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A chapter ends

By Barbara Goldman, *Shalom* Editor



A lot has happened throughout my three-year journey with *Shalom*, both on a personal level as well as a global level. Both have certainly had their effect. Along with editing *Shalom*, my food column in the *Ledger Independent* (a northern Kentucky newspaper), and a few other writing gigs, my time has been spent working as a café chef, personal chef, caterer, and about anything else food-wise I could sink my teeth into. About six months ago I began a new adventure as a food truck owner, Babz Bistro.

The food truck has already exceeded my expectations with the joy and freedom it is providing me. However, due to the time and demand of this new course, I will no longer be able to continue my position as *Shalom* editor.

This decision did not come easily. Never in my wildest dreams did I expect this experience to exceed my expectations so greatly. I was never fully aware of how many lives this amazing organization touched, and if being truthful, how many individuals and hours are constantly involved in maintaining daily operations.

As we each walk through life, it is so important to surround ourselves with mentors, people who are not only greater than us, but keep their clarity of mind and wits regardless of life's challenges.

Mentors help us so that we may set goals and blueprints for achieving our own personal greatness. The editorial board and the Federation staff have been constant mentors for me. Federation Executive Director Tamara Ohayon and previous director Judy Wortman have truly been an inspiration. The support of Editorial Board members Hanna Smith, Betty Nigoff, and Susan Cobin has been a light in the darkness. Marketing Director Daniel Baker's wit and know-how have given me perspective and solutions when I did not see another. Marketing Assistant Kasey Hall has given beauty and structure when I didn't know if it would be there. Receptionist Kathie Kroot has shown me kindness and clarity when I have bombarded her with questions and confusion.

Although this chapter is ending, it is only that, a chapter. I will continue reading the rest of *Shalom*'s story, and hopefully contribute a few stories of my own. Thank you central Kentucky Jewish Community for having me. For those of you who may be considering becoming more involved with the Jewish community, don't wait any longer. It will bring more joy to your heart than my words could even begin to articulate.

We are continuing the quest for a new *Shalom* editor. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact the Federation.

Thank you,

Barbara Goldman

Camp Shalom swims through 2017 program changes

By Tamara Ohayon



Camp Shalom enjoyed an earlier start to our day camp this summer, as well as a change in location. As a result, the campers were able to play, swim, and learn through two weeks of near perfect weather around the grounds of Temple Adath Israel.

We had many activities on the front lawn, enthusiastically played many rounds of gaga in a shady corner of the back parking area, and ran games, arts and crafts, and even rest and story time in the religious school classrooms and social hall.

For a large portion of each day, we had one big adventure. Week one we walked to the local Woodland Park pool twice for splashing fun. The little ones enjoyed climbing, jumping, and sliding in and around the awesome pirate ship zero-entry pool while the older campers played tag in the deep pool, bounced off diving boards, and conquered the water rock climbing wall. On Tuesday, the children went to Raven Run Nature Sanctuary and split up into three groups for age-appropriate hikes to different areas of the property. Our littlest campers were true troopers and made it successfully through a moderate hike for their little legs. We all learned about animals and plants in the Kentucky area and were able to practice using Hebrew words for some of the animals and insects we saw, thanks to Rabbi Sharon Cohen. After, we had a picnic lunch on site before heading back to TAI on the bus. (Continued on p. 5)

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Ask JFS

By Mimi Kaufman



STRESS! The pace of modern life today makes stress management necessary for everyone. Experiencing stress is unavoidable. Job pressures, financial concerns, relationships, raising children, waiting in traffic, running late...fill in the blank.

Monitoring your stress level is important. Your health is one of your

biggest assets. It takes a little practice to find the triggers that make us feel stressed as well as identifying techniques that work to calm the stressed feeling. Some people are naturally good at it. For some it takes a little more practice. What works for one person doesn't necessarily work for another.

Identifying the factors that are causing stress can also be tricky at times. Sometimes the things that are causing your stress are completely out of your control, like a loved one's illness. In these cases, all you can do is change your reaction.

Practice what you know is good for you: deep breathing, yoga, meditation, massage, bubble bath, dance, listen to music, a good movie, whatever you know helps you to relax. Normally I would also advocate to disconnect your phones and computer, but on the other hand telephones and technology can be a means to connect with others that may help to reduce stress.

There is a new website that aims to bring young Jewish wom-

en together. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA) recently announced Alma, launched by 70 Faces Media (JTA's parent company), which aims to be a resource for millennial women navigating the often fun, sometimes tricky years of early adulthood. Readers can expect everything from personal essays, the wide ranging topics including grief and figuring out what to do after college, to slideshows of embarrassing bat mitzvah photos.

"Alma will have a 'Jew-ish' angle," said editor Molly Tolksy, meaning a blend of secular and Jewish content, with the goal of addressing all aspects of a young woman's life, including careers, relationships and spirituality.

"The purpose is to form an online community of Jewish women, and particularly women who are unaffiliated and not really involved in Jewish organizations," she said.

Tolksy, 30, had been the editor of Kveller, a Jewish parenting website (also a 70 Faces Media property), for three years.

So, if you are a woman who is in your 20's or 30's, figuring out where your Jewish identity fits into your career, dating, or family issues, it may be worth checking out this new site.

Lastly, as it relates to taking care of ourselves and learning how to manage our stress levels, be on the lookout for more information about a Jewish Family Life program happening on Sunday, August 20 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Childcare will be available, and we hope to cover topics ranging from personal finance to mindful meditation.

Ask JFS is a monthly column covering a wide range of issues. If you have a problem or a concern that you would like addressed in this Shalom column, please send them either by mail to Jewish Family Services at 1050 Chinoe Road Suite 112, or by email to jfs@jewishlexington.org. You can always call with your confidential questions at (859) 269-8244.

OZS celebrates the 30th anniversary of "Walking The Torahs"

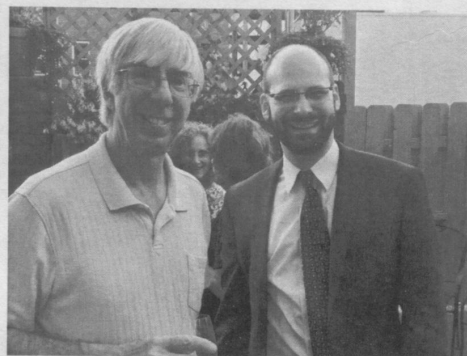
By Hanna B. Smith

On June 25, 2017, Ohavay Zion Synagogue celebrated the 30th anniversary of the congregation's move from their former synagogue building on Maxwell Street to their current location. In 1987, on moving day, members of OZS carried the congregation's Torah scrolls on foot, in a joyful procession along Maxwell Street, through Chevy Chase, along Alumni Drive, and into the new building on Edgewater Court.

Past President Beth Goldstein commemorated the event in her speech on June 25, remarking how blessed we are as Jews to live in a country where we can enjoy such a procession unmolested, and where members of various religious groups and city representatives attended the festivities and expressed their good wishes. Ms. Goldstein outlined future plans for OZS as based upon its past and current experiences and needs. She also mentioned the rabbis who have served the congregation during the past 30 years and thanked them for their leadership. Thank-yous were also expressed to the various committees and individuals who made the event a success.

The evening started with dinner for participating members and guests at various host homes and concluded with dessert for everyone together on the patio at Portofino's. Center piece of the event was a cake shaped and decorated to look like an opened Torah scroll which elicited much admiration.

The Jewish community extends its best wishes to Ohavay Zion Synagogue.



Director's Message: May 2017 Annual Meeting Remarks, excerpts

By Tamara Ohayon



It has been a big year of change at Jewish Federation. New staff, adjustments to programs, and our normal Board transitions are just a few. We have seen a lot of wonderful new faces in newcomers to Lexington and the surrounding area, some who have almost instantly become involved in congregational life and community programming.

It's also been a difficult year for our country and elsewhere around the globe. Particularly here in the US and within the Jewish community we have seen growing polarization.

Recent events have brought up many questions. When do we speak out? When do we act? What should we say, how little, how much? Which battles are ours to fight, and which are best fought by others? How can we demonstrate our resolve to both cherish and champion our Jewish values without appearing political, and therefore alienating one part of our community or another?

The Federation's Community Relations Committee (led by Larry Kant and Ken Slepyan), as well as our Board and staff, have had many lively debates about how we, as an organization, and as Jews, can best serve this community. We have asked how we can stay relevant and yet still, somehow, be seen as the "open tent" we are meant to be for every Jew in Central Kentucky. It is a terribly difficult path to walk, without a "right" way, in my opinion, and yet we cannot ignore the challenge. I am truly grateful for and humbled by the passion and thoughtfulness shown by all of our committee volunteers, Board members, and staff in navigating such a challenge. And I do hope that whatever path we choose as an organization and community is one of respect and of active listening, one on which we can walk forward hand-in-hand, healing the polarization of these past months and years.

A small steering committee of current and past leaders from our three largest organizations, Federation, OZS and TAI, have now met once to digest the recommendations of last year's Ukeles Study, and we will meet again soon to start to look ahead and creatively develop some new and interesting ways in which this community can grow closer together.

In terms of office use and staff time, I have been working closely with our many part-time staff to establish a flexible and productive work environment that helps us work remotely when necessary and maintain the momentum needed to keep up with our busy programming schedule.

I often ask myself, "Is programming really enough?"

In the years I spent in Daniel Baker's current role of Marketing, Outreach, and Engagement, I was fortunate to participate in a series of trainings with a unique regional cohort of young professionals. We analyzed our work of trying to create entry points for Jewish connection in an ever-changing communal and institutional environment.

What we learned about relationship building is crucial to our strategy because the payoff of that individually tailored, and time-intensive, discovery creates not only more trust, and more open and uninhibited dialogue, but also creates opportunities for the individual's direct and deepening engagement in many aspects of community life. As a consequence,

the love and trust and excitement spreads and those individuals become members of a team, a grassroots movement with lasting effect.

Here's the catch: because this work is so time-intensive, our staff cannot do all of the programming and outreach alone. We need you, and those like you, to not only invest financially in what we do, but to also give your time. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could form a welcoming committee? Congregations often have them, why doesn't Federation? Federation is, after all, often a first point of information and entry into Jewish communal life, with calls and emails coming through several times a year.

Perhaps someone will see a flier for Camp Shalom, and sending their kids to camp will be their first point of connection. We could absolutely use more help on the Camp committee.

Perhaps someone is experiencing a serious financial or medical crisis, or needs help caring for their elderly or sick family member. Mimi Kaufman has a wonderful Jewish Family Services committee, who are always in need of additional voices and helpers in one capacity or another. Please reach out to Mimi and see how you can help.

And of course our many educational, youth, young professional, fundraising, social action and holiday events throughout the year, all require a tremendous amount of planning and work. Our staff needs you to help brainstorm new ideas, coordinate details, reach out and invite others to join, set up, and follow up for every single program.

This, as much as your financial support, will launch Federation into a very healthy growing spurt, one which we can feel really good about at the end of each year.

So what about the financial support?

None of what we do is possible without donations. This Federation, quite frankly, will not survive the rising tide of change ahead unless we increase our annual campaign and long-term assets. Last year at the Annual Meeting, I likened our Federation's financial situation to an individual living paycheck to paycheck. With our campaign already behind this year, that analogy is eerily true.

Perhaps this issue is simply a reality for our community. Maybe we are not "givers" to the same extent that some other communities are. Or perhaps, as a few have tried to tell me these past few years, particularly these past few months, Federation simply isn't relevant to the majority of this community. I think I could believe that more so if I didn't know that every organization in Lexington, Jewish or otherwise, struggles with giving in different ways.

So let's take one more step forward. Let's be bold. We haven't survived nearly 6,000 years as a people by being timid or quiet. We have overcome, we have won, and we have lost. We have lost so much, so many. As a people of the Book, we have tried to learn from every success and every failure in our collective history.

A couple of months ago at the Jewish Funders Network annual conference, their President and CEO, Andrés Spokoiny, challenged the leaders and philanthropists in the room to begin thinking outside the box. He said that, "our philanthropic strategies are largely built as if the world was predictable and stable. (Continued on p. 4)

Campaign News

By Tamara Ohayon

On June 8, 2017, at the home of Ronit and Dr. Avi Eres, Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass held its annual Major Gifts event. This year, with a theme of "Mensches and Margaritas: A Recipe for a Sweet Future," attendees enjoyed wonderful drinks and desserts, great company, and a rousing talk and following discussion. Via live webcam, the national Board Chair of the Jewish Federations of North America, Richard Sandler, spoke to us about the impact of Jewish Federations and the particular aspects of community outreach in which Federations can excel and bring our local, national, and global Jewish world closer together. He highlighted targeted services and coordination for young adults and professionals, and ways in which we can encourage open dialogue about a range of topics including national current issues and our connection to Israel.

For this event, the Campaign Committee also took a unique approach by personally inviting many young professionals in our community to attend. A lovely group of new and established young professionals in their 20s and young 30s joined us and added a great deal of lively debate to our conversation with Mr. Sandler, challenging some of the ideas and views we often hear. Much emphasis of the Q and A portion was then focused on young adult engagement and gave our donors a wonderful opportunity to hear from this cohort first-hand.

As a result of this wonderful event, our Annual Campaign pledges have now reached \$163,000 of our \$316,000 goal. If you have not yet pledged for the current campaign year, members of the Campaign Committee and Board of Directors will be reaching out to you soon to request that you renew your commitment to JFB – our mission, programs, services, and role within the Jewish community.

Please answer the call, respond to the letter, or click through to the donation page and give with a generous heart. YOU make a difference!

(Director's Message, continued from p. 3) [We] assume that the future is an extrapolation of the past and not a radical new reality. We lack the strategic flexibility and, most importantly, we lack comfort with the ambiguities that characterize today's world."

He also said that no one has ever lived in "these uncharted territories called the present moment." And no one can tell us for sure how the future will look or what will and won't work.

In this moment, we must accept some failure and move forward, stronger for the experience. We cannot and will not get everything right, but in this moment, we have to find a way to truly listen to each other. Only then, together, can we start to dream big, take chances, make mistakes, learn and grow. In this moment, we must accept the fact that in such uncertain times, when we feel we have so little control over what might happen tomorrow, we are the agents of change and change will happen, either to us or by us. So let's embrace it. Let's stretch ourselves.

In his remarks, Andrés Spokoiny also said, "What we can achieve together is unimaginable if we challenge our limits instead of limiting our challenges."

In these remaining months of 2017, and beyond, let us be role models to the next generation of leaders by listening and truly hearing each other. Let's fund the spaces needed to listen and hear each other, to learn and grow as a community, and to stretch beyond the limits we think we have. And if there are no limits, the unimaginable, the wonderful things we can dream up can and will happen.

Let's make the Jewish year 5778 a Year of Listening, and a Year of Dreaming Big.

Tzofim Friendship Caravan Noga - Israel Scouts

Community performance on July 24, 2017 at Ohavay Zion Synagogue



Special thanks to Ohavay Zion Synagogue for hosting the community performance, and a huge *todah rabah* to everyone who opened their homes to the Scouts for the night!

Shirley and Jared Bryan
Kathy and Michael Grossman
Linda and Leon Ravvin
Lisa and Jonathan Satin
Talía and Rabbi Moshe Smolkin



Lexington Jewish Food Festival returns to TAI on August 27

By Mary Engel

The kitchen at Temple Adath Israel is a busy place these days as the congregation prepares to present its second Lexington Jewish Food Festival from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, August 27.

The local Jewish community will be familiar with many of the foods on the sampling menu, but not necessarily the home-made versions, which focus as much as possible on the use of fresh, local ingredients. The menu includes knishes, borscht made with beets from the TAI garden, chopped liver, latkes, tzimmes, pastrami and corned beef sandwiches, and brisket, plus a bake shop with homemade challah, mandelbrot, strudel, rugelach and more.

"We had such wonderful feedback from last year's festival," said event co-chair Pat Shraberg. "The bake shop sold out in record time, and almost everything else was gone by the time the festival was over."

This year's festival will feature a tent village on the Temple lawn that will seat up to 120 people. Plus, TAI is partnering with a neighborhood business, Mirror Twin Brewing, to provide beer for the festival. "We've been referring to it as Mirror Chai Life," Shraberg said.

Tickets for the festival are \$20 a person; children 12 and younger may piggyback on an adult ticket. Each ticket will allow up to 16 samples, depending on the value assigned to each item.

For more information and regular updates, go to [Facebook.com/lexjewishfoodfestival](https://www.facebook.com/lexjewishfoodfestival), or contact Mary Engel at kyengels@windstream.net.



(*Camp Shalom, continued from p. 1*) Bus rides were always accompanied by exuberant singing of camp songs!

Wednesday, we visited the Explorium in downtown Lexington. The campers participated in a water-themed Jeopardy game, and then learned how to make water filters in teams. This gave us an opportunity to practice the many Hebrew words we learned for different bodies of water. Then, after playing throughout the two floors of the awesome interactive exhibits, we walked across the street to Triangle Park for a picnic lunch.

Week 2 brought different adventures. Tuesday we traveled to the Hummel Planetarium on the Eastern Kentucky University campus, and learned all about our solar system, the night sky, and how the days, nights, and year are changed in our sky, reinforced by ideas and stories within Judaism about the lunar calendar and seasons.

Wednesday, we learned a little about agriculture and seasonal harvesting at Eckert's – Boyd Orchard in Versailles. The children took a tractor trailer ride to part of the peach orchard and were able to pick two peaches each to enjoy at home. We learned a lot about the various crops they grow on the property as we traveled from and back to the main building. We also visited the petting zoo and fed the goats and small cows. After a picnic lunch in their shaded picnic bench porch, we hopped back to TAI on the bus.

During week 2, we also went to the Woodland Pool three times, followed by lovely outdoor picnics in our new favorite picnic spot.

Rabbi Cohen did a beautiful job of enhancing and reinforcing our theme of appreciating the world around us through a Jewish lens. Daily Hebrew vocabulary, a couple of new Jewish songs, and lots of PJ Library books helped tie it all together. To further round out the theme, we created related art activities (like a moon rock painting after the Planetarium visit, or books and related art activities run by our new PJ Library Director, Jori Sussman), and Rabbi Wirschafter led a thoughtful learning and discussion block for the oldest campers in the Temple garden.

Our beloved recent camp traditions of morning song and a closing Shabbat circle remained, as well as a mini version of camp favorites Maccabiah (Field Day), baking challah Friday mornings, and playing in the gaga pit. We also introduced some new camp traditions, like all-camp life size games (try to imagine a giant Kosherland board on the floor!), and the writing and sharing of Shabbat-O-Grams on Friday afternoons.

Overall the staff felt it was a lovely and fun two weeks, and we hope our campers and parents felt the same!

Ask A Rabbi: What does Rosh Hashanah commemorate?

By Rabbi Shlomo Litvin



Question: Pesach, Purim, Yom Kippur... all the Jewish holidays commemorate a momentous occasion in Jewish history. What great event does Rosh Hashanah recall?

Answer: Excellent question. The Jewish holidays are all mitzvos or commandments known as *Eidus*, literally meaning testimony, referring to those mitzvos which testify to and are signs of God's special relationship with Jews. The festivals and the mitzvos associated with them are easy to understand once you learn our history.

Rosh Hashanah also is the anniversary of an important event. Although many think that it commemorates the 5778th year since the creation of the world, Rosh Hashanah is actually the anniversary of the creation of man.

Man is unique, called the select of creation. Throughout the six days of creation, everything was created with a pair. Dark and light, land and sea, and all the animals were created in pairs. Only the very last creations, Adam and Chavah (Eve), were created separately and alone.

Both the timing, and the unparalleled creation of people, has great significance. Our sages teach us, the whole world was created for people. That is why we were created last. The world, with all it contains was set ahead of our arrival for humans to inhabit. Our planet, which is perfect for our needs, was ready for us in every way, even before our creation. This is why we don't celebrate Rosh Hashanah on the first day of creation, but rather on the birthday of man, when the earth was complete.

The Rebbe explains the singular nature of the creation of man has a deeper meaning. When creating the world, God made trees, animals, birds, and flowers, all in great multitude. Only when He created man and woman, in His own image, did He create them separately, and only one couple, to teach us the ultimate lesson.

Too often when people see an issue or darkness in the world, they avert their gaze and ignore. Too many times in history Mankind has turned a blind eye to their brothers and sisters, relying on others, or acknowledging the task is too great for them alone.

It is then that God reminds us that for us alone the world was created. All that exists was placed there to aid us in making this world a better place. And while that task falls on all of us, we each were created alone, and we each have our unique relationship with God, and responsibility to His world.

As we enter the month of Elul, and hear the shofar, preparing for that auspicious anniversary, it is appropriate to reflect on our role in this world. We, the 'Select of Creation' each have an individual responsibility toward our Creator, and His creation. We have this obligation as individuals, and as a community, and only through accepting this role, can we properly prepare for the Days of Awe.

Our local rabbis write columns pertaining to a variety of topics. We encourage you to submit suggestions for columns you would be interested in reading to shalom@jewishlexington.org.

TAI hosts scholar-in-residence program

By Hanna B. Smith

Temple Adath Israel hosted a scholar-in-residence program the weekend of July 7-9, 2017. The event was open to the whole Jewish community.

Dr. Jennifer Lewin of Haifa University English Department was the designated scholar. Dr. Lewin is American-educated and has taught at several American universities, including the University of Kentucky, before assuming her post at the University of Haifa. She is a versatile scholar, with interests ranging from Bible to modern poetry and has published essays and reviews in a number of English language publications.

On Friday evening Dr. Lewin shared her reflections about challenges ranging from cultural differences, disparities in education, and last year's forest fires, all of which impact the campus climate at Haifa University. This university is considered the most diverse intellectual institution in contemporary Israel. There were two sessions on Saturday. At 9:00 a.m. Dr. Lewin led a discussion about what the Talmud says about dreams and visions and how dreams are to be interpreted. This session was followed at 11:00 a.m. with a study of the Torah portion of the week.

On Sunday morning, following brunch, Dr. Lewin described how the various ethnic and religious groups in Northern Israel, as well as some of Israel's neighbors, such as Greece and Jordan, cooperated to fight the forest fires that devastated the area around Haifa in 2016. Differences were set aside and everyone worked to ensure that people were safe. As a result, no lives were lost. It was uplifting to hear of something so positive.

We look forward to more of such quality programs at TAI.

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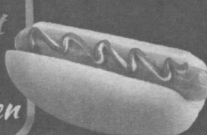
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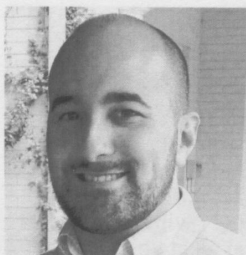
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Exciting changes coming to *Shalom*

By Daniel Baker



Have you ever picked up a newspaper and caught a whiff of that hot-off-the-press smell? If you're a newspaper lover, you're most likely smiling and thinking about the *Shalom* of yesterday, when it landed on your doorstep and unfolded to reveal exciting community content. Ah, the good old days!

If you're not a newspaper lover, you might have been thrilled when *Shalom* evolved into the digital publication it is today. A few clicks of the mouse are all it takes for local Jewish content (and it doesn't leave ink marks all over your fingers!) The unfolding turned into scrolling, but the exciting Jewish community content remained.

Regardless of whether you long for the ink-stained fingers of the good old days, or if you scroll through the present from the comfort of your favorite device, know that *Shalom* has local Jewish content for you and everyone in our community. As the *Shalom* team says goodbye to our wonderful Editor-in-Chief, Barbara Goldman, (at least in her current role), we're left to figure out the next step for our publication. The *Shalom* as you know it will be dramatically different, but these changes are the most exciting yet!

After much discussion, the Editorial Committee has decided to produce a quarterly magazine instead of the 10-times-per-year publication you have been receiving. This magazine will feature more creatively-driven content as opposed to announcement-driven content. We'll feature stories about local families, content for children, highlight community programming, include great news from Israel, and much more!

The magazine will provide something for everyone. For those reminiscing about the "good old days," we'll be sending the physical copy of the magazine to everyone on our

mailing list. You'll get it delivered to your door four times per year! We'll also make it available online for the tech savvy among us.

To accommodate all of the great events and programs in our community, we'll also send out via email (and most likely through snail mail) a simple announcement publication each month to keep you informed about the many great things we do.

In order to begin this transition, we want to make you aware of a few changes and provide an opportunity for you to help.

First, *Shalom* will be on a hiatus while we work to create this magazine. We hope to provide the first issue sometime after the start of 2018. During the interim, you'll begin to receive our monthly announcement publication with updates from around the community. Please continue to send those in. Our regular contributors will receive more information about this soon.

Also, we need your help! If you know of anyone interested in joining our Editorial Committee to help write stories for the magazine and guide these changes, please contact Daniel Baker at Daniel@jewishlexington.org.

Lastly, please feel free to have anyone interested in becoming the Editor contact us immediately. The sooner we find an editor, the sooner we can create this great publication for you!

Please bear with us as we strive to make this the best publication it can be. Over time, *Shalom* has seen dramatic changes. From a newspaper-style publication, to a digital PDF, and now to a quarterly magazine, we're constantly evolving to produce quality content for the Jewish community of Central Kentucky. It's going to be great, and we can't wait to get started!

Ben's Bar Mitzvah Drash

By Ben Belin

Today's Torah portion is very interesting because it deals with interest... See what I did there!

Apparently, Israelites are not supposed to charge one another interest.

I used to find this very concerning, and would charge people interest when they borrowed money from me. But then a wise man, who couldn't make it today, and who possibly abandoned me, named Jon Glixon, who's probably enjoying croissants in Italy, said that it is not kind and beneficial to the community if I charge my friends interest, and that I should lend people money for the sake of lending them money.

Now I could argue, not saying that I did, but I could argue that I don't know how long it will take them to get the money back to me. I might need that money. And so, to have an incentive as to why they should get the money back to me sooner, I should charge interest.

Indeed, can't a poor person, we'll refer to him lovingly by the name Jon, just use a rich person if the rich person is obligated to lend money without interest?

Jon might just take the money, and never pay it back. Yes,

Jon could use us. He might lie to us. And if we did offer him money, he might not use it wisely. Even if we did want to give money to Jon, we'd have to be very careful.

So maybe we shouldn't give Jon money. Perhaps we should give him something else, like food. Since Jon is poor, he probably can't afford food.

The problem is that it's all fungible... I recently learned this excellent word, which is also fun to say: Fungible. So if I give Jon food, he might just waste his own money on a plane ticket to Italy. But, if I give him food, at least I will know that I am giving something good to Jon.

Let's say we take another approach, and help get Jon a job. He might just not care, and might not be willing to put in the effort to keep this job that we have acquired for him. Then we will need to loan Jon money once again. In the meantime, we will have spent all this time striving to help Jon, and we will have gained nothing from it.

In fact, it is like Jon is charging us interest, because he has been using our resources and our time, while he has not fulfilled his part of the deal. Truly folks, it is a gamble every time we loan money (*continued on p. 10*)

49th Season of Camp Shalom

Day Camp Sessions: June 19-23 and June 26-30, 2017 and Overnight Camp: July 24-28

A Thank You Note to Camp Shalom

(shared with camp before the last Friday day camp dismissal)

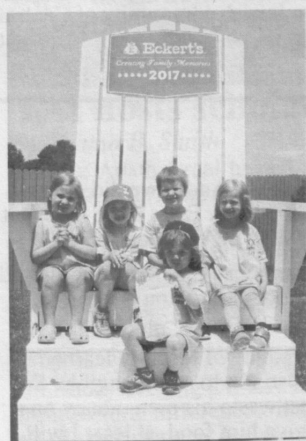
Dear Campers, Counselors, Staff, and Volunteers of Camp Shalom,

During the past two weeks, it's been our pleasure here at Temple Adath Israel to share our campus with you. Whether you were playing gaga in the parking lot, braiding challah in the kitchen, or celebrating Shabbat in the library, you brought wonderful energy and enthusiasm with you. We extend our thanks to all of you, kids, and adults alike, for bringing the playfulness, joy, magic, music, and creativity that makes camp so special, here to our Temple. Not only will this place be physically emptier next week, it will feel emptier too. We'll miss seeing you here and checking in on what you're doing.

In particular though we want to thank you for giving us a lesson in open-mindedness and learned optimism. Just as home is where the heart is, you proved that camp is where you make it. It isn't the distance from downtown, density of trees, or number of fire pits that define camp. It's the spirit of imagination, love of adventure, and joy of friendship that makes camp what it is.

We hope that all of you enjoy the rest of your summer and want you to know that we'd be happy to have you here with us again.

With Gratitude,
Rabbi David Wirtschafter

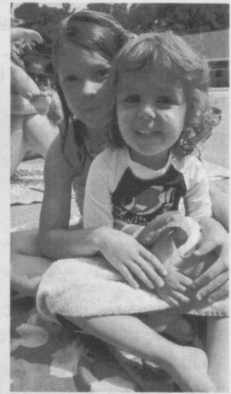


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(Ben's Bar Mitzvah Drash, continued from p. 11) to someone and try to help them because they might just waste our time and our money.

Perhaps we should teach Jon to fish, instead of giving him fishes. But then again, Jon might just waste our time again. He might just not put the effort in to learning how to fish fishes.

It might help if we all come together as a community in the process of teaching Jon to fish. But then again, Jon might just waste the whole community's time.

But then again, again, maybe the wasted time and resources would be spread out over our whole community, and none of us would need to bear this burden alone.

Indeed, if we all shared in taking care of the needy in our society, then the burden would be lessened for each individual.

This is similar to the davening that took place last night. Instead of davening as individuals, my fellow peers and I joined together to pray the Friday night evening service. That way, none of us needed to do the liturgy alone.

Certainly, joining together to take care of the needy is, in fact, the way to proceed. That is... if we are not going to charge interest.

So, why would the Torah tell us not to take interest? What are the assumptions underlying the Torah's position.

Perhaps the answer lies in the Hebrew word *achicha*, which translates to: sibling.

Personally, I would charge my sister interest, but that's just because I know her and don't trust her to give me back the

money. But in theory, I could imagine not charging a family member interest.

This relates to a deeper concept, called: the universe of obligation.

The universe of obligation is who we are obligated to help, and who is not really our problem. We help our family, maybe our friends, but what about people we are less connected with. Is it our job to help them because they are part of our community? What about people far away who we don't even know? What is our universe of obligation?

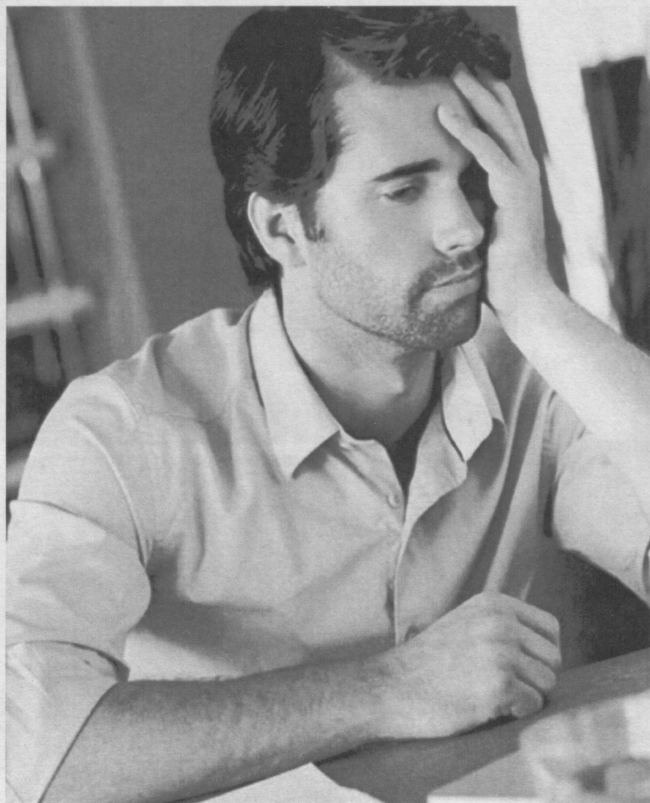
The Torah seems to say that anyone in our community is like a sister or a brother. So, if someone in our community comes up to us and asks for help, we have to help them.

Even if they might take advantage, according to the Torah, we are obligated to assist them.

The needy are part of our community, and we are part of their community. We are all interconnected within a single community, and the point of a community is to help each other.

So, in the end, I consent to the point made by our holy Torah, and by that wise man, named Jon Glixon, who suggested that the higher way to live life is to consider loaning money without interest as a way to fulfill our obligations to others and to better our entire community.

Now, for the record, I only decided to use the name Jon because once again, he has abandoned me, and because I love him so much. He is a great guy, and I have learned from him a tremendous amount. So, to Jon and all those who have helped me on this journey, I thank you. Shabbat Shalom!



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Israel 21c: A small Israeli guitar factory is making big noises abroad

By Anav Silverman

(Originally published online July 24, 2017)

"It's not just about crafting a guitar; it's also about crafting the best sound possible," says co-owner of B&G Guitars in Tel Aviv.

Not far from the Old Jaffa port, on the corner of Abulafia Street in Tel Aviv, there's a small guitar workshop where boutique guitars are handcrafted for customers as far away as Singapore, Hawaii and Dubai.

Cofounders Yotam "Kiki" Goldstein and Eliran Barashi, together with company CEO Avi Goldfinger, have been making and selling B&G Guitars for a little more than two years.

"It's not just about crafting a guitar; it's also about crafting the best sound possible," Goldstein tells ISRAEL21C. "People who appreciate craftsmanship and classical brands buy our guitars."

Most of the materials, including the brass hardware and even the glue and grain filler, are made by the B&G team. The woods used for the guitar bodies, however, come from all over the world including Africa, Honduras, Brazil, India, Canada and the United States.

Most customers buy the guitars online, having never stepped foot in the factory or held a B&G guitar. The company's innovative website features videos and detailed explanations regarding guitar models. Online customers can choose the guitar's maple top and custom-select the color finish, choosing a variety of finishes including cherry burst and natural wood.

"Our guitars are not trendy cheap guitars that last for a year; they are vintage guitars that last a lifetime," says Goldstein. He and Barashi are expert luthiers.

"When I started to play guitar at age 18, I wanted to know exactly how a guitar works so I started taking old guitars apart," explains Goldstein. He later went on to study guitar building at the Algranati School in Ramat Hasharon, where he met Barashi. After completing a one-year luthier course, Goldstein worked as a teacher at Algranati School as well.

Before launching B&G, Goldstein and Barashi worked out of Barashi's apartment in Jaffa, repairing and building guitars for customers in Israel and abroad for more than six years.

"We didn't have a lot of room in the two-room apartment," comments Barashi. "But we worked hard to figure out the most effective techniques in how to build the best guitar possible."

Alongside their work repairing guitars and producing a few instruments a year, the two luthiers conducted extensive research about guitars, especially models from the early 1920s and mid-1950s. This led to the development of a prototype for their popular Little Sister guitar.

"We wanted to figure out what made those models such timeless classics," says Goldstein, who collects vintage gui-

tars. "Those early Delta blues musicians were able to draw in a listener playing only one guitar."

During that phase of their guitar-building career, Goldfinger brought in his guitar for some repairs. An artist and entrepreneur, Goldfinger saw the business potential in the work that Barashi and Goldstein were doing and suggested they form a company. The three became partners in B&G Guitars.

"After 10 years of experience, I felt confident that we could build guitars that people would want to buy," says Goldstein.

Today, B&G produces 30 handcrafted guitars each month, with the Little Sister Private Build, a small, parlor-size 6-string model, priced at \$3,950 and the Big Sister Private Build, a 4-string bass, at \$3,450.

"We've sold 700 private builds to date," says Goldfinger, who notes that those guitar models are built using traditional techniques that make them unsuitable for mass production. In addition, the high-quality wood used for those guitars is difficult to source.

The company also sells the Little Sister Crossroads series, an Asia-manufactured version of the more expensive model that offers the classic B&G look and construction at a more affordable cost of

\$1,450.

"We travelled to China several times to meet with the manufacturers and guide them in the building process, so that the model is created exactly according to B&G standards," says Goldfinger.

Goldfinger believes that B&G Guitars is the first guitar company to be exclusively built on online branding. "Most of our customer base is abroad and marketing is supremely important for our business. We promote our products through social-media platforms like Facebook, YouTube and Instagram," he says.

B&G has nearly 135,000 Facebook likes and more than 16,000 followers on Instagram. The Israeli company also works with guitar dealers in the United States and in Italy, Germany, France, The Netherlands and England.

"Even though we don't sell guitars in the massive numbers that giant guitar companies do, the B&G name is out there," says Goldfinger. "Recently, a French tourist visited our factory and bought a guitar from us. He e-mailed us from France telling us that when he went through customs, the officer who checked his guitar became so excited when he saw it was a B&G guitar."

"A good guitar is one that you fall in love with, both with the sound, the design, and the way it plays," he notes. "Our understanding of this is what makes B&G guitars so unique."

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THE LEXINGTON CHAPTER OF HADASSAH

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With the summer winding down, some of us may be recovering from vacations, as well as looking ahead to the upcoming High Holidays. Our chapter has kept busy, even without a July board meeting.

Several members and associates gathered at a stimulating panel discussion in May, co-sponsored by the Federation's Jewish Family Services, on making informed medical, legal, ethical, and financial decisions that express and respect personal and Jewish values and family needs. Dr. John Harrison; elder law attorney, Robert McClelland; JFS director and social worker, Mimi Kaufman; Rabbi Moshe Smolkin, and Rabbi David Wirtschafter reviewed medical cases, financial planning and advance directives, hospice care, and halakhic insights into the nuances of life enrichment and preservation, in contrast to death prolongation. I moderated the discussion.

The event was inspired by a session from last summer's Hadassah national meeting and by the community study conducted by Dr. Jack Ukeles, in which he recommended that we, as a Jewish community, work together to ensure that we have the institutional foundations—here in Lexington, across the nation, and worldwide—to support vibrant Jewish life. With that in mind, we invited Judy Palkovitz, National Chair of Planned Giving and Estates at Hadassah, to conclude the discussion with ways to create such legacies for our Lexington community.

Our chapter is planning a heartfelt tribute luncheon to present Dr. Marty Kaplan with the Irwin G. "Ernie" Cohen Associate Award on September 3—the third Hadassah Associate to be so honored (following Michael Marx and David Wekstein). Don't forget to RSVP by August 18 and include your greetings for the tribute book we're compiling.

Informally, our chapter and the Federation are rallying members of the entire community to an end-of-season night at Whitaker Bank Ballpark (Tuesday, August 29 at 7:05 p.m.) to watch the Lexington Legends take on the Augusta Green-Jackets [sic]. Please join us!

Our Ein Kerem Hospital in Jerusalem has experienced no summer lull. Dr. Michal Lotem, head of Hadassah's Center for Melanoma and Cancer Immunotherapy at the Sharett Institute of Oncology, is continuing the work for which she was awarded a prestigious grant from the Melanoma Research Alliance. She and her colleagues devised an experimental protocol developed at HMO that targets the immune system, rather than the cancer. "It's easier on the patient, its side effects vastly more manageable than the hair loss, mouth ulcers, fatigue, vomiting and more caused by chemotherapy and radiation." A painstaking and time-intensive process, it nevertheless appears most promising: As of May, 16 patients were treated under the Hadassah protocol. Comparing their patients with historical controls, Dr. Lotem and her colleagues found the immune system to be more active against the cancer in three-quarters of the cases under the new protocol.

Hadassah advocacy hasn't taken the summer off, either. By mid-June, Hadassah members had sent more than 10,000 messages that women never be charged more, or denied coverage because of, their gender, and championed access to quality, affordable maternity care as basic standard coverage.

As a women's Zionist organization, Hadassah plays a unique role for Jewish women, within the Jewish community and outside it. Being a Jew has never been easy, and Jews have long experienced the complexity of identity and the simultaneous possibility for both privilege and marginalization.

Many Jewish women find themselves having to defend their Jewish practice within Judaism and their support of Israel within progressive movements—all at a time when, according to an Anti-Defamation League report, the number of anti-Semitic incidents surged more than 86 percent in the U.S. during the first three months of 2017, compared with the same period last year.

The platform of this year's International Women's Strike Day included anti-Israel rhetoric, and Jewish lesbians, whose pride flag displayed a Star of David, were evicted from the Chicago Dyke March. Hadassah offers much-needed support for Jewish feminists and Zionists in the complex and often fractured time in which we live, and its "Defining Zionism" video series of interviews and panel discussions provides a valuable resource to members.

Hadassah's President, Ellen Hershkin, represents us on the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency for Israel, which adopted a resolution denouncing the Israeli government's decisions regarding the Kotel (Western Wall) and conversion recognition, and calling for their reversal. Hadassah has long advocated for egalitarian worship space at the Kotel as a "source of cohesion for world Jewry." "We must not just protect those who have made aliyah," Hershkin maintains, "but ensure that Israel continues to welcome Diaspora Jews who have undergone or will undergo Conservative and Reform conversions."

I look forward to seeing you in September, if not sooner.

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Please be in touch if you are interested in finding out more about Ohavay Zion Synagogue's Religious School. We have a warm and diverse community, and our students have a lot of fun as they learn the fundamentals of Judaism. The 1st day of classes is **Sunday, August 27 at 10:00 a.m.** For more information, please call the OZS office at 266-8050 or email at office@ozs.org.

NEW IN STUDYING THE PROPHETS

Please join us **Wednesdays at noon** as we begin the **Minor Prophets** with the book of **Hosea**. While they may be shorter than the Major Prophets, they are great in their power and meaningful messages. We have a wonderfully diverse group of learners and terrific conversations. All are welcome!

KIDS SHABBAT

Please save the date! Kids Shabbat returns on **Friday, September 15 at 5:30 p.m.** Please join us as we light candles, drink grape juice, eat pizza, sit together on beautiful carpets, sing songs, and read amazing stories from PJ Library. Newcomers and friends are always welcome! For more information or to RSVP, please call the OZS office at 266-8050 or email at office@ozs.org.

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

Please join us any **Saturday morning** of the year, as Ohavay Zion Synagogue celebrates Shabbat. We begin at

9:30am; though please feel free to join at any time during the service. Our worship is filled with joyous song and fascinating Torah discussions. The service concludes around noon, and all are invited to schmooze over lunch after the service. This is a wonderful way to celebrate Shabbat and to meet some nice Jewish folks here in Lexington. Newcomers and friends are always welcome!

TUESDAY MINYAN WITH LEARNING FOR EVERYONE

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

TALMUD STUDY

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

BACKPACKING FOR GOD'S PANTRY

Join us each month during the school year as backpacks are filled with food that children take home on weekends from Mary Todd Elementary School. All of the food is child-friendly, nonperishable, easily consumed and vitamin fortified. Check weekly announcements & Facebook for date & times.

INTERESTED IN OZS?

Ohavay Zion Synagogue is a warm and welcoming Jewish community. If you are interested, or if you know someone who may be interested in learning more about Ohavay Zion Synagogue, please call the office at 266-8050 or email Rabbi.Smolkin@gmail.com.

JFS Caregiver Support Meeting

Jewish Family Services' monthly Caregiver Support Meeting will be

August 10, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

at Temple Adath Israel Sisterhood Lounge. This monthly meeting provides a confidential and supportive environment to allow family members, friends and caregivers to meet regularly for mutual support, education, and exchanging of ideas with one another.

The group will continue to meet the 2nd Thursday of each month and you are open to join at anytime.

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PJ LIBRARY READING TIME

TAI has dedicated space in our Youth Library and our Anita Mersack Outdoor Reading Garden for families to share in our growing collection of PJ Library Books, before, during, and after religious school. The collection is in our Youth Library and these books provide our young children with wonderful introductions to the magic of Jewish storytelling.

KOLLEL STUDY GROUP

Kollel meets at 9:00 a.m. every two weeks in the TAI Library. The group explores cultural, ethical, and its historical aspects of our 4000-year tradition. The emphasis is on dialogue and exploration. Please join us any time. Our next sessions will be **August 12 & 26**.

JEWISH TEXTS

We explore selected readings in rabbinic literature on alternate Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. in the library. The discussion is always lively and informative and you can join the group any time. We will meet **August 5 & 19**.

PARSHA

Join us each Saturday morning at 11:00 a.m. in the library as we take a look at the Torah portion for each week. Various Temple members will lead some discussions and everyone will take turns. We will meet on **August 5, 12, 19 & 26**.

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SISTERHOOD NEWS

Shalom Sisters! If you're anything like me, you've been enjoying the slower pace of summer. Less places to be, nice weather and much needed time with family to recharge for the upcoming year.

On June 11 a small group of us gathered for a delightful brunch at Shakespeare and Company. We laughed, ate delicious food and enjoyed each other's company.

We will soon be planning for the next year of Sisterhood and it seems like a good time to mention the glue that holds us all together, the board!

President: Elissa Weinstein

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Mindy Heller and Judi Gewirtzman will be taking care of our Judaica Shop. Mary Engel is in charge of the Passover Seder as well as Break the Fast. Rebecca Young will be coordinating Onegs. Judi Gewirtzman is also in charge of the Yahrtzeit cards. Faith Erdmann will be heading up the Mitzvah Crib.

Be on the lookout for an invitation to our opening meeting. It's so nice to gather together with friends, chat about your summer adventures and get excited about the year to come!

If you are interested in becoming involved with Sisterhood, please don't hesitate in contacting me at (859) 263-1859 or taisisterhoodpresident@gmail.com. B'shalom, Elissa

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MEAT AND GREET!

Show your support to the new Jewish students and enjoy an afternoon of fun with kosher food and entertainment for the whole family. Tuesday, August 22 at 5:00 p.m. at Chabad.

ANCIENT TEXT, MODERN TIMES

A new weekly series that will connect Jewish law with

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SHOFAR CHAUFFEUR

Did you know that it's a Jewish custom to hear the Shofar throughout the entire month preceding Rosh Hashana? Prepare yourself for the Days of Awe and hear the reminder for yourself, wherever you are. Call Chabad to schedule a visit.

NEED SOME R+R?

That's recharging and reJewvenation, obviously. In honor of her birthday, Shoshi invites you to an evening of relaxation and revelation through song, study and spirit for women of all ages. Sunday, September 3, at 8:00 p.m. at Chabad.

By The Candlelight

A Young Bluegrass Jews Shabbat Series

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All "YBJ'ers" in their 20's and 30's are invited to attend a Shabbat dinner hosted by a YBJ member. Most dinners are potluck-style and guests are asked to RSVP. The next dinner will be August 11 at 7pm. For more information, contact Daniel Baker, daniel@jewishlexington.org.

Special thanks to Dani Rosenkrantz and Jorge Masson for hosting our first dinner in July!

--- AROUND THE COMMUNITY ---

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

B'nai Mitzvah Announcements

With your upcoming Bar or Bat Mitzvah, the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass wishes to announce your event in *Shalom*. Please email Barbara Goldman, shalom@jewishlexington.org, the following information by the 10th day of the month prior to the event for inclusion in *Shalom*. Please include the child's name, when and where the event is being held, mitzvah project, names of parents and grandparents, and a photo.

Mazel Tov

Congratulations to **Noah Katz** for being an overall state winner in music composition in the 2016-17 Reflections contest. He is a student at Bates Creek Middle School. Noah's sister, **Madeline Rosie Katz**, was nominated for excellence in literature in the same contest. Rosie is a student at Maxwell Elementary School. Rosie and Noah are the children of Douglas and Linda Katz and the grandchildren of Minna Katz-Brown.

Congratulations to **Eliana Shapere** for being accepted for the summer residency program of the 2017 Governor's School for the Arts. Eliana's subject is creative writing. She is a student at Bates Creek High School.

The family of **Irving Morris**, on his September 2 Bar Mitzvah.

The family of **Galadriel Valentina Stamm**, on her October 7 Bat Mitzvah.

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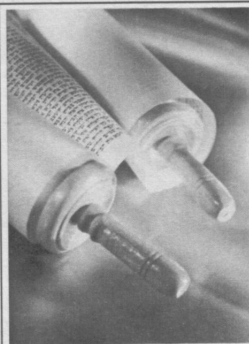
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