent a year as a visiting research fellow at Hebrew University, Jerusalem. She is married and is the mother of two young children.

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Joshua Adland shares his insight about his semester in Israel

We have spent the past several days learning about the founding of the State of Israel. In the beginning, those who came here were known as Halutzim, or "Pioneers." However, the word Halutzim in Hebrew carries a much greater and deeper meaning. The Jews who came to Palestine in the Second Aliyah between 1903 and 1914, were young, vigorous, and prepared to dedicate their lives to working the land. On Tuesday we drove north to the city of Hadera. There we visited the Kahn building, one of the first places Jews came to settle in the 1800's before they began to build their moshavot, or colonies. We then drove to Kibbutz Yifat to visit a museum that helped us see what life was like in the times of the early settlers. They were so involved in work that life was designed to discourage relationships and the birth of children. Individuals owned nothing and each community shared everything. We ate a Halutz-style lunch and then had a discussion as the sun set.

The past week and a half, our group spent some

time remembering Yitzhak Rabin, as this week marks the anniversary of his death six years ago. He was a great leader, a great person, and a man of peace. Saturday evening we watched a video depicting his life and times. We learned about how he emerged as a strong soldier and general in the IDF. In 1967, he stepped into the political scene and served Israel in a different manner. In the video was footage of the historic signing of the peace agreement in 1993. After being here, learning about this country, and watching that video, I will never see that famous, firm, and promising handshake in the same way. I remember watching the replay on C-SPAN in the bedroom of my parents. At the time, I had no comprehension of the power of that moment. Yet, here we are, eight years later, still hoping for another handshake.

Yesterday, something very odd happened: I finished my seventeenth trip around the sun. My friends here threw me a wonderful birthday party in the evening. They managed to trick me, a task I thought impossible, into coming to the lounge. There

they blindfolded me and played an EIE version of MTV's "Singled Out." We proceeded to eat cake and just shmooze for a while.

Yesterday, I awoke in the morning and went to the bathroom to brush my teeth as I do every other day. However, it took me almost five minutes to do this simple task as I stared into the mirror. I was looking for a change – a different person staring back at me. I didn't see much, but I realized that this is what is so hard about life. We grow up gradually and change little by little every day. It is a dangerous phenomenon in that sometimes, we look into that mirror and get chills as we remember that so many years have gone by and we failed to notice. I can't believe that I am now 17 years old. I see a young adult in the mirror, but I wonder how all the years passed so quickly. I hope that I have made the most of the years gone by, and that the coming year will be filled with joy and wisdom. I suppose that joy and wisdom are what I want the most in my life.

L'Chayim, Josh



Central Kentucky Jewish Federation's 7th Annual Winter Dinner Monday, December 24th 6:00pm Sheraton Suites Lexington (Richmond Road)

As tradition holds, we have a very special evening planned. Entertainment and special activities for the children are scheduled.

The doors open at 6:00 pm, the buffet will begin at 6:30 pm. The menu includes garden salad, pasta, vegetarian lasagna, cheese & vegetarian pizzas, mixed primavera garden vegetables, garlic bread, coffee, iced tea, lemonade, carrot cake, and chocolate mousse. A cash bar will be available.



This is a community-wide party. Please join us for a fun evening with old and new friends. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$7.50 for children 5-10 and free for children 4 and under.

To help us feed the hungry, please bring two nonperishable food items for each person in your party. If you forget, you will be asked for a donation of \$2.00 per person. All food and cash donations will be given to God's Pantry.

Reservations and payments must be made in advance and are due at CKJF by December 19th.

If you have questions, please call the CKJF office at 268-0672. There will be no solicitation of any kind during this event.

The Winter Dinner is sponsored by the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation. Everyone is welcome!

Sign us up for The Winter Dinner!

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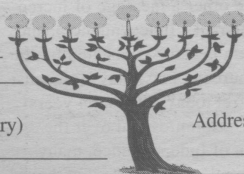
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Turning Points and Personal Choices

By Daniel Cheffec, Executive Director
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When the Maccabees came into Jerusalem and rededicated the Temple, they did so after a devastating war against the Syrian Greeks. In order to renew the Temple, they first had to conduct war. A renewal or liberation following a time of despair and oppression is such a recurring theme in human history that German philosopher Hegel considered it to be very much an integral part of human nature and proposed, in his seminal work "The Dialectic of the Master and the Slave," the idea that only those who have been oppressed could really liberate themselves completely. Only those who have gone through darkness can see the light.

American society was becoming self-indulgent and many Americans found themselves in a desert with no meaning, in a search for direction, longing, in many cases, for a sense of belonging. September 11th changed the game board forever. New Yorkers changed and found new dimensions to their relationship with neighbors, with friends, and even with strangers. All across America, people rediscovered their connections with the land of the free and the home of the brave. Being American became more important. Could it be that the terrorist attacks shook our confidence and we realized that freedom can not be taken for granted? That it is a delicate sculpture of crystal that can be shattered far too easily? Whatever it is, it is a welcome change. Freedom is an active verb. The Hasmoneans rededicated the Temple after a war. America is rededicating itself to the protection of individual rights and freedoms.

We Jews have witnessed, in the last 100 years, two Jewish events that forever changed the character of who we are: One was catastrophic (The Shoah), the other a message of incredible hope (Israel's Independence), and both of them became connected by the personal journey of so many Holocaust survivors. Yet today, almost 54 years after Ben Gurion presided over the Declaration of Independence, many question Israel's right to exist and even

whether the Holocaust ever happened. The ongoing terrorist campaign by the Hezbollah, the Palestinian Islamic Jihad and Hamas, tolerated by an increasingly irrelevant Yasser Arafat, is aimed at the destruction of Israel. They do not hide their goals – Israel does not belong, in their view, in the Middle East. Yet over 50,000 Jews immigrated to Israel in the last twelve months and Israel, with our help, took care of their needs and helped them start a new life.

After the Declaration of Principles of 1993 between Yitzhak Rabin and Yasser Arafat, we became complacent. We started to believe that we were finally there, at the end of the long road to peace. Yet today, eight years later, the very existence of Israel is again on the line. The day-to-day safety of Israeli citizens is not a given. Peace, like freedom, is an active verb.

Before September 11th we took America for granted. This is, after all, the land of opportunity and freedom. After September 11th, we are rediscovering the fact that the opportunities are not equal and the economy is not always good. We have discovered that we are all in the same boat and need to care for each other. And that is good – solidarity is an active verb.

Over the last five decades, we have gotten used to Israel being there. Yet today, in the wake of the current terror Intifada, Israel is going through a defining point in its history. The economy, especially the tourist industry, is suffering. Jewish communities in many places around the world are experiencing renewed anti-Semitism in the wake of September 11th. Other communities are in societies whose economies are failing, dragging their Jewish communities along. Jews from Argentina, from France, from Russia and the former Soviet Union are coming to Israel in great numbers, but to an Israel that is forever changed. Israel is there today for them. Will it be there tomorrow? Or in 10, 20 or 30 years? What are we doing to ensure that is the case? Solidarity, as peace, as freedom, is an active verb.

2001 UJC/CKJF Community Campaign Keeps Rolling

The 2001 Annual Campaign is already 5 % ahead of where we were at the end of November of last year, but a number of donors have yet to make their 2001 commitment. We need to keep at it, for when we ask people to participate in the Community Campaign, we are not only raising money – we are raising Jews.

Our Federation has made a commitment to contribute part of our campaign funds to Jewish educational initiatives led by local congregations. We also provide substantial money for scholarships, for direct financial aid for those in need, and to promote a volunteer support network for members of our community who are in need or isolated. We provide for Jewish life on campus, for community programs, and for promoting Jewish culture locally. We continue to serve as the watchdog and representative voice for the Jewish community at large on issues of Jewish security, Israel advocacy and coalition with other ethnic and cultural groups in Central Kentucky.

We also continue to provide support for Jewish communities in Israel and overseas at a time when the Israeli economy has been badly hit and the tourist industry is all but defunct. It has been further damaged by the ripple effect of the economic downturn in Europe and the US, as well as the

ongoing terrorist campaign orchestrated by Palestinian extremists. In spite of the hard realities of today's Israeli society, tens of thousands of Jews continue to arrive every year from South America, Europe, Africa, and the Former Soviet Union. Fifty thousand immigrants arrived in Israel in the last 12 months, and every one of them needs support to start a new life, learn a new language, and find housing and jobs.

With our contributions to the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) and the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), we continue to develop programs to help those in the Israeli society who are marginalized and in poverty. Because of the economic impact of the Palestinian campaign, 20% of Israelis (1.2 million) are living today below the poverty level, 500,000 of them are children.

JDC and JAFI also provide soup kitchens for elderly Jews in Russia, Ukraine, Moldavia, and, in fact, all over Eastern Europe, Ethiopia and Argentina. Two hundred dollars help provide food for a family for a full year.

And we do not forget the needs at home. Together with the rest of the Jewish Communities of North America, we raised almost 5 million dollars (and counting) to provide support and cash assistance to the victims of the September 11th attacks.

New York Jewish agencies and Family Services are providing, with our financial help, counseling and cash assistance to victims on a non-sectarian basis. They are also providing special assistance to Jewish families victimized in the attacks to help cover the cost of continuous participation in Jewish life (congregation or JCC memberships, Jewish Education, etc.); this cost is something that families would not get help with from Federal or other sources. We help keep these families engaged in Jewish life.

Locally, we also continue to fight discrimination, racism, economic inequalities and social injustice, through a number of coalitions. And all of this is possible because of the support from you and others like you. Together we are helping to indeed make the world a better place, helping one person at a time while addressing the big issues of our society.

Join the Central Kentucky Jewish Community team. If you have not yet sent your contribution to the 2001 Community Campaign, DO IT TODAY.

Every dollar counts.

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Mystery of Embroidered Cloth Solved

By Gloria Katz Travis



I received the October issue of Shalom today, and saw the article on the cloth with the embroidered names and want to give you the history of this artwork.

When my Mother, Florence Travis, died in June of 1993, I found a box with this cloth along with a notebook listing the grandmothers who had made contributions and the names they wanted on the cloth. The box also contained blue silk embroidery thread and needles. Over the next two years, I showed the cloth to several people hoping to learn more about the project and why it had never been completed. There were several names written in pencil that had not been embroidered.

My mother had not been chairman of the project nor had she been the one to solicit the contributions. When a grandmother made her contribution, my mother entered her name and the names of her grandchildren and the amount of her contribution (\$1 per name) in her notebook. And then proceeded

to embroider the names on the cloth.

Thinking it had probably been a Hadassah fundraising project and that they might want to complete it now, I showed the cloth to Marilyn Moosnick, among others. I even took it to a Hadassah meeting in hopes someone might recognize it.

At one point I was showing the cloth to a group of people (I don't recall where) and Mike Ades suggested his wife, Harriet, might be willing to complete the embroidery work on the cloth. Harriet

agreed to do it so I left the cloth in her capable hands when I moved to Cincinnati in October of 1996.

I had not given it another thought until I saw Harriet in Lexington this past August and she told me she had completed the embroidery work and turned the cloth over to CKJF.

I do not know why the cloth was not finished. I believe the chairman of the project may have died. I do know it was being done in the late 1940s and possibly the early 1950s. I don't know why, if it was a Hadassah project, it did not have Hadassah on it. It may have been to attract as many grandmothers in the Lexington Jewish community as possible (some of whom may not have been members of Hadassah).

I don't think it was a Sisterhood

project from either of the congregations, as I remember the Adath Israel Sisterhood had a similar project first (using linen napkins that were later sewn together to create a tablecloth) which had been successful. My parents belonged to both congregations and my mother was active in both Sisterhoods and she may have done some of the embroidery work for that earlier project.

I hope this information helps clear up your mystery.

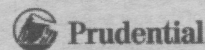


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Israel's detractors on campuses are seeking to drive a wedge between the U.S. and Israel, to undercut and delegitimize the Jewish State. He defined "detractor" as not an honest critic but one who is malevolent and malicious, one who has hostile intentions. "Emphasize the desire for peace through compromise," Kessler told the students, (Prime Minister) Sharon said he will compromise for peace. The other side doesn't say this."

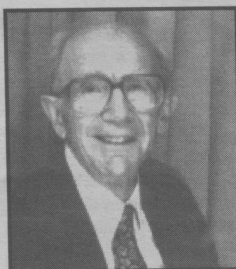
At the session "The Jewish Campus in Today's Reality," students were challenged to find ways to deal with the September 11 trauma. They cited numerous instances where they were catalysts for campus-wide responses, from writing letters to campus newspapers decrying discrimination toward Muslim students, to organizing prayer vigils, to combating assaults on the legitimacy of the State of Israel. It is in that latter capacity that North American Jewish students are least well prepared, session panelist agreed.

"This is a generation that has been taught that confrontation is bad, and so calling on young people to be hasbara (Israel public relations) commandos is a turn-off," said Richard Joel, president of Hillel: The Foundation for Campus Jewish Life. "Young people are not interested in polemics but in facts." What Jewish campus activists desire for young people to know is not only the right of Israel to exist, but the right, as Joel puts it, for young people "to take ownership of the Jewish story. If that happens, we don't have to worry about anything else."

At the Delegates Assembly, ten major resolutions were proposed. Delegates from the 189 Federations in North America approved resolutions on the following:

- * Addressing the personnel crisis in Jewish education
- * Faith-based services and the public sector
- * Fostering a Jewish renaissance
- * Invest in workforce development efforts that contribute to self-sufficiency and economic prosperity
- * "Israel now and forever" campaign
- * Jews in the former Soviet Union
- * National initiative on Ethiopian absorption
- * Solidarity with the State of Israel
- * Terrorism
- * Transportation for seniors

United Jewish Communities personnel reported at the time of the GA: "Interestingly, in the Jewish world, our priorities – to help repair the world, to pursue justice, to take responsibility one for the other – have been reaffirmed. The pressing issues of the Jewish communal world remain at the heart of the 70th General Assembly. From understanding and responding to the needs of the next generation to performing our duty to the elderly, from awakening Jewish identity in our local communities to sharing in the efforts of building and securing our Jewish homeland in Israel, the sessions, forums, and workshops will help us face these challenges when we return home."



A Gratz(z)ifying Discovery

by Michael E. Adelstein

One of the loveliest areas in Lexington is Gratz Park. Most of the older members of our community remember it well because we often visited the main library, which used to be located there at the end of North Mill Street, next to Transylvania.

I just took it for granted all these years that the park was named after Rebecca Gratz, the famous woman educator (What, you don't know anything about her? Well, read on.) But lo and behold, when I did some research about Gratz Park, I discovered it was named after Benjamin Gratz, Rebecca's brother.

Benjamin, like Rebecca, was one of 12 children of Michael Gratz, a prominent Philadelphia merchant, whose East India trade business extended to West Virginia and Kentucky. I imagine that his financial success was what enabled his family to become members of Philadelphia's social elite and to send his children to the best schools.

Benjamin graduated from Penn, served in the 1812 war, studied law, moved to Lexington in 1814, made a small fortune in the hemp manufacturing business, and became one of the city's leading citizens, serving as president of the Kentucky Agriculture Society for 11 years. In addition, for many years he was a trustee of Transylvania College and a curator of the University of Kentucky. In the latter capacity, he was a member of the committee that raised funds for UK to move from Harrodsburg to Lexington.

And so we have Gratz Park named after this illustrious Jewish citizen. But what of sister Rebecca?

When her father suffered from a stroke, the 19 year old Rebecca and her mother were well off, but they realized the plight of less fortunate families whose breadwinners lost their jobs through illness. The two women became involved in civic affairs, joining with 20 other women to found Philadelphia's Female Association for the Relief of Women and Children in Reduced Circumstances.

Working as a volunteer for this organization, Rebecca became aware that some Christian women were proselytizing while doing their philanthropic work. (Preview of government-sponsored social programs?) That fact caused her to

realize that Jewish women and children required a different organization to care for their needs. Thus in 1819 she formed the Female Hebrew Benevolent Association, the first organized Jewish charity in the country. A year later, she founded an orphanage and a foster home for Philadelphia's needy Jewish children.

But her main contribution to Judaism came as a result of her awareness that Jewish children knew little about their religion and its history. As a result, she established a coeducational Hebrew School for which she served as superintendent and secretary into her 80s. The Sunday School itself was only one innovation; another was the restriction limiting the faculty to women who had graduated from the school. The school was so successful that branches sprang up throughout the Philadelphia area.

Some of Rebecca's fame stemmed not only from her civic accomplishments but from her personal attributes. A beautiful, wealthy woman, she never married. One story has it that she turned down a marriage proposal from the son of the University of Pennsylvania's president because he was not Jewish.

Another story is that she charmed the writer Washington Irving so much that he gushed about her to his friend, Sir Walter Scott. It is thought that Rebecca thus became the model for Rebecca, the secondary heroine in Scott's *Ivanhoe* and probably the first favorable Jewish character in English literature.

So when you next visit Gratz Park, please remember that it was named after Benjamin. And when your child or grandchild attends Sunday School, please remember that its existence owes much to Rebecca Gratz, an early Jewish feminist who contributed greatly to the society and culture of her day and our day.

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Exciting New Direction for Leisure Club

By Fran Morris, Director, Jewish Family Services

As most of you are aware, die-hard Leisure Club members met in October to give their input on the future direction of the group. The recent Leisure Club survey was discussed at length, and several important decisions were made. The most important decision was to form a Leisure Club committee composed of current members. The purpose of this committee is to plan, design, and implement programs that most everyone will enjoy, stressing variety as the key. Another decision made was to change Leisure Club meeting times to 12:15pm on the regular meeting days, the third Thursday of each month; we hope more people will be able to attend at this later time. At the October meeting, the idea of charging either yearly membership dues, or a nominal fee at each event was also discussed. This was a constructive and informational session that has helped to propel Leisure Club in a favorable new direction.

Since the October meeting, there has

already been one committee meeting and one meeting of the entire Leisure Club group. The purpose of the former was to plan a working calendar of events for the 2001/2002 year, and the purpose of the latter was to present the calendar to the group, with the intention of gaining useful feedback. So far, these goals have been accomplished. It is very exciting to watch as new people become involved and new programs take shape.

We hope everyone will join the Leisure Club in December for the annual Hanukkah party at Temple Adath Israel. The date is December 13 at 12:15pm. There will be latkes, salad and gelatin dessert, as well as entertainment by the Sherman Klezmer Band, at no cost. You won't want to miss this fun event.

We have something special planned for January. We will meet at Portabella's restaurant for a delicious lunch, with a special menu designed for our group. The date is January 17 at 12:15pm. There will be a police officer speaking to our group about safety issues involving older people, and

lunch will be a flat fee of \$5. This will, no doubt, be a memorable day.

Thank you to our new Leisure Club committee members, and Anette Milch, who has taken on the role of committee chair. Great job! See notices for these events in this issue of *Shalom*

2002 Schedule Leisure Club

December 13, 2001 Hanukkah Party

12:15 at Temple Adath Israel
latkes, salad, gelatin dessert

• No Charge RSVP to 269.8244

January 17, 2002 Guest Speaker

12:15 pm at Portabella's,

special delicious menu: \$5 per person

RSVP by Jan. 15 to 269.8244

February 21, 2002 Bingo & Pizza!!

12:15pm at Ohavay Zion Synagogue,

• No Charge RSVP by Feb. 19 to
269.8244

March 19 OR 20 Annie Get Your Gun
@ The Opera House

Price: TBA Time: TBA

April 18, 2002 Opening Program
Speaker & Subway Sandwiches

12:15 at Temple Adath Israel

• No Charge RSVP by April 16

May 16, 2002 Horse Farm Tour
Time: TBA, • No Charge

June 2002 Lexington Legends
Baseball Game
Date & time: TBA

July 18, 2002 Bingo & Potluck
12:15 at Ohavay Zion Synagogue,
Bring a dairy dish to share
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Leisure Club Luncheon!!!

January 17, 2002 12:15

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Rabbi's Corner

By Rabbi Sharon Cohen
Ohavay Zion Synagogue

ERASING RACISM

This month we celebrate Chanukah, the Festival of Lights. Although we often focus upon the miracle of the oil lasting eight days and the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem in 165 BCE after its plundering by the Syrian-Greeks, Chanukah celebrates religious freedom. It marks a victory over those who wished to oppress the Jews by taking away their unique identity. The message of the holiday is to stand up for who you are. It challenges us to fight against those who want everyone to be alike in thought and deed and who exclude those who are different from them. Chanukah reminds us of the very basic Jewish principle that every human being is created in the Image of God and that we must treat all people with respect and dignity without regard to ethnic origin, religion, or gender.

I have become particularly sensitized to these themes as I, along with Rabbi Jon Adland and other members of the Jewish community, recently participated in a Leadership Summit for Erasing Racism. The day-long program was sponsored by the National Council for Community and Justice (NCCJ), the Kentucky League of Cities, and the New Cities Foundation. The genesis of the Summit for me, however, came last winter when I was asked to be a part of initial discussions on the existence of racism in Lexington. Being a newcomer to the city, I was intrigued by the invitation to learn more about relations among Lexington's various ethnic and religious groups. During our initial meetings, we tried to understand what racism is and how it is manifested in our day-to-day experience. Later, we broke up into sector groups (Economic, Government, Social, Youth, Faith, Media and Education) to examine the issue of racism within our own frame of reference.

Working with other clergy leaders and lay representatives in the Faith Sector Group, I found myself quite challenged by the questions of racism in our religious institutions. In general, we worked with the definition of racism as it applies to racial and ethnic origin and stayed away from prejudice born of ideology or belief. We had some very intriguing discussions as we struggled to understand how we unknowingly perpetuate racism in our congregations and religious communities. The group quickly became quite frustrated, for looking at religion through the lens of race is a difficult task.

During our discussions, we acknowledged that being a member of a faith tradition is not dependent on the color of one's skin, and, as religious leaders, we hope that our actions and those of our religious

institutions perpetuate this sense of inclusiveness. At the same time, we understood that our religious institutions are places of healing and empowerment. For those who regularly feel the effects of racism, discrimination, or of being a part of a minority group, the church, synagogue, and mosque provide a safe space — a place of familiarity and communal connection that all human beings need. We choose to affiliate with a specific congregation or religion because we feel comfortable in the institution's culture and the faith's ideology and practice. Yet, we also recognize that religious practice and belief is not just formed from doctrine but also is influenced by the secular culture in which the religion evolved. As a result, we, too, in faith communities can be in danger of perpetuating discrimination against those who are different from us, even if it is done in a subtle and unconscious way.

In contrast to the other sector groups, we in the Faith Sector group came up with no clear conclusions. We did, however make the commitment to continue to discuss the issue and to teach and "preach" on the subject to our communities so that all of us might become sensitized to the issues of racism both within the walls of our religious institutions and in the Lexington community as a whole.

It is with that thought in mind that I share with you the list of ten critical steps in dealing with racism offered by the Leadership Summit's keynote speaker, Professor Charles Ogletree from Harvard University. I found Professor Ogletree's words quite helpful as a tool for beginning a dialogue on racism in our world. The ten are as follows:

1. Acknowledge that racism exists.
2. Recognize that anyone can be a racist.
3. Racism can be both conscious and unconscious.
4. Laws and morality are effective in fighting conscious racism (ex. Emancipation Proclamation, Brown vs. The Board of Education).
5. Laws and morality are largely ineffective in fighting **unconscious** racism.
6. White privilege is both substantive and symbolic.
7. Racial profiling is a manifestation of White privilege and Black burden.
8. Success in ending racism will largely be driven by the efforts of those in the majority, i.e. the White community.

Rabbi Cohen is the spiritual leader of Ohavay Zion Synagogue of Lexington.

9. Quality education is the fastest route to ending racism.
10. Success in ending racism is dependent on our youth being a part of the process.

Professor Ogletree's list serves as a way for us to begin the discussion of racism that we so desperately need to have not only in Lexington, but in America and the world. The Leadership Summit on Erasing Racism, too, is only a beginning, but it is one that offers the promise of continued dialogue and new resolve to make changes for better.

As you pause to kindle the lights this Chanukah, I hope that you will think not merely about the miracle of the oil lasting for eight days, but instead, consider the underlying message of freedom as the brave Maccabees fought to uphold the rights and dignity of the Jewish people during a time when others wished to destroy us. May the flames of the candles we light inspire all of us to become enlightened on the issues of racism and prejudice that continue to face us today. May the actions of our ancestors inspire us to become modern day Maccabees fighting for freedom and equality for all people.

Hag Samea'ch, — May this Chanukah be filled with meaning and joy for all.

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Congressman Fletcher tells of his Israel experience

By Linda Ravvin

The Jewish community recently gathered to hear Congressman Ernie Fletcher speak of his summer trip to Israel. Fletcher was

generous in praise as he spoke of his impressions of Israel.

Fletcher described being moved by his visit to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust

Memorial, and how that visit set the tone for the rest of the trip. The timing of his trip emphasized the fragility of Israel's position. It took place just one week after the terrorist bombing at Sbarro restaurant in downtown Jerusalem which killed 15 people and injured 132 more. Acknowledgment and admiration must be given to those such as Ernie Fletcher, who made the trip in the face of terrorist threats throughout Israel. This was unfortunately brought home to us in the events of September 11th.

Meetings were arranged with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, Ehud Barak, Shimon Peres and Ehud Olmert, mayor of Jerusalem. Fletcher shared his impressions with the audience – that Barak felt betrayed by Arafat in the peace negotiations, and

that Peres was very impressive and forward-looking. Peres had talked about real peace coming hand-in-hand with an increase and change in education and economics for both Israelis and Palestinians.

In a visit to a military area, the proximity of the enemy was dauntingly apparent. Israel's constant preparation for new attack capabilities from its neighbors was obvious. Also apparent was the impact that required constant vigilance has on Israel's citizens. The Golan Heights was visited with discussion about its security implications for Israel. Fletcher also had the opportunity to see Masada, which gave historical perspective to Israel's struggle and an understanding of the declaration "Never Again Masada."

Fletcher appreciated the flowers provided by The Hadassah Office in Israel, and was impressed with his tour of the state of the art facilities at Hadassah Medical Center. He also acknowledged the universality of treatment offered by Hadassah medical facilities as he had the opportunity to speak with both Jewish and Arab patients.

A question period followed the Congressman's speech with questions ranging from foreign aid to Israel, to developing coal as an environmentally friendly fuel instead of oil, to the list of terrorist groups and their assets. Fletcher is supportive of



foreign aid to Israel and believes that terrorists should be targeted no matter where they are. He also thinks that punitive measures should be taken against governments that economically support terrorism.

The Jewish community thanks the Congressman for taking the time to share his experience and his political positions. We look forward to making many positive interactions in the future.



Zantker Lecturer Looks at *Goodbye Columbus*

by Oliver Leaman, UK Professor of Judaic Studies

The second of the Zantker Lectures sponsored by the University of Kentucky Judaic Studies Program at the Singletary Center in early November featured Dr. Marc Raphael of the College of William and Mary.

In a spirited discussion of the essays in Philip Roth's *Goodbye Columbus*, Marc Raphael argued that many of the themes reflected the author's view of social and cultural conditions in the fifties. This period represented an important period in American Jewish life, when the Jewish community felt assimilated enough to start to regard religion as an incidental feature. In particular, the omnipresent materialism of middle-class existence seemed to leave no room for faith, which became something only apparently acceptable to eccentric members of the community.

The rather bleak attitude which Roth adopted towards a variety of roles which he describes Jews as taking on, led to considerable criticism from the Jewish community itself; and it is certainly true that some of the Jewish characters are far from immediately sympathetic. On the other hand, Raphael argued that such criticisms do not sufficiently appreciate the ambiguity of these representations, and it is worth pointing out that the acceptance of Jews in American society had by the fifties made it possible for them to represent themselves spots and all.

It is Roth's refusal to represent Jews in an unfailingly positive light which reflected their integration into society as a whole, and broadened

the scope of his writing. Although much of his writing is about Jews and the Jewish community, his work was taken as being about human beings and society in general, and as a result

he was rightly regarded as a great American writer "tout court."

The lecture made many in the audience decided to revisit the text itself.

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Where to go for help when your baby is born prematurely

Ask JFS About...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, 340 Romney Road, Lexington, KY 40502. You can also call in your confidential questions at 269-8244 or email them to us at: JFS@JewishLexington.org.

Dear JFS,

I have just had a baby that was born several months prematurely. The neonatal clinic wants to refer my child and family to the First Steps Program. Do you know about that program? What can we expect in the way of services there? How much will it cost us?

Sincerely, New Mom

Dear Mom,

First Steps is Kentucky's early intervention system that serves children from birth to age three who have a developmental delay or a particular medical condition that is known to cause a developmental delay. Anyone can make a referral to the Point of Entry First Steps office at 271-9448.

First, an evaluation is done by trained specialists to determine whether or not your child would be a good candidate for the program. If it is decided that your child is eligible for services, you get to choose a primary service coordinator to be your service "manager." Some of the major services include occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech and hearing therapy, nutrition and nursing counseling, and respite care. Parents are also able

to choose therapists from a list of approved providers. Since First Steps operates on a sliding scale basis, cost varies for each family, depending on family income. In this way, all children in the community are taken care of regardless of parental income.

If, after your child turns three, he/she still needs services, a transition conference is arranged between the school system's early start coordinator and any other community agencies that may be able to provide continuing services to your child. If you have any questions about this or other programs for premature babies, or if you would like JFS to make a referral on your behalf, please call JFS at 269-8244, or email us at jfs@jewishlexington.org.

Sincerely, JFS



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Oil, it's the key that opens the lock to world economics, and dictates our political and military policy.

Our country is in a strangle hold created by oil industry giants such as Exxon/Mobil, Royal Dutch Shell, B.P. and Chevron/Texaco. The other strong arm choking us is the producers, led by OPEC.

The USA uses 19,000,000 barrels of oil per day; 11,000,000 comes from the OPEC nations. The largest single supplier is Saudi Arabia at 1,500,000 barrels. Every time the price goes down due to lack of demand, they cut production to bring the wholesale price back to \$25 per barrel.

We are attempting to win the war against terrorism both in the Middle East, where its roots lie, and at home. But, because of oil we are forced to fight with one hand tied behind our back.

How can we call Saudi Arabia an ally when they blocked the FBI investigation of the U.S. barracks explosion, refuse to let us fly missions over Afghanistan, when they refuse to block Bin Laden's funds.

The frustration of the masses leads to acts of

terrorism against us, not our policy toward Israel, they only democracy in the Middle East. The only state founded on Judaeo-Christian values, they only sate where Jew, Christian, and Moslem citizens, male or female, can vote and hold public office.

What is the solution to the energy problem?

1. Conservation, tax rebates of \$2,000 per car for those who buy hybrids (gas & battery)
2. Tax surcharges if your vehicle gets less than the 27 m.p.g. E.P.A. average.
3. Development of more nuclear power plants.
4. High speed trains for passengers in the heaviest population areas. France and Japan have done both for years.
5. Keep Alaskan oil in the U.S.A. and let Japan BUY FROM THE ARABS.
6. The most important step of all, coal liquification. Its called "solis" in S. Africa, where 50% of the vehicles run on coal. It could make Kentucky as rich as Texas and California and break the price fixing cartel of OPEC.
7. Without Arab oil we are free to pursue a foreign policy that is best for America, and an economy that is not subject to recessions induced by \$40 per barrel oil prices.

We must place voter and dollar pressure on an oil dominated administration, and a Congress that feeds on

black gold like an infant consumes mother's milk. Its time to break the stranglehold.

Steve Kesten
Lexington

Dear Tikkun Lexington,

The morning of October 12 did not turn out as I had planned. I had a long to-do list and had just completed item #3 on my list which was to drop off a document at the Financial Center on Main Street. I entered the parking garage ready to go on to the next stop when I fell off the curb and broke and dislocated my right leg and sprained my left foot. I called my husband who came and took me to the ER and I had surgery that afternoon. When I came home from the hospital I needed a wheelchair to get around, and the doctor told me the recovery time would be approximately eight weeks.

I was so grateful when Fran Morris, Director of Jewish Family Services, told me that the kind volunteers of Tikkun Lexington would be cooking some dinners for my family. Looking at my kitchen from a wheelchair has been an enlightening experience as nothing in it is at the appropriate level for food preparation.

It was such a gift to have delicious, hot food brought to our door. I cannot thank the members of Tikkun Lexington and the staff of CKJF enough for their efforts. Due to their generosity, my family has been able to sit down at dinner time and enjoy a meal together, returning some normalcy to our routine.

I hope I can extend an act of kindness to another family in need when I am well again, by becoming a Tikkun volunteer myself. Thanks Tikkun Lexington!

Tikkun Lexington Mitzvah Task Recipient

Express your opinions. Let your views be known. Share your thoughts and comments with your community. Please submit your Letters to the Editor to: CKJF, 340 Romany Road, Lexington, KY 40502.

Lexington Havurah Conducts Study Session on Holocaust Diarist, Victor Klemperer

by Ernie Cohen, President, The Lexington Havurah

The Havurah recently held an education program devoted to Victor Klemperer, a German Jew whose newly published diaries offer an extraordinary account of conditions during the Nazi period. Married to a non-Jewish woman, Klemperer was one of the few Jews who managed to survive the entire 12 years of Hitler's rule. His day-by-day record of his experiences is both an invaluable historical document and a self-portrait of

a man who was an egoist, a bitter critic of much of Jewish life, but nevertheless a remarkable observer and interpreter of what was going on around him.

An English translation of the Klemperer diaries, entitled "I Will bear Witness," is available in paperback from Random House. Jeremy Popkin, who teaches courses on the Holocaust at the University of Kentucky, led this very interesting discussion.

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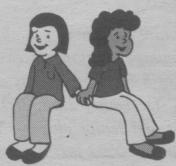
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B'tay Avon (With a Good Appetite)

by Evelyn Dantzie Geller



With Fall well under way and winter upon us before we know it, Hanukkah, with its tradition of latkes, also is fast approaching. Traditionally, we would publish at least one of countless latke recipes. Of course, yours would be better. But traditions can be changed simply by typing something different. Therefore, this edition of Shalom will

feature two recipes for foods that, are seasonal, hearty, and delicious. Enjoy!

Sauteed Pumpkin with Raisins and Pine Nuts

From *Invitation to Mediterranean Cooking*

By Claudia Roden

Ingredients:

- 1 large onion, sliced
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 pound pumpkin, cut into 3/4 inch cubes
- 1 teaspoon sugar, or to taste (optional)
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon (ginger also works if you like)
- 3 tablespoons raisins, plumped in hot water and drained well
- 3 tablespoons dry toasted pine nuts
- Salt to taste and plenty of pepper

Directions:

In a large skillet, fry the onion in the oil over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until soft and golden. Add the pumpkin and saute over low heat for 5 minutes, turning the pieces gently. Add salt, pepper, sugar to taste, cinnamon, and raisins. Cover with a tight fitting lid and cook for about 20 minutes or until the pumpkin is tender, turning the pumpkin over occasionally. It will release its own juices. Serve hot, sprinkled with the pine nuts.

Savory Harira Soup

From *Vegetarian Times Cooks Mediterranean*

From the editors of *Vegetarian Times*

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 cups diced onion
- 1 celery stalk, diced
- 1/3 cup minced fresh parsley
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh cilantro
- 2 teaspoons salt, less if broth is made from a bouillon cube
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 1 teaspoon turmeric
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon caraway seeds
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 small bay leaf
- 1 1/2 quarts vegetable broth or water
- 1 cup cooked chickpeas, drained and rinsed if canned
- 1/2 cup dried lentils
- 1 can (28 ounces) crushed tomatoes
- 3 tablespoons unbleached all-purpose flour mixed with 1/2 cup cold water
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 8-10 lemon slices

Directions:

Heat the olive oil in a large soup pot over medium-low heat. Add the onions, celery, and parsley and cooking, stirring, until the onions are soft, about 5 to 7 minutes. Add the cilantro, salt, pepper, turmeric, paprika, caraway seeds, ginger, cinnamon, and bay leaf and stir until completely mixed. Add the broth or water, chickpeas, lentils, and tomatoes. Reduce to a simmer and cook, covered, until the lentils are soft, about 20-30 minutes. (If you are not serving the soup at this time, the preparation may be halted and the soup will hold, refrigerated, for about 48 hours.) Before serving, add the flour mixture to the simmering soup slowly, stirring constantly to avoid lumps. Stir in the tomato paste and cook until heated through. Adjust the seasoning to taste. Serve hot with a slice of lemon floating in each soup bowl.

Women as religious equals theme of Hadassah discussion group

The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah Women's Discussion Group will view and discuss the video, "Women of the Wall," at 7:30 p.m. on January 17, 2002, at the home of Linda Ravvin, 1404 Meganwood Circle. This program explores the world of women who are fighting for the right to pray equally with men at the Kotel, the Western Wall in Jerusalem. The Women's Discussion Group invites interested persons to listen, watch and discuss the role of Jewish

women as religious equals.

One of the most interesting activities in which Hadassah members engage is participation in the Women's Discussion Group. The group has a variety of topics in mind for this year, ranging from the plight of Agunot - women who have been abandoned by their husbands without hope of a religious divorce - to the excitement of women who choose to pray at the Western Wall to demonstrate their role as

committed Jews. Join us on the third Thursday evening of each month for an evening of learning and camaraderie.

Hadassah's Jewish National Fund is alive and well

Hadassah is the local agent for the sale of Jewish National Fund trees and the supplier of JNF Blue Boxes. Many of us remember the "pushkie" into which our families deposited as many coins as we could spare in fulfillment of the mitzvah of giving tzedakah. Interestingly enough, that "pushkie" still exists. Hadassah is still distributing Blue Boxes. Get one, and return it full to overflowing so that the land and the water supply in Israel may be preserved.

Through Hadassah, you also have the opportunity of contributing to the conservation efforts of the Jewish National Fund by purchasing tree certificates in honor or in memory of someone. The certificates cost \$11 for each tree you wish planted.

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fallen on their face at the portal of romance.

Whether on that first date, at the breakfast table, at a movie or on a Sunday outing, *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* reveals the difficulties and joys of connecting with another person, no matter what age.

Note: for mature audiences - contains adult themes and language. Performances run Thursday - Saturday at 8 PM and Sunday at 2 PM from November 29th - December 23rd. Tickets are \$15, \$10 for students and senior citizens. You may call Actors' Guild at 233-0663 for more information.

The Sight and Sounds of Hanukkah on T.V. and Radio

Theodore Bikel hosts a jubilant Hanukkah program "A Taste of Hanukkah" at Jordan Hall of the New England Conservatory in Boston to be shown again this season on KET 9-10 pm, Sunday, December 9 on channel 46 (cable channel 12).

Singers and instrumentalists from New England Conservatory highlight the performance with Hanukkah music from many lands.

Our Federation is sponsoring the radio program, "Hanukkah Lights" on radio FM station at 8-10 pm on Tuesday, December 11, 2001. This is another Hanukkah classic which is available from National Public Radio each year.

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Peres to General Assembly:

Gap Between Israel, Palestinians more emotional than territorial

Minister of Foreign Affairs Shimon Peres said before the United Nations General Assembly last month that the gap between Israel and the Palestinians involves emotions more than territorial differences, HA'ARETZ ON-LINE reported. "Yesterday, you would hardly find...support for a Palestinian state. Today, there is broad agreement that the creation of an independent Palestinian state, non-military and

economically viable, is the best bet," Peres said.

Peres also said that the Palestinians must control all terrorist groups before there can be peace in the Middle East. "If you have one political authority and several armed partners, you can have neither democracy nor security," he said. "The Palestinian Authority, which is a state in the making, must establish one authority over all arms, all armies and all use of arms. Not for the sake of Israel, but for

the sake of peace, and their own destiny, so that bullets will not negate ballots."

Peres also condemned the terror plaguing the region. "As long as terror persists Israel has no choice but to defend its people. The word terror is not an abstract dilemma for us. It refers to reality of over 30 to 40 attacks every day. Shooting, bombing, ambushing, killing," Peres said.

Pro-Israel Activism Training Session for U.K. Student Activists

We have recently witnessed several series of anti-Israel programs at the UK Campus or organized by UK-based students' groups. Most of these programs constitute just Palestinian propaganda intended to drive a wedge between the people of Israel and the people of America. After September 11th, these programs adopted the approach of trying to convince the American public that the attacks on New York and Washington were a direct consequence of American policies in the Middle East, most notably its support for Israel. While most of us understand that terrorism is in fact rooted in the poverty and oppression of the Arab masses

by their own rulers, it does not necessarily follow that we can convey that message and make a difference in the public relations campaign.

The field of public relations is all about perceptions, not about facts. The same facts can be presented in different ways to produce very different reactions. It is in this arena that the American battle of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is being fought. Because of the importance of this battle, the Jewish Student Organization/Hillel at the University of Kentucky organized a

special training session for pro-Israel activists at UK, presented by CKJF Executive Director Daniel Cheffec and based on training material prepared by AIPAC.

The program focused on the difference in meaning between news, learning and propaganda, and how these three elements are used in the public relations battle. The participants were also provided with a useful "map" of reference on organizations dedicated to monitor and clarify anti-Israel statements in the media.

Groups recognized as terrorists

The U.S. government has recognized that Hamas, Hizbullah, Islamic Jihad, and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine are, in fact, terrorist groups. A recent presidential executive order instructs foreign banks and institutions to freeze terrorists' accounts or face U.S. sanctions. Prior to this order these groups were exempted from the sanction threat by virtue of having been designated "freedom fighters."

SAVE THE DATE

The Central Kentucky Jewish Community will come together to commemorate Yom Hashoah

Sunday, April 7, 2002

7:00 p.m.

at Ohavay Zion Synagogue

The program is sponsored by the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, Ohavay Zion Synagogue, Temple Adath Israel, The Lexington Havurah, the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah and the Central Kentucky JSO/Hillel



Around The Community



CKJF - Central Kentucky Jewish Federation (340 Romany Road, 268-0672, Stan Saxe, President)

OZS - Ohavay Zion Synagogue (2048 Edgewater Court, 266-8050, Bennett Bayer, President)

Daily Minyan Mon.-Thurs. at 6:00 p.m.; Kabbalat Services Friday evening at 8:00 p.m., except the fourth Friday of the month at 6:00 p.m.; Shabbat services Saturday at 9:45 a.m.

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

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

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

HAV - The Lexington Havurah, 272-1459 (Ernie Cohen, President)

Shabbat Services monthly. Call for schedule.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Hillel Hanukkah Party				Hillel Meeting 7:30 p.m. UK Library		
December 2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9am-1pm OZS Blood Drive 4pm GAN Shalom Hanukkah Storyteller 9-10pm "A Taste of Hanukkah" on KET 9	Hanukkah CKJF Office Closed TAI Sisterhood Luncheon 10	Hanukkah 11	Hanukkah JFS Advisory Committee 6:30 pm 8-10 pm "Hanukkah Lights" WUKY Radio 12	Hanukkah 12:15 pm Leisure Club Hanukkah Party @ TAI 6pm Tikkun Stewart Home School 13	Hanukkah Miles Heyman Bar Mitzvah TAI Janice Shapiro Bat Mitzvah TAI 14	Hanukkah Miles Heyman Bar Mitzvah TAI 6:30 pm Singles Hanukkah Party @ Greenhouse 15
Hanukkah 16	Hanukkah Office Closed 17	7:00 pm Camp Shalom Meeting @ CKJF Office 18	7:00 pm CRC Meeting @ CKJF Office 19	 20	 Ted Simpson Bar Mitzvah TAI 21	Ted Simpson Bar Mitzvah TAI 22
 23	 6:00 pm CKJF Winter Dinner @ Sheraton Suites Hotel 24	Tikkun Lexington Volunteer Program at Hospitals 25	6 pm CKJF Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 pm CKJF Board Meeting 26	 27	 28	 29
 30	New Year's Eve 31	Happy New Year January 1	 2	 3	 4	 5
 6	 7	 8	6:30 pm JFS Meeting @ CKJF Office 9	 10	 11	 12
 13	 14	 15	7 pm CRC Meeting @ CKJF Office 16	12 noon Leisure Club Luncheon at Portabella's 7:30 pm Hadassah Women's Discussion Group 17	 18	 19
 20	 21	 22	6 pm CKJF Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 pm CKJF Board Meeting 23	 24	 25	 26

OHAVAY ZION SYNAGOGUE

Blood Drive

Ohavay Zion Synagogue
Sunday, December 9, 2001, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Blood and Bagels
Give blood - get bagels, nova too!

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Hanukkah Gift Tag Packets for \$3.50

Including Candles, 30 Tags, and the
Hanukkah Blessing. Designed OZS' B'Nai
Mitzvah Class

Please join us at our annual **Hanukkah Open House** featuring an exciting magician, family fun, crafts and snacks.

Sunday, December 9, 2001, 4:00 p.m.

Ohavay Zion Synagogue
2048 Edgewater Court, Lexington
For more information please call
(859) 335-9922

WANT TO HELP OZS!

Your donation of that unneeded car, boat, business equipment or estate can help OZS!



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- Full market value may be a tax deduction if you itemize.

CALL Larry Herman at 269-5229

TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL

Adult Jewish Growth

Larry Kant Presents: Finding a Jewish path while the ground shifts beneath us

The calendar for the Adult Jewish Growth Programs to be held on Sundays at 10 AM is as follows:

December 9 February 10 April 14
January 13 March 17

Various topics will be discussed. Come join the group for a lively, educational experience.

Everyone is invited to drop in for
LUNCH & TALMUD

on Wednesdays from 12:30-1:30 PM

Bring a sack lunch and we will provide drinks. We will study from the Steinsaltz Talmud a little at a time. No reservation required. The dates are: Dec. 12 & 19, Jan. 9 & 23, Feb. 6 & 27, March 6 & 20, April 10 & 24, May 8 & 22.

Film, Food and Conversation

Video/Film Club

Next Meeting - December 30 - TAI Library

January 27, 2002 - TAI Library

7 PM - Movie (TBA) - Coffee & refreshments

Nosh & Discussion following film

Video/refreshments \$1.00

For more details contact

Fran Bloom/223-8700 • TAI/269-2979

Upcoming Events

An evening of theater and desserts is planned for December 8. We will be going to the Actor's Guild production of *I love you, You're perfect. Now change.*

On Friday, January 11 after worship **Potluck** will be followed by a treat: special coffees, bakery desserts and a sing along.

Tu B'Shevat will be celebrated with a Luncheon Seder from 12-2 PM on Sunday, January 27.

Special Programming for Martin Luther King Weekend

The weekend of the anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther King, January 18-20, will bring exciting programs to Temple Adath Israel. The worship committee, social action committee and high school youth group, TRYB, will be hosts of a musical duo, Warren Byrd and David Chevan, who will participate in our Friday evening 6 PM worship service and perform a song sermon. The speciality of this duo is in the interpretation of Jewish and African American sacred music. After worship services, we will have a potluck dinner. An African American church and their high school youth group will be invited to share this event with us. This special worship service will be the kickoff event of TRYB's MLK Social Action Weekend. On Saturday, youth from our congregation will host

youth from other congregations in a weekend of educational programs and social action projects. The weekend will culminate in the participation in the MLK march in Lexington.

Josh Adland in Israel

While Josh Adland is in Israel, he has set up a web site for Temple members to obtain information on his trip. Check out his web site and see what adventures he is having.

<http://members.aol.com/joshlands/myletter.html>

TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL SISTERHOOD

December Program

"New Opportunity School for Women"

Special guest Janie Polk, Board Member

New Opportunity School for Women

Monday, December 17, 2001

12:30 PM TAI Social Hall

\$10.00/person for catered luncheon

Deadline for reservations and payment is

Friday, December 14th

(Transportation and childcare available upon request. Please make request by the RSVP deadline. Gentlemen are most welcome!)

Friday, Nov. 23,
worship begins at 7:30 PM.

The Brit Hayyim of
Sarah Julia Belin
will take place.

Sarah is the daughter of
Bruce and Rachel Belin
and the granddaughter of
Jo and Bob Belin.

Also during the service
Zack Moscow
will read the Torah.

Please share our joy as our son
Miles Barrett Heymann
celebrates his Bar Mitzvah
on December 14 & 15, 2001

Miles is the son of
Marvin & Sandy Heymann
The Friday service begins at 7:30 PM
on December 14
The Saturday service begins at 10:30 AM
on December 15
Kiddush luncheon will follow
the Shabbat morning services

Please share our joy as our son
Theodore Simpson
celebrates his Bar Mitzvah
on December 21 & 22, 2001

Theodore is the son of
Mark & Tina Simpson
The Friday service begins at 6:00 P.M.
on December 21
The Saturday service begins at 10:30 A.M.
on December 22
Kiddush luncheon will follow
the Shabbat morning services

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