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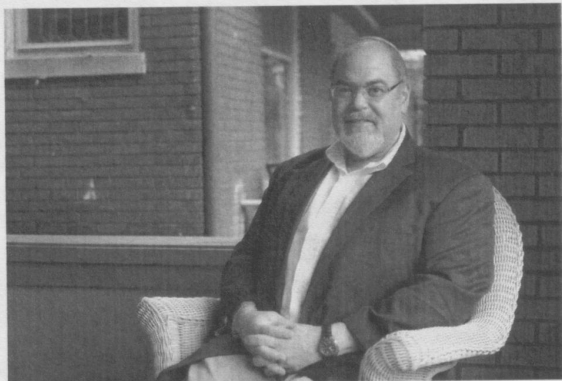
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Rabbi leaves a legacy in Lexington

By Tom Eblen

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Marc Kline, who is moving to a new congregation in New Jersey, was an important voice for diversity and cross-cultural understanding during his 11 years in Lexington as rabbi of Temple Adath Israel. He was photographed on the front porch of his Bell Court home on May 15, 2014. Photo by Tom Eblen | teblen@herald-leader.com

In a city with a Jewish population of just over 1 percent, a rabbi's departure might not attract a lot of attention. But Marc Kline leaves a legacy far beyond his own Lexington faith community.

Kline, rabbi at Temple Adath Israel on North Ashland Avenue for the past 11 years, is moving to Tinton Falls, N.J., this summer to lead Monmouth Reform Temple.

"I never thought I would leave Lexington," he said. "I had planned on retiring here. Man plans and God laughs."

Kline, 53, grew up in Las Vegas, graduated from Tulane University in New Orleans and earned a law degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. The "recovering lawyer" later studied at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati to be a rabbi and ministered eight years in Florence, S.C., before moving here.

In Lexington, Kline's congregation grew. His children grew up. When his wife, Cindy, died in 2008, he felt the community's love — including the tough love of friends who urged him to get in shape. Kline met Lori Bernard and remarried in 2010.

"I have experienced so many more blessings than challenges here," he said.

Kline will be remembered in Lexington for his tireless work to bridge gaps of religion, race and culture. He chaired the city's Human Rights Commission, served on civic organization boards and taught pastoral care to Christian ministerial students at Lexington Theological Seminary.

Kline opened his pulpit to other religious leaders, and they opened theirs to him.

The first time Kline invited a local Muslim imam to speak at the Temple, he recalled, "there were people who didn't show up believing that he would come strapped with bombs to his chest. All he did was simply thank the congregation for the opportunity to share the Sabbath. What an eye-opening experience!"

"When Mark Johnson (senior minister at Central Baptist Church) shows up at Temple now," he added, "it's not 'The Baptist minister is here,' it's 'Oh, Mark's here again.'"

Kline has become close friends with several leaders from other religions and races.

He meets weekly with a group of Protestant clergy friends to discuss the Bible from different perspectives.

"We have expanded each other's conversation," he said. "And we've been able to create a lot of conversations that our town just hasn't had."

Kline said they share similar concerns, from secularization to fundamentalism.

"We've got a fundamentalism in one part of this community that seems to want to believe that it's the only

voice," Kline said. "I believe in faith first. I think religious denominations give us frameworks through which we can practice faith. But I refuse to accept that there are different Gods in the world. And I refuse to accept that God likes some of us more than others."

As Kline prepares to leave Lexington, I asked him to reflect on the city: its strengths, weaknesses and challenges.

"There are two Lexingtons, at least," he said. "One is a very conservative, very old school. The other Lexington is one of the most progressive cities in America. And the two co-exist, sometimes with more tension, sometimes with none. This community has grown a lot in 11 years, but still there's a racial divide and a cultural divide.

"I'm finding that there are more and more people, because they are transplants here, who are not vested in the old Lexington," he added. "At the same time, there's some rebellion from old Lexington because they feel their city is being taken from them. It plays out at Temple. It plays out in churches. It plays out in politics, certainly.

"In all of that struggle, everyone will say, 'I'm working for a better Lexington,' and I believe everyone means it," he said.

In his extensive organizational consulting work, Kline said he talks a lot about change — how change is inevitable, and choosing to embrace it or not is often the choice between organizational life and death.

"As the world continues to change, we're not looking at a homogenous Lexington or Kentucky anymore," he said. "You have people coming in with different religious experiences, cultural experiences, social norms. The population is diversifying, which is creating all sorts of different conversations."

The key to a successful city, Kline said, is strong relationships.

"We have an obligation as we move forward in this global world to get to know each other, to find out what makes each other tick," he said. "Because so many of the things that divide us are completely artificial. We don't see that we really are all the same."

Read more here: <http://www.kentucky.com/2014/05/17/3247286/tom-ebelen-rabbi-leaves-a-legacy.html#storylink=cpy>

Camp Shalom Updates for Summer 2014

By Tamara Ohayon, Camp Director

This year brings new staff, new programming, and some great additional conveniences for our parents. We are very excited to announce that Camp Shalom is offering bus transportation this year for only \$10 per camper each week! For our regular day campers (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.), busses from the Community Action Council will be picking up our campers in town at 8:00 a.m. Monday thru Friday and returning them to the same location Monday thru Thursday by 4:00 p.m. Afternoon pick-up for all campers will be at 5:30 p.m. on Fridays as we strongly encourage parents to participate in our Open House and Shabbat Circle beginning at 4:30 p.m.

This year we will continue to bus Extended Day (3:00 -5:45 p.m. and requires additional fee) campers to the Tate Creek Aquatic Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays where campers can be picked up. Extended Day campers will still need to be picked up at the campsite on Monday and Wednesday afternoons by 5:45 p.m. Again, all campers will remain on site for the Open House and Shabbat Circle at 4:30 p.m. on Fridays, and parents are strongly encouraged to attend. Pick up will be at the close of Shabbat Circle.

I am also very excited about our programming for this summer. Our theme for the two weeks will be "Diversity within Jewish Community," and we will be learning about different traditions, streams within Judaism, and cultural differences around the Diaspora and within Israel. To help enrich the program, we are thrilled to be including a Jewish Programming Director position to our staff. This individual will help us continue to elevate our Jewish programming and deepen our campers' connection to their Jewish identity, while also helping our non-Jewish campers learn more about Jewish community and Jewish life.

We will have a few new staff members on our team this year, including a guest ethno-musicologist and dance ethnologist who will be assisting with our theme from a music and dance perspective. And we are also excited to have a dedicated Camp Nurse on staff this summer to take care of our campers' everyday boo-boos and make sure everyone is well hydrated and taking care of themselves. We are still hiring the rest of our staff for the summer, and would love to see more applications come in for counselor positions, in particular.

Returning this year are the Israel Scouts, the Tsofim Friendship Caravan. These energetic young ambassadors will be spending much of the day on Wednesday, July 30 at camp with us, running programming with our campers and putting on a special show for them. That evening, the Caravan will perform for the whole community at 7:00 p.m. in the Temple Adath Israel social hall. Please plan to join us for this fun and free show.

Finally, we are really thrilled to be offering a special program for the whole family this year. We will be renting the Camp Livingston facility in Bennington, Indiana from Friday, August 22 thru Sunday, August 24 for a special Family Camp weekend just for our local community. Livingston will be providing their own seasoned staff, kosher meals, bunk living, tons of great activities on their beautiful site in the woods, and a special Shabbat experience. This weekend is being designed strictly for families with children from the Lexington area, and for a special low fee of \$80 per person (ages 2 and up) which covers all food, staff, and activities for the weekend.

If you are interested in Camp Shalom as a parent or potential staff person, in volunteering, or Family Camp at Camp Livingston, please contact me at the Federation office at (859) 268-0672 or by email to camp@jewishlexington.org I will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Online registration for all of these programs, including staff applications, can be found online at <http://jewishlexington.org/camp-shalom>.

Special note of thanks: The heavily subsidized bus transportation and the salaries for the new Camp Nurse and Jewish Program Director positions have been generously awarded to us by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence in Louisville, Kentucky. Our thanks to their board and grants committee for their thoughtful consideration of this request.

Editorial

By David Wortman

The following is based on a piece I wrote about six years ago. I hope it will give you something to think about.

One of the things that Einstein suggested that I just never got my head around – even when I was studying physics – was the concept of time as a variable. Apparently, if you had the ability to travel to Neptune close to the speed of light, you would return to Earth and find that Earth-time would have progressed longer than you would have.

Now, I have become a believer. Not that I've been to Neptune (contrary to popular opinion), but I am finding that the speed of time increases in geometric proportion to my age. In English, time flies much faster the older I get. Unfortunately, my memory decreases in the same proportions. At least I think so. I can't remember how

much I've forgotten. I had a doctor tell me once that there is medicine that can aide a memory. I asked him, "How would I remember to take it?" He had no answer.

Time is a precious commodity. We spend it; kill it; waste it. Worst of all, as we pass into our more senior years, we realize that our allocation of time is finite. We don't get back all the time we killed, spent or wasted. It's gone.

I would like to suggest a different perspective on time. Time in the Jewish community is not spent, killed or wasted. Instead, we invest time. The rate of return on community time is high. Anytime we invest assures the survival of our people, our community, our families, and our Jewish identity. Whether it is prayer, a program, learning, PJ Library, informal education, or anything else that bids you welcome, it is really asking for a time investment.

I recognize that, just like Wall Street, some people will have more time to invest than others. That is OK. Unlike Wall Street, the Lexington Jewish community strives to yield a high rate of return on any time investment.

Ask a Rabbi

By Rabbi David Wortman

Q: *The Jewish Federation has a Jewish Community Relations Committee. What is Jewish about it?*

A: JCRCs (also known as CRCs) exist in many Jewish communities throughout the US. They serve as the Jewish voice in community affairs. In Lexington, the CRC, recommends actions to the Federation board, which then approves or vetoes the policy.

What is a Jewish subject for this committee? It is any issue that directly affects the Jewish community or one that our Jewish tradition and values dictates our collective consciousness to become involved. For instance, matters dealing with Israel, anti-Semitism attempts by government to interfere with or ban Jewish practice, etc. In the second area, we might become active in such matters as poverty, homelessness, and/or civil rights.

An important addition to these topics is the act of establishing coalitions or dialogues with the non-Jewish community. Our strength as Jews is greatly enhanced by partnership with others. If we need a letter to the editor responding to an article about Israel, it is much more effective if a non-Jew writes it. The public expects it from us. It is news if someone else submits it. This can only come about as a result of these coalitions and partnerships.

It is important to remember that we do not have to agree with all the policies of a coalition partner in order to form an alliance with them. For instance, the community relations field creates partnerships with the Catholic Church in shared advocacy despite there being many policies, theologies, and practices with which we disagree (sometimes vehemently). While CRCs discuss issues, occasionally achieving consensus, any member can dissent. We try at most meetings to provide for dialogue on both sides of an issue.

However, the best community relations do what is appropriate, not just what makes you feel better (Barry Ungar, 1989). We also represent the Lexington Jewish community and the American Jewish community. This means that sometimes what may be in Israel's best interest, for example, may not be in ours as Americans. One story, many years ago, when I was the executive director of the JCRC in Philadelphia, I was called to a meeting in New York with then Foreign Minister Netanyahu. At the breakfast, He asked the American JCRCs to support Israel's lobbying effort to prevent a sale of AWAC airplanes to the Saudis. We had already expended much of

our influence of preventing arms sale to various Arab countries. I felt that to maintain our credibility as American Jews, we could not jump on every Israeli bandwagon. I expressed this and FM Netanyahu yelled at me. Fortunately, all the other American Jewish leaders agreed with me.

In addition, occasionally it is not good policy to respond to every adverse article or letter in the Herald-Leader. We do not want to bring more attention to the absurdity by responding. We, as Jews, think that each anti-Semitic or anti-Israel piece will influence the general community. The truth is that those who already hold that position will be emboldened. We Jews will feel threatened. The vast majority will already have a position or will skip the article altogether. Neither the author nor the responder will have the influence they think they have.

In the final analysis, we are obligated by Torah to take care of the Jewish community and the strangers in our midst. Support us, join us, and engage in *tikkun olam*.

For more information contact Larry Kant, CRC chair, at dbl2@qx.net.

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 shalom@jewishlexington 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.

President's Message

Michael Grossman, JFB President

Serving as JFB president this past year has provided me with the opportunity to observe up close how our Federation meets the needs of the Jewish community in Central Kentucky. Most Bluegrass Jews are touched by JFB in some way—some in many ways. I am deeply moved to see how the entire Jewish community working together is able to nurture and sustain our Jewish identity in Central Kentucky. Thank you for allowing me to lead this organization, one that is so important to the future of the Bluegrass Jewish community.

Allow me to highlight just one initiative in particular, which JFB has undertaken this year. For the first time in many years, a truly comprehensive collaboration has been taking place to develop long-range plans for the Jewish community and its institutions. This President's Council includes the presidents of the Federation, OZS, TAI, the Lexington Havurah, the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah, and B'nai Brith along with the congregational rabbis, executive director, and assistant director of the Federation. We have been actively involved in assessing communal needs and addressing potential programmatic and capital projects necessary to keep us a vibrant Jewish community for the next 20+ years. I hope you will ask these community leaders to share with you their experience as part of this initiative by the President's Council, and feel the excitement which I feel each time we meet.

While we are just beginning on this journey, to trade on a well known idiom, the train has left the station and I think I speak for everyone aboard this train: it will be well worth the effort. With each meeting the President's Council gains momentum and "buy-in" from participants.

Successes are important, and I'm pleased to report the President's Council's first success. Camp Shalom, a JFB jewel for 46 years, is a place where all of our Jewish children, affiliated and unaffiliated, can come together as a community, learn about their heritage, and have fun. Transportation has always been a challenge, and some of

our children have not been able to attend as a result. A transportation proposal was approved by all of the President's Council organizations as the first request for support from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence. The proposal included grants to subsidize bus transportation for all of our campers, provide a camp nurse, and fund a Jewish program specialist. I'm delighted to report that the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence has approved our proposal for Camp Shalom 2014!

Success breeds success is more than an age-old adage. Studies have shown this to be true. I have no doubt that the initiative begun this year through the President's Council will result in more successes for the benefit of our Bluegrass Jewish Community. So as we dream about the future, let's dream big—now that we have transportation to Camp Shalom, anyone want to dream about a campsite?

Ka'eetz sameach—Best wishes for a glorious summer.

JFS: At Your Service

By Mimi Kaufman, JFS Director

I recently had the privilege to interview Linda Angelo about her role as a clinical psychologist, co-founder of the Lexington PFLAG, which stands for Parents, Friends and Families of Lesbians and Gays. The chapter is now called PFLAG Central Kentucky. She shared the information below, which I am most grateful to be able to share. Hopefully, it will be helpful to PFLAG as an organization to help get the word out that they are there for those in need of support.

PFLAG is a national organization that began in 1972 when Jeanne Manford marched with her gay son in New York's Pride Day parade, with a sign that read "Parents of Gays Unite in Support of our Children." So many young people asked that she talk with their parents that Jeanne organized a support group, PFLAG, which now has hundreds of chapters across the US. In appreciation of her leadership, Jeanne was awarded the Presidential Citizens' Medal by President Obama in 2012.

Despite more awareness and acceptance in our culture, learning that your own child is lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or "questioning" (LGBTQ) can be challenging – it asks that you provide support even while you have questions and need time to process. Some people find themselves unable to do the most essential thing: to reassure their child, no matter their age, that they're still loved. Some children might be reticent or impatient with their families. Yet we know that parental responses are a crucial factor in the adjustment of LGBTQ individuals. Rejection – whether blatant or subtle – puts your child at risk of poor self-worth, depression, substance abuse, and suicide, as well as academic and social problems. No one wants that for their children. These children have already had a difficult journey by the time they come out to you. Now your journey begins.

The Central Kentucky chapter of PFLAG is composed of parents, siblings, straight allies, friends, and LGBTQ individuals and couples. The group meets monthly, typically with a guest speaker or program the first hour, followed by a support group discussion. Participants include parents who seek help dealing with their own feelings as their child comes out, or those who want to be better educated, so they can talk with and support their child more effectively or deal with their acquaintances and relatives more comfortably. Other attendees might be individuals who have not yet come out to their families, or who seek the support that their families are not willing to offer. There are LGBTQ teens and adults, allies, and students who care about these issues and want to help.

From one of our parents: "Keep the promise you made when you first became a parent because the person before you is the same child you loved before they told you this news. Take your time to sort out your feelings, to get support, and to get educated. Do your best to love your child as you always have. Nothing replaces parental love, and nothing hurts more than parental rejection. PFLAG is a safe, confidential place to feel respected, accepted, and supported for who you are, wherever you are in your own journey or family struggle. Just as you pledged to love and nurture your child in the life ahead of them, we at PFLAG pledge to support one another as we work toward greater acceptance, love and understanding by all."

PFLAG's mission is that of support, education and advocacy, and our Central Kentucky chapter is willing to provide information or presentations to interested groups. Free publications are available for download at www.pflag.org. For more information about our chapter, which meets the second Tuesday evening of the month, please visit www.pflagcentralky.org. We welcome all who would like to assist in our efforts.

PFLAG Central Kentucky is part of a network of services and advocacy groups including the Lexington GLSO (Gay and Lesbian Services Organization); the Fairness Coalition; TransKentucky; AVOL (AIDS Volunteers of Lexington); the high school, college and professional school GSAs (Gay Straight Alliance groups); GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network) and JustFundKY – all working on behalf of LGBTQs, from the schoolyard through the nursing home years.

JFB Campaign News

The Need for Contributions for Overnight Camp and Israel Program Scholarships

As has been confirmed in numerous studies, two of the most significant experiences leading to Jewish commitment lifelong are attending Jewish overnight camps and participating in teen trips to Israel. While free trips for college-age students and those up to 26 are available through Birthright Israel, the teen programs and tuition for camps are prohibitive for many families.

This year we have been very fortunate that more teens than ever are interested in attending camp and Israel programs. However, our budget allocation for scholarships (\$5,000) was approved in December and there are not extra funds available through the Federation. Therefore, we divided the scholarships among those applying, each receiving less than they would have in past years. On average, depending on income, students received about \$500 each from the campaign funds. OZS students received considerable help from a fund at the synagogue. However, TAI had fewer funds available this year. The cost of attending a Jewish overnight camp, depending on the length of the stay, can be from \$2,500 to over \$5,000 per summer. The cost of an Israel program averages \$5,000. Therefore a gift of \$500 from Federation, while welcome, is insufficient.

Considering that our campaign has been flat, we are spending more funds for teen and young adult engagement than we have in past years. This is one reason that we no longer publish a printed version of Shalom. However, we are not spending enough on these scholarships and we need our donors to help. If you have not yet made a pledge for the 2014 campaign, please give generously. If you have already given, please consider another gift earmarked for camp and Israel program scholarships. It will help change lives. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Judy Wortman at 268-0672 or email her at jfb@jewishlexington.org.

Israel 21c: How to Learn Hebrew in a Hurry

By Abigail Klein Leichman



Hebrew in a café, with UlpanOr teacher Yael Gruper.

Jackie Gebel, 24, of New York spontaneously decided to move to Israel for a month in November 2013. “I needed a change of scenery,” she explains to ISRAEL21c. “I had only been to Israel once before, on Birthright, and everyone said I should take a Hebrew class. I had basic reading skills but not conversation.”

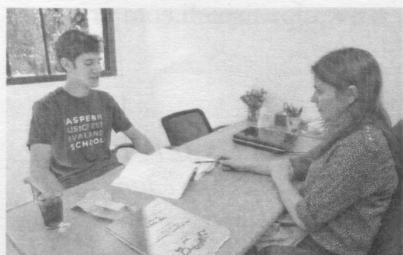
How much of the spoken language could Gebel expect to pick up in ulpan (the Hebrew term for an intensive language class) during the two-week period she allotted? After googling around, she signed up for a one-on-one crash course at UlpanOr, one of a few private Hebrew-teaching companies that offer classes for short-term visitors.

“It is possible for people with no prior knowledge of Hebrew – Jews and Christians – to learn reading, writing and verbal communication in a week,” says Yoel Ganor, who cofounded UlpanOr with his wife, Orly, in 1995.

UlpanOr’s one-week Sabra Hebrew Immersion Program, held in Jerusalem or Tel Aviv, consists of three hours of one-on-one study in the morning and another two or three hours of interactive outdoor activities in the afternoon, such as a visit to a café. Other options include a VIP course with a cultural element such as Hebrew theater or music.

Gebel didn’t expect to become fluent in two weeks, and she didn’t. But she made great progress. “The amount of Hebrew I learned let me speak in the shuk [marketplace] and ask simple questions, even make simple conversation,” she says.

The Ganors devised the course after studying how Europeans are able to learn several languages fluently though listening and observing.



Young tourist learning Hebrew with teacher Adi Amram.

“Verbal communication is key, and our methodology is based on that,” says Ganor. “Another element is introducing language not in an academic manner but at eye level, providing opportunities to use the vocabulary immediately in real settings. We saw this process does not have to take several months.”

Tailor-made Hebrew

Ulpan Aviv, also with Jerusalem and Tel Aviv locations, assures tourists that they can complete one level of Hebrew through an intensive, tailor-made program of 10 one-on-one sessions, each lasting two and a half hours in the morning or afternoon, spread over a two-week period.

"It is very good for tourists, even those just wanting to get the sound of the language and a little bit of the culture," co-owner Gil Pentzak tells ISRAEL21c.

The course alternates between conversation with the teacher and guided self-study assignments involving reading, writing or listening. Pentzak estimates that at least 35 percent of Ulpan Aviv's clients opt for this crash course founded in July 2009, and they include Jews, Christians and Arabs of all ages who either are short-term tourists or need to learn Hebrew quickly for professional or personal reasons.

"The schedule and materials are tailor-made and can involve music, culture, Bible — anything at all, according to the interests and preferences of the individual student," says Pentzak.

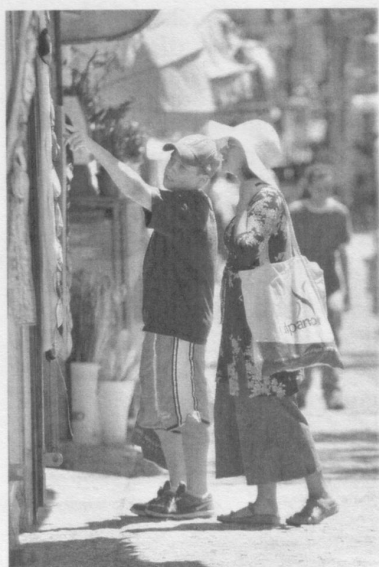
Ulpan Israeli in Netanya offers a customized group option for learning Hebrew in a hurry.

Director Frida Fisher says she and her other teachers work with tour groups, business people, families and even athletic delegations from all over the world in groups of one to six at a time, provided they are all on the same level.

"The course can be as long as they want — one week or two or three," Fisher tells ISRAEL21c. "For example, I have a group from Finland that wants to come for three weeks. We'll work with them from 9 to 12:30 on the weekday mornings before their day trips."

Clients can choose to have their lessons in the classroom, at their hotel, in a touring bus or in everyday settings.

Fisher once did a culinary ulpan for a British family who were renting a house for the summer in Herzliya. They went to market together and prepared meals in the kitchen, all the while interacting in Hebrew to give the family appropriate vocabulary for buying, slicing, chopping, cooking, frying and baking a variety of edibles.



UlpanOr tourist/students get a crash course.

Retaining what they have learned is a different issue. Jackie Gebel admits she lost much of her Hebrew after a few months back in New York.

Ganor of UlpanOr encourages "graduates" of crash courses to continue studying via guided distance-learning courses after they've gone home.

"Hebrew is an objective by itself, but we also see ourselves as ambassadors of Hebrew as a national language that brings Jews closer to their identity, and brings all our students closer to Israeli culture," says Ganor.

For more information, see www.ulpanor.com, www.ulpanisraeli.com or www.ulpanaviv.com.

About Abigail Klein Leichman

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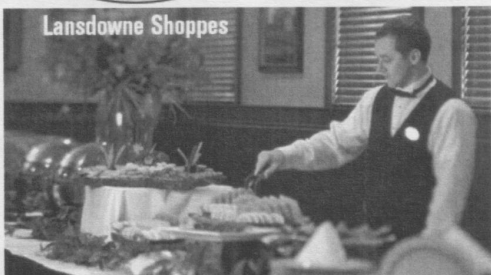
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Havurah news

By Stanley Saxe

Havurah Highlights Exciting Programming for Spring and Summer

Mothers Day 2014 was also the time of the Annual Havurah Education Retreat, and kudos go to our Education Committee co-chairs Diane Bazell and Larry Kant for selecting an outstanding educator and skilled presenter, who did a great job in interacting with our members. Our Education Day leader was Dr. Joan Friedman of The College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio.

Dr. Friedman introduced us to some unique insights as to how Israelis and Palestinians view each other's history, beliefs, and assumptions about each other. This was done with certain readings as background, Dr. Friedman's presentation, and interaction with and among Havurah members.

The end of May saw Judy and Bob Baumann host and lead Kabbalat Shabbat, welcoming Shabbat by reversing the usual order of potluck meal first followed by the service. Taking advantage of Kentucky's Spring weather, Judy proposed services indoors, followed by a leisurely potluck meal outdoors, weather permitting of course.

June means recognizing the holiday of Shavuot. Rafi Finkel led the service on Wednesday, June 4, with the accompanying dairy pot luck meal.

July 12, Saturday evening, will be the time of a Havdalah service, as we acknowledge the end of Shabbat and look forward to a new week. Gloria and Michael Rie will host this potluck and Havdalah under-the-stars. Taking advantage of all the good feelings engendered by this unique setting and social gathering, this time will also be the Annual Meeting of The Lexington Havurah. A time when we recount the past year, hear from our officers and committee chairs, and begin to plan for an even better coming year.

Going out into the Bluegrass countryside, this year on Saturday evening August 23, for Havdalah and potluck, hosted by Lynn and Jim Furness, is a great favorite of Lexington Havurah members. It is a unique and yet a very traditional way to celebrate our good fortune to live in this geographical area and to be a part of this special community, which means all of us here in Central Kentucky.

The Lexington Havurah is a welcoming community of its own, and please call on any one of us to find out more and to participate.

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 responsibility for all services. For additional information about services or membership in the Havurah, please contact me at sabastanley@insightbb.com.

Ohavay Zion Synagogue News

WELCOME

Ohavay Zion Synagogue is a warm and welcoming congregation in Lexington, Kentucky. Through the framework of Conservative Judaism, we explore our Jewish identities and form community. We celebrate our diversity and welcome newcomers. Please join us.

SHAVUOT CELEBRATION

Please join our Torah Celebration on **Tuesday, June 3, at 6:00 pm** with plenty of pizza and yummy dairy desserts. We will have wonderful teachings from synagogue members and rabbis, with learning available throughout the night. (Please RSVP to OZS at office@ozs.org for the Pizza Dinner.)

On **Wednesday, June 4** at 9:30 am, we will celebrate Shavuot with Yom Tov services. During the Torah reading, we will hear the Decalogue, and at the end of the Torah service we will be honoring our loved ones who have passed away with **Yizkor** (approximately 11:30 am).

KIDS' SHABBAT

Our Kids Shabbat is taking a break during the summer months but we will meet again beginning in August. The first one will be held **Friday, August 15 at 5:30 pm** at OZS. Kids' Shabbat is our monthly Shabbat Service for younger children. We light candles, drink grape juice, eat pizza, sit together on beautiful carpets, sing songs, and read amazing stories from the PJ Library. Newcomers and friends are always welcome! Below are the dates for next year.

August 15
September 19
October 24
November 21
Community Hanukkah Party: December 19
January 16
February 20
March 20
April 17
May 15

For more information or to RSVP, email Rabbi.Smolkin@gmail.com.

BACKPACKING FOR GOD'S PANTRY

Join us each month during the school year as backpacks are filled with food that children take home on weekends from Mary Todd Elementary School. All of the food is child-friendly, nonperishable, easily consumed and vitamin fortified. Our next backpacking date will be in August at OZS.

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

Please join us any Saturday morning of the year, as Ohavay Zion Synagogue celebrates Shabbat. We begin at 9:30 am, though please feel free to join at any time during the service. Our worship is filled with joyous song and fascinating Torah discussions. The service concludes around noon, and all are invited to schmooze over

lunch after the service. This is a wonderful way to celebrate Shabbat and to meet some nice Jewish folks here in Lexington. Newcomers and friends are always welcome.

TUESDAY MINYAN

Tuesday Minyan is a special time at OZS. During this brief service, students and adults both pray and learn together. There is a warm atmosphere and something for everyone to enjoy. Please join us Tuesday afternoons from 5:45 pm to 6:15 pm.

STUDYING THE PROPHETS

Please join us Wednesdays at noon as we explore the book of Isaiah through the teachings of our Jewish tradition. We will learn about Isaiah's focus on righteousness and justice, and we will hear Isaiah's deep concern for the orphan, the widow, and the underprivileged of society. We have a wonderfully diverse group of learners and terrific conversations. All are welcome. Please email us at office@ozs.org for the summer dates for this class.

TALMUD STUDY

The Talmud Study group meets each Friday morning for prayer, food, and study. The morning begins with a brief Shacharit service at 7:30 am, followed by a light breakfast, and then fascinating study of the Talmud. Newcomers are always welcome.

INTERESTED IN OZS?

Ohavay Zion Synagogue is a warm and welcoming Jewish community. If you are interested, or if you know someone who may be interested in learning more about Ohavay Zion Synagogue, please call our membership chair Kathy Grossman at 268-2596 or email Rabbi Smolkin at Rabbi.Smolkin@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you.

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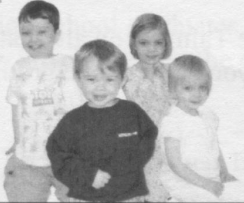
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Temple Adath Israel News

WHO WE ARE

Temple Adath Israel is a Reform Jewish congregation - We celebrate Torah, Justice, Tradition, and Faith! Our mission is to inspire Jews to ensure a vibrant Jewish present and future by nurturing a multi-generational love for our tradition. Our "Community Center" approach to Judaism gives families a host of unique ways in which to love living relevant, soulful and experiential Jewish lives. Please call the Temple Administrator for more information if you are interested in affiliating with the Temple. The phone number is 269-2979.

FAMILY SHABBAT

Our lively **Family Shabbat** takes place on the second Friday of each month at 7 p.m. We sing songs and enjoy great stories geared to our families and their young children, but with valuable messages for all. TAI has a potluck dinner preceding the service at 6 p.m. on Family Shabbat night.

TOT SHABBAT

Our **Tot Shabbat** Friday night service is held on the last Friday of each month (during the school year).

TEMPLE TOTS

The **Temple Tots** program is designed to give 2 1/2 and 3-year-old children and their parents a positive and nurturing beginning to their Jewish educational experience. We meet about once a month (during the school year).

PJ LIBRARY READING TIME

TAI has dedicated space in our Youth Library and our Anita Mersack Outdoor Reading Garden for families to share in our growing collection of PJ Library Books, before, during and after religious school. The collection is in our Youth Library and our librarian Leona Stern loves to share in reading time with many families, or even just one. These books provide our young children with wonderful introductions to the magic of Jewish storytelling.

KOLLEL STUDY GROUP

Kollel meets at 9 a.m. every two weeks in the TAI Library. The group explores cultural, ethical, and historical aspects of our 4000-year tradition. Its emphasis is on dialogue and exploration. Please join us any time. June 14 & 28, July 12 & 26.

TALMUD STUDY

Richard Clewett conducts the study of *Pirke Avot*, a section of the Talmud, on alternate Saturdays, at 9 a.m. in the library. The discussion is always lively and informative and you can join the group anytime. June 7 & 21, July 5 & 19.

PARSHA

Join us each Saturday morning at 11 a.m. in the library as we take a look at the Torah portion for each week. Various Temple members will lead some discussions, and everyone will take turns. June 7, 14, 21 & 28, July 5, 12, 19, & 26. We will have Parsha with worship on June 21 and July 19.

GENERATION TAI DINNER FOR MAY

Generation TAI is our Chavurah group for young adults. Programming runs the spectrum from worship to social action and from Shabbat to holiday meals. Please join us for the monthly Generation TAI Dinner on June 6, and July 4, following Shabbat services. The cost is free for those who bring a potluck dish. If you don't cook, bring \$7 to enjoy all the food. Please contact Reva Schottenstein at rschott86@hotmail.com or call her at 859-221-9473 to reserve your seat.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Rebecca Young, President

Stronger Together by Cheryl Greenfield

Voices, our voices
women's voices, together
in prayer, in song
resonating, connecting:
voice to voice
woman to woman
heart to heart,
spirit and soul
rising in prayer
as one voice,
stronger together
Women of Reform Judaism.

Reflection and Plan

During the months of June and July, Sisterhood board will reflect on this past year and plan our events for the upcoming year. We welcome your ideas and especially your involvement with planning. Please contact Sisterhood President Laura Creamer to say "Yes, I'll help."

Membership Information

All women of the congregation will receive a membership letter in August. We hope you will join us in our commitment to the continuation of Reform Judaism and become one of our "sisters."

2014 HIGH SCHOOL GRADS

Mazal Tov to this year's high school graduates. We wish them luck and happiness on their new adventure into the college world. The students graduating this year are :

Chandler Brennan, son of Tamara & Thomas Brennan

Zach Friedman, son of Morton & Sandie Friedman

Jack Kaplan, son of Caroline Kaplan and Paul Kaplan

Abigail Miller, daughter of Jonathan & Lisa Miller

Ben Swanson, son of Mark Swanson & Nancy Schoenberg

Mara Slepyan, daughter of Ken Slepyan & Karen Petrone

Nicolas Waltman, son of Jonathan & Wendy Waltman

2014 CONFIRMATION SERVICE

The annual Shavuot/Confirmation Service will be held this year on June 3, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. There will be a nosh in their honor at 6 p.m. There are nine members in this class. The entire Temple community celebrates with them on this special day in their lives. The members of the Confirmation Class are:

Katy Brennan, daughter of Tamara & Thomas Brennan

Maya Creamer, daughter of Laura & Trevor Creamer

Joshua Dhir, son of Nathalie & Anir Dhir

Samuel Flomenhoft, son of Steven & Deborah Flomenhoft

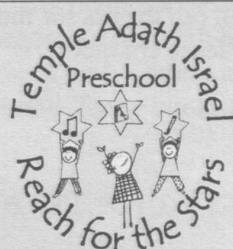
Max Kaufman, son of Mimi & Micah Kaufman

Kevin LaZur, son of Jana LaZur and Eric LaZur

Carter Levine, son of David Levine & Lara Levine

Anya Slepyan, daughter of Karen Petrone & Ken Slepyan

Jacob Young, son of Rebecca & Joseph Young



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Sim Shalom News

By Jesse Weil

It's been an active month. We started with a big congregational Seder with about 120 people attending, including 20 or so from the U.S. That's the most visitors we've ever had as long as I've been here. From the amount of correspondence so far, it looks like the number of visitors will be very large this summer. At least one family is coming every other weekend.

Just last weekend, we had Rabbi Joel Abraham of Temple Shalom in Scotch Plains, NJ. He was making his annual visit with his Confirmation class. It is always a great pleasure to have them with us, since the kids actively participate in the service and are outgoing as they talk with our young people during dinner afterwards. For them, it is good to see a lively congregation practicing Judaism after the devastation of visiting Auschwitz and other camps. This time they brought us a beautiful Seder plate that was given to them by one of their most faithful congregants before she passed way.

The next morning we celebrated our third adult Bat Mitzvah of the year with Dora Mikes. Dora is a teenager whose family does not practice Judaism. She decided 5 years ago that despite her family's indifference, she wanted to build her own Jewish identity, and she started coming regularly to services and holidays. She is always here on Friday night, sitting in the front row. She's active in our youth group, and is now attending the Budapest Jewish University studying social work. It was a joyous occasion with her parents and grandparents, and much of the congregation.

On the religious and political front, there is some potentially very good news. The European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg rendered a very positive decision on our case appealing the taking away of our official registration as a religious institution by the Hungarian government, more than two years ago. The court said that the action was unconstitutional, that our registration should be restored, and, furthermore, we were entitled to a large amount of money as compensation for the loss of income that we have suffered due to the loss of registration. The Hungarian government has 6-9 months to respond to the various points of its decision. Our lawyer is quite confident that the compensation will be paid.

Regaining the registration is considered to be more difficult, needing a vote of 2/3 of the members of parliament, in what has now become a very political process. For now, we can only wait and see what the government will do.

Any U.S. reader who wishes to make a donation to Sim Shalom Congregation can do so by going to the web site of our support organization, Friends of Sim Shalom; www.friendsofsimshalom.org/. Your support will be much appreciated at this difficult time. And for more information about the congregation visit the website www.sim-shalom.org.

Around the Community

Please note: Information for Around the Community comes to us from a variety of individuals and Jewish institutions. It's a pretty haphazard arrangement; except for b'nai mitzvah, we do not have the resources or staff to collect information or research each item. If you would like to see an event or life passage in your family acknowledged here, please be sure we get the full and correct information as you would like to see it printed. Send notices to shalom@jewishlexington.org. Remember, we welcome photos too!

Mazal Tov to:

Bob Grossman on winning the Federation's President's Award.

Marcia Blacker on winning the Federation's Cookie Wencker Volunteer of the Year Award.

Seth Salomon on winning Federation's Young Leadership Award.

Judy and Rabbi David Wortman's daughter and son-in-law on their new positions in Philadelphia. Rabbi Mira Wasserman PhD will be Assistant Professor of Talmud at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. Steve Weitzman PhD will be Director of the Katz Center for Advanced Jewish Studies and Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Pennsylvania.

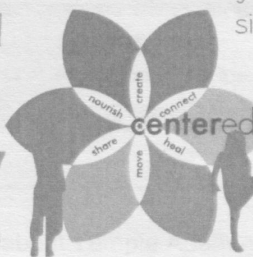
Condolences to:

Frances Goldenberg, on the death of her husband Jack L. Goldenberg

ATTENTION PROUD GRAND-PARENTS, PARENTS, & STUDENTS

We want to publish any original writing produced by our community's elementary- and high-school-age children. If you're proud of something written by one of our kids, either fiction or non-fiction, please email it to shalom@jewishlexington.org

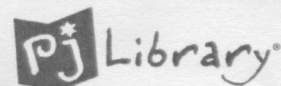
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