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Super Sunday: Heed the call

CKJF/UJC Campaign Phonathon set for March 1

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This year, Super Sunday is more important than ever. It is our opportunity as a community to reach out to each other and to support a common cause that benefits all of us. When our volunteers call you, please remember that they are not only calling to encourage your donation to the CKJF/UJC annual campaign. They also want to touch base and see both how you are doing and how we as a community could be functioning better. Carole Wilson will chair this event in March.

We are already seeing increased need within the Central Kentucky Jewish community for referral and emergency loan requests. This is unfortunately looking like a difficult year for everyone economically, with portents of a very slow recovery. Our donation levels in 2008 have already suffered a significant drop and the picture does not look prettier for 2009. By the time you receive this issue of *Shalom*, the CKJF Board will have adopted a leaner budget to reflect the reality of the situation. However, there are essential programs and services for both the Jewish community and the community at large. These

include Camp Shalom and Camp Gesher, Jewish Family Services, Day of Giving, Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebrations, Yom Hashoah observances, Winter Dinner, and the activities of the Community Relations Committee.

Camp Shalom and Camp Gesher are both superb summer programs that afford the youth of our community an opportunity to spend two weeks within a safe Jewish atmosphere, playing, learning, and absorbing Judaism under the excellent guidance of experienced and knowledgeable staff. Younger children are guided through an enjoyable experience that enhances their friendships, builds their confidence and teamwork, and nourishes their minds. The older chil-

dren are taught, by experience and modeling, to assume leadership roles within the camp community; these are skills which are then applied to their roles in Jewish youth groups and to the community as a whole.

Every year we join with the rest of the Jewish world to commemorate and celebrate two pivotal events in recent Jewish history. One, Yom Hashoah, is catastrophic: the commemoration of the Holocaust and the devastation it brought to the Jewish world. The other is Yom Ha'Atzmaut, the celebration of the establishment of the State of Israel. Both of these are community-wide events under the auspices of CKJF.

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Lexington police chief learns from Israeli experts

Insights useful for local application

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By Erik A. Carlson

For the seventh anniversary of the September 11 attacks on the United States, the Anti-Defamation League brought a contingent of American law enforcement officials including Lexington Division of Police Chief Ronnie Bastin to Israel to learn about the counterterrorism strategies employed by Israeli police and military officials.

Bastin, along with twelve other high ranking officials from Miami, Salt Lake City, Green Bay, Mobile, Mesa, Scottsdale, the Atlanta Metro area, Durham, Omaha, University of Wisconsin, and Virginia Beach spent six eye-opening days touring Israel, meeting with experts on the front-

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Lexington Division
of Police
Chief Ronnie Bastin

— CAMPAIGN NEWS —

Are we ready for the e-philanthropy age?

CKJF believes we are

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By Tamara Ohayon

Over the past few months we have listened intently to news reports on the radio and television, read cautiously through the newspaper, and wondered if we would be able to buy that new car or send our children to college after all. We are hoping that we do not have to relive the hardships our parents and grandparents went through during the Great Depression, and praying that our families, friends, and the charities that we support do not suffer too much.

Society has been changing, too. We have known for many years that a widening chasm exists in our philanthropically active Jewish community; the older generations and baby boomers who have faithfully guided the way forward for Jewish non-profit organizations are struggling to reach the next generation of leadership. Where are they? Why do they not choose to become more involved, to fundraise the way it's always been done, and to participate in programming as we always have? Why have we not succeeded in cultivating that new energetic force that

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Letter to the Editor

In the December/January "Third Opinion" column, Ned Rosenbaum cites the American cultural divide as comprising two classes, the educated and the uneducated. He posits that "literacy is a pre-requisite for clear thinking." While I agree with his premise, I don't agree with where he goes with it.

First of all, literacy and education are two different things. While illiteracy is rare, almost everyone in this country has at least a high school education. What Professor Rosenbaum means by education is not the learning of quadratic equations and the Peloponnesian Wars, but rather an enlightened path to the fully developed liberal mind. On the other hand, the lack of education leaves the mind to stagnate in the cultural backwaters of the red states, the land of the obese and the Southern Baptist Church (although my wife, who is a Southern Baptist, is not quite as wide of body and narrow of mind as the good professor would have it).

To be sure, the red state mentality is in direct opposition to the professor's own ideology, and in calling the red states uneducated, he is able to lessen them in our esteem and to claim for himself the moral high ground. His prescription for closing the cultural divide? Education. His teachers would be the likes of Bill Maher, Jon Stewart, and Stephen Colbert.

No, the true cultural divide is not one of education, but of belief. The belief is in God, which is to say a transcendent power, a hidden reality. Believers are pegged by non-believers as rubes who believe what they are told—blind faith. But in fact, mature belief arises from experience, experience not of the physical senses, but sensate nonetheless.

Believers see morality as a projection of the divine into the world, manifest as justice and compassion. For the non-believer, justice is not of Providence, but of society. Hence the term "social justice." For the believer, divine justice is always just, but not always social, and social justice is always social, but not always just.

Believers are not always religionists, and religionists are not always believers. Believers respect the faithful of other religions in their love of God and man. Religionists tend to believe in the exclusivity and supremacy of their particular religion. The Islamists are a good example of this. I would venture they put their ideological agenda above God. They murder the innocent in the name of God, but they are not themselves godly. In fact, they are anti-believers. They see the worship of a power greater than their own as a threat to their dominance. Hitler and Stalin took a similar view, and they have many fellow travelers in the twenty-first century. It is interesting how the radical left is sympathetic to the fascism of the Islamists. It is not left or right that concerns them, it is a common cause called anti-Americanism.

Modern Jews also are in the process of subordinating God to ideology. I am amazed at how many fellow Jews, even the pious among us, do not believe in God. Many of them come back with the apology, "Ours is to do, not necessarily to believe." The danger there is the worship of the doing itself, and not of for Whom you are doing.

One cannot teach or coerce belief. It comes from the experience of those who are pre-disposed to believing. But it is important to recognize that above all it is the source of our cultural divide, and, as the gap widens, it becomes ever more apparent.

David J. Marwil, M.D.

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Deadline for articles for the March *Shalom* is February 10.

Email articles to di-ifr@bardstown.com.



Spotlight: Harriett Rose

By Lynn Furness

A community champion with a sense of history

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Harriett and I met for this interview in her beautiful art-filled apartment in Hanover Towers on a day as sunny as her demeanor. While she claims everyone knows all about her, perhaps she shared some information in our conversation that will be new to *Shalom* readers.

Born in Shelbyville, Kentucky, Harriett moved to Lexington when she was 4. She graduated from Henry Clay High School (the original one, that is now the Fayette County Schools Administration Building) in 1937. She then earned a Bachelor's degree in music from the University of Kentucky. Harriett taught music from 1941 to 1943, when she went to Wright Field in Dayton, Ohio and helped write army regulations from 1943 to 1945.

Harriett met Stanley Rose in Dayton; after they married, they moved to his hometown, Cleveland. Soon, though, they returned to Lexington and Stan went into business with Harriett's father, Isadore Abraham, who ran Lexington Dairy. For a while they lived with him and Harriett's mother, Hilda (née Rosenthal). However, her father later made a down payment on a house so Harriett and Stan could live on their own.

After a few years in the dairy business, Stan needed to find other employment. Luckily for the Roses, Stan and Harriett were members of "The Piker Poker Club." Other members of the club included Phyllis and Stan Scher, Alice and Bob Mickler, Madeline and Al Straus, and Harold and Anita Baker. A requirement to be in the Club was that one person in the couple had to be from Lexington. Moreover, there were many interconnections among these couples, a situation Harriett summarized as "If you're a born and bred Lexingtonian, you inherit your friends."

Harold was in auto parts at that time, and he offered Stan the opportunity to work with him. When IBM brought part of its operations to Lexington, Stan and Harold approached IBM about what services it might require locally. IBM said it needed factory services, including trash removal.

Consequently, Stan went into the trash business and was a founding member of the Detachable Container Association founded in 1961. This industry group started when Dempsey Dumpsters were first introduced by Ralph Dempsey; it later became the National Solid Waste Management Association. Stan went on to become the national president of the association. Harriett traveled to many conventions with Stan and they made many friends in the group.

In the meantime, Harriett had returned to UK and earned a Master's degree in counseling and guidance. Upon completing the Master's program, Harriett received a PhD in counseling psychology. Harriett said Stan liked to say he was the only garbage man in America married to a PhD. And she thinks he was right!

Harriett served as director of the Counseling and Testing Center at UK from 1964 to 1985. She was also an adjunct professor at UK from 1982 till 1985. In 1985 Harriett opened a private practice in which she saw patients until 1990. Throughout this period of her life, Harriett published 36 articles in refereed journals in the field of psychology.

Harriett remarked that while she fixed the individual, Stan fixed the world—referring to Stan's efforts in, among other social service groups, B'nai B'rith (the Lexington Lodge is named for him) and the National Council of Christians and Jews, from which he received the Brotherhood Award.

After Stan's death, Harriett married Charles ("Chuck") Elton, who was a psychologist and a professor of higher education. They had been married only eight years when Chuck, too, passed away.

Throughout her life, Harriett has been an active member of Temple Adath Israel. She was the director of the religious school while her two boys were growing up and is a past and present board member. Harriett not only enjoys attending Torah study and Kollel at the Temple, but also delights in being its oldest member. Her granddaughter,

Alicia Rose, daughter of Harriett's son David, is the first fifth-generation member of the Temple.

Harriett, still able to drive, stays busy with many activities. One activity is her monthly column for the *Chevy Chaser*. She also plays duplicate bridge and likes to attend UK basketball games. Over the years, Harriett participated in National Council of Jewish Women. She noted that efforts initiated by the council later became the audiology clinic at UK. Harriett has also been active in Friends of Music at UK and served as president of the retired faculty association at UK.

Reflecting back, Harriett said she is glad she has been able to help others with life's struggles, and she continues to counsel people who seek out her expertise. She is also very proud to be in the Henry Clay High School



Harriett Rose

Hall of Fame—she was in the third group of four to be so honored.

Harriett's diverse and interesting life is an inspiring example of leadership in both the Jewish and secular communities. Lexington and Temple Adath Isarel are lucky to have a champion with a sense of history and place who enriches the lives of all around her. ✧

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Linda Ravvin

We are facing a difficult time as we start the new year. Economically the United States, and indeed, the world have not experienced such difficult circumstances for many years. We have watched our savings dwindle, housing values and interest rates drop, unemployment soar, and expenses increase.

It is in times like these that we turn more than ever to our family, our friends, and our community. We form a support network, with concern and caring for each other's welfare constantly in our thoughts and actions. It is now, during harder times, that we must be aware of our strengths and be grateful that we are still in a position to help ourselves and build for the future.

The CKJF staff has worked arduously over the last few months—going way over and above what would be considered normal work levels. Despite the absence of an executive director, we have continued all Federation activities. We successfully

completed our CKJF/UJC campaign (although the contribution levels are definitely down). The Winter Dinner was enormously popular and the Day of Giving accomplished everything it set out to do; it offered our non-Jewish friends an opportunity to celebrate the holidays with their families and provided wonderful programs for those in need.

When you email, call, or see our staff—Tamara Ohayon, Jana LaZur, and Paula Clancy—please let them know how much they are appreciated for their hard work, professionalism, and dedication.

We have instituted a thorough review of office procedures, particularly our accounting processes. We have had multiple meetings with our accountants and our online consultants to make all our reporting and tracking systems as up to date as possible and make sure that our systems are simplified, are more detailed, and present full visibility.

The Budget Committee has been diligent in reviewing the budget requests from each committee and, with the knowledge of decreased donations, has determined a reduced and fiscally responsible budget for 2009; by the time you read this message, the Board will have voted on it. Everyone involved in the process, including the staff, has made conscientious decisions regarding the cuts that are necessary.

Winston Churchill said, "Difficulties mastered are opportunities won."



With your help, understanding, and involvement we will get through this trying period. If we all work together, CKJF will emerge as a stronger, more efficient organization and we will be a closer, more caring community. ✕

Be a volunteer to save lives in Israel now

Local couple shares life-changing experience

By Betty Nigoff

Israel desperately needs volunteer support in its efforts to stop rocket fire from Gaza. Lowell and I recently returned from a tour of duty with Sar-El. Sar-El is a program offering volunteers the opportunity to work on military bases performing non-combat civilian support duties. We packaged medical supplies for medics and mobile hospitals. This base depends on 40 volunteers each week to supply the army with medical supplies, and we were a group of only 25.

Contributing to Israel, to the land of our people, was one of the best experiences we've ever had. Putting on the IDF uniform each day really gave us a feeling of belonging to Tzahal—the IDF—and to Israel.

Volunteering with Sar-El is a life-changing experience. You get much more out of the experience than you give. We volunteered in 2006 and in 2008, and plan to return this year.

Israel needs your help now. To volunteer, contact Volunteers for Israel at vfi-usa.org or Sar-El.org, or Betty Nigoff: bnigoff@yahoo.com, (859) 533-4014. Get involved now! ✕



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It costs the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation \$20,000 annually to publish *Shalom*. Lest you think this money is going for inflated editorial staff salaries, you should be aware that, with the exception of the editor/administrator (who is paid far, far less than she is worth), the editorial work on this newspaper is done entirely by volunteers. We have tried to defray some of the cost by making a bigger push for advertising and,

while we have been moderately successful in this endeavor, we fall far short of breaking even.

Please rest assured that we will continue to publish *Shalom* and it will continue to be free to anyone who requests it. We are, however, asking for a voluntary contribution from you. We are suggesting *chai*, \$18 per year, but any amount will be appreciated. Certainly we would appreciate multiples of *chai*.

Whether or not you choose to respond to this solicitation, *Shalom* will continue to publish news of local, national, and international Jewish interest and will continue to support and report on community activities, celebrations, and noteworthy events. We will remain the voice of this Jewish community and your conduit to all that is happening here.

Making a contribution to *Shalom* is purely an act of *tzedakah* and we hope you can find it in your heart to do so. And if you own a business that is not presently represented here, we would love to advertise it for you.

Ruth Gerard Poley, Editor-in-Chief ☆

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Visiting Mr. Green is keystone of TAI Sisterhood fundraiser

Be prepared to enjoy some first-rate theater on Saturday, March 31, as the TAI Sisterhood brings you *Visiting Mr. Green*. Written by Jeff Baron and originally performed on the New York stage, the play was produced here in Lexington by Studio Players in 2001. It was critically acclaimed in New York and the local production was equally well received. In fact, the *Herald Leader* said it was "the best play so far in Lexington's 2000-2001 arts season."

We are fortunate to have Marcia Blacker, who directed for Studio Players, doing the honors for us. In addition, local actor Ed Desiato, who created the role of Mr. Green for Studio Players, will perform it again.

The play tells the tale of Mr. Green, an 86-year-old, recently widowed Jewish man, and his interaction with the much younger Ross who, convicted of reckless driving because he almost hit Mr. Green, is sentenced to visit him every week for six months. The evolving relationship, the bond they forge, and the hurdles they must conquer to get there, are at the center of the play.

The performance will be at TAI on Saturday, March 21, at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for general admission, \$50 for preferred seating, and \$75 for preferred seating and a champagne reception with the cast and director following the performance. Refreshments, including desserts, coffee, and wine, will be served at intermission. Watch for your invitation in the mail or contact Rebecca Young (rsy2@hotmail.com) for information or reservations. The proceeds from this performance will benefit the Temple Adath Israel religious school and other Sisterhood projects. ☆

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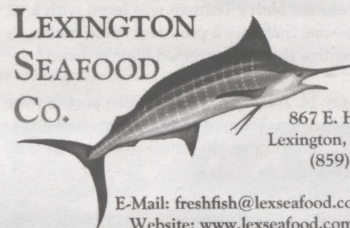


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Strong alliance

Over six decades, the U.S.-Israel Relationship has grown from a partnership based on shared values into a deep strategic alliance aimed at confronting global threats

from AIPAC's NEAR East Report — May 1-15, 2008

Seated behind a sign on his desk that read, "The buck stops here," President Harry Truman was faced with a historic choice—one that only a president could make. Should he recognize the newly created State of Israel?

The day was May 14, 1948, and the American people were waiting for his decision. Truman's top advisors had all warned him that recognizing the Jewish state would lead to a global catastrophe.

But 11 minutes after Israel declared its independence, Harry Truman made the United States the first nation on earth to recognize Israel. In the years following that historic decision, the U.S.-Israel alliance would become the cornerstone of American policy in the Middle East, and Israel would emerge as one of America's greatest strategic assets.

The United States Maintains Israel's Qualitative Military Edge

Three years after President Truman recognized Israel, Congress approved the first aid package to Israel—\$65 million to help the Jewish state absorb Holocaust survivors and Jewish refugees from Arab countries.

However, the United States did not sell Israel any arms until 1961, when President John F. Kennedy lifted the embargo and sold Israel crucial Hawk missiles—the only effective defense against Soviet-made bombers. Kennedy's decision established an important precedent: The United States would act to maintain Israel's qualitative military edge over its potential adversaries.

Following the 1967 Six-Day War, when Israel routed its enemies and captured advanced Soviet weaponry, the strategic relationship deepened. The United States became the chief supplier of weaponry to Israel and began providing significant amounts of foreign aid.

President Lyndon Johnson followed Kennedy's example by selling Phantom fighter jets to Israel in 1968. Similarly, during the 1973 Yom Kippur War, President Richard Nixon provided Israel with a massive airlift, helping the Jewish state overcome initial setbacks on the battlefield.

As a result of strong U.S. influence in the region after the Yom Kippur War, Egypt—long Israel's strongest enemy—left the Soviet sphere of influence, aligned itself with the United States and signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1979. Israel withdrew from the entire Sinai Peninsula—an area three times its size—after receiving U.S. security guarantees.

The United States and Israel Face Common Threats

At the end of the 1970s and into the beginning of the 1980s, the United States was faced with an increasingly volatile Middle East. It was during this decade that the danger of radical Islam and terrorism emerged.

In Iran in 1979, radical Islamists overthrew the Shah, a key U.S. ally in the region. The same year, the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan, threatening Pakistan, a U.S. ally. A few years later in 1983, Hizballah killed more than 240 U.S. marines in Lebanon.

Due to the growing regional instability, the United States sought a stable regional ally; it found one in Israel. The Jewish state had both the willingness and the necessary infrastructure to provide American troops with a safe base of operations in the event of a regional crisis.

Furthermore, Israel was proving that its military could strike far from its borders. For example, in 1981, Israel destroyed Saddam Hussein's nuclear reactor, enabling the United States, ten years later, to expel Iraqi forces from Kuwait without having to confront a nucleararmed Iraq. Israel further demonstrated its military prowess when its U.S.-equipped air force downed 82 Soviet-made Syrian jet fighters without losing a single plane.

As a result of Israel's accomplishments, the United States began to view Israel as a vital strategic partner. The alliance was hardened in 1988 when President Ronald Reagan and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir signed an agreement designating Israel as "a major non-NATO ally of the United States." The memorandum cemented Israel's position as an anchor for U.S. influence in the Middle East.

While the U.S. originally viewed Israel as an asset because of its strategic location in an unstable region, America would also grow to rely on the Jewish state for its many talents.

Israeli Ingenuity Saves U.S. Lives

The U.S.-Israel relationship has evolved into a mutually beneficial alliance. The close partnership between the two nations has yielded military technologies, helping to protect American and Israeli lives.

The most important of these technologies is the Arrow, a missile defense system that is currently deployed in Israel. Jointly developed by the two allies, it is the only operational system that has consistently proven that one missile can shoot down another at high altitude and speed.

Strategic cooperation has made important Israeli military innovations available to the United States, which uses them in real combat. For example, the U.S. military regularly uses Israeli-developed Hunter unmanned aerial vehicles to gather critical intelligence and kill terrorists—all without endangering pilots.

In addition, U.S. planes have been equipped with the Litening targeting pod, an Israeli-made system with infrared sensors that identifies ground targets and enables pilots to fly at night and in bad weather. The Litening made it possible for American fighter pilots to deliver the munitions that killed al-Qaeda's leader in Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

Furthermore, U.S. armored personnel carriers are protected by Israeli-developed reactive armor tiles, which explode outward upon impact, diffusing the force of incoming fire. So far, more than 800 U.S. troops have avoided injury or death as a result of the reactive tiles. The United States and Israel continue to work together to reduce the threat of improvised explosive devices, which have been responsible for the majority of U.S. casualties in Iraq.

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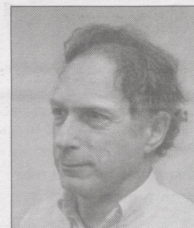
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Third Opinion

Stanley Ned Rosenbaum, PhD



This man's art, that man's scope

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Recently I've been rereading *Ravelstein*, Saul Bellow's last novel—if that's what it is. The book is more a semi-fictional biography of Bellow's friend and University of Chicago colleague Allan Bloom, made world-famous when he heeded Bellow's advice to write a book based on his lectures.

That book, *The Closing of the American Mind*, (Simon & Schuster, 1987) was a #1 bestseller that made Bloom rich, finally, at the age of 59. It is a scathing attack on American higher education and appeared about 100 years after Frederick Jackson Turner's *The Closing of the American Frontier* to which its title ironically alludes. I've been rereading Bloom, too, though maybe "rereading" is a misnomer. I wasn't able to finish it the first time as, I suspect, many other readers weren't. Bloom's dense style is the closest thing to that infamous holiday fruitcake I've found.

Many of the kids I went to graduate school with, who were every bit as talented as I, were compelled to quit school or the teaching profession for family or financial reasons.

Neither author was visible when I was at Chicago, just their names cheek-by-jowl on the directory of my building. I've always wondered, though, why they were who they were, internationally famous, and I'm not. After all, my writing style even in my academic work is much more accessible than Bloom's, and if I lack his scope, at least I'm a real Ph. D., unlike the fictional Ph. D.'s who dot Bellow's work. (Coincidentally, it was Bellow who gave the commencement address at Brandeis the year I got my degree.)

I'll admit that Bellow's Professor Moses Herzog of the Nobel-Prize-winning novel *Herzog* remains my favorite literary character and the novel itself is a tour de force that any academic would have been proud to author. On the other hand, Bellow

had four wives and three divorces; *Herzog* was written in the wake of his second marriage's bitter dissolution. Bloom, a homosexual, had no wives and died of AIDS only three years after his book appeared. Do I really envy either of them?

If Jewish studies have taught me one thing, it is that Ecclesiastes is right: "The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor riches to the intelligent, nor favor to the men of skill, but time and chance happen to them all."* Time and chance.

Many of the kids I went to graduate school with, who were every bit as talented as I, were compelled to quit school or the teaching profession for family or financial reasons. Of those who managed to stay in, some have had to change jobs several times and many work without the protection of tenure. I certainly don't envy them.

So if instead of going to Harvard and becoming, maybe, Alan Dershowitz, as my mother so ardently hoped, I find myself here, arguably the Wendell Berry of Jewish Lexington. Or if that's too grandiose, maybe on the basis of my title, borrowed from Shakespeare's sonnet 29, I could call myself the Bard of Bardstown?

In any case, just as Jeremiah (Ch. 29) advised the Judean exiles in Babylon to dig in, literally, and work for the welfare of the places in which they found themselves, so too, those of us who remain in this place which is a curious mixture of Exile and the tempting fleshpots of Egypt need to consider ourselves under the same obligation.

It's hardly a hazardous duty post. And I'll tell you this. I have one

title that I'll set against all the prizes and honors that Bloom and Bellow accrued. There are four little souls who, when they see me, run to me with their arms up shouting, "Grandpa Ned! Grandpa Ned!"

* (Revised Standard Version) ☆

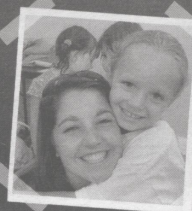
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The title of this recurring column is drawn from the old chestnut, "Two Jews, three opinions."

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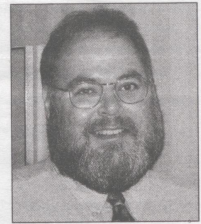


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Ask a Rabbi

Rabbi Marc A. Kline



This month, I want to share a thought about God. Jews don't talk much about God; we should, but we don't. Perhaps it is a hazard of my job, but the topic fascinates me, and more than the topic—the varieties of responses to it (even within Judaism).

What do babies think in utero? Now, we don't believe that a baby is "alive" until it is viable outside the womb. So, for the first roughly seven months, thought is not an issue, but we know that by the time a fetus is viable outside of the womb, it has a fully developed brain. This baby still has no experience in the outside world on which to base thoughts, yet its now developed brain must be doing something.

What would it mean if a baby said, "It's warm and cozy in here," since it has no understanding of the words "warm," "cozy," "in," or "here." What does a baby think?

One of this generation's pre-eminent scholars, Adin Steinsaltz, says that the baby's only thought is of theology. Not theology in the prayer book or Torah sense, but in the sense espoused by Abraham Joshua Heschel: the baby is thinking about being. The thoughts of this baby viable to live on its own control the functioning organs, and with each beat of the heart there is a tacit celebration of life itself. This child does not understand God, nor does this child really understand life, but, as it prepares to live in a world it has been equipped to be in, it celebrates being.

When was the last time you thought about God?

When Josh was tiny, I would joke about taking him back to the "Baby Superstore" when he did not pay attention. We never thought anything of it, until one day a new store opened in town... the "Baby Superstore." Of course we had to go check it out. When we pulled into the parking lot and told Josh where we were, you should have seen the fit he threw. Where did babies come from? The "Baby Superstore." What happens if you don't like the one you got? You return it for an exchange or a refund, I guess. Josh knew nothing about God, knew nothing about the real world, except that he learned that the Baby Superstore was not a place to which he ever wanted to be brought.

There is an Arabic tale about a teacher and his student who were alone for an extended lesson. The student asked the teacher how he was created. The teacher was quite forthright in explaining fertilization and gestation, but the student, normally of proper manners, interrupted the teacher and scoffed, "I know you are not being honest with me. I know for a fact that I could not exist for two minutes without breathing, and you expect me to believe I went nine months without air." For this

child, birth is an instantaneous miracle from God, of this he is sure.

How much more sophisticated are our understandings of God and how God works in the world? How many of us think of God and Bible stories as being for children? Didn't we learn those stories back in religious school? When was the last time you thought about God? Outside of this holiday, how much time do we spend talking to or about God?

Here is a radical thought: how many realize that Hanukkah and Purim were not created for kids? Moses is not a Saturday morning cartoon character. Passover is not just about matzah, and the Yom Kippur fast is not intended to afflict us. God—whatever God is—is not just for kids, and not just about forgiveness; God is not about punishment, and has a place in our lives even outside of the foxhole, since in one, there are no atheists. Isn't it true that too many of us have really relegated Jewish education and celebration to the children? Why is it important for us to have a religious school for our children and not for our adults?

I can't count the times I hear, "You know, Rabbi, I am not really religious." What does that mean? What does it mean to be religious? Is Judaism about keeping kosher? I don't think so. I keep a modicum of kashrut, but I don't think it makes me more religious.

Is Judaism about coming to services? Well, Judaism is about being part of a community. In this community, services are only one of the ways in which we gather and share. Someone was shocked to hear that I felt a person could be a good Jew, even without ever attending services. It is not about showing up for services, though it is good to gather together; it is... about showing up.

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JFS: At Your Service

By Paula Clancy, MSW, CSW
Director, Jewish Family Services



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Free tax preparation assistance



As we enter a new year, thoughts begin to turn to snowflakes, the inauguration, planning a spring garden, and—TAXES! Yes, it's that time once again, and this month's column contains guidance which I hope will make the preparation process easier and more fruitful for many of our readers. The following information was shared with us by David Kitchen and Dawn Vermey, who provide valuable assistance to our community at United Way 2-1-1.

The Central Kentucky Economic Empowerment Project (CKEEP) is a partnership between several Central Kentucky organizations and the Internal Revenue Service to provide free tax preparation to families and individuals with an annual income of \$42,000 or less. United Way of the Bluegrass plays an active role in the partnership by scheduling appointments and recruiting volunteers to prepare tax returns for clients through 2-1-1 information and referral.

People can call United Way 2-1-1 to schedule appointments or for information on the various tax assistance sites, such as location, hours

of operation, and client eligibility. Callers are told where to go and what to bring to the appointments. Returns are prepared at thirteen non-profit tax preparation sites operated by CKEEP in Lexington and Central Kentucky.

Last year, United Way 2-1-1 processed more than 2,000 inquiries and made approximately 1,300 appointments for tax sites. "All of these people didn't have to pay to file their taxes. Instead, they can use the full amount of their refund towards bills, expenses at home, and education—the things that really matter," said Anna McGlone, United Way 2-1-1 program coordinator.

Together the members of CKEEP are also working to increase awareness of the Earned Income Tax Credit, which allows working families to keep more of the money they earn. This is very important because it is estimated that in the past, 20 to 25 percent of those eligible for the credit have not claimed it. In 2008, CKEEP helped more than 1,100 local households claim more than \$1.35 in federal refunds, of which \$586,480 were from the Earned Income Tax Credit. ✧

2009 CKJF/UJC Community Campaign

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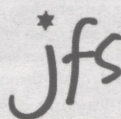


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Film series to begin in February

Two of particular Jewish interest

The One World Film Festival will open its 2009 film series on Sunday, February 15 in the theater in the downtown branch of the Lexington Public Library with a showing of the documentary *Autism: The Musical* at 2:00 p.m. This 94-minute documentary received the 2008 Emmy Award for Nonfiction Special. It is the story of several autistic children who, with the help of their parents, create and produce an original musical. The Autism Society of the Bluegrass will sponsor a panel discussion on autism following the film, and will end the afternoon's event with a reception at the library. All One World Film showings are free and open to the public.

For the next five Sunday afternoons, One World Films will present films of a cultural nature or on a social issue in the Library Theatre (140 E. Main St.).

On Thursday evening, February 19, in the Kentucky Theatre at 7:00 p.m., the One World Film Festival will launch its Thursday night films with the documentary *Pete Seeger: Power of Song*. This film, 93 minutes long, has been called "a profile in courage," and has footage of Pete Seeger defying the House Un-American Activities Committee. Michael Johnathon of Woodsongs

Old Time Radio, a friend of Pete Seeger, will introduce the film. Woodsongs volunteers will host a reception in the Kentucky following the film.

The Thursday series will continue for the next four Thursday nights. Among the additional films slated are two that may be of special interest to readers of *Shalom*. On Thursday evening March 12, at 5:00 and again at 7:30 p.m., the full-length feature *Arranged* will show the story of two young women just beginning their careers as teachers at a Brooklyn school. One is Orthodox Jewish, the other Muslim. They discover they have a shared expectation of having arranged marriages. As the school year ends, the two women have found their future spouses on their own, and they also share a friendship that will endure as they become wives and mothers, and continue to be modern women with deep religious convictions.

The other film that many *Shalom* readers should especially enjoy will be shown in the theatre in the Public Library on Sunday afternoon, March 22, at 2:00 p.m.: *The Year My Parents Went On Vacation*. This full-length feature, in Portuguese with English subtitles, is set in Brazil in 1970. A 12-year-old boy's left-leaning parents need to go into hiding because of their political beliefs. The boy's mother is Jewish, his father is not. The parents decide to leave the boy with his mother's father, an Orthodox Jew who lives in a Jewish community in Sao Paulo. Unbeknownst to the parents, the grandfather died the day before. Want more about the film? Come see it!

For a schedule of all eleven films in the 2009 One World Film Festival, contact Annette Mayer, (859) 266-6073. All film showings are free and open to the public. One World Films' mission: to bring together sectors of our community to learn about each other through films. We are an all-volunteer, non-profit, 501C3 organization. ☆

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Two of the Lexington families whose children attended Young Judea last summer are looking forward to attending again next year—the family of Ben Grossman and the family of Isaac and Felix Satin. For more information about their experiences, please contact Lisa Satin at JLIFSatin@insightbb.com or (859) 338-3740. ☆

Alliance (from page 6)

such extensive intelligence on Middle Eastern regimes as Israel has been forced to do for 60 years, and no other nation has shared such intelligence with the United States more frequently than has Israel.

The Two Nations Cooperate on Homeland Security

Since the 9/11 attacks, the United States and Israel have intensified their cooperation in the field of homeland security. Israel is one of five countries participating in the U.S. Counterterrorism Technical Support Working Group, whose experts collaborate to develop anti-terrorism technology.

American law enforcement agencies are increasingly studying Israel's battle against terrorism. Israel frequently hosts delegations of American police chiefs, sheriffs and emergency responders. These U.S. lawmen have returned to infuse their departments' training with lessons on how Israeli security forces prevent terrorist attacks such as suicide bombings.

Washington and Jerusalem have come a long way together since Truman first recognized the Jewish state in 1948. Today, the alliance is built to last. In the years ahead, the two nations will continue their joint efforts to counter global threats as they work together to seek peace. ☆

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Memoir: That Year in Jerusalem—1968

By Mary Heléne Rosenbaum

January 1969

I've always wondered what it would be like to live in a commune, and I think I'm getting a taste of it, with a certain difference. Of our ever-widening circle of American and European student friends, we're the only ones with a house (and a kitchen!). They're starting to use us as their home away from home, much to the amusement and slight horror of our secular Israeli neighbors, Avi and Bilhah. (They don't seem to notice that they spend as much time here as "the kids.") So we have the pleasure of lots of company and help around the place, but it's our place, so we get to call the shots.

Yesterday while Ned was at class I had a visit from Shellie, a girl who used to room with our friends Jeff and Ira before they all moved. I had met her once briefly and was glad of a chance to get better acquainted. She's a *zaftig*, friendly soul with an infectious chortle—"Shellie's the sun," says Rafi, another American friend. She had to type a paper and had hoped to use Ira's machine, but since he wasn't home she'd come across the street here in search of him. Of course, I had her use ours. It took her till dinner time.

Just before dinner the casement window in the kitchen came off in my



Mary in the snow, Jerusalem 1968.

out of the north—what we would consider nothing at home, but here it seems a blizzard, and a state of emergency.

Traffic is stopped, classes are canceled, tourist groups are stranded; there are no deliveries of milk or mail or kerosene, nor fresh provisions to the stores. The worst of it is that the power lines aren't equipped to cope with *any* sort of snow. Everything flickered and dimmed a few times, and finally decided to go out.

Like everyone else in Israel, we have a kerosene lamp and plenty of candles, so light was no problem. More serious was the loss of the movable electric radiators. Particularly on a windy night, one kerosene heater isn't nearly enough to warm this

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hand and fell to the floor as I was opening it to close the shutters. Avi hopped right out in the sleet to a glazier, bought a new pane, and set to work repairing the window.

I had fixed polenta with tomato sauce and a big salad, and when Ned came home we all ate. After they cleared up the mess, Shellie and Ned played chess, Ira and Rafi arrived, and it looked like another night as usual at ROSENBAUM'S, ROSENBAUM'S, WE NEVER CLOSE when Bilhah came charging in crying "*Sheleg, sheleg!*" ("Snow, snow!")

We all leapt up, overturning the coffee table in the process, and ran to look: two or three inches of slushy snow, 25 degrees, and a strong wind

whole high-ceilinged, stone-floored, drafty house, or even the bedrooms, and it was getting colder all the time.

Ira and Rafi went to their places to fetch their stoves and blankets and Rafi's sleeping bag. Shellie decided to walk to her mother's house, not far from here, for the night, and Avi and Bilhah took their kids back to their place. By pooling our kerosene and covers and keeping together for warmth, the rest of us spent a comfortable (not to say uproarious) night.

This morning our kids were up bright and early. We opened up the kitchen and began to defrost it, and Ned set up the pancake batter. (Rafi: "Tired of pancakes? Are you out of your mind?") I went to the store.

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There was no milk or fresh bread but I bought a big jug of honey, some day-old kaiser rolls (though, come to think of it, I don't suppose they call them that here—but an old lady advised me in Yiddish on which were freshest), and cigarettes in everyone's favorite brands. We have plenty of canned goods, and enough fresh produce to keep us from getting scurvy or anything.

After breakfast we went out and had a rip-roaring snowball fight with Avi and Bilhah's family, carefully scraping snow up off the gravel and the gravel out of the snow, which slowed the rate of fire a little. None of us had gloves except Ned, who took base advantage of his. He and Ira were acclaimed winners by default because everyone else gave up.

Our Orthodox neighbors think we're absolutely cracked, by the way. Even though we stopped firing when someone wanted to pass—the very idea of grown up adults playing around like kids was scandalous to them. People were peering out of windows and creeping onto balconies to watch us, pointing and shaking their heads.

We all came stumbling in here afterwards, soaking wet and tingly and

weakly hysterical. We passed around hot coffee and dry towels and fresh cigarettes. Then someone put Greek dance music on the record player. Bilhah used to be a member of a famous folk-dancing troupe. Add that to her abilities as a social director, and what went on for the next half hour or so made the snowball fight look like a limbering up exercise.

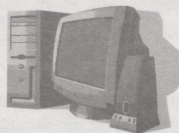
Finally things settled down to study atmosphere. I mopped up for the second time today, repaired a rip in Rafi's sleeping bag, and got some reading done. A lunch of grilled cheese on the kaiser rolls, and vegetable soup, followed.

Rafi got hold of Ned's prayer book and he and Ira began to sing in Hebrew, and very nicely, too. Now they've gone their ways, Ira to the university and Rafi to his girlfriend. Ned is studying, little Will is conked out on the couch, our Sarah is singing and painting in their room. I think we'll call today Christmas. ✱

This continues a series drawn from letters written from 1968 to 1970, when the Rosenbaums lived in Israel while Ned was a graduate student in Judaic Studies at the Hebrew University. We invite other Shalom readers to submit reminiscences of interest to the community.

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Israel 21c: An unsung hero rescuing lives at the Gaza-Israel checkpoint

By Karin Kloosterman

At the end of last month, with fighting between Gaza and Israel already in full swing, Israeli medic Moshe "Moshon" Vaknin drove an ambulance to the Erez Crossing, between Israel and Gaza, and got ready to evacuate an injured Palestinian child.

With Israeli mortars fired on one side, and bullets passing overhead from the other, Vaknin, the deputy director for the south district at Magen David Adom (MDA), Israel's version of the Red Cross, risked his life to bring the Palestinian child out of Gaza and take him to an Israeli hospital for life-saving treatment.

Since then, he's brought out two more wounded Palestinian children for treatment in Israeli hospitals, and last week, was one of a team of medics who drove in to the checkpoint, the most dangerous in Israel and possibly the Middle East, in a special bulletproof ambulance to rescue Palestinian truck drivers, hired by the United Nations, and attacked while delivering humanitarian aid.

"It's unbelievably dangerous. It's crazy. The scariest place," says Vaknin, who took the injured truck drivers to Barzilai Hospital in Israel, and normally never goes so deep inside the checkpoint.

Vaknin doesn't look like a hero, but over the last four years

in his job working for the MDA, he has helped bring thousands of sick and injured Palestinian children and adults from the Gaza strip to Israeli hospitals for vital medical care, often on a daily basis.

Even before the current conflict began, it was a dangerous job. So dangerous in fact his wife simply "doesn't want to know about it." Hamas sniper fire and rockets have been aimed many times at both Vaknin and the Palestinian patients he was transporting.

From babies in incubators to seniors
"I really don't know why they were firing at us. They don't care, even if we were transporting a child or baby," says Vaknin, whose goal it is to save lives. "We don't choose who we treat. We take who there is," he tells ISRAEL21c.

Vaknin is responsible for all the humanitarian efforts at the Erez checkpoint. "Every day, almost, we're taking injured and sick people to Israel through the Erez crossing," he says. "We have a coordinator in Gaza working with us. He will tell us if it's a baby in an incubator, a child, an adult, or an elderly person. It's pretty unpredictable, and I've stopped asking questions. Sometimes they will tell us to expect a five-year-old child. When we get to the crossing it's a one-month-old baby."



Under fire: Over the last four years, Moshe Vaknin, the deputy director of the south district Magen David Adom (MDA), has transferred thousands of Palestinians from Gaza for care in Israeli hospitals.

Judaic Studies at UK continues to grow

Fall lectures and courses successful; spring prospects exciting

By Oliver Leaman

This fall semester we welcomed to the campus the musical ensemble Fretwork. They played a lively concert of Italian music with significant Jewish connections, and entertained us with their descriptions of the original musicians and composers as well.

We also brought Mehri Niknam, director of the Joseph Interfaith Foundation, to UK from London, England. She took part in another well attended session, this time on Jewish/Muslim interfaith relations, in which she spoke with Dr. Ibrahim Kalin of Georgetown University.

It was good to see such a variety of people, of all ages and backgrounds, at both meetings. We hope to attract large numbers again as we look forward to the spring semester's events. Dr. Len Greenspoon of Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska is coming on March 2 to talk about Jews and comics, and we shall also have our Luckens prize winner, Amitei Ben Nun, who is going to talk on apostasy in Jewish theology just before Pesach on April 6.

We have an unusually large number of courses in the Judaic Studies program next semester: the regular courses on Hebrew and Jewish thought and culture, and on the Hebrew language, plus two courses on the Holocaust. We also received some good news recently, that three new courses have been approved as part of the Judaic Studies Program, "Jews in America" and "Judaism and Women," as well as an Independent Study in Judaism, which means that in future we can offer (financial circumstances permitting) a much fuller curriculum than in the past.

Although these are trying times, as management constantly reminds us at the university, we are expanding our courses since the demand for such courses is growing. We are very grateful to the past and continuing support of the Zantker Charitable Foundation for the growth of Judaic Studies in the university. We in Central Kentucky are not a large Jewish community but we have managed to create and sustain a vibrant and growing program of Jewish studies. ☆

Each month, the MDA normally transfers about 120 Palestinians for care. "Taking the ICU car, we get to the border and walk down to the cement fence," he says. Palestinians can throw stones, Qessams or sniper fire at them, he says noting that the reaction is the same whether he is trying to rescue a child, an adult, or even a baby in an incubator.

Of course Vaknin has a special helmet and protective gear, but these things don't count for much when a rocket can land on you at any time, he says, explaining that much of the medics' work is done in the outlying fields surrounding Gaza, before they take the ICU-equipped ambulance to the hospital. The Israeli medics have to make sure the incubator is working, or that basics like blood pressure is stabilized and that the proper medications are delivered to the patient.

Family under rocket fire near Gaza
Meanwhile, Vaknin's wife doesn't really know the details about what

her husband Moshe does every day. She prefers not to know, he says, while his four children ask questions and he answers. It's a bit strange, he admits, that living about a mile from the Gaza border in Kibbutz Yad Mordechai, he knows that he's treating the same people who are throwing rockets on his family.

"They also live this reality of fear, because rockets are falling around us. We've learned to live like this. It's not a normal situation," says Vaknin, who is temporarily sick with a cold. "They're throwing rockets at my family and I am still helping them."

In the last week, the checkpoint has been closed, and the Palestinian coordinator has stopped calling. News reports suggest that the Palestinian Authority has reversed its longstanding policy and is now banning all medical transfers to Israel. ☆

Ask a rabbi (from page 8)

"OK, Rabbi, I don't believe in God." My response? "Well, depending on how you are defining God, I may not either." I don't think there really are atheists, but if one really does exist, I don't think atheism gets in the way of being Jewish, either.

How many of you believe in God?

How many see God as an old man with a flowing beard, sitting on a mountain, sitting in some form of judgment over the world?

How many see God as the combined forces of nature?

Anyone see God as nothing more than a word used to symbolize a paradigmatic human with attributes that we all strive to emulate?

One more: How many who deny believing in God do so because the word "God" just has way too much baggage?

Here is what I think: it really does not matter, not to God, anyway. I cannot tell you what God is. Our tradition warns us that trying to do so borders on blasphemy, because each of us is supposed to have a unique relationship with whatever the Source of Creation is.

Here is the gospel according to Marc: If God is the omnipotent, omniscient being who controls all and knows all, then God has, as Ricky Ricardo said, "lots of 'splainin' to do." I don't think God controls the world. Candidly, I do not think God cares whether you keep kosher or not, or about the hundreds of other "rules" that we have interpreted hundreds of different ways throughout history. I also do not think God caused the Shoah, the tsunami, the hurricane, or the earthquake. I think these things happen, and if you want to know where God is at these moments—God is in the response to these nightmares.

As God's partners, we do the work of healing the world, the work we were created to do, the work that we choose to do... or not do. And I think that the way "God" is bandied about in so many churches, mosques, temples, and government chambers is an absolute abomination. To think that God would choose one child over another is a paradigm for parenthood that would prove the death of any society.

I think we have a lot to learn from the story of Job. Job is the most misread book in our canon. Most people refer to Job as a man of great patience. In truth, he was a man who had none. At the beginning of the book, he saw God no differently than the fundamentalist religious viewpoints see God today. If God is not fed, if God is not obeyed, if God is not minded, God is going to have a

temper tantrum and take God's own toys back from whoever had them and leave them stranded, or worse. When Job hears that he has lost his cattle, his fortunes, and then his children, he piously enters a state of mourning and self affliction, trusting that God will see his atonement and make all things good again. This is not faith. This is the child who has been grounded who pouts before his parents hoping they will relent. Job experiences an evolution of faith. When God does not answer the first time, he accuses God of being arbitrary and capricious. After a time, he rethinks and figures that maybe God is just, but he, as a human, does not understand. God so tires of this that, finally, God calls Job out of the whirlwind and says, "Where were you when I spread out the heavens?" Effectively, "How dare you tell me what I am and what I am not? That is not faith, it is control: a desire for power over even ME." Job's eyes are opened. He never lost his fortunes or his children. He was told he did; he never asked for proof, never sought to bury or memorialize his children. He had no faith in any justice in the world. He opens his eyes and his fortunes are multiplied, his family is larger, the whole world makes more sense—all this rooted in his epiphany in the whirlwind. God is. God is not this or that. As God tells Moses at Sinai, "I am what I am"—tell them, Moses, that I exist.

I can tell you this, whatever God is, God is beyond our ability to describe, and any attempt is not only arrogant, it is folly. Whether we see God as Maimonides saw—a force of creation dependent on us to do the work of justice, or as Spinoza saw—the forces of nature, or as the Humanist sees—the paradigm to which all humans should try to conform, or as the kabbalist sees—the creator who created and withdrew, or even as a fundamentalist sees—all-controlling, it makes no difference as to whatever God really is.

If nothing else, God is the first spark that started everything. Martin Buber



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taught that each of us has an "I/THOU" relationship with divinity, and each "I/Thou" is unique and deserving of the same respect that we want others to have for our own. Candidly, I don't think it really matters what we think God is, I think it matters what we think the characterization of God requires of us.

In whatever prayer you may read in the book, God can be either the object of prayer with the judging and listening ear or the mantra of a meditative focus. Either way, the charge of the prayer is the same. In opening this conversation, we must find our way past accepting or rejecting, praying or not praying, even observing or not observing, even if divinely inspired. They are guidelines and not rules. They are interpreted and re-interpreted in each generation. They have value in practice and conversation, but different values for each different person; they fail to address the most essential of Jewish ideals, for they do not tell us how we are to care for each other.

Whatever the source of creation is, it is our job to honor and dignify that Source in the way we respect each other, giving honor to all that is—all created from that Source. God's existence is not dependent on your belief or practice. But we are dependent on each other, the results of creation, whoever is to be credited. And what is sacred between us is not the way we pray or practice, but the way we dignify, love, and support each other.

Practicing Judaism is not about conformity, or even about God. Practicing Judaism is about using whatever you believe God to be as the impetus for us to involve ourselves with each other, dancing to our own music, but doing so as a community committed to each other.

The holidays are not for children. The Bible was not written for children. The study of God is not just for children. Join in on a journey for more meaning in our tradition this year. Accept that you are religious—maybe not by "their" standards, but by our tradition's standard. Own your tradition and celebrate not only who you are, but who we can be. In this world that is splintering between the "Have Gods" and "Refuse to Have Gods," we need glue to hold it together. The glue that we need will be a byproduct of recognizing that faith is a matter of personal "I and Thou" celebration. ☆

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.

Thank you to our 2008 contributors

Look what you accomplished in 2008! With your support of the 2008 CKJF/UJC community campaign our community has celebrated, dined, learned, and played together, in addition to providing assistance to those in need locally, in Israel, and throughout the world.

We came together to give relief on the Jewish community Day of Giving, we observed Yom Hashoah as a community, and we celebrated Israel's 60th birthday joyously and proudly. Through Jewish Family Services, we helped those in need of a little assistance with emergency loans, and we provided referral services to those in need of counseling and follow-up. Our Leisure Club is something our seniors look forward to every month as a way to connect, learn, and socialize. The camperships and scholarships we offered become even more important when families are facing harder economic times.

Our Community Relations Committee works very hard to increase understanding of the Jewish community and Israel, communicating constantly with the schools, media, and civic groups in Central Kentucky. We educate about the Holocaust and Jewish holidays with the calendar that is sent to all schools. We offered a program about security to all Jewish community organization presidents.

Camp Shalom provided another year of outstanding programming to our youth, teaching Jewish principles, cooperation and team building, and leadership skills in an atmosphere of safe, supervised fun activities. The 40th anniversary of Camp Shalom was an outstanding event, paying tribute to the founders and celebrating the important role that Camp had in the creation of Central Kentucky Jewish Federation. Camp Shalom continues to play an integral role for all of our community families.

We provide for the disadvantaged in Israel, especially with our support of the Net@: From High Risk to High Tech program at Hadassah Neurim, the Youth Aliyah Village near Hadera, and the Therapeutic Horseback Riding Program at the Youth Aliyah Village of Ben Yakir.

You can take pride in the fact that together we provide support to people from Delhi to Jerusalem, from Addis Ababa to Kiev, and of course in Central Kentucky; wherever there are Jews in need, wherever there is an opportunity for *tikkun olam*, that is where we are and what we are doing.

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More than 80 volunteer at CKJF's Annual Day of Giving

By Jana LaZur

When the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation called for volunteers, they came out in full force. With cuts in so many areas of our lives this year, we are proud that enthusiasm for the Day of Giving did not fall victim to them. Thanks to the many volunteers (see p. 17) who helped and proved that if our wallets are perhaps a bit smaller this year, our hearts make up for that in a big way. Our help on Christmas Day made it possible for regular volunteers and workers to enjoy the holiday with their families.

Tikkun Lexington volunteers' main tasks this year were delivering Meals on Wheels and Moveable Feast meals, serving lunch and dinner at the Catholic Action Center, and visiting retirement communities and nursing homes.

Many participants echoed Connie Loventhal, who said, "Everything went fine: great, in fact. The church is always so nice and cooperative. One of the cooks put out her jam cake for us, which was quite delicious." Connie and her husband, John, have delivered Meals on Wheels at the 2nd Presbyterian Church location for several years. First time deliverer Gary Dunn said, "It was a great experience and it all went fine. If you ask for volunteers

again next year, my 81-year-old father plans on going with me."

Many thanks to Austin and Susan Cantor for managing The Catholic Action Center group, under the auspices of Temple Adath Israel's Social Action Committee and their many volunteers. Austin took all community donations of toiletries, cookies, and baked goods, plus the item recipients voted their favorite: canned soda. The Social Action Committee's help allowed us to cover both lunch and dinner and provide entertainment. One volunteer, Darcie Jarman, said, "My daughter Adira and I had a very good time at the Catholic Action Center. After serving lunch of sub sandwiches, oranges, and pastries, we stayed to play bingo. The Mountain Dew and Pepsi were fun prizes. One guy won three games and had his Pepsi cans lined up in front of him. They were teasing him about too much caffeine. Adira sat with a group of people and helped one lady find her numbers on her card. It was a very peaceful afternoon."

The final venues for volunteers were nursing and retirement communities. Julie Smoak said, "I had a great time at Mayfair Manor. Who knew there were so many ways to play bingo?" Mayfair also supplied cookies and refreshments as a way of expressing

their great appreciation for the volunteers' efforts.

Linda Noffsinger, who visited the Tanbark retirement home with her husband, Jeff, and son Jeremy said, "Our experience was good. It was a slow start as most of the residents were out or with family." The residents are divided between an east and a west wing. Volunteers alternated wings, mounting a bingo game in one while therapy dogs visited on the other.

Fortunately, two Lexington families brought their own pets trained as therapy dogs to visit the residents and spread joy. Clyde, who belongs to Ellen and Michael Karpf, and Darby, belonging to Jane and Bill Grise, were big hits and very gentle and loving with the residents, both those who came out to see them and those who left their room doors open in invitation.

The Noffsinger and Grise families both reported that a particular highlight of their day came towards the end of bingo when they realized one of the players was nearly 102 years

old. She shared stories about her life and even, unlike most residents, was able to remember her room number. The staff that day consisted of just one person, Bronwyn, who obviously cared very much that her residents had a good time and appreciated our presence.

The final site of the day, Pine Meadows Health Care Center, was very well attended to by the Goldstein family: Emily, Nathaniel, and their father, Charles. They baked sugar-free cookies to share; the kids played piano between games of—what else—bingo. The Goldstein family have been regular volunteers at the Stewart Home every other month in Frankfort and have been our longest-running Tikkun Lexington Volunteers to date, serving for at least six years.

Our more than 85 volunteers brought joy not only to those receiving the services and the staff at their locations, but to those who came out to help as well. Our excellent group leaders took the pictures in this issue of *Shalom*. Special thanks to all who participated. ☆

Huge crowd enjoys Winter Dinner

Indian venue a change of pace

The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation hosted another great Winter Dinner in December, at Masala Indian Cuisine. Many thanks to Eve Stern and Sunny, the restaurant owner and manager, for such a special evening.

CKJF President Linda Ravvin welcomed everyone to the dinner, and Greg and Stephanie Davis gave the blessings over the feast, which was especially good this year. Masala provided a wonderful site and service and food to host the large crowd. The generosity of their menu selections and their modest cost made this night possible.

A special exhibit featuring local Jewish merchants—a research proj-

ect by Rosie Moosnick with the help of Janice Crane and her son, Will Crane—was on display around the perimeter of the restaurant.

Through the generosity of those who brought in canned goods and cash for God's Pantry, more than 110 pounds of food as well as \$81.00 will benefit the food bank.

The 25 children had a party of their own and had a grand time, with a high level of dreidel game playing!

Thanks to all who participated in this opportunity for community bonding, and we hope to see you next year! If you would like to be on our Community Activities Committee please contact Jana at (859) 268-0672 or jana@jewishlexington.org. ☆

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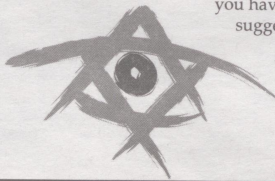
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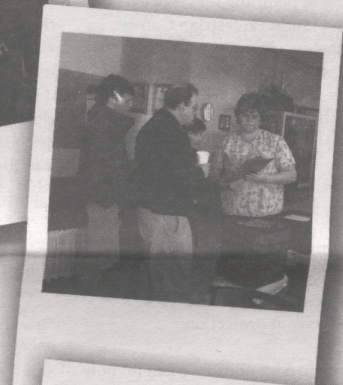
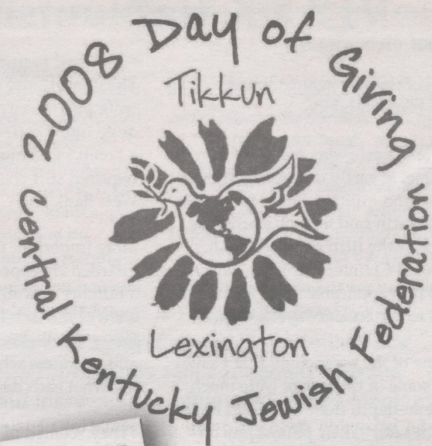
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Grise, Jane and Bill and Darby the dog
Karpf, Michael and Ellen and Clyde the dog
Noffsinger, Linda, Jeff and Jeremy

Mayfair-4

Howard, Lauren and family
Shain, Bobbi and Lou
Smoak, Julie

Pine Meadows-3

Goldstein, Charles, Emily and Nathaniel

Moveable Feast-7

Clewitt, Diana and Rick
Foster, Chaz and Jessica
LaZur, Jana
Goldstein, Susan and Darshak

Catholic Action Center-18

Leibman, Sarah
Jarman, Darcie and Adira
Hustedde, Carol, Ron, and Michael
Weinberg, Harold and Claire
Svarlien, Dianne, John, Aaron and Corinna
Cantor, Austin and Susan
Chaput, Jane and Leo
Baumann, Judy and Bob

Meals on Wheels-35

Ades, Mike
Bazell, Dianne
Bobys, Macki
Brock, Janice
Cooper, Leon
Dunn, Gary
Klein, Elisa and Noar, Seth and family
Mandell, Fran and Clark
Miller, Emily
Miller, Sherry and family
Harrison, Paula
Kaplan, Odette and Marty
Kant, Larry
Loventhal, Connie and John
Nelson, Peter and Deborah and family
Potter, Dan, Terry and Ben
Sandler, Judy and Nat
Tillier, Paul and friend
Weinberg, Alice

Other tasks-9

Vermey, Dawn for Baking
Fosters and LaZurs for baking
Pat Shraberg for organization and
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Total Volunteers: 86

Chief (from page 1)

lines of the war against terror in their own neighborhoods.

While the everyday reality of terror in Israel is vastly different from what police and military forces face in the U.S., Bastin said lessons learned as a part of the fifth session of ADL's National Counter-Terrorism Seminar gave him applicable skills for protecting Lexington and Fayette County.

"Some of the technology that I saw and some of the tactics were much more in-depth than we would have," Bastin said. "Their philosophy on managing large-scale events and the security necessary to ensure safety there was different than we think about here.

"It gives me perspective when we're looking at planning for large events like the World Equestrian Games and having a lot of international visitors and security for those kinds of events. I'm sure we will implement some things that I saw over there," he said.

More than 50,000 people a day from all over the world are anticipated at the Kentucky Horse Park for sixteen consecutive days in the fall of 2010, and conversations and seminars with Israeli officials gave Bastin a new way to look at protection.

"There are a lot of differences [in how their police and military work] and it

"They had to find a way to stop that. The opportunity for people to just walk into the city and get on a bus or go into a coffee shop and detonate a bomb," was much too easy, which required stiff check points at the West Bank and Gaza Strip, he said.

More important than the heavily guarded checkpoints that have foiled a number of would-be suicide bombers was the Israeli counterterrorism forces' intelligence-gathering ability and openness when it comes to sharing what each department knows.

"They seemed to have very good intelligence-gathering and as a result of that they've been able to intercept a number of attempted suicide bombers and kept those from occurring so a lot of people have been protected by the intelligence-gathering capability and sharing," he said. "One of the presenters told us that one of the worse things that could happen in terms of not being effective there was if people tried to hold information close so they could be the ones to catch the suspects. It was very important that everyone shared and knew what everyone else knew."

Since becoming chief in early 2008, Bastin said he has stressed a similar philosophy among his force.

"It's an issue in law enforcement that we have to constantly be aware of and try to address at all levels systematically. It's something we certainly

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took a while really for me to understand some of the issues. I wasn't real familiar with how the West Bank and Gaza Strip were set up and I'd read about both of those for years but didn't really understand how it was set up and the dynamics of it... I have a much better appreciation for some of the security issues they have as a result of living in close proximity of some folks who want to cause trouble in the country of Israel," he said.

Bastin expressed amazement at the security needed in a Hebron mall and what it took to protect areas that had been hit by 240 suicide bombers between 2001 and 2005.

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address within our agency here. There's enough credit to go around for everyone and the credit is a suspect being brought to justice and that's what's really important.

"Here we're working together, patrolmen, detectives, and people throughout the agency and more closely now than they ever have, and as a result they're achieving results like I'm sure we haven't had. It's a very exciting time and it shows what can happen when people work together and share information," Bastin said.

While the chief said he would return to Israel for his second trip whenever

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given the opportunity, he said he couldn't fathom having to make the choices some of the people he met deal with on a daily basis.

The head of mall security they met with told the group that during the height of the bombings he and his wife made the choice to send each of their three kids on separate buses to school. Though it eliminated the pos-

sibility of all their children dying in the same blast, it tripled the chances that they'd be on a bus when it was bombed, which they felt was preferable.

"I've never made a decision based on anything like that," Bastin said. ✪

Campaign (from page 1)

is our future? There is something positive happening, however, something that is making headlines and being waved in front of our faces on a daily basis—e-philanthropy.

Where is that younger generation, you ask? Online! They have been raised on the Internet; they are web designers, online community organizers, and social e-activists by default. They are on web communities like Facebook and MySpace, and they are naturally at ease with clicking away at all hours, expressing their opinions in blogs and affiliating themselves with online groups that "stand for something." This amazing revolution, non-profits are discovering, is our chance to reach out to the future of the philanthropic community and ensure that the non-profits we cherish and rely on so much have a future.

How do we accomplish this great task? We learn to speak their language, we learn to use technology to the advantage of the organization, and we translate the tried and true methods of old into HTML web designer code; we send

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History of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict — Part XXXIV

1978-1980: When the rules of the game changed

By Daniel Chejfec

Between 1978 and 1980 there were several key events affecting the social, political, and economic trends in the Middle East to the point of redefining alliances and changing the direction of the evolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. From fundamental changes in Islamist ideology to the Egyptian realignment with the West to the Islamic Revolution, these were years of profound changes that cast a long historical shadow to our own day. To relate these events in chronological order would be unhelpful. I will try to connect them with one another to form a comprehensive general picture of those years.

In 1978, during the process of negotiating with Egypt, Israel realized that it would have to retain responsibility for the welfare of the Arab residents of the Gaza strip. Israelis also saw that the PLO, commanded by Yasser Arafat and established at the time in southern Lebanon, was gaining strength and not a little political influence among Palestinians living in Israeli-controlled territory. To weaken Arafat's hand and deny him control of the Arabs in the West Bank and Gaza, Israel began courting the Islamist Movement, represented at the time by the Muslim Brotherhood in the Gaza Strip as well as local leaders in the West Bank. In Gaza, this strategy encouraged a Palestinian cleric and member of the Muslim Brotherhood, Sheik Ahmed Yassin, to establish an Islamic Center to tend to the needs of the poor and disadvantaged in the Gaza Strip. This Islamic Center would become a focus of the Palestinian Islamist Movement, and would crystallize in 1988 with the official formation of the Islamic Resistance Movement, commonly known as Hamas. As painful as it might be to admit it, Israel, in an attempt to contain the PLO, played a role in providing Hamas its early power base. It was at the Islamic Center that Yassin first developed his strategy of using social services to buy the goodwill of the impoverished Palestinians and gain their support. While the Brotherhood also had branches in the West Bank, its influence progressed a lot faster among the poorer and less educated population of the Gaza Strip.

In 1978, after years of negotiation with the Israelis and a gradual movement away from the Soviet Union and realignment with the U.S. and the West, Anwar Sadat crossed his version of the Rubicon and made a public offer of peace to Israel in exchange for the Sinai peninsula, and offered to travel to Jerusalem to deliver the offer personally to the Israeli people. Menahem Begin, who had recently replaced Golda Meir as Israeli prime minister, accepted the offer. Thus the historic journey of Sadat to Jerusalem followed, initiating a chain of events that would eventually lead to the Camp David Agreements and the first real peace treaty Israel ever had with an Arab country. As part of the agreement, Israel agreed to relinquish the Sinai in its entirety; it would do so in several redeployments over a three-year period. In exchange, Egypt formally recognized the State of Israel and signed a peace accord. These agreements included provision for Palestinian autonomy, which had serious consequences both for Israel and for Sadat.

In Israel, the Begin Administration interpreted the concept of Palestinian autonomy as an opportunity to establish a firmer grip in the West Bank (Judea-Samaria) that they saw as the historical heartland of the Jewish people. As a consequence, during the Begin years there were significant changes in Israeli policies both toward the Palestinians in the West Bank and in the establishment of Jewish settlements. We will explore these changes in settlement policies in a future article, but suffice it to say that during the Begin years and those of his successor Shamir, Israeli settlements in the West Bank increased more than tenfold. Israeli society, mesmerized by the achievement of peace with the largest and most powerful of its Arab neighbors, was unable to grasp the long-term consequences of these changes. At the same time, the growing power and influence of the PLO in southern Lebanon was initially downplayed, although it would be confronted during the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 1982.

For Sadat, the agreement with Israel reaped significant benefits in the form of foreign investments and development of infrastructure, as well as geopolitical advantages by realigning with the United States and the West. In inter-Arab

politics, however, it meant Egypt's isolation and the rise in Syrian and Iraqi influence. Internally, the move played to the hand of his Islamist foes of the Muslim Brotherhood, leading to a rise in terrorist violence against westerners and eventually to Sadat's assassination by Muslim Brothers. Until the signing

The Iranian Revolution, also known as the Islamic Revolution, took place in 1979, but it was deeply rooted in the years of the dictatorship of the pro-Western Shah Mohamed Reza Pahlavi, heir to a deeply anti-clerical family tradition and strongly supported by the U.S. and the West as

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of the Camp David Agreements, the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt had largely restricted itself to political action favoring the establishment of Sharia (Islamic religious law) in Egyptian society, and terror attacks sponsored by the Brotherhood were few and far between. Sadat's recognition of Israel led to a radicalization of the Brotherhood, with several offshoots seceding and establishing new movements still connected with the Brotherhood but increasingly influenced by the ideology of Saudi clerics of the Wahabbi sect and the rhetoric of the Islamic Revolution of Shiite Iran. Among these offshoots were the seeds of the Jihadist Movement and Al Qaeda.

a bulwark against Soviet influence in southern Asia. While Shia Islam differs in many aspects from Sunni Islam, it shares with it—and particularly with Wahabbi Sunni ideology—a commitment to the establishment of an Islamic caliphate unifying the lands of the Umma (Muslim national collective). As a manifestation of that ideology, the leader of the revolution, Ayatollah Ruholla Khomeini, broke relations with the West and established an independent Islamic identity that rejected both the West and the Soviets. The Ayatollah's influence in Iranian society had been growing since the 1960s, and his fol-

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B'tayavon (Hearty Appetite)

By Ruth Poley



As a special treat this month, I'm printing a memoir and recipe from Gary Yarus. In complete contrast to this recipe—which, while probably delicious, can no way be described as healthy—I have a recipe for vegetarian, or mock, chopped liver. Space considerations preclude my printing it here, but email me if you're interested.

Here's Gary's memoir:

One of my fondest memories of childhood is of my maternal grandmother, whom we called Ma, making chopped chicken liver. I can see my grandmother, sitting in the kitchen in what she called a "house dress" with her legs crossed and a large wooden bowl wedged between her knees. Using a large curved chopping blade with a handle in her right hand, she would add the chicken liver, onions, and eggs and chop everything into a very flavorful, coarse, and chunky chopped liver.

Her Jewish-style chopped chicken liver had to be made with schmaltz, which she rendered from chicken fat. Ma didn't make chopped liver very often as it took her many months to save enough chicken fat and skins needed to make the schmaltz. So her chopped liver was a delicacy, a much-anticipated event, often served on special occasions with family and friends.

Sometimes I have a taste for chopped liver, so I make it following my grandmother's time-tested approach—chopping everything by hand. I have rendered my own schmaltz but now prefer buying it from a kosher market in New York City. I usually make a large amount and share with a few of my Jewish friends. It is definitely an acquired taste and often under-appreciated as a gourmet dish.

First, only chicken liver should be used. Second, use schmaltz; do not substitute any other kind of oil or fat. Third, chop all ingredients by hand rather than by machine. Chopped liver should not look like a puree or pate. Fourth, make it in small batches, as it is very rich, and serve it only on special occasions. ☆

Gary Yarus's Grandmother's Chopped Liver

- 1 pound fresh chicken livers
- 2 cups finely chopped onions
- 3 hardboiled eggs
- 6 tablespoons schmaltz
- salt and pepper to taste
- chopped *gribenes*, the crispy strips of chicken skin remaining after the fat has been rendered (optional)

Prepare the liver by broiling in a 500 degree preheated oven. Broil livers on a rack four inches from the heating source for three minutes on each side then remove them, allow them to cool, and chop.

Melt six tablespoons of schmaltz in a skillet and sauté onions over medium heat until soft and just beginning to turn brown. Add chopped liver pieces and sauté 1 minute more, then remove from heat.

Pour the skillet contents into a mixing bowl. Chop the hardboiled eggs and add to mixing bowl along with salt and pepper and the chopped *gribenes*. Mixed everything well to blend together, then chill for at least three hours in the refrigerator before serving.

Serve small portions of the chopped liver garnished with kosher dill pickles and pickled beet slices or, as an alternative, garnish with fresh tomato and cucumber slices. A medium-dry wine such as chardonnay or a white zinfandel goes well with the chopped liver.

If you try making my chopped liver, let me know how it goes.

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.

History part XXXIV (from page 19)

lowers had frequently been persecuted and imprisoned by the forces of the Shah. During the 1970s, the oil bonanza bringing untold millions of dollars to Iran did not translate into benefits for all, but into polarization between rich and poor and a growing gap in income distribution, generating growing discontent with the ruling family. It was under these conditions that the Ayatollah was able to depose the Shah and seize power in January 1979. In October, after the Shah was admitted as a refugee to the United States, the Muslim Students Followers of the Imam Line—a group of young followers of Khomeini—invaded the U.S. Embassy, initiating what would be known as the Hostage Crisis. Under these conditions, the United States saw Iran as a danger to its influence in the region and began supporting the secular government of Iraq as a way of containing what was seen as a growing danger from Islamic Iran. Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi president, took advantage of this new relationship with the U.S. to consolidate his power over the Shiite minority as well as the Kurds in the north, and eventually engaged Iran in one of the bloodiest wars of the Middle East.

The Iran-Iraq war started with an Iraqi invasion on September 22, 1980 under the pretext of border disputes but motivated by fears among the Iraqi elite of a Shia insurgency influenced by the Iranian Revolution. The war would continue until August 20, 1988, with the U.S. providing strategic support for Iraq and in the process dislodging it from Soviet influence, isolating Syria as the last Soviet stronghold in the Arab Middle East. During the war, Iraq used chemical weapons not only against Iranian troops and civilians but also against its own Iraqi Kurds. While Iranians fought against Iraq, they also provided support for the Islamic fighters against the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan.

In 1978, the Soviet-allied government of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan was weakening and confronting a growing insurgency. In 1979, Islamists supported by Iran kidnapped and killed the American ambassador to Afghanistan, raising tensions between Washington and Tehran. Faced with growing Iranian influence, the Marxist government of Kabul requested Soviet intervention and help against the Mujahedeen rebels. As the Mujahedeen grew, they sought support of the United States, and on July 1979 President Carter authorized the funding of the anti-communist Islamic guerrillas. At this point, the Soviets decided to intervene openly in the Afghan conflict, leading to the 1979 Soviet invasion. This invasion of a Muslim country by the Soviets energized the Islamist movement connected with the Muslim Brotherhood, which actively recruited fighters to join the Afghani Mujahedeen. Many of these recruits were members of the most radical groups within the Brotherhood and strongly influenced by Wahabbi philosophy. They were joined by Wahabbi elements of Saudi society eager to join the jihad against the Soviets. Among those who joined the Mujahedeen in those days was one Osama Bin Laden, and many analysts believe that Al Qaeda started during the Soviet-Afghan war.

Against all this background of turmoil, the world was changing. Just a few years later, the unthinkable would happen: the fall of the Soviet Union, unquestionably the most influential historical event of the 1980s.

It could be said, in summing up all the events related above, that the years 1978 to 1980 mark a watershed point

in the rise of Islamist ideology. For those interested in learning more in depth about the impact of these events and the rise of Islamism, I recommend the book *Journey of the Jihadist*, by Lebanese journalist Fawaz Gerges.

In my next installment I will begin describing the historical events of the 1980s, which include the Lebanon War, the fall of the Soviet Union, the transformation of jihadist ideology, and Arafat's change of strategies—all of which deeply affected and molded the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. ✧

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Super Sunday (from page 1)

Jewish Family Services is one of our most essential services. We offer assistance and visits to those in need, referring people to agencies which can then work to improve their circumstances. We also tender emergency loans, after careful review, for such necessities as rent and food. Leisure Club, our senior program, is very popular; it encourages our seniors to come together for outings that educate, celebrate and are just plain fun. JFS also has scholarships and camperships available: scholarships for children going on educational Israel programs and camperships to enable children to go to non-profit Jewish camps, including our own Camp Shalom. JFS will offer three new Jewish Family Life Education programs this year.

The Community Relations Committee guides our interface with the community at large. CRC addresses such issues as the significance of Jewish holidays during the school year and the impact on our children of ill-timed exams and assignments. It steers our Yom Hashoah commemoration for CKJF. It coordinates Holocaust education both within our community and to the greater community. It coordinates letter writing in support of Jews and of the State of Israel. It provides an essential service through volunteer participation to help ensure the coordinated representation of our community.



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The Winter Dinner has become an annual event that garners capacity crowds every year. It is an opportunity for all of us to get together and enjoy a meal, catch up with friends, and just celebrate being a community. Another annual event is the Day of Giving. Almost 100 volunteers relieve others at Christmas, so that they can celebrate with their families. We go to nursing homes, Meals on Wheels, and the Catholic Action Center, among others, to help with the activities that would normally be done by our Christian neighbors.

Throughout the year Tikkun Lexington visits the Stewart Home just outside Frankfort. We bring games, food, and cheerful visitors to the residents at this facility for mentally challenged individuals.

Our assistance to Jews in Israel and around the world is vital. We are instrumental in sponsoring a computer training program at Hadassah Neurim, a Youth Aliyah

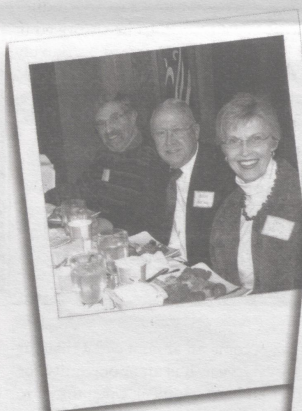
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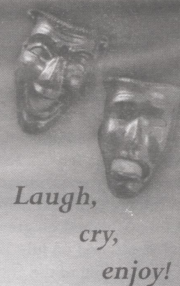
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The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah

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On repairing the world

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In these months, we are all overwhelmed by images of failed banks, home foreclosures, job losses, and Israel being criticized for defending herself. We are living in a complex global environment and it is frequently difficult to imagine how we can possibly wrap our arms and minds around the idea of *tikkun olam*, repairing the world. However, it may be precisely at times such as these that we need to return to basics—doing our small part to help repair the world—an enduring concept in Hadassah and in all our lives.

Now may be the perfect time to call a friend you haven't spoken with in months, to take the time to check on a neighbor, to call a homebound acquaintance, or to visit someone who is ill. Further, now may also be the perfect time to consider our environment and our natural world. During this month when we celebrate Tu b'Shevat, it is appropriate to ask ourselves if we are doing all we can to help repair the world. There are simple things we can do: change to fluorescent light bulbs, which use less electricity than conventional bulbs; use a cloth bag for grocery

shopping. Recycle paper, cans, plastics, and glass. Turn off lights and appliances when not in use. Use a phosphate-free detergent to avoid polluting the waters. Plant a tree in Israel with the Jewish National Fund through Hadassah; a single tree absorbs one ton of carbon dioxide over its lifetime.

In these tumultuous times, even as the larger world is stressed, we can each take the time to acknowledge our responsibility to help in repairing our own world. Through these simple acts, each one of us can make a discernable difference. Rabbi Tarfon famously stated in *Pirkei Avot*, "It is not your obligation to complete the task, but neither are you free to desist from it." ☆

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.

Religious Services

Sunday, February 8, 2009:

The Havurah's annual Tu b'Shevat seder will take place at the Lexington Theological Seminary at 4:00 p.m. Eve Podet and Jeremy Popkin will lead. Eve Podet, Jeremy Popkin, and Gloria and Mike Rie will host. This is about the 30th year the Havurah has celebrated Tu b'Shevat with a seder.

Tuesday, March 10, 2009:

The Purim party will be held at the Fellowship Hall of the Lexington Theological Seminary. Details to be announced.

Saturday, April 11, 2009:

Shabbat morning services will take place at 10:00 a.m. in the home of one of the members. This is also Kol haMoed Pesach. Details to be announced.

Web Page

Under the leadership of Judy Baumann, the web page of the Havurah has been revised and updated. It now contains the details about the Havurah and details about upcoming Havurah services and programs. The address is lexhavurah.uscjh.net.

Education Committee

The Education Committee, co-chaired by Larry Bitensky and Judy Saxe, has arranged for Dr. Beth Glazier-MacDonald, professor of religion at Centre College, to present a program to the Havurah. The committee is also planning the annual spring Havurah retreat. Details of these programs will be made available in a timely manner. ☆

Campaign (from page 18)

more emails, we post more on our websites, we anchor ourselves as an organization into those online communities where the young are congregating, and we show them that making a difference in the world *can* be done on their terms.

For some this may seem a daunting task, and no one is more sensitive to the fears that many bear when it comes to computers and technology than the baby-boomer generation. They are a mix of email resisters and e-news junkies, and those who have overcome the uphill battle to attack their fear of the computer's mouse and screen have mostly seen success.

The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation is about to embark on a technological journey. With difficult financial times already creeping into our operating budget and expected giving declining for 2009, we need to become more responsible with our donors' money while reaching out to those who have not yet identified themselves. We have learned through the successes of other organizations around the world that "going green" and not creating so much paper waste with invitations, flyers, and registration forms can be a more effective way to reach people across the board, but also the eco-friendly and financially friendly way to communicate with our membership and encourage new participation.

While we have taken baby steps in the past few years in exposing CKJF membership to e-philanthropy, this year we will be leaping toward the future. Online giving has increased in dollars and number of donors over the past three years, proving that fulfilling a pledge to the Community Campaign can be safe and easy by credit card through the CKJF website. So don't be surprised if you receive more announcements by email, and don't be afraid to make <http://www.jewishlexington.org> your web browser home page. We also have a CKJF group page and Camp Shalom alumni group page on Facebook.

Those of you who are not ready to board the technology train or perhaps do not have the means, don't worry, you won't be left behind at the station. With a laptop donation from Gary Yarus (plus his generous time and assistance), and donated computers from Robert Ziegler, we now have two working computer stations in the office open to any community member who needs to check email, explore the Internet, or type a letter. There is also a wireless Internet connection in the office for those who wish to stop in and use their own laptops. If you have some computer knowledge and some free time, we encourage you to become a computer monitor to help those who need assistance on the office computers. Your time would be greatly appreciated.

And *Shalom*, a product of our dedication to encouraging communication within the Jewish community, will continue to bring the high-quality content maintained over the years to your doorstep.

We hope that these changes will be welcomed with open arms, and that all of you will see the value not only in becoming more fiscally and ecologically responsible, but also in taking a firm step into the e-technology and e-philanthropy age. With your help, we can lead by example for our children and foster a new era of initiative and *tzedakah* within our Central Kentucky Jewish community. ☆

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Religious School Tu b'Shevat celebration

In June 2008, the Temple Adath Israel Religious School was selected to participate in the Jewish National Fund Ambassadors program for the 2008-2009 school year. This program is designed to provide schools with a direct link to the educational resources of the Jewish National Fund. In connection with this program, the Religious School plans many exciting activities on February 8th to celebrate Tu b'Shevat. On that day, Michelle Beller, the JNF Education Programs Manager, comes to Lexington to help with the celebration.

The primary grades will focus on biodiversity in nature, the interdependency of plants and animals in an ecosystem, and the concept that every living thing has value. From 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., the Pre-K through 4th graders will explore the ecosystem of the forest, examine the importance of all living things, go on a biblical treasure hunt, sample foods and juices at a Tu B'Shevat seder, and conduct an election and choose their favorite type of tree in Israel. Our 5th through 8th graders will explore many of the resources contained in JNF's GoNeutral programs. They will look at a variety of environmental issues from a Jewish perspective. Please join us for a morning of great activities.

Mini-U Course for February-March

The Friday Night Service: Finding Your Way Around the Prayer Book, with Greg Davis and Stephanie Barrett (Mondays, 7:00 p.m., February 16, 23, March 2) Enrollment limit: 18

The Story of Masada, with Sam Kad (Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14)

To enroll for winter courses, or if you have any questions, please contact Ken Slepian at kslepian@transy.edu or (859) 226-9145. You may enroll at any time, but the sooner the better to guarantee your place! Please make checks out to "Temple Adath Israel" and write on the memo line "Mini U." Views expressed by Mini U instructors are their own and do not necessarily reflect those of Temple Adath Israel

Sim Shalom

Community Hanukkah celebrations in Budapest started on the first night with the lighting of a giant menorah in one of the largest public parks, sponsored by the Neolog movement, the largest branch of Judaism in Hungary. The JCC in Balint House had its celebration on Sunday, the second night. On the same day, the Sim Shalom Talmud Torah children had their observance, with dreidels and Hanukah gelt imported from the U.S. And Sim Shalom closed out the season with a large party on the seventh night, following a short Shabbat service. Before the service started, we lit candles in the three-foot-high Sim Shalom menorah, made a few years ago by one of our more artistic and mechanically minded members. It is a beautiful piece of brasswork in the traditional shape, with the shammes in the middle and four candles on either side. On a long table there were also a dozen or more menorahs brought by the congregational members from their homes. When they were all lit, it was an inspiring and beautiful sight. The candle lighting was captured on video by the editor of a local Jewish website for inclusion

in a program on how the various Jewish organizations were celebrating the holiday.

The service took place with people seated all around the brightly lit table, followed by a buffet of Mediterranean cuisine: hummus and pita, couscous, various salads, but unfortunately no latkes. More than forty attended, including several visitors.

Sim Shalom marked a milestone in its acceptance into the life of the greater Hungarian Jewish community when our past president, Bernadette Gardos, took a seat for the first time on the governing board of the Hungarian Jewish Inheritance Foundation, better known locally by the acronym MAZSOK. This foundation manages the property that has been returned to the Jewish community from among those properties taken away from Jews in various ways by the Fascist and Communist governments in former years. The income from the renting and sale of these properties is given out annually to many Jewish organizations to support their ongoing present day activities. Sim Shalom gets about a third of its current budget from this source, and we are hopeful that this might increase now that we are represented on the board. In any case, we're very pleased with this recognition as being part of the Jewish community.

Keep The Heat On

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Going green tip of the month

Every person and household can make a contribution to an environmentally friendly world by taking small steps at home and at work. Some of the best resources for information on how to make these small changes in our everyday lives are available on the website

www.COEJL.org. Let our celebration of Tu b'Shevat help motivate you. Plant a tree, turn your thermostat down two degrees, recycle your papers and plastic, or carpool with family and friends. Send other ideas to Toni Reiss at coordinator@extai.org.

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. **February 14 & 28**

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 on alternate Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. and join in the provocative and friendly discussion. **February 7 & 21**

Chavurat-Chochma (A Friendly Gathering of Wisdom)

We will meet again on February 27, 2009 Watch your mail for more info on the guest speaker and details for our February 27 program. While invitations are sent to members of the congregation 60 years old and better—all are welcome! We meet most months to schmooze, nosh (lunch), and share our wisdom.

Finding a Jewish Path continues

Larry Kant will continue his classes. All are invited to join and discuss the important issues to Jewish people today. Watch for class dates. We will meet in the Sisterhood lounge. Please join us!

Tuesday Bridge Club

The Tuesday Bridge Club meets on Tuesdays at various locations to include bridge players who may not be able to come to Temple. If you would like to join this group on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m., call Leona Stern at (859) 277-0350 beforehand to find out where they are playing for the week. Bring your lunch and play until 2:00 p.m.

We want to hear from you!

We now have a Suggestion Box, thanks to Anne Graff. It is located in the hall near the Temple office. We want to hear your comments, suggestions, questions, and concerns regarding the Temple. Please look for the Suggestion Box and let us know what you think. ✪



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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 as, except for b'nai mitzvot, 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 DI-IFR@Bardstown.com. Remember, we welcome photos, too!

Mazel Tov to...

Laura and David Ades on the arrival of **Jonah Zelalem Ades** from Ethiopia, age 10 months, in December. **Connie and John Loventhal** and **Michael and Harriet Ades** are the happy grandparents.

Malcolm and Carolyn Siegel on the birth of their granddaughter, **Nora Lovie Siegel**, on December 20, 2008. The proud parents are **Erik Siegel** and **Julia Richardson**.

Condolences to...

Judy and Stanley Saxe and their extended family on the death of **Sylvia Saxe**, Stanley's sister, on January 21, 2009.

James Levenson, Sr., Andy and James Levenson, Jr., and the extended Levenson families on the death of **Ann Levenson** on January 21, 2009.

Vivian Weil on the death of her sister, **Ida Rubin**, on January 1, 2009.

Karen Shedlofsky on the death of her mother, **Elisabeth Ann Howes**, in December 2008.

Joe and Rebecca Young on the death of Joe's father, **Robert Young**, on December 31, 2008.

Rabbi H. D. Uriel Smith on the death of his mother, **Judith Smith**, on December 17, 2008, in England.

David Fine and Sarah Fine on the death of David's wife and Sarah's mother, **Aida Fine**, on December 19, 2008.

Bill and Debra Booker on the death of Debra's father, **Irving Jerome Miner**, on December 3, 2008.

Elissa and Alan Weinstein on the death of Elissa's uncle, **Harry Paskowitz**, on November 29, 2008.

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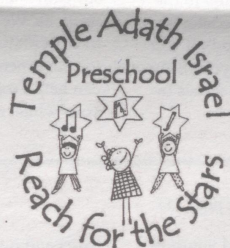
From the Editor's Desk

Let us know...

Hey there! Has your family had a celebration? A party? A Bar/Bat Mitzvah? How about sharing with the community? We'd all love to see a couple of photos of your anniversary party, or your new grandchild, or your son's wedding, or any other *simcha*.

Shalom is **your** community newspaper and we'd like to publish more of the local news in it, but you need to tell us about it. Please help us to sharpen our local focus with your news. Send photos, information, stories, whatever to di-ifr@bardstown.com.

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Shabbat Shira Karaoke Night

Think you have a future as the next American Idol? Do you find yourself singing in the shower and think you sound good? If so, come try out your voice at OZS' Shabbat Shira Karaoke Night. In celebration of Shabbat Shira, "the Shabbat of Song" which falls on February 7, join us for a fun evening of singing and karaoke, drinks and snacks. We will begin the fun with Havdalah at 7:30 p.m. followed by lots of singing (or attempted singing!). Call the OZS office to let us know if you plan to come and if you want some time on-stage.

Tu b'Shevat at OZS

Don't forget that February 9 is Tu b'Shevat, the holiday best known as the birthday or new year of the trees, our Jewish Arbor Day. On this holiday we pause to acknowledge the special relationship we have with nature, and the importance of trees in greening the State of Israel. As part of the holiday, the OZS Religious School will be busy with a number of projects related to the holiday and collecting tzedaka for JNF (Jewish National Fund). If you are interested in learning more about trees and environmental issues in

Israel, check out the JNF website: www.jnf.org.

Gan Shalom Preschool Passover candy sale

Although Passover isn't until the beginning of April, now is the time to place your order with Gan Shalom Preschool for your favorite Passover candy. Treat yourself or someone else to Barton's Passover Candy: macaroons, Lollyones, Carmel Nut Clusters, chocolate matzah, and more. All proceeds go to support Gan Shalom. Orders are due by February 17. For more information, contact the Gan Shalom office at (859) 335-9922 or director@ganshalom.com.

Project Kermit: Going green

It's not always easy being green, but at OZS we are striving to become a "green synagogue." We have a number of projects geared toward making the OZS building more environmentally friendly and encourage everyone to participate. In addition to general recycling, in the spring we will be setting up a composter that will be monitored by our Gan Shalom and Religious School students. We are also researching the installation of a Solar Ner Tamid for the sanctuary. This month, you can help Project Kermit by donating your white, off-white, and/or cream

colored gently worn clothes. Instead of throwing away that slightly stained white dress shirt or blouse that no longer fits, drop it off in the Kermit bin in the lobby of OZS. We will be using the clothes to make light-colored kipot for the High Holy Day season. Donated clothes that we are not able to use will be donated to Goodwill. If you can cut and/or machine sew and want to help out with this project call the OZS office. And make sure when you are done with this issue of *Shalom*, you place it in the recycling bin, not the trash!

D'Vine Minyan on Tuesdays

Tuesday is d'Vine Minyan Day at OZS. Join your friends for a relaxing glass of wine and socializing each Tuesday afternoon beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the OZS Social Hall. The brief evening minyan follows in the sanctuary from 5:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. A great way to end your day!

Shabbat at OZS

Celebrating Shabbat is always a focus of our weekly events here at OZS.

We welcome in Shabbat during the Kabbalat Shabbat service on Friday evenings. The Friday night schedule for February is:

February 6 – Kabbalat Shabbat service begins at 5:45 p.m.

February 13 – Family and Friends Shabbat at Home. No scheduled OZS service.

February 20 – Kabbalat Shabbat service begins at 5:45 p.m. Stewart Home will be in attendance.

February 27 – Host Home Shabbat service begins at 8:00 p.m. Call OZS for host home information.

We hope you will join us for our spirited Shabbat Morning Service each Saturday morning at 9:45 a.m. with Kiddush Lunch following in the Social Hall.

Membership Committee

If you know someone new to the Lexington area interested in learning more about Ohavay Zion please call Simone Salomon, membership chair, at (859) 269-1585. ☆

Super Sunday (from page 21)

Village for disadvantaged youth in Israel. In providing the computer training program, we are opening up a new future for them—one removed from the poverty of their early childhoods, with the education to succeed in the technological world of the future.

Ben Yakir is another Youth Aliyah Village that benefits from our support. Our Equine Division, through its very generous donations, assists a horseback riding therapy program. Imagine children so damaged by life's hardships that they trust nothing and nobody; they are the emotionally impaired who are deeply touched by the therapy we provide.

You are, right now, reading *Shalom*, our community newspaper, published ten times per year. It not only brings together the news from all the community organizations and show-

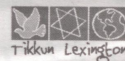
cases and publicizes programs, but also teaches and informs. We highlight current affairs in Israel, review historical events, offer wisdom through "Ask a Rabbi," tender advice from our Jewish Family Services Director, explore the meanings of holidays, and enhance your life with recipes and book reviews. *Shalom* would not exist without your support and donations.

We will be calling between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. from the CKJF office. We are also looking for volunteers to help make this day as successful as possible.

Think about all of these benefits when you answer the call and donate generously! ☆



STEWART HOME SCHOOL VISITATION SCHEDULE: To Be Announced



The Stewart Home, located in Frankfort, Kentucky, is a residential school for individuals with disabilities. It is renowned throughout the country for the high quality of care given to the students, and attracts people from all across the country. Tikkun Lexington brings celebration to the Stewart Home's Jewish students by honoring Shabbat and Jewish holidays. It is a very special evening for all who participate, volunteers and students alike.

Please call Jana at (859) 268-0672 or email jana@jewishlexington.org for more information

CKJF seeks Executive Director

Federation leadership is seeking an executive who can rise to the challenges of small Jewish community life while bringing sophisticated management, community building and financial resource development skills to the table. Energy, Jewish passion and commitment to building bridges within and outside of the Jewish community are as important as the business and organization management skills. Reporting to the president and board of the federation, the executive will work with a talented and committed corps of volunteers and a very small but dedicated staff team.

Send résumé and cover letter to ricki.wasserman@ujc.org. For a complete position description visit www.ujc.org/jobs.



Community Calendar

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

OZS - Ohavay Zion Synagogue - www.ozs.org

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TAI - Temple Adath Israel - www.lextai.org

124 N. Ashland Avenue • 269-2979 • Samye Miller Stith, President

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

HAD - The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah - www.centralstates.hadassah.org

Evalyn Block, President • eblock3375@windstream.net

HAV - The Lexington Havurah - www.lexhavurah.uscjhst.net

269-4454 • David Wekstein, President • mwdrewek@insightbb.com • Shabbat Services monthly, call for schedule

BB - B'nai B'rith Mid-America Region, Stanley Rose Lodge #0289

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Hadassah Board Meeting		TAI Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. OZS Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	Camp Shalom Meeting 7:30 p.m. at CKJF			OZS Shabbat Shira Karaoke Night 7:30 p.m.
February 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Erev Tu b'Shevat	Tu b'Shevat	Shalom Deadline Chabad Rabbi Litvin visits 12 noon CRC Meeting 7:30 p.m.				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			Hadassah Health Program			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Rosh Chodesh Adar	Rosh Chodesh Adar CKJF Executive Committee Meeting 6:45 p.m. CKJF Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
CKJF Super Sunday Transitioning to College	"Jews and Comics" Singletary Center 8:00 p.m.	Hadassah Board Meeting TAI Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. OZS Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.				OZS Purim Night Ball
March 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Ta'anit Esther - Fast of Esther Erev Purim	Purim Shalom Deadline Chabad Rabbi Litvin visits 12 noon CRC Meeting 7:30 p.m.				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14

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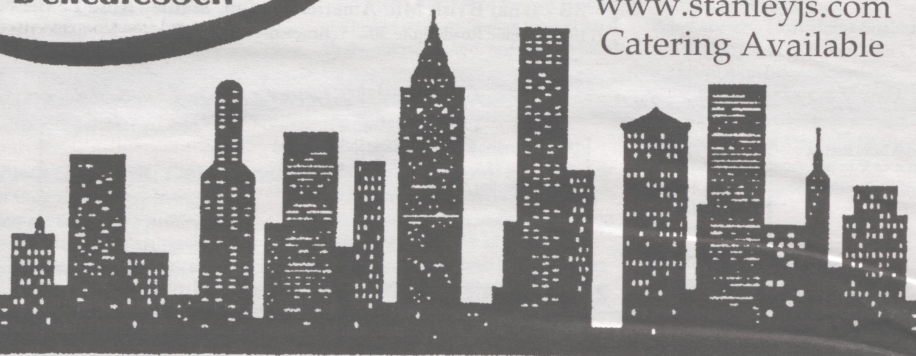
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Desserts

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Cream Cheese Brownie Plate
Carrot Cake
Death by Chocolate Pie
Seasonal Dessert

