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Tenth Annual Winter Dinner —New Date, New Location

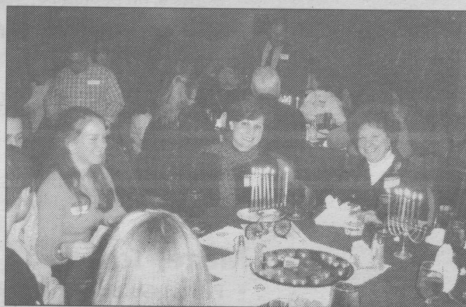
Event Will be at Rossi's on the Sixth
Night of Chanukah

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By Ruth Poley

OK Jewish Lexington—get ready for a new winter dinner experience. Our Winter Dinner/Chanukah Party will be held at Rossi's new restaurant in Chinoo Center on **Sunday, December 12**. If you normally travel over the winter holidays, or if you're in an interfaith marriage and usually spend December 24th with your spouse's family, here's an opportunity to get in on the fun of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation's great annual winter party.

Rossi's, now located in the Chinoo Center in the location that was previously Pacific Pearl, is preparing to host a wonderful dinner for us. If you've ever eaten at Rossi's, either at the new location or the previous one, you know what great food they serve. If not, you're in for a treat.

In an effort to acquaint the community with their restaurant, Rossi's has given us a very good price for our party. In addition, CKJF is subsidizing the cost so that we can charge a mere \$18 per person for what promises to be an



Diners enjoying last year's Winter Dinner/Chanukah Party.

outstanding meal. We'll have several appetizers including goat cheese quesadillas, veggie pizza, and spanakopita. These will be followed by a buffet which will include a choice of two salads, eggplant parmesan, rotini with basil pesto, a pasta pomodoro, **latkes with sour cream and applesauce** and, for dessert, chocolate sin cake or cheesecake with melba sauce. The \$18 per person price includes soft drinks; there will be a cash bar for those desiring something a bit stronger.

There is a separate space for the children, where they will have supervised activities and be able to enjoy a pizza and ice cream dinner. The cost for kids from six to 12 is \$5, children five and under are free.

Since this is a Chanukah party, we encourage all participants to bring a *chanukiah* and candles to put on the dinner tables. Before dinner, we will light the candles and enjoy a few traditional songs led by Aviva Bowling.

In keeping with our tradition of *tzedakah*, we ask that you bring two non-perishable food items for each member of your party, to be given to God's Pantry. If you forget the food, you will be asked for a contribution of \$2 per person, which also will go to God's Pantry.

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CKJF Campaign Nears Record Contributions

Some Help Still Needed

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By Marty Barr

The 2004 campaign continues to close in on a record \$400,000 level of contributions. The campaign consists of three major stages and each one has contributed to this success. The first step was Super Sunday in February where a number of volunteers ranging from teenagers to senior citizens called members of the community to get their pledges. The second phase was the major gifts event, which was held at Carl Meyer's home in May.

The final stage of the campaign occurs when volunteer solicitors take pledge cards and fan out through the community to get pledges. This part of the campaign kicked off in June and approximately 95% of the cards are either in the hands of solicitors or have been completed and returned. There are still a small number of cards which need to be distributed to solicitors, and volunteers would be greatly appreciated. If you are willing to help, please contact either Danny at (859) 268-0672 or me Marty Barr at (859) 278-7078.

Again, thanks to everyone who is making this year such a great one.

Volunteer Opportunities Abound with Tikkun Lexington

By Ray Archer

When I volunteered several years ago for what has become Tikkun Lexington, my first mitzvah foray was baking hamantaschen for residents of the Stewart Home for a Purim celebration. It was actually the first time I had ever baked hamantaschen, and luckily they turned out well, or at least that's what I was told. I really enjoyed the experience and felt like my small contribution meant something, and I wanted to do more. I decided to become more active in the social action programming, so I joined the Tikkun committee. I was already becoming an active member of the social action committee at Temple Adath Israel, but I wanted to reach out beyond the Temple and work with other individuals interested in the same issues from the greater Jewish community. And thus began my endeavors with Tikkun Lexington.



Amy Crystal, Elayne Crystal and Dawn Moore learning the ropes from Barbara Grossman at St. Joseph Hospital gift shop, Day of Giving, 2003, a Tikkun Lexington project.

If baking is not your thing, there are many other opportunities to perform *tikkun olam* through Tikkun Lexington. Volunteers can host unaffiliated new-

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- The family of **Betty Kaplan Rosenberg**, devoted mother, grandmother, and aunt, who died on September 26.
- The **Moosnick** family on the death of their beloved mother, grandmother, sister-in-law and aunt, **Sonia**, on September 9.
- **Dr. Sandy Archer** on the death of his beloved mother, **Ruth**, in September.
- **Betty Nigoff** on the death of her beloved mother, **Dorothy Zuckerman**, in Columbus, Ohio on September 9 at age 95. She was the widow of the late **Ben Zuckerman**.
- **Aaron and Beth Yelowitz** on the death of their beloved grandfather, **Harry Sonnes**, on September 18.
- **David and Debbie Sogin** on the death of their brother-in-law, **Arnold Morris Warshoftig**, on September 4.

Refuah Shlemah (Get Well Wishes) to...

- Sandy Berger
- Jenna Lane Pollack
- Jack Cohen
- Jack Nigoff
- Cookie Weneker
- Barney Miller
- Tomás Milch H.

Mazel Tov to...

- **Penina Goldstein**, who has been accepted into Shir Appeal, Tufts University's Jewish A Capella Group.



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Exciting Times Ahead

Wide Variety of Activities Planned for the Coming Year

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By Ruth Poley

Your CKJF Community Activities Committee has been busy planning a full calendar of events for the next 12 months. Starting with our Tenth Annual Winter Dinner in December (see page one for story) we hope to keep you busy and amused with a wide range of activities to appeal to a broad spectrum of the community.

First, the aforementioned Winter Dinner, which you can read about in this issue. There's also a reservation form on page 7. Make every effort to reserve early—we're going to have a full house for this one and you don't want to be disappointed.

After a quiet few months, we'll be helping to organize the Women's Seder, to be held in early spring. For the past five years, this has been a very popular program which offers a different perspective on the Passover tradition.

Save April 10th for a spring concert performed by the Lexington Community Orchestra. These performances have developed quite a following; we had standing room only at the last one, which showcased Broadway music written by Jewish composers. This will be our third collaboration with the orchestra, and this music, too, will have Jewish themes. The concert will be on a Sunday afternoon at the Singletary Center Recital Hall and

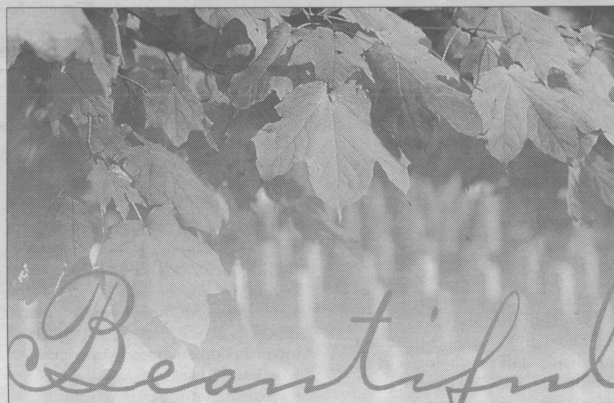
will be followed by a reception. This event is free of charge and open to the public.

May 8th will see us at the Thoroughbred Center again for our annual celebration of Israeli independence, Yom Ha'Atzmaut. This time, in addition to crafts and Israeli food and dancing, the children of the religious schools of Temple Adath Israel and Ohavay Zion Synagogue will be offering programs of interest to all.

We hope to have a community-wide picnic in early June. You will be asked to bring your own food, and we will provide cold drinks, dessert, and all your disposables. We hope to have relay races and other activities for the kids and, possibly, a softball game for the adults; we'll keep you posted. If you have any ideas for this picnic, or would like to work on it with us, please call Jana at 268-0672, ext. 4#.

And, finally, the wine tasting fund raiser hosted by Pat and David Shraberg was such a huge success in June, we're offering another for next September.

Keep reading *Shalom* for information as these dates draw closer. As always, the Community Activities Committee welcomes new members to help plan and implement all of these programs. Or, if you're interested in working on just one activity, that's OK too. Just phone Jana; we always appreciate your input.



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This individual will:

- with the assistance of the *Shalom* Editorial Committee, identify the recurring articles each month as well as timely news articles of interest to the entire Jewish community
- with the assistance of the *Shalom* Editorial Committee, identify individuals to write the articles
- ensure that all materials for the coming month's issue are on hand by the deadline
- do a first edit/rewrite of all submissions
- collect all materials for the current month's issue in electronic files

- prepare disk for submission to production service
- meet as needed with Editorial Board to identify issues and upcoming articles and to maintain overall quality of publication
- must be available during daytime working hours at least 8 hours per month

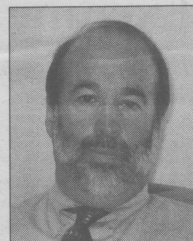
This individual **must** have a good working knowledge of the English language and experience editing and rewriting raw material. In addition, good organizational and communication skills are vital. Computer literacy is required.

It is anticipated that this job will require an average of 15 hours per month. The compensation is \$3,600 per year.

Please send a letter of application and a resume to Ruth Poley c/o Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, 1050 Chinoe Rd., Suite 203, Lexington, KY 40502.

President's Message

David Feinberg



How is Business?

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I just finished reading last month's *Shalom* article on Lowell Nigoff's auto repair business. At the time Lowell was getting his business off the ground I was one of his next door neighbors on Mechanic Street, as I was then a staff psychologist at the Comprehensive Care Center downtown. I gratefully took my car there for repairs. Not only did they do a great job, I always enjoyed schmoozing with Lowell. It's almost 25 years later and we still do business with Lowell. I am acutely aware that we go there both because he does a good job and because of my need to patronize the businesses of members of the Jewish community.

About once a week someone calls my office and wants to know if I do Christian counseling. Although I consider myself quite eclectic in the therapeutic approaches I use, I don't think I can stretch quite that far. It is a source of amusement to my staff, but it did prompt me to examine my thoughts about directing my business toward people whom I know and who have common ways of viewing the world. I don't plan to limit myself to using only Jewish professionals and merchants, but I have to admit that it is part of my selection process. When it is practical, I do choose to patronize Jewish professionals and merchants. Conversely, I think a number of people seek me out because they know that I am Jewish. Although I do not pretend to have

done an exhaustive study, I believe it is historically correct that the founding of our Jewish community was chiefly done by Jewish merchants whose entrepreneurial energy directed them to Lexington. I assume that patronizing these businesses and the businesses that surrounded them was part of what has become the core of our community. Maybe one can see it as a "retro" movement to again think in terms of patronizing Jewish owned businesses and professionals.

Socially, after asking how they are and how the family is, I find myself asking friends how their business is. It is important to them and I really enjoy hearing their stories. I know lots of interesting people in our community; I'd really like to see them

share their stories with *Shalom* readers.

Jewish entrepreneurship is here and doing well. I am convinced, though I know lots of people, that there are many others in the business and professional community whom I have not met or simply don't know are Jewish. And with no attempt at subtlety whatsoever, I would like to see more Jewish businesses advertise in our newspaper. By doing so, merchants support CKJE, and the community reinforces this support by frequenting the advertiser's establishment.

Your Campaign Dollars at Work

What is the JDC?

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The CKJE Board wants you to know how your campaign dollars are spent. This is the first in a series of articles about this topic. When we appeal to you every year for our annual campaign, we explain to you that part of the money we raise goes to overseas partners who provide services in different parts of the world. One of those partners is the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, known also as "the JDC" and in some parts of the world as "the Joint."



Praying in Ethiopia

vide support for Jewish communities in Palestine and Europe.

Ninety years later, the JDC still serves as the overseas arm of the United Jewish Communities, providing relief and support for Jewish communities the world over. Since 1914, the JDC has aided millions of people and it has been in the forefront of some of the most difficult situations in the twentieth century.

The JDC was the only Jewish organization allowed to function, albeit in a limited way, in the Soviet Union and still provides today a very important lifeline for more than 200,000 elderly Jews in Russia. The JDC was there after World War II to help the survivors of the Holocaust, and to help rescue and resettle Jews from Arab lands coming to Israel. More recently, the JDC played a key role in ensuring permission for the remaining Jews of Syria and Yemen to leave, and in rescuing over 1,000 lives, Jewish and non-Jewish, by bringing people through the frontlines of the Bosnian Civil War in the 90s.

In Israel, the JDC is helping to establish a volunteer network to reinforce community ties in the poor neighborhoods of Jerusalem, Tel-Aviv, and other parts of the country. In recent years, the JDC has

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Through the frontlines in Bosnia

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Winter Dinner (from page 1)

To recap, you'll get this great meal, a wonderful Chanukah party, free child care (if you need it), an opportunity to mingle with lots of other members of the Jewish community and perhaps make some new friends, all for the very reasonable sum of \$18.

Now for the downside—Rossi's has a capacity of 170. We anticipate lots of people wanting to attend this dinner. **Reserve now!** The deadline is Friday, December 3. Don't say you weren't warned.

Celebrate 350: Jews and the American Revolution

Not since the old days of the "Spain of the three religions" under Muslim rule, did Jews enjoy the possibilities open to them during colonial times in America. Jews succeeded in trade and professions playing significant roles in opening up new western territories for colonization.

It comes, then, as no surprise that Jews sided solidly with the revolutionary movement. Two Jews were part of General Washington's staff; Benjamin Nones and Col. Isaac Franks. Nones served under Pulaski and, later, under De Kalb and Lafayette. He is credited with leading the French forces which broke the siege of Savannah. Philip Moses Russel was the surgeon's mate at the Second Virginia Regiment and helped care for the soldiers during the winter of 1777-78. There was also, of course, the "Jew's Company" of South Carolina, so called because 26 Jews served in it.

Haym Salomon accepted large amounts of the commercial paper distributed by Robert Morris in exchange for supplies for the Army, papers which were later not honored by the Continental Congress. He also helped broker over \$200,000 in government securities. Other Jews who contributed financially to sustain the Revolution include Manual Josephson, Mordechai Sheftal, Moses Hays, Isaac Moses, David Franks, and the Minis family.

While most Jews did, indeed, support the Revolution, some Jews sided with the loyalists. Such was the case of the Pollocks, the Harts, and the Lucenas in Newport who all paid dearly for their loyalty to the crown. David Franks of Philadelphia also openly espoused the British cause and paid for it. Most Jews did, however, support the Revolution.

During the parade celebrating the ratification of the constitution in 1789 in Philadelphia, the proud members of the local Jewish community made sure that among the refreshments tables, one offered only kosher food.

The Revolutionary War completed a process initiated in the times of the colonies. For the first time since the expulsion of Spain in 1492, Jews felt they belonged. The South Carolina Gazette and General Advertiser published an article on August 30, 1783 which said, among other things: "The Jews have had a considerable share in our late revolution. They have behaved well throughout. Let our government invite the Jews to our state and promise them a settlement in it. It will be a wise and politic stroke and give a place of rest at last to the tribe of Israel." Soon many more Jews would join the handful of their brothers in America, but that story is for next month.



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*We received this too late to include in the September issue of Shalom,
but think it is important to share with our readers*

Message from the President of the State of Israel

**From Mr. Moshe Katsav
to the Jewish
communities on the
occasion of Rosh
Hashanah 2004-5765**

Dear Friends,

Rosh HaShanah, the Jewish New Year, unites all parts of the Jewish people throughout the world. During the High Holidays we conduct a personal, communal and national soul searching.

The State of Israel stands before difficult, even fateful, decisions. The issues involved in these decisions give rise to powerful emotions and deep disagreement.

In these days of fasting, prayer and charity, we need to remember what the Creator and Jewish history both demand of us – that we remain united as one. We can maintain unity, even while differing in opinion. Our goal is common, we differ on the way to reach it.

Regrettably, we are witness lately to a recurrence of anti-Semitism throughout Europe. Attacks against Jews and Jewish community institutions have increased, despite the efforts of European leaders. The State of Israel views these developments with deep concern. The Jewish people need to work against these together, from a sense of

see Message from Israeli President, page 15

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From the Executive Director

Daniel Chefec

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As I write this article, I am getting ready to go to Buenos Aires to spend the High Holidays with my parents. As I was preparing for this visit, I could not help but think back to the time I decided to leave behind the place of my birth for a different country with a different culture and a different language. I do remember very distinctly that it was not an easy decision, but let me share with you a couple of "snapshots" of the kind of situations which led me to come to America.

First flashback: As I graduated with a Master in Education back in 1983, I already had substantial experience in non-formal (or informal) education as well as training systems for educators. So, naturally, when I saw in the paper the opportunity to apply for a position as director of the long-distance training program for high school teachers as part of the efforts of the Ministry of Education to improve the quality of teachers, I jumped at the opportunity. Those were the days of the beginning of the first civilian administration after the

infamous military rule of the "dirty war." I was hopeful and wanted to do my part, small as it might be, in bringing back democratic culture to Argentina. I was among those selected for the final interviews (there were three of us). As I entered the office of the secretary for teachers' training at the ministry, I was sure I was going to get the job. As the interview progressed and the secretary told me how interested they were in my past experience and all but told me I was the leading candidate, I had difficulty staying calm. Then the bomb dropped: "The only problem we see is that your past experience is full of this Jewish stuff. If you come to work for us, we need you to sever your ties with the Jewish community... It is not me, you understand, but there are still anti-Semites in the ministry." I was deeply offended, promised I was going to get back to him, and never did.

Second flashback: It was the time right after I switched from chemistry to education, and I worked full time at a printing house to pay for my studies. I was also working, over the weekends, as a *Madrich* at one of the

largest Jewish sport clubs in Argentina and the military were in power. While coming to my parents' home for dinner one day, I got off the bus and I was stopped by a policeman and the following dialogue took place: "Your name is Daniel Chefec, correct?" "Yes" (and I am already off balance); "And you work at Zlotopiro (the printing house) on Sarmiento street, correct?" "Yes" (and this time I swallow hard).

time to get over that one.

There were a number of incidents along those same lines, but the reason I am sharing them is not that I want you to know my stories, but because I want you to understand my reasons for coming to America. With all its flaws and difficulties, American society is still, as someone once said, "The least bad of the systems." So what makes it so different and attractive? I can answer only for myself, not for others.

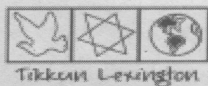
In this society, to begin with, you have a voice. People cannot prevent you from expressing your opinion, nor is it criminalized. If a policeman stops you in the street and harasses you, you can use the law against him; if you are discriminated in employment by a government agency because of

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If you don't, [vote] you are saying that you don't care enough to make the effort, and this magnificent system deserves to be preserved, flaws and all.

Several more questions followed. As the "conversation" progressed, I was getting more and more anxious. Finally, the policeman said to me: "See? be careful - we know everything." It goes without saying that it took me a good amount of

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Tikkun Lexington's Stewart Home Visitation Schedule (Most recent visit Tuesday, September 14th for Rosh Hashannah)

Friday, October 22nd 6:30 p.m.
Friday, December 3rd at 5 p.m. for a special
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Hadassah Donor Phonathon October 28, 2004

By Lynn Furness, Fundraising VP and Carole Wilson,
Donor Campaign

Each fall the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah conducts its major fundraiser, the Donor Phonathon. This year the Phonathon is October 28, 2003. We hope every member and friend of Hadassah will make a contribution, either using the pledge card enclosed in a recent mailing or on October 28 when a Donor committee member calls.

With the money given through these donations, Hadassah can make the choice of life for today, and leave a legacy for tomorrow. Hadassah chooses life by providing top-notch health care, technical education, social services, and more in Israel, the United States, and in other parts of the world through Hadassah International. Youth Aliyah and Young Judaea prepare children to learn through these programs how to become a legacy for tomorrow.

Please make, or consider increasing, a Donor contribution this year. Thank you very much.

Hillel Happenings

College Students Have Many Activities Planned

Pizza parties are in full force on the campus of the University of Kentucky and Hillel is no exception. The opening meeting in August drew several students interested in learning more about a group for Jewish undergraduates, graduate, and professional students attending UK or other Central Kentucky colleges and Universities. This pizza party provided students with a place to feel welcomed and included in this community. This year we are excited to have students from as far as St. Petersburg, Russia and Quito,

Ecuador very eager to meet other new students and share experiences.

JSO/Hillel has just over a dozen active members but with the exciting list of upcoming activities we expect this number to increase appreciably. Hillel officers, Leah Craft and Tami Ohayon have planned many activities to appeal to all. Hillel also offers students the opportunity to interact with members of the Lexington Jewish Community. Temple Adath Israel, Ohavay Zion Synagogue, and the Lexington Havurah welcome student participation in the services and other activities. The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation's staff person, Jana, is always happy to connect any person with services, family dinners,

or provide any information at all to make the college experience less intimidating and help fill in the gaps of being in a new place.

The first Hillel Shabbat Dinner is planned for Friday, October 15th. Tami Ohayon is creating a Moroccan Feast at the home of Jana LaZur. Come light candles, welcome Shabbat, and fill your stomach with some wonderful home-cooked food while meeting fellow Jewish students and learn more about the community in which you live. On November 12th, the Shabbat dinner will be hosted by the Feinberg family. We hope to reach out and invite every eligible student to take part in these celebrations. Please call Jana to RSVP.

Certainly the favorite activity of the year for Hillel is the fall hike at Natural Bridge. October 24th is the date for this year's annual hike if weather permits. We will all meet at the UK Student Center parking lot at 10 a.m. to caravan to the hiking point. It is an opportunity to kick back and enjoy the beauty of the leaves changing color and the great outdoors.

The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation is happy to provide staff support for this worthwhile and exciting group of students. If you would like to be added to the email newsletter list, *Shalom*, the CKJF newspaper; or RSVP for any of the above activities, please call Jana at 268-0672, extension 4# or email Hillel@jewishlexington.org today.

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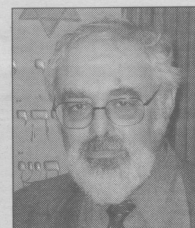
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Rabbi's Corner

Rabbi H. D. Uriel Smith

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Why Do So Many Support the Liars?

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

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

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

Let us look at some of the strands in these webs of deceit. If we are truly to reach out for peace, we have to understand what are these strands, so that we can remove some of them, and realign the rest. Thereby we can help all, not just the Palestinians and the Israelis, but also the neighboring Arab and Muslim nations, the Christian communities and the European nations, university personnel and anti-globalization protesters, Hindus, Buddhists, Communists, as well as the Jewish communities in the Diaspora.

In this article I will look just at what hides the lies. Some of the culprits are not deliberately lying; they can no longer tell the difference between really truthful statements, and sweet-talk which just feels good. Others know that they are lying, but believe that they are bringing a greater good that will override such lies. And then there are some who believe that their tradition positively commands them to lie in their fight against the infidels.

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

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

This fluidity of truth is not peculiarly Arab. Most cultures on this level of semiotic sophistication have the same difficulties in accepting distasteful facts as true. Most religious fundamentalists are on this level. This is the level when Christians can declaim,

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

and claim that this declaration is

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

The Egyptians continuously want truth to feel good. So after Egyptair 990 went down in October 31, 1999, they absolutely refused to accept that the crash was deliberate. Independent investigators hearing the cockpit recordings were in no doubt that the co-pilot,

Gameel al-Batouti, committed suicide by crashing the plane with all the passengers into the sea. The Egyptians were offended by this conclusion. When last month the National Transportation Safety Board published their report, the Egyptian government started court proceedings to overturn this conclusion. For the Egyptians truth is fluid, and in this case must be changed.

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

The suicide teams piloting the four passenger planes on September 11th last year had prepared themselves for over a year. They assumed that if the passengers phoned home, this would demoralize their families and all other Americans. They could not imagine that Westerners on the fourth plane would quickly gather information from

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New Intern Joins the CKJF Office

Beth Yelowitz, a student of the Family Studies program at the University of Kentucky, will be serving her internship over the next several months at the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation. Beth will work with families, help with Tikkun Lexington, Hillel, and Camp Shalom. She will graduate in December.

Beth's interest in family studies was sparked a few years ago in a class titled, Marriage and Families. Her goal is to some day work in a clinical setting aimed at helping people to establish and maintain strong communication, and foster qualities suitable to good marriages. She is particularly interested in issues confronting the family unit as a whole, in helping individuals develop the "bigger picture" in their lives, and in viewing the many stages through which we move in life — such as getting married, raising a child, living within a small close-knit community. By identifying the various stages of family life we can begin to understand how and why different stress factors affect us. Beth has a strong desire to help



Beth Yelowitz, new CKJF intern.

people and make an impact in the lives of others.

Beth's experience includes contact with local citizens and agencies. She has spent time in Family Court and The Center for Women, Children, and Families. With every new experience in dealing with families comes a desire to serve the needs of each segment of the population. She looks forward to her experience at CKJF serving the greater good both in the Jewish community and elsewhere.

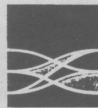


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Leisure Club Update

By Ruth Moser

On October 21 we will meet at Bella Notte at noon for lunch and a talk/discussion with John M. Bristin. John is a Certified Geriatric Pharmacist, and his business is called OptiMed Senior Medication Management Services. You may have seen John on Robyn Pease's "Off Your Rocker" show on Channel 3. John will tell us all about the effects of mixing prescription drugs with over-the-counter items. You may be surprised at what you hear. And you may win the door prize of the month.

November 18 we have one of our famous "meet and eats" at Jennifers. Lots of good food and lots of conversation. And another door prize.

December, probably on the 10th, is our annual Chanukah Party. No details yet, but it is still early. Door prizes and Chanukah gifts — that's where the bingo prizes are going.

That brings us up to January. We have always, unless we cancel for snow, gone to the Coach House, but it is now closed and in its place, in the same building, is Furlongs — that's where we will be on January 16th. If we have to cancel, and if you haven't RSVP'd, we won't know to call you.

One final note. Some of this may change, so watch for announcements in *Shalom*, and keep an eye on the mail for a postcard announcing the next Leisure Club event. And please remember to RSVP, — it just makes it a lot easier to plan an event when we know how many are coming.

L'shana tova to all of you from all of us.

For Better or Worse, A Change

By Joe Tacket

We really should have realized what was going on when my wife's little sister (18 years old) registered with an online Jewish dating service. Having just moved to New York to live with my wife and me, she was ready to hit the dating scene with full force. Back in Kentucky the single Jewish male population was nonexistent, but now set before her was a seemingly endless choice of boys her age. So you can imagine my surprise when I watched her put the final touch on her application. "Ana," I heard myself saying, "you checked the 'Orthodox only' button. You better change that." With a slight grin on her face, she said nothing, just hitting the "Send" button as her only response. Coming from a conservative Jewish family, Ana never showed any interest in Orthodoxy that I noticed. She even had forged a bond with our Synagogue's new female rabbi.

When should we have caught on that Ana was drawn to Orthodoxy? Should we have noticed when Ana stopped going to the same Shul we did? I remained oblivious to all the telltale signs. When boys came to take her out wearing *Kippot*, my eyes still remained blind.

One cold December day, after Ana had been dating David (a nice Orthodox boy from Muncie) for a

while, she started to gather all our dishes into a large bed sheet. As the plates and bowls clanked together, I asked her what she thought she was doing (in that polite way only brothers can). She announced our plates were dirty and would have to be taken to *Mikva*. That was the day the fog finally lifted from my clouded mind. Ana was on her way to joining the Orthodox community.

Where had we gone wrong? Was she rejecting our way of life? Was she now to reject us as well? I felt intimidated every time we arrived home with groceries. Ana would slowly pick through every item, looking for kosher symbols. Occasionally, she would pass a glance my way, accusingly. I started to notice food I thought I had bought just that week had suddenly vanished from the shelves.

Once she got her own apartment, tensions eased only slightly. We didn't see Ana much. When we did, it became a chore. Finding a kosher restaurant that everyone would like (and afford) was difficult and annoying. My wife and I would return from these outings upset and embarrassed. We always



Ana Szekey-Mandelbaum and niece, 2004.

But finally, we have come to the realization that this isn't about us. Ana's move to Orthodoxy was about herself and her relationship to the Creator.

felt like outsiders, and I could feel the holes burning into my head, from men staring at my lack of *Yarmulke*.

One of the things that really got me was Ana's new use of

the term "religious." Now that she was "religious" she ate only kosher. Now that she was "religious" she kept the Sabbath. Weren't we religious? Didn't we go to Synagogue? Didn't we worship the same Creator? Was our beloved grandmother not "religious" when she suffered through the *Shoah*?

The lowest point had to be what we now just refer to as "The Shabbos Dinner Incident." My wife and I had learned that Ana was hosting her first Shabbos dinner in her new apartment, and we were not invited. Suspecting an oversight on her part, I mentioned it to her. That was not the case. We were deliberately not invited. Her rabbi had informed her that she was not to invite anyone who would later break the Sabbath. Nothing had ever hurt or enraged me as much as being thought of as not worthy enough to share a meal with a member of my own family.

The family continued to struggle with this change in all our lives. When Ana would travel back to Kentucky to visit with our parents, new dishes had to be bought, lights had to be left on all Shabbos and Ana would organize the walk to Synagogue. (If the reader has never had the pleasure of a brisk five mile walk to Shul in a snowstorm, I highly recommend it).

It has been nearly a year since the adjustment in the family dynamic. During this time, we have celebrated holidays, laughed, cried, and fought (mostly the latter). Through all of this typical Jewish family living, we have come to more than accept Ana's newly found Orthodoxy; we have actually come secretly to admire her for it. Her entire life she has eaten freely at any restaurant, traveled to Shabbos, and was received many times at the Bima in our synagogue. By making such an adjustment in her life, we have had to make adjustments in our own lives and that has been very uncomfortable. But finally, we have come to the realization that this isn't about us. Ana's move to Orthodoxy was about herself and her relationship to the Creator. It is always hard when a different path is chosen by a member of the family, but sooner or later you begin to see that the person you love is still there, and still holding the same beliefs and values you were raised with. In the end, Ana's Orthodoxy has enriched the whole family, and that is good enough for me.



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The World's Largest Desalination Plant

Israel Bonds Dollars Help Secure Israel's Future Water Supply

By Wendy Elliman

Last April, Israel began constructing the world's largest desalination plant in Ashkelon on its southern Mediterranean coast. The first of five large-scale seawater desalination units (others will be built at Ashdod, Palmahim, Kishon and Caesarea), it is expected to produce 100 million cubic meters of water a year by 2005. On a recent visit to the site, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said he would like production increased to an annual 120 million cubic meters.

Known as the South Israel (Ashkelon) project, this giant facility marks the physical launch of Israel's Desalination Master Plan, developed to address the country's chronic water shortage — a shortage set to increase by a forecast-

ed 60 percent in the demand for water by 2020. As a vital national infrastructure project, it is of great significance for Israel. Spread over 75,000 square yards, the Ashkelon plant will comprise not only two virtually self-contained desalination units, but also facilities for seawater pumping, brine removal, pre-treatment of raw water and treatment of product water. It will further be equipped with workshops, a laboratory, access roads and a gas turbine power station.

This power station, the first private plant in Israel to be run on natural gas, is a critical component because it lowers operating costs (and air pollution levels) sufficiently to make

desalination economically viable. While the technology has been around for a while, the cost of desalinated water (over a third more per cubic meter than any other type) made it too costly for widespread use. The Ashkelon design uses advanced seawater reverse osmosis technology — already proven in the Eilat desalination facility — and state-of-the-art energy recovery systems to achieve a cost of 53 cents per cubic meter, one of the lowest water prices ever offered for this kind of operation.

The colossal investment capital for this project — \$200-plus million for the desalination facility and more than \$60 million for the power plant — comes from a variety of sources, Israel Bonds among the most enthusiastic. Built on a Build-Operate-Transfer basis, the Ashkelon desalination plant will be transferred to the Israel government at the end of the 25-year contract period.

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these phone calls telling them that the flight had become a one-way trip to death (after all this information would not feel good), and that therefore the only chance they had was to fight back. The passengers surprised them.

These cases of fluid truth belong to a conscious semiotic level, which Edward T. Hall in his *The Silent Language* called a Formal level of awareness. I call this level the Ishmaelian level. Depending on how we divide up the levels it is on the fourth or sixth level of semiotic awareness. Beyond it are E. T. Hall's Technical levels, scientific levels, called by Kurt Lewin the Aristotelian and Galileian levels. (See his *A Dynamic Theory of Personality*.) On these levels the Correspondence perspective of truth arises: statements are true if their meaning corresponds to reality. In science we test whether the hypotheses correspond to reality. But, when we climb two further levels of sophistication we "discover" again a fluid theory of truth. Beyond the next level, the Kantian level (named after the philosopher Immanuel Kant), we enter the level of Postmodernism, beloved by many literary and art critics, sophisticated religious leaders, and some philosophers. But, as Alan Sokal has shown (*Fashionable Nonsense*), the postmodernist refusal to recognize scientific limits is foolish and can be very dangerous.

Edward Said, who became the president of the Modern Languages Association, has demonstrated both the brilliance and the distorting powers of postmodernism in his many works, including *Orientalism*, *Covering Islam*, and *The Question of Palestine*, through which he has worked tirelessly for the Palestinian cause. He is a Christian Palestinian, but he still does not recognize that the postmodernist stance, provided by him and by other Christian supporters of Palestine, has proven counterproductive. Fluid truth removed the Christian secure faith in the truth of their cause. Therefore the Christian Arabs have left Palestine in droves, so that now there is not a single Palestinian town with a Christian majority, not even Nazareth and Bethlehem.

Said has used this fluid view of truth in devastating fashion, feeding both the Arab populations and the West emotional themes which distort truth. He morally correctly leads people to feel compassion for the Palestinians and the harsh situation in which they are living. But, in the process he uses distortions and

outright lies to explain why the Palestinians are in such straits. For instance, in "Interiors" (*The Edward Said Reader*, p.269) he pretends that Israel is not a real country: it is only "the Zionist entity." The Palestinians, who feel they are being used as tools, and that therefore the cultural and social forces that are creating them as a Palestinian state derive from the outside, project that feeling onto the Israelis, and conclude that Israel is merely a creation of the crusading or secularist West. In the language of systems theory, Palestine is a heteropoeitic system, and the Palestinians assume Israel is similarly heteropoeitic and not self-organizing.

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

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

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Golda's Balcony, Great Theater

By Steve Kesten

On a recent trip to the Big Apple, Nancy and I saw *Golda's Balcony* at the Helen Hayes theatre on West 44th Street.

The show stars Tovah Feldshuh, in a one woman performance that is outstanding. She is a woman who appears occasionally on "Law and Order" as a defense lawyer. Made up to look like Golda Meir, you would think she was 70. She has Golda's accent, physical characteristics, and mannerisms down perfectly, and she chain smokes just like Golda.

All the action takes place during the Yom Kippur war when the Jews were subject to a surprise attack by the Syrians and the Egyptians. The casualties were excessive on both sides, and much of the play deals with her phone calls to Henry Kissinger, pleading for weapons and ammunition to replenish the Israeli Defense Force.

Kissinger, hoping to get land concessions from the Israelis in the Golan and the Sinai, initially turns a deaf ear to their needs. Finally, when Golda tells him the air force is arming their jets with nuclear weapons to bomb

Damascus, her message gets through to Nixon and he orders Kissinger and the Defense Department to airlift everything the Israelis need.

With this airlift and a better trained army and air force, the Jews repel the enemy and a ceasefire is negotiated.

Throughout the play, with sounds of war in the background, Golda flashes back on her life as a Russian immigrant who came to Milwaukee, married a man without any political interests, and talked him into making aliyah to what was then Palestine. She becomes active in Ben Gurion's Labor Party and eventually rises to become the first and only woman to serve as Prime Minister of Israel.

Tovah's impersonation of Ben Gurion, Moshe Dayan, her Defense Minister; Kissinger, and others is superb.

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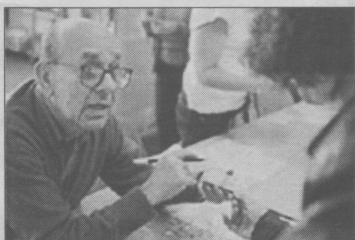
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VOTE (from page 6)

your religion or background, you can defend yourself; when you vote for representatives in Congress, you can hold them to their promises and, if they fail to deliver, you vote them out of office. All these things and more cannot be taken for granted, for they are as frail as the finest china. All these rights need to be supported by active participation as citizens in the political process.

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Volunteer Opportunities (from page 1)

comers for Shabbat dinners, visit or prepare meals for the sick, help in the construction of gift baskets for various occasions, or visit elderly Jewish residents in nursing homes. Although many of these activities are performed through the Temple and Synagogue for their members, Tikkun Lexington attempts to fill the gap and targets individuals within the community who have been identified as Jewish but remain unaffiliated. Additionally, we may supplement the work of the Temple and Synagogue, as new mothers or ailing residents can always benefit from an extra meal.

Where Tikkun Lexington really stands out is in the unique volunteer opportunities offered. About two years ago, volunteers accepted the project of refurbishing the Hospital Hospitality House on Limestone. We cleaned, scraped, patched, and painted the majority of the interior rooms so that families of hospitalized patients would have a comfortable environment while waiting for their loved ones to recuperate. For the past two years, Tikkun volunteers have helped pass out water at a water station for the Humane Society's "4 Miles for Paws" benefit race. One of the most prominent events sponsored by Tikkun Lexington has been the Day of Giving, where Tikkun members take over the volunteering tasks for Christian volunteers on Christmas

day. Last year, over 40 volunteers participated, working at area hospitals, delivering meals for Meals on Wheels and for Moveable Feast. This year, the Day of Giving will take place on Friday, December 24th, and we're looking to expand the services.

After the success and enjoyment of last year's Day of Giving, Tikkun volunteers have taken on a regular route in the delivery of meals for Moveable Feast. Jana Lazur pointed

Practicing tikkun olam, or acts of loving kindness, is something we all should do more often. Not only do we help others, we gain a sense of fulfillment ourselves. There is always a need to volunteer in the community.

out that "what began as a Day of Giving program on December 25th has turned into a once a month activity for Tikkun Lexington volunteers." For those of you not familiar with this organization, Moveable Feast provides hot, nutritious meals to homebound AIDS and hospice patients. The individuals who have volunteered for meal delivery seem to truly enjoy the experience. Amy Beth Yelowitz stated that "by delivering Moveable Feast, I enjoyed helping a group I would not have otherwise been exposed to and provided a service to help them."

Another regular activity for Tikkun volunteers has been monthly or

bimonthly visits to the Stewart Home, a residence and school for the developmentally disabled. This wonderful facility, located in Frankfort, lies on several acres of lush bluegrass, complete with horses. There is a large Jewish population attending the school, and you may have seen some of these individuals attending services at the Temple or Synagogue. However, they only get to go to services about once a month, so Tikkun volunteers take Shabbat service to them. Angie and Rich Ornstein, both active Tikkun members and regular Stewart Home volunteers, said they "both enjoy meeting with the residents, lighting Shabbat candles and hearing their perspectives on life." The residents at the Stewart Home are a great bunch of people and are always very excited to have guests and do any activities the volunteers bring.

A new and, we hope, growing activi-

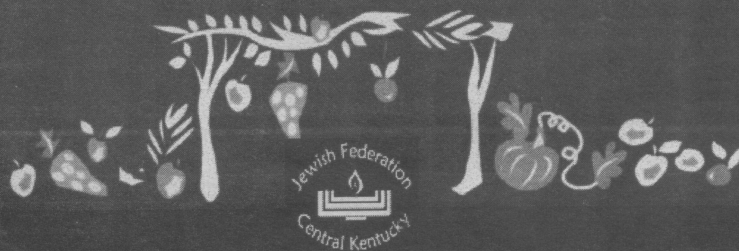
ty involves participation in Faith in Action, an interfaith program providing quality home-based volunteer caregiver services to elderly adults who are homebound due to chronic illness or disability. The goal of the program is to help elderly adults maintain their independence and dignity and stay at home as long as possible. Dr. Gary Stewart applied for and received the grant from the Robert Wood Johnson foundation and is responsible for all training sessions and for running the program. Tikkun Lexington's nine volunteers were the pioneer trainees of the program, becoming the first in the system to undergo the training and conduct home visits for the elderly. Barbara Barr is one of the Faith in Action volunteers and makes regular visits to Jack Nigoff. Jack's been heard on many occasions saying "I love to see her come and hate to see her go."

Practicing *tikkun olam*, or acts of loving kindness, is something we all should do more often. Not only do we help others, we gain a sense of fulfillment ourselves. There is always a need to volunteer in the community. Obviously, opportunities abound for volunteering and Tikkun Lexington is here to help you help others. The Tikkun Lexington committee is always looking for new members with fresh ideas for helping those in need. And, we're always looking for information from community members to let us know how we can serve the community better. Begin the new year with a commitment for helping more, whether it's baking hamantaschen, working with the elderly in Faith in Action, or anything in between. If you are interested in participating, please call Jana Lazur at the CKJF office at 268-0672 ext 4# or email her at jana@jewish-lexington.org.

Lowell's Toyota Repair Specialists

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Happy Sukkot



from your friends at the

Central Kentucky Jewish Federation



Hadassah Opening Program

When: Saturday, November 3rd - 7:00 p.m.

Where: Temple Adath Israel

Topic: Jews in Mexico

Enjoy hearing Francie Chasen-Lopez speak, creating Mexican crafts, and eating a fiesta of Mexican food.

R.S.V.P. to Jana LaZur at 273-9079

Message from Israeli President (from page 5)

joint destiny. We need to work together with the governments and proper authorities in order that these dark elements not be allowed to rise and harm universal human values.

I congratulate the Jewish communities throughout the world on their expressions of solidarity with the people of Israel, and the many visitors who came to Israel this year. I call on all of you to increase the number of visitors to Israel in the coming year. Your coming here strengthens the State of Israel and the mutual relations between us.

call upon the Jewish people in Israel and in the Diaspora to show unity, tolerance and *ahavat yisrael*, love of Israel.

On behalf of my wife Gila and myself, and on behalf of the citizens of Israel, I send you and your families our best wishes for a happy New Year, for a year of peace and security in our region and a year of peace and tranquility for all mankind.

Sincerely, Moshe Katsav

With the coming of the New Year, I
are you between the ages of 12 and 18?

Do you like to talk about serious issues?

Do you want to meet with other Jewish youth from Central Kentucky?

If you answered yes to these questions, Generation Chai, the youth forum of Shalom newspaper, wants you!

Generation Chai

Open House and Roundtable discussion
Topic: Jewish Education

Sunday, October 10, 2004

5-6 p.m.

at CKJF 1050 Chinoe Road, Suite 203

For details and to RSVP, email Rachel Bellin at rburg99@aol.com

TIKKUN LEXINGTON NEEDS YOU DAY OF GIVING

DECEMBER 24, 2004

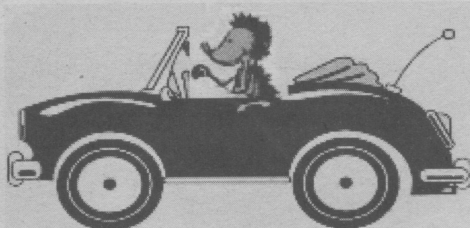
we'll have more
projects next
month

for a variety of Tikkun volunteer projects-you choose
(just please choose to volunteer on this day)

Watch for sign-up
sheet in next
month's Shalom



*Deliver "Meals on Wheels" dinners



*Deliver meals to the elderly
(5 routes available)



*Visit St. Joseph Hospital
• Work in hospital gift shops
• Visit patients & give gifts

If you are available to help please contact Tikkun at 268-0672 ext. 4# or tikkun@jewishlexington.org

B'tay Avon (Hearty Appetite)

Ruth Poley



It's October—crisp days, cool nights, supermarkets and farm stands bursting with fall farm bounty. Prominent in this bounty is butternut squash, to my mind one of the great delights of this season. This tasty vegetable, with its gorgeous orange flesh and superior nutritional value, is one I always look forward to at this time of year. It makes a wonderful soup when cooked and puréed, is fabulous when it's simply baked, and makes a great alternative to potatoes when mashed.

For this month I've chosen a recipe from Faye Levy's book, *1,000 Jewish Recipes*. This side dish would be a great accompaniment to a Shabbat

Rice with Butternut Squash

(makes 4 servings)

2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 medium onion, minced
1 1/2 pounds butternut or other winter squash, peeled, halved, seeded, and cut into 1-inch cubes
salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste
2 cups water
1 cup long-grain rice

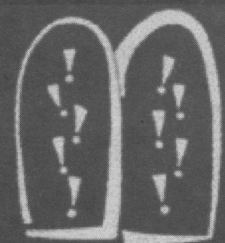
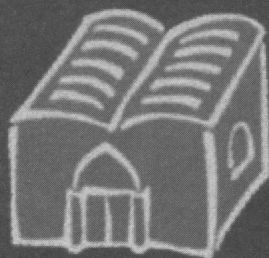
dinner as it would go particularly well with chicken. Winter squash is hard, and doesn't like to give up its meat too readily, but it's well worth the effort. First you need to cut it in half lengthwise and for that you need a long, sharp knife and a bit of muscle. Peeling requires a bit of work, too, but if you have a sharp vegetable parer it shouldn't be unduly difficult. After the squash is halved and peeled, you need to scrape out the seeds with a spoon; then you're ready to proceed.

Heat oil in a large, heavy saucepan, add onion, and sauté 5 minutes over low heat. Add squash, salt, and pepper. Cover and cook over low heat, stirring occasionally, 10 minutes; add 1 to 2 tablespoons water if necessary so juices do not burn.

Add the 2 cups of water, more salt and pepper and bring to a boil. Add rice and stir once. Cover and cook over low heat about 20 minutes, or until squash and rice are tender. Adjust seasoning. Serve hot.

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 poley@prodigy.net.

Chag Sameach Simchat Torah



from your friends at the

Central Kentucky Jewish Federation

Our B'Nai Mitzvah

Evelyn Dantzig Geller



DANIELLE HELLER

On October 2, 2004, Danielle Heller will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* at **Temple Adath Israel**. Celebrating with Danielle will be her parents, Jeff and Mindy Heller and her sister, Rachel Heller.

Danielle currently is a seventh grade student at Tates Creek Middle School. Her favorite subject is Language Arts; additionally she enjoys writing. She plays violin in the school orchestra. Danielle's extracurricular activities are many; she takes ballet, jazz, tap, and point dancing lessons.

For her *Mitzvah* project, Danielle undertook the enjoyable and gratifying task of tutoring children in an elementary school.



MARSHALL ROORDA

On October 16, 2004, Marshall Roorda will be called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah* at **Temple Adath Israel**. Celebrating with Marshall will be his parents, Randall Roorda and Susan Cobin.

Marshall currently is a seventh grade student in SCAPA. He particularly enjoys creative writing and social studies. In addition to his regular studies, Marshall plays the bass clarinet in the school band.

For his *Mitzvah* project, Marshall will record a book on tape for anyone who needs it. He has done several so far and will be glad to share them.



ALEXANDRA FLEISHMAN

On October 23, 2004 Alexandra Fleishman, daughter of Elizabeth Piercy and Roger Fleishman, will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* at **Temple Adath Israel**. Joining Alexandra in this celebration will be her twin sister, Rebecca.

Alexandra is a seventh grade student at the Lexington School where her favorite subject is math. She plays the flute in the school band and takes flute lessons outside of school. In addition, she "likes to read a lot."

For her *Mitzvah* project, Alexandra and her sister will give a recital for the patients at the Markey Cancer Center.

Alexandra is glad to be sharing this experience with her sister.



REBECCA FLEISHMAN

On October 23, 2004, Rebecca Fleishman, Daughter of Elizabeth Piercy and Roger Fleishman, will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* at **Temple Adath Israel**. Joining Rebecca in this celebration will be her twin sister, Alexandra.

Rebecca is a seventh grade student at the Lexington School where her favorite classes are math and science. She is on the yearbook committee. Outside of school, Rebecca likes reading, biking, and kayaking. In addition she is studying the violin.

For her *Mitzvah* project, Rebecca and her sister will give concerts for patients at the Markey Cancer Center.

Rebecca likes the idea of having a *Bat Mitzvah* ceremony with her sister.

KAYLA BRYAN

On October 30, 2004, Kayla Bryan, daughter of Shirley and Jared Bryan and sister of Jordan Bryan, will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* at the **Ohavay Zion Synagogue**.

Kayla is a seventh grade student at SCAPA where her favorite subjects are math and science. She participates in drama and dance programs at school and takes ballet lessons outside of school.

For her *Mitzvah* project, Kayla is holding a "Milk and Cookies" fundraiser. She is soliciting bakeries to donate the cookies and asking supporters to donate \$5.00 each to taste the goodies on October 10. Proceeds from her project will go to Hadassah and to Jarrett's Joy Cart.

THE LEXINGTON HAVURAH NEWS

President, Gail Cohen • (859) 272-1459

President Cohen Thanks Participants in High Holy Day Services

The essence of Havurah is participation on the part of all its members in all phases of its activities. This is also true for the High Holy Day services. Members participate in these services in varying ways. Some members lead services, others assist by doing readings in English or Hebrew, some read Torah, others blow shofar. It is a tradition for everyone in the Havurah to have an *aliyah* (be called to the Torah) - perhaps, by calling up a) all those born in the 20th century; b) all those who know someone by the name of Cohen; c) all those having a last name that begins with a letter of the alphabet; etc. All in attendance take part in round robin readings during the course of services. The Holiday services were excellently coordinated by Religious Committee Co-chairs Larry Bitensky and Rabbi Uri Smith.

Sincere thanks are extended to all who made this year's services so successful.

College Bound Havurah Members Honored at August Kabbalat Shabbat

Two of the youngest Lexington Havurah members, Penina Goldstein and Becky Grossman, were honored at a special Kabbalat Shabbat service and pot luck supper in late August prior to their leaving Lexington to attend college. The two girls, members of The Lexington Havurah since early childhood, have participated with their families in many Havurah services and activities over the years, including leading services with other young people.

Judy Goldsmith gave the sermon in which she addressed Becky and Penina. Following recognition and remembrances by other Havurah members, the girls received gifts of Judaica from the Havurah. The serv-

ice, which followed the pot luck supper, was led by Evelyn Geller and Rabbi Uri Smith.

Penina, the daughter of Beth Goldstein and Rafi Finkel, a graduate of Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School, chose a college on the East Coast. She is a freshman at Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts.

Becky, the daughter of Kathy and Mike Grossman, a graduate of Lafayette High School, chose to attend college on the West Coast. She is a freshman at Claremont-McKenna College in Pomona, California.

The girls are good friends and will continue to communicate across the country. The Havurah will miss their participation and perspective.

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TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL NEWS

124 N. Ashland Avenue • President, Starr Gantz • (859) 269-2979

Packing for College:

Where Does Judaism Fit?

A workshop series for 11th grade students and their parents that address the criteria parents and their students develop when choosing colleges. This experimental workshop helps guide the process with values clarification exercises and discussion. A panel discussion with community professionals will be held at the first workshop on October 17. To register for this workshop series, contact Toni Reiss at 269-2979 or coordinator@lex-tai.org.

Torah Study

Rabbi Kline conducts Torah Study in the TAI library, Saturdays at 9 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. The present study centers on the Book of Deuteronomy. If you enjoy wrestling with problems of life and faith, join this friendly group.

Oct. schedule is 10/2, 10/16 & 10/30.

Kollel Study Group

Joe Engelberg leads this study of fundamental ideas of Jewish life and thought. Among these are spirituality, the nature of God, a critique of Biblical and traditional injunctions and laws, Jewish history, principles of the Reform movement, the relation of Judaism to Christianity, Islam, and Buddhism. The purpose of the Kollel group's study is not to assert these principles as eternal truth, nor to refute them, but to discover what wisdom there is in them and to expand upon them. Drop in any time and join in the provocative and friendly discussion.

October schedule is 10/9 and 10/23.

Rabbi Kline's A.E. Classes

The classes started on September and will continue for the following dates. If you are taking these classes, please note the dates on your calendar.

Sundays October 3, 10, & 17

Beginning Hebrew begins at 3 p.m. Introduction to Judaism begins at 4:15 p.m.

Rabbi Kline Offers Wednesday A.E. Classes at 12:15 p.m. & 7 p.m.

These classes cover varied topics that relate to Judaism and of interest to the Lexington community. They are free and open to all. The topic will be announced in the Wednesday Weekly Temple E-mail news. Please come join us for an informative discussion of topics.

October 6 — 7 p.m. (topic TBA)
October 13 — 7 p.m. (topic TBA)
October 20 — 12:15 p.m. (topic TBA)
October 27 — 2:15 p.m. (topic TBA)

November subjects will be announced in the November bulletin.

The Temple Library Needs Your Help

If you received a book from Danny Siegel on Sat., Sept. 11th, would you, please, call the Temple and tell them

what you have. He, evidently, gave out Temple books and we'd like to know where they are.

The Temple Library Committee thanks you for your help in keeping our library up to date.

Thank you, Bobbi Fried
Library Committee Chair

Kroger Card, Meijers or Slone's Scrip

Did you just buy groceries, stamps, flowers, have photos developed or fill prescriptions? Did you use your Kroger card or scrip? There will be no soliciting...no calling...no asking for donationsyou are going to make these purchases anyway.... so why not earn money for Temple Adath Israel at the same time!! Just use your Kroger card, Meijers or Slone scrip and participate in an ongoing fundraiser. Temple earns a percentage of what you spend at these stores!! It is that easy!! If you need a card or more scrip, please contact the Temple office.

Havurah News (from page 17)

Steve Shedlofsky Studies Selichot Service, Sounds Shofar Skillfully

Steve Shedlofsky did his research using the internet. Based on his findings and in consultation with fellow Havurah member, Rabbi Uri Smith, Steve led the penitential prayers, Selichot, recited on the Saturday night prior to Rosh Hashanah. Steve led the service with his usual grace and good humor.

This pre-Rosh Hashanah event was hosted by Beate and Jeremy Popkin at their home. Prior to the service, Terry Wilson led a spirited discussion of Mitch Albom's bestseller, *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*. The theme was appropriate to this holiday season.

Steve Shedlofsky showed his skills again when at the close of the evening he sounded a great blast on the Shofar. It is traditional to sound the Shofar in the days preceding Rosh Hashanah as a reminder of the solemnity and significance of the New Year.

Stan Saxe Social Committee Chair of Lexington Havurah

Stan Saxe has been elected as chair of the Havurah's Social Committee for the year 2004-05. Stan, who has filled many roles in the Havurah, is the chair of the Social Committee for the first time.

Included among the duties of Social Chair is the coordination of hosting responsibilities for food and refreshment at each Havurah service or event. When asked to comment on his new role, Stan said "I hope to build on the record of Judy Baumann who has done a great job as Social Committee Chair. This has been an easy transition as Judy has presented me with outlines and written instructions for coordinating everything from a Friday evening Kabbalat Shabbat to our annual Tu B'Shevat Seder and the Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast.

"I pledge to have quality brewed coffee and include cream soda at all food events. While I personally like Manischewitz Concord Grape Wine, we will pursue having some outstanding kosher wines available for all, which should find favor with the palates of our wine mavens," the new Social Chair added.

Havurah to Hold Open Sukkah

The Lexington Havurah will hold its annual open Sukkah celebration on Sunday, October 3, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m., at the home of Hannah and Rabbi Uri Smith. All members

and guests will have an opportunity to wave the *etrog* and *lulav*.

Everyone is asked to bring an ingredient (parve or vegetarian) to help prepare our version of "Soup in the Sukkah."

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OHAVAY ZION SYNAGOGUE NEWS

2048 Edgewater Court • President, Nancy Hoffman • (859) 266-8050

The Fall Holiday season continues, and Ohavay Zion Synagogue is busy with lots of events and activities. Call the Synagogue office for a complete schedule of Sukkot, Sh'mini Atzeret, and Simhat Torah worship services and activities. We welcome newcomers to the community and wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy 5765.

Welcome Back Sukkot Dinner

Join us for our Sukkot Under the Stars Welcome Back Dinner on Friday, October 1st at 6:15 p.m. After dinner we will join together at 7:30 p.m. for the Shabbat/Sukkot evening service led by our Religious School Students. During the evening we will also welcome new members who have joined OZS during the past year. For more information or to make a reservation for dinner, call the office for more information.

Simhat Torah Celebration!

Everyone is invited to join us for our celebration of Simhat Torah on Thursday Evening, October 7th at 6:45 p.m. During the service we will also celebrate with our students who are beginning Hebrew and Religious School during a special Consecration and Alef Ceremony. Come dance with the Torahs and celebrate with our students on this special holiday! On Friday morning, October 8th, we will celebrate with the Torahs once again during the Festival Morning Service at 9:45 a.m.

OZS Religious School News

We are already off to a great start as we gear up for the remainder of the Fall holidays and other exciting events. The first Religious School Service of the year will be on October 1st and the Consecration and Alef

ceremony on October 7th. This year we are focusing our studies on Jewish storytelling. Several adults in the community will be serving as storytellers in the classrooms throughout the year as our children learn about the wealth of Jewish folklore and stories. Also during the year, the older grades will be studying more about important leaders in American Jewish history as we mark the 350th Anniversary of Jews in America. We look forward to a wonderful year of sharing and learning.

Our Junior Congregation program had a wonderful start during the High Holy Days. The first Junior Congregation for the regular year will take place on October 16th at 10:30 a.m. in the Music Room. The program is coordinated by Steve Davis-Rosenbaum and led this year by Heidi Zimmerman with help from our Religious School Aides. We encourage parents to attend with their kids!

Senior Chai, our OZS and TAI Jewish study program for 11th and 12th graders continues to meet monthly during the year as we discuss issues concerning social ethics and values. The next session for Senior Chai is October 13th at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in participating and need more information please contact or Rabbi Cohen.

Daily Minyan

Our daily minyan continues to meet each afternoon Monday-Thursday at 5:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please come and help make a minyan!

Shabbat at OZS

Celebrating Shabbat is always the focus of our weekly events here at OZS. We have an alternating Friday evening schedule. On the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month, the service is at 6:00 p.m., while on the 2nd and 4th Fridays, the service is at 7:30 p.m.. Please call the office to check on times as this month the times may be altered due to Sukkot and other activities. Stewart Home will be here for their monthly Shabbat at OZS on Friday, October 15th, at 6:00 p.m..

Join us for our spirited Shabbat Morning Service each Saturday morning at 9:45 a.m.. Kiddush Lunch follows the service each week. Our Shabbat worship on October 29-30th will be quite special as we celebrate with Kayla Bryan as she becomes a Bat Mitzva. Mazal Tov, Kayla!

Youth Group News

LEXUSY has a very exciting and busy October planned as OZS hosts the CRUSY (Central States Region of United Synagogue Youth) Fall Boards. Nearly 100 USYers and staff will be here October 21-24 for this special kinnus. USYers will be helping out with the Friday evening and Saturday morning Shabbat services and be taking part in special meals and activities. This is the third time in the last 5 years that we have hosted this regional event. If you would like to help out with staffing the weekend or are willing to provide housing for the USYers or staff during the weekend, please call the office.

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THE LEXINGTON CHAPTER OF HADASSAH NEWS

Elise Mandel, President

Reflections on Sukkot

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This month we enjoy the holiday of Sukkot, and we celebrate the harvest and the rain that is still to fall. We keep in our thoughts those who have already had too much rain! It is a time to enjoy the uniqueness of the sukkah, which reminds us of the huts our people built in the wilderness for temporary shelter.

Today most people have permanent shelters in which to live. However, many seek shelter that is both practical and spiritual. As the world faces the global impact of terrorism, we feel the sense of security, safety,

and shelter crumbling before us. It is not enough that we leave these responses to others; the issues now affect each of us in our daily lives and have an impact on us and all of our families. The legacy of the 40-year journey in the wilderness in search of permanent homes is one that we must now remember and continue to work towards. It envelops us and enjoins us to stand up and identify as Jews and most importantly, to understand and articulate the issues of the day. Today, more than ever, we must each be responsible to learn how to respond to those who would seek to destroy our Jewish community, our global community, and our homeland, Israel.

Hadassah programs and resources are designed to educate not only individuals but whole communities. We urge you to become an activist and to speak out to protect our core values and beliefs. Through education, we can help surround ourselves and our families with the shelter of safety and security, of continuity and identity. It is a compelling reason to belong to Hadassah.

In the next month, Hadassah will be conducting its annual Donor Campaign. As always, there are so many worthy and important components of Haddasah: the Emergency Center for Medicine;

Youth Aliyah; the College of Technology; programs for teens, women, and children; political activism; and all health issues.

During this season of autumn renewal and hope, we look to the shelter of the sukkah as symbolic of both the protection and fragility of those shelters in our life. As Hadassah members, we understand that we must continually educate ourselves, speak out on the issues, and work to protect both our real and spiritual shelters so that we can make a difference for the future of our people. May we look forward to a peaceful life for us and all our families.



AROUND THE COMMUNITY



CKJF - Central Kentucky Jewish Federation • 1050 Chinoe Road • Suite 203 • 268-0672 • David Feinberg, President

OZS - Ohavay Zion Synagogue • 2048 Edgewater Court • 266-8050 • Nancy Hoffman, President
Daily Minyan Mon.-Thurs. at 5:45 p.m.; Kabbalat Services on the 1st and 3rd Friday evenings at 6:00 p.m.,
on the 2nd and 4th Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. • Shabbat Services Saturday at 9:45 a.m.

TAI - Temple Adath Israel • 124 N. Ashland Avenue • 269-2979 • Starr Gantz, President
Shabbat Services Friday 7:30 p.m.; Worship Service Saturday 10:30 a.m.

HAD - The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah • Elise Mandel • President

HAV - The Lexington Havurah • 272-1459 • Gail Cohen, President • Shabbat Services monthly. Call for schedule.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Tikkun Meeting			• Danielle Heller Bat Mitzvah TAI • CKJF office closed	• Sukkot • Danielle Heller Bat Mitzvah TAI
26	27	28	29	30	October 1	2
• Sukkot • Havurah Service - Sukkot/Soup in the Sukkah	Sukkot	• Sukkot • OZS Board Meeting • TAI Board Meeting	• Sukkot • Hoshanah Rabah	• Shmini Atzeret • CKJF office closed	• Simchat Torah • CKJF office closed	
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Shalom deadline		Chabad-Rabbi Litvin visits		Tikkun delivers Moveable Feast	• Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan • Marshall Roorda Bar Mitzvah - TAI	• Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan • Marshall Roorda Bar Mitzvah - TAI
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			• CKJF executive Committee Meeting 6 PM • CKJF Board Meeting 7:30 PM	Hadassah Donor Phonathon	Kayla Bryant Bat Mitzvah - OZS	Rebecca & Alexandra Fleishman B'Nai Mitzvah - TAI
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		• OZS Board Meeting • TAI Board Meeting				
31	November 1	2	3	4	5	6
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