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Central Kentucky Jewish Federation to sponsor Holocaust related play at the Lexington Children's Theater

Hana's Suitcase to play in October

The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, through its Community Relations Committee, is proud to sponsor the local presentation of *Hana's Suitcase* at the Lexington Children's Theater. The play is based on a book by Karen Levine, adapted for the stage by Emil Sher, which tells the true story of young Japanese students and their teacher who try to uncover the real story of Hana Brady. Hana, a young Jewish girl, once lived a happy life in Czechoslovakia before the Nazis turned her world into a real-life nightmare. Through these captivated students we learn to appreciate the preciousness of life, as well as of the objects and people we hold dear.

Hana's Suitcase comes to LCT in only its second appearance in the United States. Larry Snipes, the director, feels that the story told by Hana carries an important message that should be heard by all. The Community Relations Committee has been working with the staff at the Lexington Children's Theater to make the experience as meaningful as possible, including a Q&A session with the cast and crew of the play after their October 14 performance. The initiative includes bringing students from Lexington's public and private schools to see the play.

The committee and the theater are also working to complement the play with a meaningful exhibit of Holocaust artifacts, some local and some belonging to Cincinnati's Center for the Holocaust and Humanity.



Hana's Suitcase will be performed on the LCT main stage October 14 at 2:00 p.m., October 20 at 7:30 p.m., and October 21 at 2:00 and 4:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the Lexington Children's Theatre Box Office, (859) 254-4546 ext. 245 or online at www.lctonstage.org.

— CAMPAIGN NEWS —

CKJF to hold "Havdalah under the Stars"

Event will bring insight into Ethiopian aliyah

By Robert Grossman

On Saturday, October 6 at 8:00 p.m., the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation will hold a special program, "Havdalah under the Stars," at the home of Ronit and Avi Eres, in Lexington. It will feature Zion Uness, who will share his firsthand stories

of Ethiopians who made aliyah and their integration into Israeli society. He will give us a window into some amazing stories of the homecoming of a fascinating Jewish community.

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Hadassah National Convention time well spent

First-time attendee finds pride and inspiration

By Jane Chaput

"Now is the Time" was the theme of this year's 93rd Hadassah National Convention in New York City this July. And what a time it was. From the super-funny comedian Joel Chasnoff to super-serious discussions of the state of the world and of the Middle East, it was both a time to laugh and a time to reflect.

This convention had something for everyone. Our Lexington delegation consisted of thirteen women and men committed to furthering Hadassah's mission to strengthen our partnership with Israel, ensure Jewish continuity, and realize their potential as a dynamic force in American society. The six plenary sessions were attended by all 2,500 delegates. They covered a range of topics including organization business (the treasury, elections of new

officers), a look at the important issues of the day for Jews in the United States and Israel by Rabbi Daniel Gordis, and an exploration of Islam by a panel consisting of author and advocate Irshad Manji, author and journalist Judith Miller, and author and commentator Douglas Murray. It was moderated by Marvin Kalb, Senior Fellow, Shorenstein Center on Press, Politics and Public Policy, Harvard University; correspondent Andrea Mitchell led a wide-ranging discussion of the national scene.

At the opening plenary, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg received the prestigious Henrietta Szold Award as "a man of character, integrity and vision" for his "support of charitable causes and issues concerning freedom and social justice

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Wanted: A few good letter writers

The Community Relations Committee is looking for additional people to participate in its letter-to-the-editor program. They would join an existing group who routinely write letters to the editor of the *Herald-Leader* on a variety of issues pertinent to Judaism, Israel, social justice, and the like. Each person writes about one letter every two to three months. Other than being supportive of Jewish causes, there is no particular point of view to be espoused. A schedule of letter writing is distributed in advance to the group. In addition, each person receives a reminder a few days in advance, and sometimes a suggestion of the topic to be addressed. If you wish to join this dedicated group or just want more information, please contact David Wekstein, co-chair Community Relations Committee, at (859) 269-4454 or mwdwrek@insightbb.com.

Do you...

- Have an interesting story or memoir you'd like to tell the community about?
- Have a burning desire to interview someone in the community and then write about it in *Shalom*?
- Have a secret interest in writing an occasional story for *Shalom* (don't wait for us to ask you—we won't know you're interested if you don't tell us)?
- Know someone in the community with an interesting story (even if you don't feel up to writing it yourself)?

If you recognize yourself (or someone you know—go ahead, rat on him) here, please email Ruth Poley at rpg@insightbb.com.

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Deadline for articles for the October *Shalom* is September 10.

Email articles to di-ifr@bardstown.com.

Articles submitted in hard copy should be double-spaced.

TAI Sisterhood plans another year of exciting events

First meeting will be Wednesday, September 19

The TAI Sisterhood will present a full calendar of interesting and informative meetings during the 2007-2008 year.

First on the calendar is the opening meeting, traditionally an invitation to new members and an introduction to sisterhood and its functions. This meeting will be on Wednesday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the Temple. We encourage everyone to attend, whether you are presently a member or not. You can see old friends and perhaps meet some new ones as we share dessert and good fellowship. Call Sandee at TAI (269-2979) to let us know you're coming.

Our October meeting, on Wednesday the 17th, will give us an opportunity to explore the Lexington mounted police facility on West Sixth Street. We'll meet at the Temple for a box lunch at noon and then carpool over to learn about this interesting arm of the police department and watch a demonstration of the horses at work. This meeting is open to spouses and other guests.

We have been invited to Maxwell Place, the home of UK President and Mrs. Todd in February, where Patsy Todd will give us an insight into her life as the wife of a university president.

In April we will meet again with the women of Christ the King Women's Club as they have invited us to their church for the evening.

Other programs are in the planning stage but you can count on the third Wednesday of every month from now through May (except for the second Wednesday in November, the 14th, so as not to conflict with Thanksgiving) for an interesting program from your TAI Sisterhood. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. ☆

Hadassah convention (from page 1)

[and]. . . for his commitment to public health and environmental issues. . . " Mayor Bloomberg's 98-year-old mother is kvelling in Boston that her son is following in her Hadassah footsteps!

That evening, it was with a great sense of collective pride that we learned that Henrietta Szold will be inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame later this year. Ms. Szold founded Hadassah in 1912 after she discovered a pressing need for medical services in what was then Palestine. Over the past 95 years our growth has been nothing short of phenomenal and we are now the largest Jewish women's Zionist organization in the world.

The campaign to raise funds for the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower addition to Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem was inaugurated at Tuesday's afternoon session. Thanks to a very generous donation of \$75 million from the Bill and Karen Davidson of Detroit, Michigan in honor of Bill's mother, this campaign has reached 87 percent of its goal. Mrs. Davidson was a founding member of the Detroit chapter of Hadassah. With a goal of \$210 million, this campaign is not only the largest in Hadassah's history, it is the first to be conceived, planned, and executed almost entirely by volunteers.

A time to rest? Not at this convention. Every available minute was filled with forums and workshops. We learned, among other things, about Young Judea, Israeli art, high tech issues here and in Israel, Hadassah Hospital, Hadassah College, how to complete a mail campaign, how to write an award-winning newsletter, Youth Aliyah, talking to our legislators, the nursing shortage, and how to define our relationship to Israel. The list goes on and on.

And in the meantime, we played that always-delightful game, Jewish Geography. From the perspective of this first-time attendee, the 93rd Annual Hadassah Convention was time well spent. ☆

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For more information about these events, to
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location, please contact our JFS Director,
Abby Miller. (859)269-8244 or jfs@jewishlexington.org



President's Message

Linda Ravvin



The High Holidays are the most solemn of our Jewish religious observances. They mark the time of year for introspection, self-evaluation, and reconciling with others. It is the quintessential "turn over a new leaf" time in the Jewish year. Each one of us has the opportunity, and indeed the obligation, to take full account of our actions and inactions, our positive attitudes and our negative outlooks, our kindnesses to others and occasions missed.

It is the ideal time to consider how, as individuals, we can do more.

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More to Learn

More to Help

More to Participate

More to Lead

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Enthusiasm to Help Make
Our Community Better.

Wishing a happy, healthy and
peaceful year to all of you. ✨

Camps Shalom and Gesher sizzle during the record high temperatures

It's never over, just a new start to
planning!

The year 2007 was a great one for camp. Even though it reached almost 100 degrees many days, the kids had a great time and not only kept hydrated, but went home telling some great stories. Mom Rachel Belin writes, "Sarah is absolutely loving Camp Shalom—despite the heat! The staff has been so loving and attentive and the activities are so engaging that she comes home practically bursting at the seams with excitement. Brother Ben could not be more jealous of her daily descriptions of the new friends, pool, crafts, cooking, singing and other activities. She is in heaven!"

So many thank you's are due to all involved in camp this year. Once again, it was a community effort led by our seven-year veteran director Kathy Feinberg with Elissa Brown by her side, along with returning senior staff member Penina Goldstein, who led the camp with art enrichment activities and did a fabulous job with all campers of Camp Shalom and Gesher. Our staff has a total of more than 120 years of combined experience and seniority. We feel fortunate to have the same dedicated counselors, group leaders, and senior staffers return every year to share in this community endeavor as positive role models to our campers.

Besides staff, we also have returning volunteers each year. There are storytellers, cooking *chug* leaders, singers, and song leaders as well as specialists who either teach or talk to campers about special experiences.

Robert Ziegler takes off at least two days each year from his full time job to teach archery. The kids loved it again this year, thank you to Robert for his third year at camp. He is great with kids and is a natural teacher, as well as being very cautious in teaching safety along with archery skills.

Thank you to Stephanie Barrett, who came out three mornings of Week One to lead songs. She and the campers had a lot of fun and really got up and moved. It was a great way to start the day. She even brought a cupcake and led the singing of "Happy Birthday" in Hebrew for Rabbi Kline on Shabbat morning. We were happy to have Rabbi Kline's involvement on two days of Week One as well, including his actual birthday on Monday

and his participation in an early Shabbat observance. His presence gave campers a better idea of what Shabbat means, as did our breaking and enjoying the delicious challah made by our own Kathy Feinberg.

Another special thank you goes to Jonathan Miller, who came out all five mornings during Week Two of camp even though his children did not attend this year. Jonathan has been a Camp Shalom song leader/musician for five years. The campers love his singing and guitar playing and identify his music as "our camp" songs; they know all the words and melodies by the second day and are eager to perform with Jonathan. He has some join him on stage and calls them his "doo-wop group." Jonathan, a former camper and counselor himself, and his entire family have always made special efforts to be a part of Camp Shalom, and now of Camp Gesher. Thank you, Miller family!

One of the most important yet least favorite jobs of camp is the schlepping in and out of camp. We have to store the items in a locker throughout the year, bring them out before camp starts, and take them back as camp ends. This year we had some special volunteers to help. Besides our executive director, who fearlessly drives the truck every year, we had the Kash family—Neil, Marah, and Jacob—as well as David Feinberg and Micah Kaufman for the move in. The move out was led by Daniel, helped by Jessica and Chaz Foster and Jana and Ryan LaZur.

Einat Dvir joined our staff in Camp Gesher but also met with all groups at Camp Shalom. She had camp-

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Camp (from page 4)

ers go through a mock army training course, taught Israeli dancing, and talked with campers about Israel. She shared her Army and Navy experiences and talked about life in Israel. Einat came to our camp after having worked at Camp Livingston in Indiana for ten weeks this summer. She is planning to attend university in Beersheva. Thank you to Ronit and Avi Eres for hosting Einat during her stay in Lexington.

A final thank you is owed to CKJF's Tamara Ohayon, who served as our technology person at camp. She ran a one-hour media *chug* each day with Geshher campers. She taught them photography skills, picture composition, and photoshop editing skills. Their work is featured in the center spread. We are very proud of our campers and grateful for Tamara's leadership in this area. Tamara also set up all equipment for the parent presentations on the last day of each week, as well as movie-theater-quality systems so the kids could cool down with water, popsicles, and a movie on the afternoons when the mercury rose the highest. Visit our website at www.jewishlexington.org to see more pictures and to view your children at camp year round.

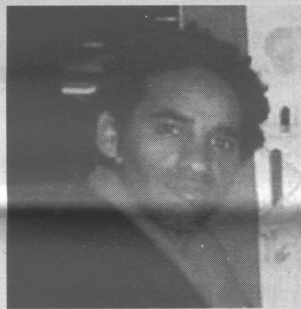
Please find the ad on this page of *Shalom* to see the entire list of volunteers and staff to plan for our 40th anniversary. Please call Jana at the office if you have any old pictures or ideas, or would like to be part of the planning committee or the Camp Shalom planning committee. She can be reached at jana@jewishlexington.org or (859) 268-0672. ☆

Havdalah (from page 1)

The Ethiopian Jewish community has a history that parallels that of Jews everywhere. Though called *Falasha* ("Landless") by their non-Jewish neighbors, they call themselves "Beta Israel." They reconnected with world Jewry beginning at the end of the 18th century. While the majority have already made aliyah, many remain in Ethiopia waiting for the opportunity to go to Israel. The American Jewish community, through the JDC, provides these people with medical and educational services while they wait for exit permission from the Ethiopian government.

After Havdalah, there will be a chance to chat with friends, listen to music, and indulge in tasty desserts (both the healthy kind and the less so). To make sure we have enough desserts for everyone, we ask you to RSVP by September 20 by calling the CKJF office at (859) 268-0672.

Those who have already pledged to the 2007 CKJF/UJC Community Campaign are invited to attend, as



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well as those who have not already made a pledge. The minimum contribution for the event is \$150 per individual or \$250 per couple. If you wish, you can contribute online prior to the event by visiting <http://www.jewishlexington.org> and clicking on the "Donate Now" button. You can pay by credit card if you wish, or even arrange for monthly payments.

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"Camp totally rocked this summer!"

Anonymous

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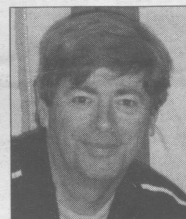
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From the Executive Director

Daniel Chejfec



A tale of four Jews

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Jewish tradition is full of stories about four kinds of people. We have the story of the four children in Passover, the four *minim* in Sukkoth, and so on. I would like to add my own take on it: a tale of four Jews.

The first Jew is the one for whom being Jewish is inconsequential; this one knows she or he is Jewish, but being Jewish is unimportant. This Jew is uninterested in learning or interacting with other Jews, knows very little about Jewish heritage, yet does not wish to learn more. This Jew is well on the way to shedding Jewish identity, convinced that, by giving up what makes Jews different, acceptance by gentiles—the ultimate goal—will be achieved. To this Jew I say, “we miss you”; if you ever want to come back, you have our address and the door is open for you—come in without knocking. Accepting one’s Jewish identity is a choice today: if some choose to remain on the outside and refuse to take the initiative to accept the inheritance and the charge of being Jewish, we will not be able to change them. The change must come from within themselves, from a personal need to absorb the experience of our ancestors, make it theirs, and apply it to the reality of our time.

The second Jew does not know how to ask, but is interested in who he or she is. This Jew is timid with the questions but has a “gut feeling” (“the kishkes factor”) of being a Jew, is interested in embracing the inheritance

but does not even know where to start. Usually, this Jew comes to events, plays a passive role trying to absorb what happens but is too embarrassed to ask questions about what being Jewish means. For this Jew, I would prepare a welcoming and non-judgmental environment of freedom to ask questions, or at least to have access to the answers for questions unasked. This person is sitting on the fence and wants in, but feels that the club is too exclusive and feels uncomfortable about joining, because of not knowing Hebrew, or being unfamiliar with

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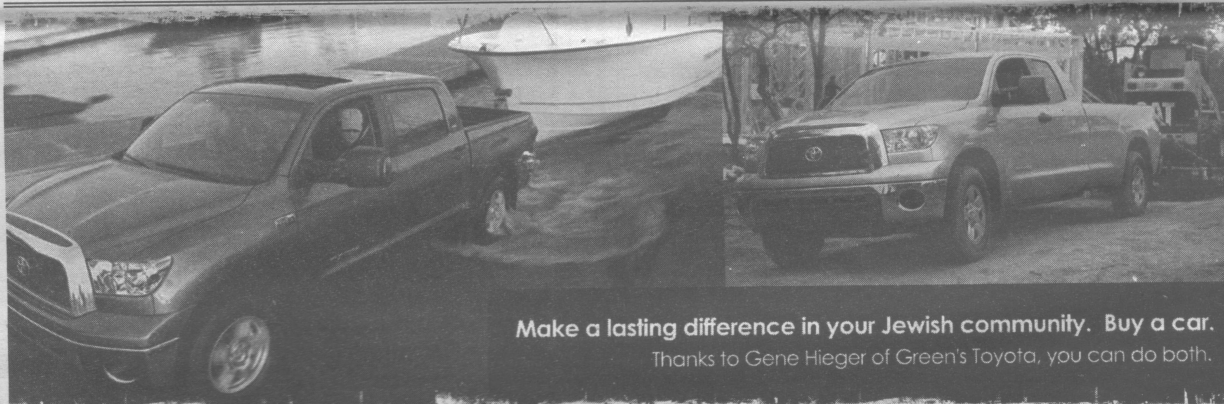
the prayers, or feeling estranged from community life. In any case, we need to reach out; this Jew will come through the door if we open it wide.

The third Jew is ready to ask questions and actively seek answers. This Jew is usually engaged with other Jews socially and intellectually, and is often affiliated with one or more Jewish organizations. This Jew wants to absorb the answers, wants to consume Judaism and learn about the tradition, the history, and the Jewish experience. This is the Jew we all like, the one we all want to have, the one who wants to be involved and sometimes even serves on committees.

The fourth Jew has been engaged for a while seeking answers, studying, participating, contributing time and money to the Jewish enterprise. This is the Jew who can help others along the way. This is the potential leader, the one who can articulate a vision and share it—even if not always putting the vision into action. To this Jew you can only give all your support.

The funny thing about these four Jews, however, is that unlike the *minim* and unlike the four sons of Passover who are presented as distinct and different from each other by nature, the four Jews in this tale can be one and the same. At some point in our lives, we have all been one or the other or even all of them. The job of Jewish organizations is to encourage people to move along the way from being the first Jew to the fourth. It is true that

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Third Opinion

Stanley Ned Rosenbaum, PhD

Tangerine

You may have heard that Sen. John Edwards' wife made a dainty faux pas recently when she suggested the family might have to do without tangerines. This was her response to the realization that it costs a lot in energy to transport them from California to South Carolina. However, it also points to a larger problem in our society, a problem we could call 24/7.

We want what we want when we want it and that's no matter what "it" is. In the late 60s in Israel my family learned a better approach to life and have practiced it ever since.

Before 1968 I hadn't practiced much of anything Jewish so it was all new and wonderful to me. One of the new things I learned, of course, was the *shehecheyanu*, the blessing we say almost at the drop of a hat for arriving at this point in time, whatever point "this" is.

One of its uses is to bless the first fruit of any crop, in any season that one consumes it. In Israel the seasons seem to follow hard one upon the other so there's no lack of fresh produce. And the oranges and grapefruits and pomelos right off the trees, or so it seems, are to die for. The thing is, you can't get everything you might like to eat every time you go to the store because they're not always in season.

We came back to the U.S., reluctantly, in 1970. Ours was a small college in a small town that also happened to have a farmers market. Well, we were on that like white on rice.

Local organic chicken, lamb, and beef. (We had to explain to Mr. Eby, the nice pork merchant, that we didn't eat his products for religious reasons.) In the spring, red raspberries; chestnuts in the fall, along with the best tomatoes and apples I'd had since I was a child.

Once you remind yourself how good fresh produce can taste, you don't want to buy the stuff out of season. I wouldn't think of buying a peach from anyone but Maurice Fegenbush

at the Bardstown farmers market that recently opened. And his apples are incomparable. This year will be a sore trial because all of his peach trees were blooming when a late cold snap killed the fruit.

It's true, I admit, that I sometimes sneak into Kroger under cover of darkness and buy fruit out of season, but this is mainly because we have the grandchildren over for breakfast five times a week. Left to my own devices, I would do without.

Everything is a treat if you have to wait for its season to roll around. But that's the genius of it.

Anticipation, as I'm sure you know, is a large part of enjoyment. The psychologists call it "delayed gratification" and it explains why some Jews still wait for the Messiah and others root for the Cubs.

The thing is, waiting works. We light the first fire of the season about the time the chestnuts come in, and roasted chestnuts—they can be a little tricky—are a treat. Everything is a treat if you have to wait for its season to roll around. But that's the genius of it. There's always something rolling into season so you always have a treat to look forward to.

A variation on this is the four fasts that dot the Jewish calendar. Anyone who has ever fasted knows how good the food tastes after doing without for a day.

Do we eat tangerines? Yes, occasionally, and bananas, too. But I wouldn't have fresh tangerines on my table every day if Arnold Schwarzenegger himself offered to deliver them. I prefer to enjoy earth's bounty in season, as the original design called for. ☆

Stanley Ned Rosenbaum, PhD (Brandeis), is an adjunct professor of Hebrew at UK and professor emeritus of Judaic Studies at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Penn. The title of this recurring column is drawn from the old chestnut, "Two Jews, three opinions."



The officers, trustees and staff of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation wish the Jewish community in Central Kentucky a happy and healthy new year 5768

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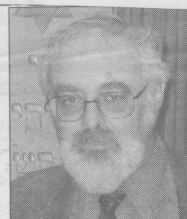
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Ask a Rabbi

Rabbi H. D. Uriel Smith



Q Why don't Israelis write with vowels and why doesn't the Torah include the vowels?

A You could ask the same question of speakers and writers of Syriac (a dialect of Aramaic) and Arabic.

These three languages, along with many others, are Semitic languages. The languages of this family have grammatical systems that make it easy for readers of unvocalized texts to fill in the missing vowels. Verbs have certain forms including set vowels, and nouns have other forms with their set vowels. So, as long as you recognize whether you have reached a verb or a noun, you automatically add the appropriate sounds between the indicated consonants.

This is why the inventor of the alphabet developed an alphabet with only consonants. The ancient Greeks called that inventor "Kadmos." The name derives from the Phoenician-Hebrew word *kedem*, which means "East." Kadmos could have been a nickname meaning "Easterneer."

We do not know the real name of the inventor, but we have a good idea of some of his characteristics.

Kadmos may well have been a Hebrew slave working as a foreman in the Egyptian mines in the Sinai desert, for the earliest examples of this script were found in a Sinai mine from around the 17th century BCE. The inventor knew the

Instead of having to spend years learning [a language with thousands of symbols], a child could learn the process in a few weeks.

Egyptian hieroglyphic writing, and he decided to extract from it some 22 signs that would form the Hebrew alphabet: Hebrew, and not Egyptian.

Hieroglyphics are formed from pictures representing words, syllables, and individual sounds. Thousands of symbols are used to represent all the Egyptian words. Many years of training were needed before a scribe could recognize all these symbols, so only a few educated people could read and write. Kadmos decided to simplify matters, and chose just two dozen or so symbols. Being a Canaanite-Phoenician-Hebrew speaker (these are all dialects of the same language), he decided to use the Hebrew names of the items depicted rather than the original Egyptian names. So he clearly

wanted to help his fellow slaves, and not the Egyptian taskmasters. The Hebrews could use it to send secret messages behind the backs of the Egyptians. Most Egyptians were illiterate, and they could not tell the difference between Hebrew

and Egyptian writing. But even Egyptian scribes would be confused, since they would see hieroglyphics that made no sense in Egyptian. This gave the Hebrews ways to communicate long distance without the Egyptians understanding what was going on.

The first letter Kadmos chose was the one depicting an "Aleph," a bull. The bull was an important animal symbolizing the supreme god, who according to the contemporary inscriptions was called "El." (The Canaanites also depicted their god, Baal, as a bull.) The second letter symbolized "Beit," a house and home. The third letter symbolized "Gomeh," a reed. Reeds were used to form the writing pens. Also, the papyrus on which scribes wrote was formed from the leaves of these reeds. (The Greeks still called this letter "Gamma." Centuries later the name of the letter was changed to "Gimel," naming it after "gamal," a camel.) The next letter was "Delet," a door. Its shape was roughly triangular, fitting the shape of a tent door. Then came the letter depicting "Hallel" or "Hey," depicting a man lifting up his arms in breathy prayer. The first sound of each of these names became the sound depicted by this letter.

The slave culture of the time is preserved in the depiction of "Lamed," learning or teaching. The symbol shows a rod or a whip, depicting a rather harsh form of teaching.

Indo-European speakers find it much more difficult to write their languages without vowels. We can understand what was written with consonants, but we have trouble with many of the words. So, when the Greeks picked up the alphabet, they soon added vowels into the mix. The Greek consonants still have Semitic names—"alpha, beta, gamma, delta,"—but the new vowels do not: "epsilon, upsilon, omicron, omega."

Kadmos, without realizing it democratized reading and writing. Instead of having to spend years learning, a child could learn the process in a few weeks. Messages could be sent off by an average slave, instead of waiting for help from a scribal aristocrat.

The lack of written vowels has several other advantages. A person writes the same materials in half the time. At school in Israel I could write down what the teacher said verbatim, practically keeping up with his or her speech. There is no need to create a shorthand for Hebrew. The size of books is halved. The books of the Bible were originally written on scrolls, each book generally taking one scroll. However, the Greek translations were usually twice as long, and needed two scrolls for several books of the Bible. This is why several of these books have two volumes: First and Second Samuel, First and Second Kings, First and Second Chronicles.

The emphasis on consonants made a difference in rhyming poetry. In European poetry the rhyme generally begins with a stressed vowel. For example, William Cowper wrote about the Bible:

A glory gilds the sacred page,
Majestic like the sun;
It gives a light to every age,
It gives, but borrows none.

Mediaeval Hebrew and Arabic poetry begin the rhyme with the consonant starting the rhyming syllable. We can see this in the rhyming poetry in our prayer books. For an example, check the "L'kha Dodi," which we sing to welcome in the Sabbath. Each verse has four tropes, starting with three rhyming with each other (for example, "ehad, m'yuhad, ehad" or "v'nelkha, hab'rakha, n'sukha") and the fourth ending with "lah," thereby rhyming with the refrain, "L'kha dodi likrat calah P'ney Shabbat n'kab'lah."

In each case the consonant beginning the syllable is part of the rhyme. Modern Israeli poetry

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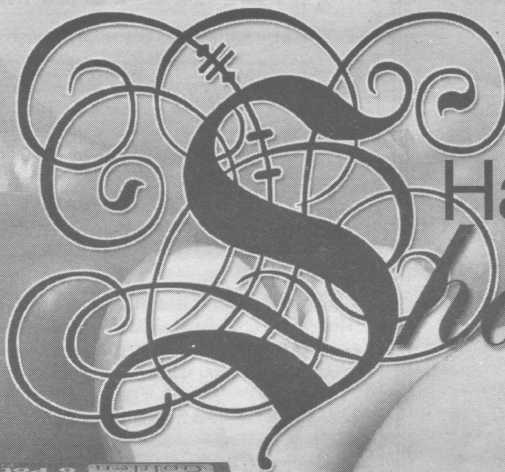
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Book Review

By Vivian Bitensky

***The Ministry of Special Cases*, Nathan Englander (Alfred A. Knopf: 2007)**



The Ministry of Special Cases, by Nathan Englander, takes place in Argentina during its "dirty war" when thousands of activists and students were arrested, tortured, and then disappeared. There was no justification for these arrests except that most were college students and many were Jewish. The novel centers on the disappearance of a teenage boy, Pato, the son of Kaddish Poznan and his wife, Lucille. Another important theme of this novel is a part of history that many Argentine Jews would like to forget. At one time Buenos Aires was a hub of Jewish prostitution. The descendants of these people are an embarrassment to Argentine's middle class Jews. The protagonist, Kaddish Pozan, is the son of a prostitute. He makes his living by erasing the names from the tombstones in the part of the cemetery where the prostitutes are buried, so that the other Jews in Buenos Aires would not be identified with them.

Kaddish and Lucille both fear for their son's safety because of the frightening atmosphere and the horrible rumors. Lucille buys a heavy steel door to protect their apartment from intruders and Kaddish burns most of his son's books to eliminate any that might be incriminating. Their work is to no avail, however. Men come and take Pato away. Kaddish goes to the police station. After being mocked by the detectives he is told that not only is there is no record of his son's arrest, there is no one named Pato. The parents try to prove that Pato exists.

They go to the Ministry of Special Cases, a bureaucratic nightmare, to get a writ of habeas corpus for their son so as to force the government to produce their son and either try him for a crime or let him go.

A further complication is that Pato no longer looks like his parents. As payment for a tombstone erasure a plastic surgeon has given Lucille and Kaddish new noses. Not only does Pato not look like them, they do not look Jewish. Lucille is unhappy with her new nose and bemoans the loss of her "Jewish identity." The parents try every possible way to find out what has happened to Pato. Kaddish is convinced he is dead and consults a rabbi on whether he can have a funeral for his son without his body. But Lucille continues to believe that he will come home and waits for her son's return.

This is a difficult but absorbing book. There are layers of symbols as well as literary and historical allusions. It left me with a lot of different feelings and many thoughts about our own society. This would be a worthwhile subject for a discussion group or book club. ✧



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1948 to 1956 – a changing Middle East (II) Israel and the Jewish world

The war of 1948 and Israel's declaration of independence were watershed events for world Jewry. During World War II, while some leaders of the American Jewish community spoke up in defense of European Jews and advocated American participation in the war to defeat Hitler, there were also some American Jewish leaders who spoke forcefully for isolationism and against American involvement in the war, and renouncing any responsibility vis-à-vis European Jews. Most prominent in this latter group were the American Council for Judaism and some Reform Rabbis who advocated classical Reform, defining Judaism as simply a religion. Both of these groups had also openly opposed the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine. The shock of coming face to face with the consequences of the Holocaust moved many of those who previously opposed American involvement to feel guilty and in need of redemption of some kind. Israel's independence provided one such opportunity.

At the same time, there were many among the rank and file of American Jews who had been strongly supportive of the Zionist enterprise, and in fact many of the ships used by the Haganah to smuggle "illegal" immigrants into British Palestine were crewed by American Jewish Zionist activists, including the famous *Exodus 1947*.

Israel's independence tipped the scales in favor of American Jewish support for Israel, a support that was nevertheless limited because of the relative powerlessness of American Jews at the time, the persistence of anti-Semitic attitudes among Americans in general, and the relative new-arrival status of many Jewish immigrants,

who were mostly concerned about making a living and establishing themselves in their new homeland.

This attitude change in favor of Israel would continue in the decades to come and would take a quantum leap forward after the 1967 war, not only among Jews but also among non-Jewish Americans.

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In Israel itself, this period of time was marked by a struggling economy, the stresses of immigrant and refugee absorption, and a general situation of scarcity. It was also marked by constant cross-border harassment by Palestinian Arab militants and the building up of the new Israel Defense Forces (IDF) that came about upon the merger of the pre-State paramilitary groups.

Through the first decade of statehood, Israel absorbed a large number of refugees coming from very diverse places, and tried to consolidate all those groups into an Israeli society. The first to come—having started to arrive even during the

1948 war—were Holocaust survivors who had been lingering in the Displaced Persons Camps of Europe. They came with nothing and no means of support, many of them ill or suffering the consequences of years of abuse by the Nazi extermination machine, but they also came with the determination to do whatever it took to ensure the survival and viability of a Jewish State. They provided Israel with a deep reservoir of will to survive and to thrive. Some of them established kibbutzim, and I will use one such case to illustrate their attitude.

One group of Shoah survivors arrived in Israel and established a kibbutz halfway between Tel Aviv and Gaza. They named it "Yad Mordechai" after Mordechai Anielewicz, one of the leaders of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. When the Egyptian troops advanced toward Tel Aviv, it was this kibbutz that halted their advance and bought the time the Yishuv needed to organize the defense of Tel Aviv. Many of those who participated in the battle of Yad Mordechai openly acknowledged that they saw their fight against the Egyptian army as a continuation of their fight against the Nazis, and this attitude was far from unique among the survivors.

After the signing of the armistice, Israel had to deal with the consequences of winning the war, including a flood of Jewish refugees from Arab countries fleeing government harassment and popular anti-Jewish violence, promoted by the Islamists and the Grand Mufti, but also encouraged by Arab leadership as a way to deflect anger over the defeat of their armies. The anti-Jewish legislation passed by the Egyptian government in 1947, along with pogroms that followed the Egyptian defeat in 1948, promoted a steady flow of Egyptian Jews out of Egypt, many of them to Israel. Of the 60,000 Jews formerly living in Egypt only 30,000 were left by 1949.

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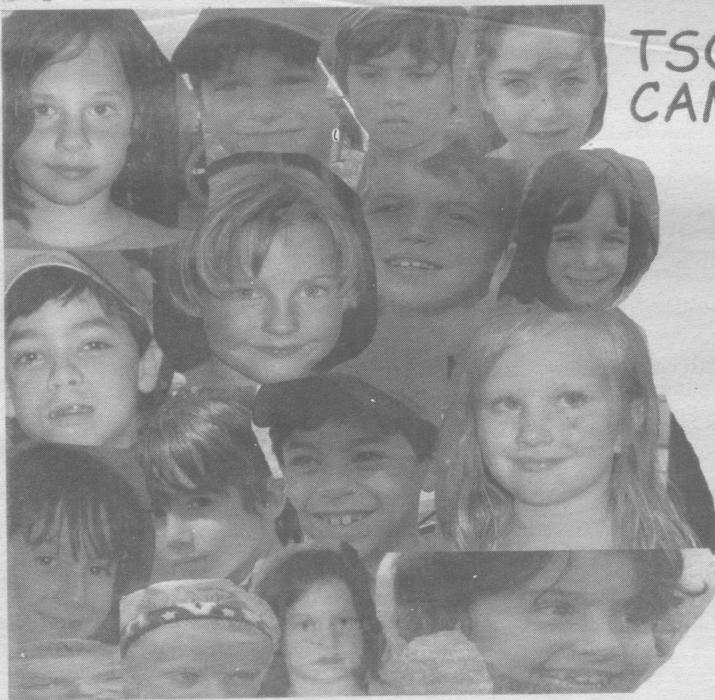
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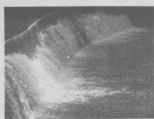


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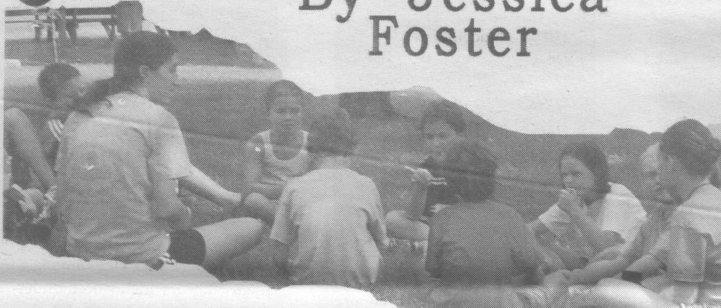
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By Jessica Foster



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History (from page 11)

In the wake of anti-Jewish attacks in Yemen and Iraq, the Yishuv organized special rescue operations.

The first such operation was nicknamed "Magic Carpet," although the official name was "On the Wings of Eagles." Following the 1948 war, anti-Jewish riots erupted throughout the then-British colony of Aden and Jews began to gather, hoping to leave for Israel. Appropriately, their gathering place in Aden was called "Camp Geulah" (*geulah* means "redemption"). With the secret approval of Imam Ahmad bin Yahya, the operation was started in June 1949 and extended through September 1950. By the time it was done, 47,000 Yemenite Jews—1,500 from the colony of Aden and 500 from Eritrea and Djibouti—had made their way to Israel. Only 300 Jews remained in Yemen.

A second massive operation was called "Ezra and Nehemiah." In 1950, the British government allowed the emigration of Iraqi Jews to Israel, prompting many thousands to apply for permits. For many the memory of the Farhoud, the pro-Nazi Baghdad pogrom, of 1941 was very fresh in their minds. According to Iraqi law, they had to sell their properties and renounce their citizenship. Desperate to leave, many sold their properties at ridiculous

prices. In the first month after the announcement, 50,000 Jews had gathered in Baghdad waiting for their permits. Two months later, the number was 90,000. In mid-May 1951 the first planes left Iraq for Israel via Cyprus, and the last plane left in the beginning of 1952. All told, about 130,000 Jews left Iraq for Israel in Operation Ezra and Nehemiah.

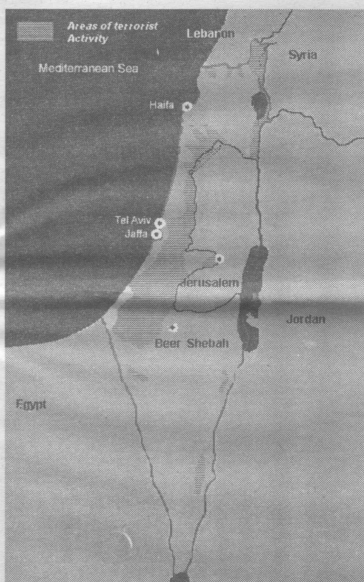
Parallel to these well-publicized operations, a steady flow of Jews from Arab lands converged in Israel over the years. The new country, with a fledgling economy, struggled to absorb them all. Most were housed in tent-cities known as *ma'abarot*; some were given abandoned Arab houses.

One of the most urgent needs was, of course,

to create jobs for all these immigrants to facilitate their absorption into the new Israeli society. Ben Gurion's cabinet developed a series of public works initiatives in partnership with the Keren Kayemet (JNF) and the Jewish Agency. Many of the immigrants were absorbed into the construction industry building the homes for the immigrants and building roads and other infrastructure throughout the country.

While absorbing a flood of refugees that was almost doubling the Jewish population of Israel, the young state also had to deal with increasing cross-border raiding by Palestinian terrorists. We will explore in future articles the development of the Muslim Brotherhood in Gaza and the birth of Fatah, but as to give an idea now: as a result of terrorist attacks based in Gaza, Egypt, the West Bank, or Jordan, 41 Israelis were killed in 1951, 40 in 1952, 46 in 1953, 41 in 1954, 30 in 1955, and 53 in 1956, as well as 61 Israelis killed in terrorist attacks originating in Lebanon during that period. All in all, 312 Israelis were killed between 1951 and 1955 by terrorist attacks.

It became obvious to Israel that they needed to find ways to fight the terrorist threat, so IDF special operations targeted the villages from which the terrorists operated. The most important IDF operations in this period of time were:



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11/2/1955 – Sabkha (Egypt)
9/11/1956 – Ar Rahwa (West Bank)
9/13/1956 – Gharandal (Jordan)
9/25/1956 – Husan (West Bank)
10/10/1956 – Qalqilya (West Bank)

All these were hit-and-run operations. The Kibya operation of 1953 was undertaken by a special unit code-named "101" under the command of one Ariel Sharon. During this operation, Sharon ordered the demolition of the houses of the terrorists, a policy that Israel would uphold over the years. The intention of the policy was to diminish the support of the local population for terrorist groups.

The Western powers, including the United States, saw Israel as an ally, but a weak one that could easily become a liability. Because of this perception, Israel was in a difficult and vulnerable position, but this would begin to change in 1956 and would definitely turn around in 1967. In these early years, Israel enjoyed the sympathy of most European nations, chief among them France, which would undertake the protection of the Israeli coastline during the war of 1956.

It is important to remember that all this was happening in Israel against the background of what I described in my previous article as changes in the Arab world. The next article will be dedicated to the political realignment in the Middle East after the 1948 war. ✧

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Ruth Poley



As Rosh Hashanah approaches, and we start thinking of our holiday meals, it's sometimes nice to be able to prepare a new dish instead of all the old standbys. Of course, most of them are old standbys because they're so good, but there's always room for improvement or, now and then, just something different. Why not punch up your menu this year with something new? This recipe for Cranberry-Apple Torte will get apples onto your Rosh Hashanah table in an intriguing new way. The crust is easy to make (as is the filling), and the whole torte takes only a few ingredients.

This recipe comes from one of Susie Fishbein's "Kosher by Design" series of cookbooks, *Picture Perfect Food for the Holidays and Every Day*. ☆

Cranberry-Apple Torte

Crust

- 2 cups all-purpose flour, sifted
- 2 cups dark brown sugar
- 1 1/2 cups oatmeal (quick-cooking or 1-minute type)
- 2 sticks margarine, melted
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon

Filling

- 4 Cortland apples, peeled and cut into small chunks
- 1 (16-ounce) can whole berry cranberry sauce
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour

In a medium bowl, combine the apples, cranberry sauce, and flour. Mix all together and pour into the crust. Sprinkle the reserved oat mixture over the top. Use the back of a spoon to gently press the oats so that they evenly cover the top and meet the crust that is coming up the sides; this is what will enclose the filling. Bake for 40 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 375. Heavily coat a 9-inch springform pan with nonstick spray; set aside.

In a large bowl, mix the flour, brown sugar, oats, margarine, and cinnamon. Reserve 1 1/2 (one-half) cups of this mixture. Press the remainder into the prepared pan and halfway up the sides with the palm of your hand.

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



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Ask a Rabbi (from page 8)

starts the rhymes with the vowels. But this is under the influence of European poetry.

As long as most Jews spoke Hebrew it was easy to write the texts without vowels. By the 9th century C.E. most Jews spoke the local languages, which in the Middle East was Aramaic or Arabic. So these Jews needed a guide as to which vowel to put in. Two sets of vowel systems were invented. In Eretz Yisrael the system (called the Tiberian system) had most of the vowel marks under the letters. The Babylonian system had most of the marks above the letters. The system from the Holy Land eventually won. It is the system we still use.

When we returned to Zion, Hebrew again became a living language. So again it is largely written without vowels. There are three areas where the vowel signs are still normally used. Newcomers and children need extra help in reading, so their texts are still vocalized. Second, poetry often uses language in unique ways, making it uncertain as to which ways the words are vocalized. So poetry is always printed as a vocalized text. And third, the sacred texts of the Bible, and the texts in the prayer books are generally vocalized in printed books. Other texts, where the authors or editors consider it important to be accurate, will also be vocalized.

We can see now why the Torah scrolls, and the other biblical books written on scrolls, are written without vowels. The answer is, "Tradition." Scrolls that are read in public in the synagogue are written much as they were when they originally became part of the Bible: on parchment, with a pen made from a reed or a feather, with black ink, by hand. Since the vowel marks were invented centuries later, in the 9th century C.E., the scrolls are written without vowels. They

are thus much more "authentic" than the newfangled printed books, which were first created merely four centuries ago. The scrolls thereby disclose an aura of ancient sanctity.

So, how do we know what vowels to use in texts that require vowels? Through a study of Hebrew grammar. Most Israelis, because they rarely use written vowels, do not know which signs to put in under the consonants. They will usually confuse the Qamatz and Patah, or the Tzeyreh and Segol. So a special profession of vowel writing has appeared. The professionals know grammar well, and know which vowels to use. Poets who wish to publish their poetry will often hire such a professional to help them. Some computer programmers are now trying to develop programs to put in the correct vowels. However, because poetry is still unique, humans will be needed for a long time to check how correct the computers are. ✡

Have a question?

Ask a rabbi

The rabbis write columns in response to questions submitted by the readers. We encourage you—whether you are a member of the Jewish community or not—to submit your queries on theology, morality, ethics, religious observances, etc. for response by one of our rabbis.

If you have an issue you would like to see addressed, please email it to di-ifr@bardstown.com and put "Ask a Rabbi" in the subject line of your email. (It may take quite a while until your question is answered—or it may never be answered, if no rabbi selects it.) You will not be identified as the writer of the question to either rabbis or readers, nor will you be asked to specify which rabbi should answer.



HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM OZS

Ohavay Zion Synagogue

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a very happy and healthy 5768.

Four Jews (from page 6)

not everybody can be a leader, but everybody can be at least engaged deeply in Jewish communal life.

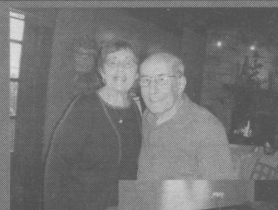
The Jewish People is all of us. When we assume responsibility for being Jewish, we accept the concept of *Kol Israel arevim ze b'ze*: "All Jews are responsible for one another." We are family. As in any family, there are those we like and those we actively dislike. It is not about liking; it is not about knowing; it is about caring. The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation

sees every Jew as part of who we are, the affiliated and the unaffiliated, the contributor and the non-contributor, the old and the young, the friendly and the hostile—because we are family. Help us open the doors of our community, of our home, to all of our family. That way we will be able to start together to really change the world and speak with a Jewish voice to the challenges of our time. That is the opportunity of Rosh Hashanah.

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A boat load of fun: CKJF cruises the Kentucky River

By Rachel Belin

With a slight nod to Baby Moses, dozens of families took a leisurely ride down the Kentucky River on a recent Sunday night. Sponsored by the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, the event—featuring bring-your-own picnic baskets—floated nearly everyone's boat.

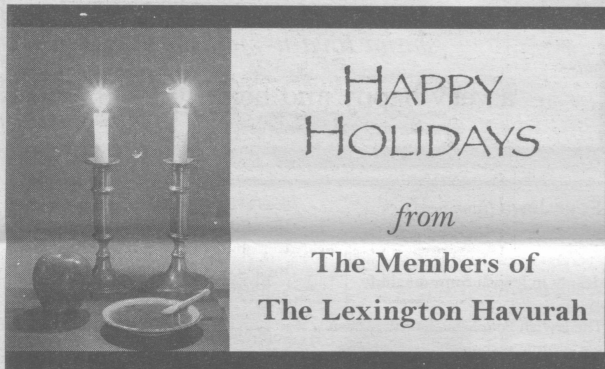
"We couldn't have had a nicer summer evening. The weather was gorgeous!" proclaimed Mimi Kaufman with husband, Micah, and kids Max, 9, and Lily, 7, in tow.

Organizers from the CKJF community activities committee said the event was designed to cap the summer and

help the area's newest Jewish families meet others in the community.

Elisa Klein and Seth Noar brought along son Jonah, 2, and agreed that the event was a hit. "It's so great to see people of all different ages and from all different affiliations in the Jewish community here," Seth said. "We need more of this."

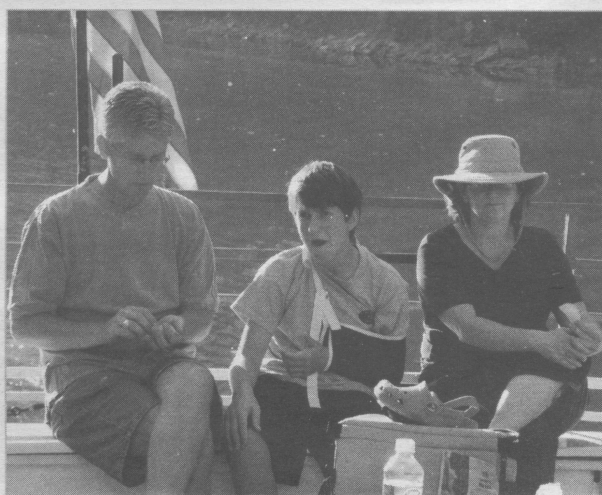
But perhaps the greatest praise came from the mouths of babes: "I saw a shark!" said 5-year old Sarah Belin, (DISCLOSURE: Mom is writing this article), gazing bug-eyed at some watery shadows over the bow. "No, it's a Gefilte Fish!" added 3-year-old brother, Ben, for good measure. ✧



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Folks enjoying their cruise on the Kentucky River.

Christian community holds "Night to Honor Israel"

Local Christian group expresses
support for Israel

By Alice and Jerry Honchell

United Christian Advocates and Christians United for Israel, two organizations representing Christians from the region and around the state, will sponsor "A Night to Honor Israel," a program that has been presented throughout the United States, on September 19. The purpose of this program is to give the Christian community an opportunity to demonstrate their love and support for Israel and the Jewish people and to express solidarity between Christians and Jews on behalf of Jerusalem, the State of Israel, and the United States of America in the spirit of Genesis 12: 1-3, which commands all to honor Israel.

The program will combine speakers, presentation of colors, national anthems, dancers, musicians, and shofar blowing. The event's profits will benefit a designated Israel fund selected from recipients suggested by the Jewish Federation. Fund recipients will be chosen by United Christian Advocates of Kentucky and presented at the program's conclusion. The group hopes to secure corporate funding to prepay the event expenses, allowing most proceeds to benefit the Fund. Also, attendees at the program will be given envelopes for further donations.

Keynote speaker at the event will be author, lecturer, and committed humanitarian Walid Shoebat, who will deliver an "electrifying" address on his firsthand experiences regarding the Middle East and Israel conflicts: "From Terrorist to Zionist in 1993." Walid is a Palestinian by birth (born in Bethlehem, raised in Jericho and Bethlehem), who as a former PLO terrorist lived a life of violence and rioting in Bethlehem and on the Temple Mount and now loves Israel. He now bases his decisions and actions on biblical precepts.

"A Night to Honor Israel" will be held at the Singletary Center for the Arts Concert Hall at the University of Kentucky, September 19, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale at Singletary Ticket office for \$20 each. Call (859) 257-4929. In addition, the Recital Hall big screen will transmit the program to UK students with ID for \$5.00. ✧

Israel 21c: Israeli inventor puts his head in the clouds and his feet on the ground

By Nicky Blackburn

You can tell Joseph Cory is a dreamer. Turn to his company's web site, Geotectura.com, and you see a host of ideas ranging from the wild—a one-meter square movable 'house' for the homeless, to the wacky, electro-magnetic skyscrapers that float above the ground. But out of this riotous imagination, Cory, a new breed of environmental architect, has developed a number of award-winning schemes that could help deal with some of the world's most pressing problems - lack of renewable energy, and water scarcity.

The Israeli scientist, who is shortly to complete his PhD at the Department of Aeronautical Engineering, Architecture and City Construction, at Haifa's Technion Israel Institute of Technology, has developed a new way to produce electricity using helium balloons made from fabric coated with photovoltaic (PV) solar cells. These balloons are much cheaper to build and install than existing solar panels, and also take up far less room, which is significant in an urban environment.

The balloons, which are a little like mini-Zeppelins, are connected to the ground via two cables: one to refill heli-

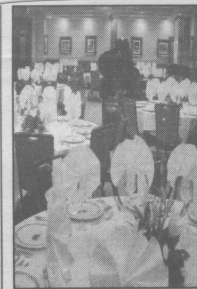
um, and the other to pass the electricity to a control panel. The balloons can be connected to one another vertically, one meter apart, going up hundreds of meters into the sky.

"If you want more electricity you just have to add another balloon," Cory tells ISRAEL21c. "The vertical dimension is unlimited as long as you are not based near an airport."

Cory and his research partner at the Technion, Dr. Pini Gurfil, estimate that most homes would need just one or two balloons to supply their entire electrical needs. Apartment buildings or office blocks could use hundreds of balloons connected to the roof to supply part of their power needs, reducing costs substantially.

"The balloons don't have to compete with regular energy sources. They

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can be used alongside it, saving energy and reducing costs by half," explains 36-year-old Cory. "This invention is not trying to save the world or to say that what we have been using up to now is no longer important, it's another option that can help to save money and indirectly also save the planet a little bit by not using polluting fuels."

He envisages, for example, thousands of these balloons being installed in open urban areas like Central Park in New York. Visitors to the park would not be affected by the balloons, which would float in the sky high above the park, but the city authorities could use the electricity generated by them to power city amenities—like street lights for example.

Out of the city, the balloons could be used to generate electricity in remote places that are off the electricity grids. In the jungle, they could be floated high above the tree line, or at sea, ships could use them to power on-board facilities.

Cory imagines huge fields of balloons being set up to generate large quantities of electrical power. "Imagine seeing a field of those solar balloons, moving like grass in the wind," says Cory. "It would be a much more beautiful and architectural sight than today's ugly power stations."

Gurfil, who is an expert in satellites, is working hard to ensure that the balloons are wind resistant. Already there are two working prototypes in operation in Haifa and in Israel's desert, and work is continuing to find the optimal material and size. Installation will be simple. The idea is that the user can simply purchase a balloon from a shop or the Internet and install it themselves, without the need to bring in an expert.

Cory and Gurfil began working on the solar balloons, which have already been patented, about six months ago because they realized that one of the problems with solar energy today is that it is still not economic to use, both in terms of cost and space. In Israel most households have a solar panel on the roof that heats the water, but very few have solar panels to create electricity, even though the country has more than its fair share of sunny days.

"Today there's so much focus on clean energy and we are being urged to use it as much as possible but people still prefer old fashioned electricity," says Cory. "To generate electricity, solar panels have to be much larger and we simply don't have the room for them. In order to make a huge amount of energy, you need a huge amount of space. When officials suggest creating solar energy plants in the Arava or Negev deserts, greens complain that the plants will destroy the environment.

"The balloons don't have any negative effects on the environment at all. We are creating more space for the PV cells without taking away any urban space or landscape," says Cory.

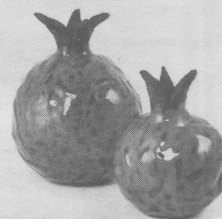
The researchers, who up to now have worked on this project in their free time, are now looking for funding of up to \$2 million to build a prototype of their work and to begin the process of commercialization.

Aside from the solar balloon scheme, Cory and fellow architect, Eyal Malka of Malka Architects have also developed WatAir, an inexpensive solution that can bring clean drinking water to people in remote or polluted areas. Cory and Malka began work on the project to enter a competition sponsored by WaterAid, an international non-profit organization dedicated to providing safe domestic water to developing nations, and Arup, a British engineering company that specializes in sustainable designs. The two researchers went on to win first prize in the contest.

WatAir is an inverted pyramid with panels of three meters in height made from a variety of materials including elastic canvas, recycled polycarbonate, metal or glass, that can create dozens of liters of fresh water every day from the air. The design is low-tech, low-cost and can be produced from local materials, says Cory.

Cory and Malka came up with the idea of the pyramid after seeing how dew collects on tents and sleeping bags in the desert. "This was our inspiration. The water is available, it's free and it's a very natural phenomenon," says Cory. "It's not really an innovation. About 2,000 years ago Nabatean tribes who lived in the Negev area are thought to have used this technique to collect dew to make water for their communities."

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At night dew drops bead up on the top and undersides of the WatAir panels. The dew on the top may contain dust or dirt, so that water can be used for irrigation. But the dew that collects beneath the panels is pure drinking water. The drops are drawn downwards by gravity into tanks, wells, or bottles at the bottom.

WatAir can be placed anywhere—on a roof, in a backyard, on a street, in a park—and it can be any size. A 96 square meter structure can provide at least 48 liters of fresh water daily, but the dimensions can vary from a small personal unit, to several large units that provide water for a village. Its unique shape means it can also be used to collect rain water, and for shading. "It has many architectural aspects to it," says Cory.

Both the WatAir and the solar balloons can be used in disaster situations, such as an earthquake, or flood where power has failed and there is no clean water. They can be dropped by parachute from an airplane and set up in simply and with no fuss on rooftops, or wherever there is space. "We can provide people in situations like this with clean water and electricity for a substantial period of time," says Cory.

Cory believes that it will be easy to convince potential sponsors to pay for the manufacturing and shipment costs of these products, by printing logos and advertisements onto the canvas sheets.

Cory, who spent some years designing residential houses for a firm of architects, became interested in the field of environmental architecture when he began studying for his PhD in 2004. His subject is Frederick Keisler, an Austrian-born architect, artist, theoretician and theater designer who was based in New York in the mid 1920s. Keisler collaborated with the Surrealists and was part of the avant-garde art world throughout his career.

"He believed that it was the duty of the architect to feel his way towards the future in order to plan properly for today, and that's what started me thinking," says Cory. "I began to focus more on themes of water and energy, and all the sustainable concepts."

He founded the Geotectura studio in 2005 and began to collaborate with friends—architects, scientists, psychologists, landscape architects—to try to come up with alternative projects whenever they had any spare time. One of the first ideas was the electro-magnetic skyscrapers. "It's a purely fictional project," Cory admits. "We wanted to open people's eyes and ears. The idea was just to imagine how the future would look if buildings could fly by themselves without taking gravity into account. By doing this it helped free my mind and come up with more practical solutions like the solar balloons."

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Book Review

By Daniel Chejfec

***The Oslo Syndrome: Delusions of a people under siege*, by Kenneth Levin (Smith & Kraus, 2005).**

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I had mixed feelings about *The Oslo Syndrome: Delusions of a people under siege*, by Kenneth Levin (Smith & Kraus, 2005). The first part of the book addresses the changes in social conditions during the years of the 19th century Emancipation and how it affected Jewish life and thought in Europe. Kenneth Levin brings to bear his multiple fields of expertise as a mathematician, English language major, historian, and psychiatrist; the result is nothing short of brilliant. He takes the road less taken, analyzing the influence communal autonomy had on Jewish life prior to the Emancipation and how its loss affected Jewish identity; he also brings up historical facts often overlooked, such as the intense involvement of Jews in general sciences even prior to the Emancipation. He delves into the psychological effect that continuous exposure to anti-Semitism had on Jews at the time without the protection of the cocoon previously provided by the communal institutions. He studies the dislocation produced by the changes in the social environment and how Jews coped with them by giving birth to a wide variety of responses.

After this brilliant introduction in the first 200 pages, the author attempts to apply the same principles to an analysis of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Unfortunately, he exhibits a clear bias in favor of one side of the Israeli political spectrum and a clear dislike of the other, making this analysis fall short of the promise of the introduc-

tion. It still contains very important insights and out-of-the-box thinking that is provocative and will force you to rethink what you believe you know about the conflict. It does, however, concentrate his attack on the Oslo process and blames the Left for demonizing the Right, while at the same time he engages in demonizing the Left himself, thus rendering his analysis more of a partisan manifesto than a more objective analysis of the issues.

If you can nevertheless look beyond the partisanship, he presents a very good recollection of facts and contemporary reactions that will provoke you into rethinking your beliefs, and that is something which I have always personally found useful. If nothing else, the first 200 pages are simply a brilliant analysis of the impact of modernity on Jewish life and very worth reading. ☆

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Other ideas include the i-rise, a small 5 meter by 7.5 meter prefabricated house that can be enlarged just by adding new units floor by floor in response to the demands of a growing family; and the Ownless—a mobile home for the homeless, inspired by the capsule hotels of Japan, that includes a built-in bike and photovoltaic cells to recharge batteries and run a reading lamp.

The i-rise project was runner-up in the 2007 Next Generation Competition organized by the US magazine, *Metropolis*.

"It's been a kind of evolution," says Cory. "For the first time I've been able to see beyond the small box of architecture, and I have started thinking about how I as an architect can make a change, and bring back social responsibility into the field." ☆

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Around the Community

Mazel Tov to...

Justin L. Ellsworth, son of **Cindy Ellsworth** (and **Eric's** brother), who graduated from the University of Louisville with a B.S. in Administration of Justice. Justin has been accepted into and will be entering the Kentucky State Police Academy Class #86 on September 9, 2007.

Tricia and Dan Isenstein on the birth of their daughter, **Raya Danielle Isenstein**, on July 31, 2007. **Stan Isenstein** is the proud grandfather.

Linda and Leon Ravvin on the marriage of their son, **Mike**, to **Anna Wittman** in Jerusalem on August 23. Mike is the grandson of **Pauline Ravvin** and **Chuck Flohen** and the brother of **Heather and David Ravvin**.

Tammy and Greg Bradley on the new addition to their family, daughter **Mei-Le**, born February 10, 2006.

Nathan and Stacey Slovis on the birth of their son, **Riley Michael**.

Sue and Barry Ezrine on the birth of their grandson, whose parents are **Rachel and Danny Wasserman**.

Doug and Linda Katz on the new addition to their family, **Anjel Gabriel**, born July 22, 2006.



Elizabeth Engel

B'nai Mitzvah

Elizabeth Engel, daughter of **Beth Engel and Paul Engel**, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah at Temple Adath Israel on September 28, 2007. Her younger sister, **Jacquelyn**, will join in the celebration.

Elizabeth is a seventh grade student at Montessori Middle

School. Because it is too early in the school year to identify a favorite subject, **Elizabeth** reported that last year her favorite school activity was "to hang out with my friends." She did well in school last year.

Elizabeth said that outside of school "year round I swim competitively." In summer, every Wednesday she enjoyed participating in a swim meet. Recently, she and some friends went to Indiana and saw **Michael Phelps** swim.

For her mitzvah project, **Elizabeth** got dinners from her mother, who makes mystery meals, and took them to the Women's Hope Center for the staff.



Samuel Miller

On September 8, 2007, **Samuel Miller**, son of **Craig and Sherry Miller**, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah at Temple Adath Israel. Joining the celebration will be his brother, **Cameron**, who is almost 15.

Sam is a seventh grade student at East Jessamine Middle School this fall. His favorite subject there is math because "I'm good at numbers." This year he will play soccer at school. His usual playing positions are either midfield or striker (forward). Outside of school, Sam plays soccer for the Lexington Football Club team.

For his mitzvah project, Sam is helping at the Humane Society, doing such tasks as cleaning cages and walking the animals. He is also participating in a project called Love on a Leash for which he takes animals into the human hospital to help calm the patients.

Tomer Eres, son of **Avi and Ronit Eres**, was called to the Torah at Ohavay Zion Synagogue as a bar mitzvah on August 18, 2007. Tomer's brother, **Ittai**, and his sister, **Merav**, joined in the celebration.

Tomer will be an eight grade student at Montessori Middle School this fall. His favorite subject is Spanish, because "the Spanish teacher discusses random subjects like current events and makes the subjects really interesting."

Outside of school, Tomer takes voice lessons because he plans to try out for the SCAPA voice program. He is also studying piano and will start as an aide in **Geanie Wolfson's** class at OZS. Tomer reported that his fluency in Hebrew is "pretty astute."

For his mitzvah project, Tomer tutored first and second year students in reading and math at the Carnegie Center. He will continue this effort with a single student during the school year. Tomer was a logistics manager at school, and it was in this capacity that he learned about the Carnegie Tutorin project. Tomer said that he had originally wanted to work at the Humane Society, but that his age limited the work he could do with the animals.

Condolences to...

Diane and Marty Friedman, on the death of Diane's father, **William D. Wagner, Sr.**, on August 4, 2007.

Evelyn Zolondek on the death of her husband, **Leon**, on August 14, 2007.

Holiday Services at OZS

Rosh Hashanah

September 12 Ma'ariv 8:00 p.m.
September 13 Morning Service 9:15 a.m.
Family Service 10:00 a.m.
(For Toddlers and K)
Jr. Congregation 10:15 a.m.
Tashlich approx 1:15 p.m.
September 14 Morning Service 9:15 a.m.
Family Service 10:00 a.m.
Jr. Congregation 10:15 a.m.

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Yom Kippur

September 21 Kol Nidre 7:17 promptly,
September 22 Same morning schedule as Rosh Hashanah including Youth Activities
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Ma'ariv, Havdalah,
Break Fast approx. 8:00 p.m.

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September 12
Erev Rosh Hashanah
7:00 p.m.—Child Care
8:45 p.m.—No Child Care

September 13
Rosh Hashanah
8:30 a.m.—Child Care
10:45—Child Care
Tashlich, Youth Service & Picnic 5-7 p.m.
Jacobson Park Shelter #1

September 14
2nd Day Rosh Hashanah
Torah Study 10:30 a.m.

September 16
Cemetery Memorial Service 12:00 p.m.
Lexington Cemetery

September 21
Kol Nidre
7:00 p.m.—Child Care
9:00 p.m. No Child Care

September 22
Yom Kippur
8:30 a.m.—Early Service -Child Care
10:45 a.m.—Late Service-Child Care
1:30 p.m.—Children's Service—No Child Care
1:30 p.m.—Afternoon Study— No Child Care
3:00 p.m.—Afternoon Service-Child Care
4:30 p.m.—Yizkor Service—Child Care
5:15 p.m.—Concluding Service—Child Care
Break-the-fast following services

Details of the Havurah High Holiday Schedule can be found in **David Wekstein's** column on page 25.

The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah

Evalyn Block, President

The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah is an amazing group of women whom I have had an opportunity to get to know over the past two years as programing vice president. I have seen firsthand the commitment and dedication our members have to Hadassah and I know the time and energy they have given to make our chapter one of the finest in the Central States Region. As the incoming president, I am looking forward to working with our new board members and getting to know even more members of our local chapter.

"Now Is the Time" was the theme of Hadassah's National Convention in New York this past July. Attending the convention made me realize that now is indeed the time to get involved, the time for action, and the time to make our voices heard. Hadassah has so many projects and programs that no matter what you're passionate about, there is something for you.

This year two members of our chapter, Lisa Satin and Jane Chaput, attended the convention for the first time. Jane has written about her experience and I hope you will take the time to read her article on the front page of this issue of *Shalom* and in our Hadassah Bulletin.

At this year's convention we witnessed a changing of the guard as June Walker completed her tenure as national president. Our 24th national president is Nancy Falchuk of Newton Center, Massachusetts. Nancy has been involved in Hadassah for 30 years in a multitude of positions both in the Boston Chapter and at the national level. We wish her much success and know that Hadassah is in capable hands as she leads us into the future.

This July, Hadassah received a four-star rating from Charity Navigator, an independent charity evaluator that uses data-driven analysis to rate charitable organizations. According to Trent Stamp, president of Charity Navigator, receiving four out of a possible four stars "indicates that your organization outperforms the majority of nonprofits in America with respect to fiscal responsibility. This 'exceptional' designation differentiates Hadassah from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust." This is proof that donors' trust in Hadassah is well placed. This is especially important as Hadassah kicks off its major fundraising campaign for a state-of-the-art hospital tower at its main campus in Jerusalem.

The tower campaign, whose slogan is "We're not waiting for the future; we're building it," refers to the new Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower on the campus of Hadassah Medical Center in Ein Kerem. The new fourteen-story structure, scheduled for completion during Hadassah's centennial year in 2012, will include 500 beds, 20 state-of-the-art operating rooms, and 50 intensive care beds. The tower will provide a huge boost to Hadassah's capabilities in a wide range of fields—such as cardiology, telemedicine and laparoscopic surgery—and it will facilitate the use of advanced robotics and computers. In turn, these will greatly enrich the research and teaching conducted at Hadassah.

As the New Year approaches let us be thankful for all that we have accomplished. Let us reaffirm our commitment to Hadassah and let us pray for peace for ourselves, our families, and our country, and for peace and stability in Israel. ☆

Let Us Know...

What's going on with you. Send announcements and pictures of special birthdays, weddings, honors, celebrations, happy and sorrowful occasions to di-ifr@bardstown.com.

The Lexington Havurah

David R. Wekstein, President

The Lexington Havurah, founded in 1978, is a network of diverse people dedicated to Jewish learning and renewal, community building, and Tikkun Olam (repairing the world). A havurah is defined as a gathering or community of friends. The Lexington Havurah is affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the National Havurah Committee. Members plan, conduct, and share responsibilities for all services. For additional information about services or membership in the Havurah, please contact me at (859) 269-4454, mwdrwek@insightbb.com, or the co-chairs of the Membership Committee, Evelyn Geller (859) 278-3609, evelynkadimah@aol.com, or David Feinberg (859) 223-1304, kdfjm@insightbb.com.

The Lexington Havurah is in the final stages of planning its activities for the coming year. Our first event was a Kabbalat Shabbat service held on August 24 at the Lexington Hearing and Speech Center. The service was led by Evelyn Geller and me.

On Saturday evening September 8, the Havurah will hold its annual game night and Slichot service at the home of Francie Chassen-Lopez. Since this is Francie's new home, the Havurah will continue its tradition of fastening a mezuzah to the front doorstep.

At the August board meeting the Havurah approved the religious service schedule for the remainder of the year and had a productive discussion about the education program. In addition to the celebration of the holidays, there will be at least one religious service each month. The education committee is planning at least three programs to be held at times other than services. In the spring the Havurah will have a special retreat to commemorate its 30th anniversary.

Services for Rosh Hashanah will be held at the Firebrook Clubhouse beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday and Friday, September 13 and 14. The Kol Nidre and morning services for Yom Kippur will be Friday evening and Saturday morning, September 21 and 22, in the conference room of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation office in the Chinese Shopping Center office building (remember that the CKJF offices are now on the third floor. Afternoon services and Neilah will be at the home of Dave and Kathy Feinberg, to be followed by a break-the-fast. Our High Holiday services are conducted by different members of the Havurah. We always have creative, yet conservative, services along with interesting and thought-provoking sermons.

Sukkot will be celebrated on Sunday afternoon, September 30 at the Finkel-Goldstein's. There will be the traditional soup-in-the Sukkah and Ned Rosenbaum's presentation of our first educational program of the season, "Lox, anybody? The Deep Background of Sukkot." Ned explains, "Sukkot is, of course, the 'Jewish Thanksgiving,' a fall harvest festival. Tradition has long since historicized it, making it the commemoration of the time Israelites exiting Egypt lived in 'booths' (*sukkot*), but the deeper history of the holiday goes all the way back to the first thing humans harvested: fish. And not just any fish. Lox, anyone?" This should be an interesting and provocative presentation and discussion.

The Havurah has another exciting and interesting year planned. If you wish to join the Havurah and/or want more information please contact me (859) 269-4454, mwdrwek@insightbb.com or our Membership Committee co-chairs Evelyn Geller (278-3609; evelynkadimah@aol.com) and David Feinberg (223-1304; kdfjm@insightbb.com)

The Havurah wishes the entire Jewish community a happy and healthy New Year, and may there be peace for everybody. Shana Tova! ☆

Temple Adath Israel

124 N. Ashland Avenue • President, David Shraberg • (859) 269-2979

Temple's got talent

We know you are out there—you sing, you dance, tell jokes, play an instrument, or simply juggle flaming torches while eating an apple... and Dave Letterman hasn't called you yet? Well, bring your special talent into the spotlight!

The Temple Brotherhood is putting on the first annual Talent Show on Sunday, September 30 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Ladies, gentlemen, and children of all ages are encouraged to participate. This is not a contest. Everyone who participates is a winner! Call our talent scout, Jack Joffe, at (859) 296-2720.

"Faculty" members wanted

The Adult Jewish Growth Committee seeks congregants interested in teaching courses for TAI's Mini University, which will begin this fall. The Mini U. will consist of courses focusing on Jewish experiences in all walks of life, including culture, business, history, science, arts and crafts, cooking, film, current events, travel, issues in everyday living, and so on. In fact, all topics related to a Jewish theme are welcome. Each course will run from one to six weeks (one class per week, usually on a weekday evening). The ideal class format would emphasize discussion or hands-on activity, with short readings to be done in class. No prior teaching experience needed—just a willingness to facilitate conversation about a subject that interests you.

If you are interested in becoming a TAI Mini University Faculty Member, or have questions about the program, please contact Ken Slepian at kslepian@transy.edu or (859) 226-9145.

Sisterhood News

Sisterhood Opening Program will be held on September 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the Temple. Watch your mail for the announcement of the program. Plan to attend and get the year of Sisterhood programs off to a great start.

Tai Book Group

TAI Book Discussion Group will meet on September 27 (note move to Thursday) to discuss *Betraying Spinoza* by Rebecca Goldstein.

This biography of the 17th-century philosopher Baruch Spinoza (1632-1677) tells of a man who denied the importance of Jewish identity; thus the Amsterdam Jewish community expelled him for heresy. Goldstein constructs Spinoza's life and traces his metaphysics to his efforts to solve the dilemmas of Jewish identity. The philosopher grew up in a community of Jews who had fled the Spanish-Portuguese Inquisition. As Goldstein argues, Spinoza's "determination to think through his community's tragedy in the most universal terms possible compelled him to devise a unique life for himself, instating on secularism when the concept of it had not yet been conceived." For Spinoza, "salvation" lay in achieving the radical absence of religious and ethnic identity. Spinoza's effort to live as neither Jew nor Christian nor Muslim was unthinkable in the 17th century, but his argument for political and religious tolerance were forerunners to the U.S. Constitution.

Torah Study

Rabbi Kline conducts the study of the Tanakh (the Bible) from the Book of Joshua and beyond using the new *Jewish Study Bible* on alternate Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Library. September schedule is 9/1 and 9/15

Order your Rosh Hashanah Greeting Gift Baskets today

TAI Preschool is selling Rosh Hashanah greeting baskets. These beautifully wrapped baskets will be filled with apples, honey, a round Rosh Hashanah challah, and other goodies. The Rosh Hashanah celebration basket program operates much like the Uniongram program. Each recipient will receive one basket with a card listing the names of all those who are sending their greetings.

This is a wonderful way to share New Year's wishes with family and friends in the Lexington area, to show appreciation to religious school teachers or others who have been helpful to you, and to help build community spirit while supporting the TAI Preschool. The baskets will be delivered to homes in the immediate Lexington area in time for Rosh Hashanah.

The cost is \$15 for each basket on which you want your name included (example: if you want to send greetings to five families, the cost to you will be \$85). The quantity discount is ten baskets for \$125. In addition to, or instead of, sending baskets, we will print your name on all the cards as a sponsor of this fundraiser for a donation of \$50. Proceeds to benefit the TAI Preschool.

As we are anticipating a large number of families wanting their Rosh Hashanah greetings to be included on a basket for Rabbi Kline and his family, having your name included on this card will cost \$5.

To assure that we have enough materials for all the baskets, we ask that send in your order no later than September 5. We cannot guarantee that orders postmarked after that date will be filled.

My name as I want it to appear on the card:

My phone number:

Please include my Rosh Hashanah greetings on baskets to the following individuals/families:

Name	Address	Zip
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Please add a sheet of paper for additional names. Send the order form with a check for \$15 for each basket, made out to TAI Preschool to: Rosh Hashanah Baskets, Temple Adath Israel Preschool, 124 N. Ashland Avenue, Lexington, KY 40502

Kollel Study Group

Joe Engelberg leads this study of fundamental ideas of Jewish life and thought. Among these are spirituality, the nature of God, biblical and traditional injunctions and laws, Jewish history, principles of the Reform movement, and the relation of Judaism to Christianity, Islam, and Buddhism. Drop in the library any time and join in the provocative and friendly discussion. September schedule is 9/8 and 9/29.

Tuesday Bridge Club

The Tuesday Bridge Group meets in the Temple library beginning at 11:00 a.m. Bring your lunch and play until 2:00 p.m. You don't have to be an expert to join. This group is going strong, so if you like to play bridge, here's your chance to join and socialize with fellow Temple members. Please check the Temple office or Leona Stern at (859) 277-3050 each week to see if the group is playing.

Chavurat-Chochma (A Friendly Gathering of Wisdom)

Join us on September 24 for an informative program. Please note: this program will be on a Monday instead of our usual Friday. While invitations are sent to members of the congregation 60 years old and better—all are welcome! We meet most months to schmooze, nosh, and share our wisdom.

Hana's Suitcase

(This event is sponsored by the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation)

An Event At Lexington Children's Theatre - October 14

For TAI's 4th, 5th, And 6th Grade Students *Hana's Suitcase* is the story of a Holocaust museum in Japan that receives a suitcase with the name "Hana Brady" on it. The students at the center become fascinated with learning about the specific story of Hana, so their teacher travels to Europe to get more information about her.

This true, suspenseful story of discovery will transport you to Czechoslovakia in 1931 and introduce you to Hana Brady—a young Jewish girl not unlike ourselves, who once lived happily in her own world before the Nazis turned it upside down. We will meet at the Temple at noon to form carpools. We will have lunch at the Lexington Center. Restaurant offerings there include A & W hotdogs and root beer, Arby's, Subway, Mr. Kan's Chinese Food, and the Coffee Beanery Café. We will walk to the theater where the show begins at 2:00 p.m.

The registration form below must be completed and returned to Toni Reiss by October 2 to reserve your ticket.

Hana's Suitcase

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Number of tickets @ \$8 per ticket (if fewer than 20 people sign up, the price will go to \$9 per ticket) Amount enclosed \$ _____

I will drive and chaperone this event: YES _____ NO _____

Parent signature: _____

Ohavay Zion Synagogue

2048 Edgewater Court • President, Art Shechet • (859) 266-8050

The High Holiday season is rapidly descending upon us and Ohavay Zion Synagogue will be busy with lots of events and activities. For a complete schedule of services for all of the High Holidays please call the OZS office. Below are some highlights for September and early October. We welcome newcomers to the community and wish everyone a Shana Tova u-M'tooka – a very Happy and Healthy 5768.

Slichot Sweep

Join us for our 7th Annual Slichot Sweep on Saturday evening, September 8 at 8:30 p.m. We will begin the evening with Havdalah and a special program of Sephardic music with UK Professor Noemi Lugo and OZS's own star pianist Svetlana Alkhasova. At 9:30 p.m., following the program, we will "sweep" the Synagogue as we clean and prepare the building for the upcoming High Holidays. At 10:40 p.m., the evening will conclude with the brief Slichot Service meant to prepare our spirits and souls for the arrival of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. For more information, contact the OZS office.

Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur Worship

The Erev Rosh Hashana service begins Wednesday evening, September 12 at 8:00 p.m. The morning service on Thursday, September 13 and again on Friday, September 14 begins at 9:15 a.m. each day. Tashlikh, during which we cast our "sins" into the water as sign of our commitment to change, will take place on Thursday, September 13 following the service (about 1:30 p.m.). The Kol Nidre Service for Yom Kippur will begin promptly at 7:17 p.m. on Friday, September 21. Our full day of Yom Kippur prayer and study begins at 9:15 a.m. on Monday, September 22. For a complete schedule of High Holiday services and youth activities contact the OZS office.

Kever Avot

The community-wide Kever Avot service led by Rabbi Cohen and Rabbi Klein will take place at the Lexington Cemetery in the "old" Jewish section (E-1) on Sunday, September 16 at 12:45 p.m. It is a Jewish custom to visit the gravesite of loved ones during the period of the High Holidays. During this brief yet meaningful service, we will pause to remember those who have touched our lives. Even if you don't have relatives buried at the Lexington cemetery, you are welcome to attend as we honor all the loved ones who have formed our past and given shape to our future.

USY Youth Group: Project Isaiah, Sukkah Building, Parents' Night Out

Once again, our USY youth group members will be facilitating the collection of canned goods for Project Isaiah, a nationwide program to collect food for the hungry during the High Holidays. When you attend the Kol Nidre or Yom Kippur morning service at OZS, please bring a bag of canned or boxed goods with you to be donated to God's Pantry. If you prefer, you can drop off your donations in the OZS lobby during the week between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. Let's help our teenagers make this year's collection the most successful yet!

Do you want to put up a sukkah for the first time this Sukkot? Do you need help putting up an existing sukkah? Don't want to stand out in the heat or smash your thumb with a hammer? Let a USYer do it! The OZS USY will be helping community members build sukkot again this year.

For a small donation, USYers will come to your home to help with the work of assembling your sukkah. Sukkah building is planned for Sunday, September 23. Call Mike Mayer or the OZS office for more information.

USYers are also planning a "Parents' Night Out" event for Saturday evening, October 6 at 7:45 p.m. For a nominal donation, the teens will babysit your youngsters while you enjoy a few hours out for dinner, a movie, or whatever you want to do. This is a great way to support the youth group and take advantage of ready-made babysitting. Call Mike Mayer or the OZS office for more information and reservations.

Sukkot is around the corner

Join us for Sukkot Under the Stars Pot Luck Dinner on Friday evening, September 28 at 6:15 p.m. Following dinner, at 7:30 p.m., the Religious School students will lead the brief Shabbat/Sukkot service followed by a dessert Oneg. Call the office to find out what veggie or dairy dish (main course, salad, or dessert) you should bring and for more information.

If you would like to order a lulav and etrog set please contact the OZS office for price information. Orders must be turned in to the OZS office no later than Wednesday, September 5 to assure that the sets are received by Sukkot. All orders must be accompanied by your payment, as OZS does not make a profit on the sale of the sets.

Simchat Torah:

Let's Celebrate!

Everyone is invited to join us on Thursday evening, October 4 at 6:30 p.m. for singing and dancing as we celebrate Simchat Torah, mark the completion of the yearly cycle of Torah reading, and begin anew. During the service we will also celebrate with our students, who are beginning Hebrew and Religious School with a special Consecration and Alef Ceremony. Come dance with the Torahs and celebrate with our students on this special holiday!

Daily Minyan

Our daily minyan continues to meet each afternoon Monday through Thursday at 5:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Each afternoon through September 11, corresponding to the Hebrew month of Elul (that is, until Rosh Hashana) we will be sounding the shofar. The shofar serves as a spiritual "alarm clock"—a reminder to prepare ourselves for the upcoming High Holidays. Please come and help make a minyan.

Shabbat at OZS

Celebrating Shabbat is always the focus of our weekly events here at OZS. We welcome in Shabbat during the Kabbalat Shabbat service each Friday evening; however, this month, because of the High Holidays, the regular schedule will be a bit different:

September 7 – The Friday Evening Service begins at 5:45 p.m.

September 14 – Shabbat with Friends and Family at Home. No scheduled OZS service.

September 21 – Shabbat/Kol Nidre Service begins at 7:17 p.m.

September 28 – Pot Luck Sukkot Dinner at 6:15 p.m., Shabbat/Sukkot Service at 7:30 p.m.

We hope you will join us for our spirited Shabbat Morning Service each Saturday morning at 9:45 a.m. (Shabbat/Yom Kippur on September 22 will be at 9:15 a.m.).

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Community Calendar

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1050 Chinoe Road • Suite 302 • 268-0672 • Linda Ravvin, President

OZS - Ohavay Zion Synagogue

2048 Edgewater Court • 266-8050 • Art Shechet, President

Daily Minyan Mon.-Thurs. at 5:45 p.m.; Kabbalat Shabbat Service, Friday Evenings at 5:45 p.m.; on the last Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. with Oneg and program following • Shabbat Services Saturday at 9:45 a.m.

TAI - Temple Adath Israel

124 N. Ashland Avenue • 269-2979 • David Shraberg, President

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

HAD - The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah

Evalyn Block, President

HAV - The Lexington Havurah

269-4454 • David Wekstein, President • Shabbat Services monthly. Call for schedule.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
West Bank Story at TAI			CKJF Executive Committee Meeting 8:00 a.m.			
			CKJF Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.			
26	27	28	29	30	31	September 1
	Labor Day CKJF Office Closed Yiddish Club at CKJF	OZS Board Meeting TAI Board Meeting	Hadassah's Opening Meeting/Installation	Stewart Home Visit	TAI Bat Mitzvah Samuel Miller	TAI Bat Mitzvah Samuel Miller
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Shalom Deadline for October issue	Chabad-Rabbi Litvin visits CRC Meeting	Erev Rosh Hashanah	Rosh Hashana 5768	Rosh Hashana II	Rosh Hashana II
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Tzom Gedaliah - Fast of Gedalia			TAI Sisterhood Opening Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at TAI		Erev Yom Kippur	Yom Kippur
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Chavurat Chochma Luncheon		Erev Sukkot CKJF Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. CKJF Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	Sukkot I TAI Book Discussion Group	Sukkot II TAI Bat Mitzvah Elizabeth Engel	Sukkot III TAI Bat Mitzvah Elizabeth Engel
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Sukkot IV	Yiddish Club at CKJF Sukkot V	Sukkot VI JFS Leisure Club Sukkot Party OZS Board Meeting TAI Board Meeting	Sukkot VII Hoshana Rabbah Erev Shmini Atzeret Erev Simchat Torah	Shmini Atzeret Simchat Torah		Hadassah Breast Cancer Awareness Cookie Sale 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Joseph-Beth Havdalah Under the Stars-CKJF Campaign Event 8:00 p.m.
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