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Free Comedy Night to be held on March 10

Rabbi Bob Alper to perform

By Linda Ravvin and Ricki Rosenberg

The world's funniest rabbi, Bob Alper, will appear in Lexington for one night only on Saturday, March 10 at 8 p.m. The performance will be at Mike Scanlon's Antique Car Museum and Garage. There will be wine, cheese, and other refreshments, and music provided by our very own Harold Sherman. You can mix, mingle, and munch while enjoying the entertainment, all the while surrounded by the most impressive classic car collection in Central Kentucky. Admission is free, and there will be no solicitation.

For those who may not be familiar with him, Rabbi Alper has appeared on national television and before sold-out audiences in the U.S. and overseas (including a recent appearance in Louisville at \$50 a ticket).

While this event is free, there is limited seating and reservations are required. To reserve your place, please call CKJF at 859/268-0672, email to ckjf@jewishlexington.org, or register on-line at <http://www.jewishlexington.org>.

Mike Scanlon's garage is located at 540 East 2nd Street across from the Herald-Leader building and has convenient adjacent parking. Please join us for a special evening of free food, fun, and classic cars. This is our way of saying "thank you" to the community for your continued support of CKJF and its programs. ☆

Sar-El: Volunteers experience life in Israel

Helping found rewarding, enjoyable

By Betty Nigoff

Lowell and I had been to Israel twice, once in December 2001 with Rabbi Adland and a group from Temple Adath Israel, and then again in June 2005 with Rabbi Kline and a different group from Temple Adath Israel. Both trips were very informative, with experienced guides, accommodating hotels, and great traveling companions. But we wanted to experience Israel and her inhabitants, and we felt that was not possible on a regimented tour.



Lowell and Betty Nigoff in Israel volunteering with Sar-El.

While searching the Internet, Lowell found a group called Sar-El, the Hebrew acronym for "Service for Israel." General Aharon Davidi, former head of the IDF Paratroopers, started Sar-El in 1982. Today, the program takes volunteers, Jews and non-Jews, from all over the world. Last year more than 3,500 people participated, saving the IDF millions of dollars. Volunteers work for two or three weeks on an IDF base in a non-combat area. They are given tasks that require little or no training, that are doable by people of all ages, and that have a tangible, positive impact on the effort to support Israel.

For security reasons, Sar-El cannot tell you ahead of time where you will be assigned. So when we arrived at Ben-Gurion Airport, and the Israeli immigration officials asked us where we would be staying, we just said on an army base with Sar-El. That was enough; they smiled and waved us through.

We were picked up at the airport and driven to our assigned base, between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. The base was just across the highway from Ramla, a small city that has an Arab population of 40 percent. Ramla was interesting: a real mingling of Jews from secular to observant, Christians, and Muslims. We were allowed, in groups of at least four people, to walk into town to shop and try their restaurants. There were schwarma and falafel stands galore, and even a McDonald's.

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2007 Moosnick Lecturer announced

Distinguished rabbi to speak on Judaism

The lectures, free and open to the public, will be held March 29-30.

Lexington - Rabbi Irving (Yitz) Greenberg, president of Jewish Life Network/Steinhardt Foundation, New York, will be the guest lecturer for the 2007 Dr. Franklin B. Moosnick Lectures in Judaic Studies at Lexington Theological Seminary.

Rabbi Greenberg will speak Thursday, March 29, at 11 a.m. in the Seminary's Fellowship Hall. His topic will be "Judaism as the Religion of the Triumph of Life." On Thursday at 7:30 p.m., he will speak at Ohavay Zion

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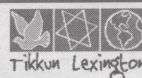
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STEWART HOME SCHOOL VISITATION SCHEDULE:

Thursday, March 15
Thursday, April 12 and Friday, May 18

Stewart Home is a residence and school located in Frankfort, KY for individuals with disabilities. It is renowned in this country for the high quality of care they give to the students, attracting people from all across the United States. Tikkun Lexington brings celebration to the Jewish residents there by honoring Shabbat or holidays of importance. It is a very special evening for all involved. Caravan from the CKJF offices by 5:20 p.m. and return by 8 p.m.



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

Email articles to di-ifr@bardstown.com.

Articles submitted in hard copy should be double-spaced.

Honest Reporting

What you see and what it
is are not the same

By Steve Caller

In November of last year I was fortunate to participate in a six-day mission to Israel sponsored by a group called "Honest Reporting." Our group included five friends from the Miami area and 28 others from all over the world. Since most of us had been to Israel many times, we were attracted to this organization which monitors Mideast reporting and studies why the Western press is so anti-Israel.

Our trip was well organized and we visited many of the hot spots for western reporters. We saw how they seek outrageous photo ops showing Israelis "oppressing" the Palestinians. We were shown how effective the Palestinians are at restating history and spinning events such as the removal of the Jewish settlers from Gaza.



Steve Caller (left) attends Honest Reporting mission with friends from Miami.

We visited the security fence and viewed the Jewish neighborhoods that came under fire from terrorists.

We had several briefings by local journalists who all had different perspectives. The Peace Now member of Knesset made his case for peace at "almost" any cost, because he believes that the average Israeli will soon not want to live in a land under constant attack. We met an American Jewish attorney who spends all of her time defending Arabs arrested by Israel to assure their fair trials.

Most interestingly, we were briefed on how to debate anti-Israel folks (both Jewish and non Jewish) at home to make a case for a more balanced understanding of the difficulties Israel has in its search for a partner to peace.

Honest Reporting has just opened a news center that is a resource office for any reporters who seek background information, need help with transportation, or simply want to socialize. Nearly 25 percent of the western reporters are Jewish and hostile to Israel—particularly the Europeans.

I invite all of our readers to go to the Honest Reporting website, www.honestreporting.com, to learn more about this worthwhile resource. ✧

The Franklin B. Moosnick Lectures in Judaism

March 29-30, 2007

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- Thursday, March 29, 11 a.m., LTS Fellowship Hall — "Judaism as the Religion of the Triumph of Life"

- Thursday, March 29, 7:30 p.m., Ohavay Zion Synagogue — "Can the Jewish People Deal with Power? History, Theology, Politics"

- Friday, March 30, 9:30 a.m., LTS Fellowship Hall — "Judaism and Christianity: From Contempt to Pluralism and Partnership"



Guest Lecturer:
Rabbi Irving
(Yitz) Greenberg,
President, Jewish
Life Network/
Steinhardt
Foundation

Everyone Is Cordially Invited!

TAI Sisterhood plans evening of fun and creativity for March

Mad Potter will provide opportunity to
make seder plates or other pottery

Temple Adath Israel Sisterhood will host their March meeting at the Mad Potter on Wednesday, March 21, at 7:30 p.m. Participants will have the opportunity to put their own personal spin on seder plates, Miriam's cups, or any other project of their choosing.

If you are particularly interested in making a seder plate, please call Sandee at the Temple—(859) 269-2979—immediately so that we can get enough pieces ordered; they must be ordered two weeks in advance of the meeting. If you're willing to take a chance on availability, or want to make something from their general inventory, then you don't need to reserve until Friday, March 16.

Children over the age of 12 are welcome at this event. If you have a teenager who would enjoy this activity, please feel free to bring her/him along; just let us know when you make your reservation.

Light refreshments will be served. The only cost for this meeting will be the price of whatever piece(s) of pottery you choose to make. If you don't care to decorate any pottery please feel free to join us just for socializing and snacks.

Looking to the future, save Wednesday evening, April 18, for a special treat. We will host the members of the Women's Guild of Christ the King Cathedral for our meeting in April. Charlotte Wong will be speaking to us on organ donation. Ms. Wong is the education coordinator for KODA (Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates). Please make every effort to join us as we welcome the women of Christ the King and learn about this important topic. ✧

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President's Message

Marty Barr

Thomas Paine wrote several hundred years ago, while our country was in the middle of its fight for independence, "These are the times that try men's souls: The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it Now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman." Well, my soul is surely being tried with the weather, the length of time to spring, the continuing trial of getting older and a few other things. But I do see signs that things are changing.

The Campaign Committee under Ricki Rosenberg, Linda Ravvin, and Lowell Nigoff has generated and is already implementing new ideas for the 2007 campaign, while the Camp Committee behind the leadership of David Levine and Kathy Feinberg is beginning to interview counselors and finalize plans for this summer's Camp Shalom session.

On another note, the lease on our current CKJF office space expires at the end of March and we are in the process of coming to an agreement for the next several years. We will, in all likelihood, be moving to space on the third floor of our current building. This space is several hundred square feet larger than our current



offices and has an area where we can hold meetings with up to 50 or 60 people, which our current offices can't accommodate. We will be looking for volunteers to join in a painting party in late March.

In closing, I would like to note that CKJF Director Danny Chejfec has shown a great ability to get the most out of used cars that have been donated to the Federation. If you have an old car that needs a new home, just call - and we'll take it from there.

Enjoy Purim and don't overload on hamantashen. ✧

Hadassah Auction to be March 17

"Let Us Entertain You" is theme

By Lynn Furness, Fundraising VP

The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah's annual auction will be on March 17, 2007 at 7:15 p.m. at Temple Adath Israel, 124 N. Ashland Avenue in Lexington. We hope you will attend what promises to be an exciting evening. A professional auctioneer should have us hopping to bid and there will be plenty of silent auction items also, all covering a wide range of activities to "Let Us Entertain You."

While many of you know the monies raised at the auction go to support Hadassah's programs, you may not know particulars of some of those programs. For example, through our support of Youth Aliyah/Children at Risk, Hadassah offers special enrichment programs and an environment in which disadvantaged children can learn and grow to become productive citizens in Israel. At Hadassah College Jerusalem, young adults can obtain highly sophisticated skills to meet the needs of Israel's increasingly technological economy. In addition, Hadassah supports the Jewish National Fund, which now faces a huge reforestation effort due to the effects of the last war.

The Hadassah Medical Organization offers maternity, infant, and pediatric care in its Mother and Child Center. Hadassah's two hospitals in Jerusalem provide general medical and surgical services to everyone without regard for religion or nationality. The Goldyne Savad Institute of Gene Therapy, one of only twelve in the world, carries out research and pioneers new gene therapy

techniques. These are only a few examples of our work in health and medicine in Israel.

Locally, Hadassah participates in community outreach at the Kentucky Children's Hospital. We help operate the children's library and make dolls for the young patients to help them cope with their ailments and diseases. On the national level, we support Young Judea, an American-based Jewish youth movement and camp program.

As you can see, Hadassah supports various worthwhile programs enriching the lives of many in numerous ways. We look forward to seeing you at the auction so that you too can participate in Hadassah's powerful and fruitful work. ✧

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Sar-El (from page 1)

Upon our arrival at the base, we were greeted by a 19-year-old soldier, Miri, our *madricha*—combination guide and all-around problem-solver for the volunteers. We also had three young female soldiers who were *madrichot* in training.

We were part of a team of fourteen volunteers from Serbia, Canada, Belarus, Norway, and, from the U.S., Minnesota, California, Maryland, New York, and the Virgin Islands. All the volunteers spoke English; some spoke Russian, and we all wanted to learn Hebrew. There were three married couples—the rest were single or came without their spouses. The youngest was 32, the oldest 70.

Not all the volunteers were Jewish; some were Christian. The level of observance varied among the Jews. Several brought tefillin and davened in the shul before breakfast. One brought his shofar and practiced next to our barracks, mostly at dusk. All of us were Zionists.

We were issued uniforms the first day: army shirts, pants, a belt, and boots for those with normal feet. My narrow feet swam in the boots, so I wore the running shoes I had brought.

Our uniforms were the same as the soldiers', except that the soldiers' uniforms fit them. Even though our pants were baggy, and our shirts were too big, we were very proud to wear our uniforms. We were an eclectic group thrown together, sleeping, eating, joking, shmoozing and working together and committed to helping Israel.

Life on the base was like camp for adults—men and women in separate barracks, bathrooms outside, and cats meowing for food. The shower water took fifteen minutes to get warm, so it was best to wait until someone else was already in the shower because the bathroom wasn't heated.

Our barracks accommodations were sparse and crowded, with three bunks in our room, but most were heated. We even had a laundry room, and a lounge (fondly named Batzap Hard Rock Café) complete with cable television and stereo system. We could watch CNN at night and keep up with the world news. There was also a pay telephone outside the Hard Rock Café.

I had hoped to get in some running while in Israel, but no one else had the same desire. One morning at 5:30, I did manage to run ten times around our gated and guarded community, and was able to watch a beautiful sunrise.

Breakfast began at 7 a.m. in a huge mess hall. We had to wear our uniforms, shirts tucked in, buttons buttoned. We ate with the soldiers and often had to squeeze by or step over their M16s and Uzi machine guns to get to a seat. We got used to that quickly. The breakfast fare included scrambled eggs, hard-boiled eggs, cheese, sliced white bread, tomatoes, cucumbers, yogurt, and hot cereal. No coffee, a necessity for Lowell and me. Luckily, there was a coffee/hot chocolate machine outside our barracks and coffee at our work site. Breakfast and dinner were always dairy and pretty much the same.

Lunch was the main meal of the day, and included chicken, beef, or fish. We had fresh baked olive bread, hot dishes, and dessert. Overall the food was very good, fresh and plentiful, and everything was kosher (overseen by Yacov, our *mishgeah*).

Shortly after breakfast we attended the 7:50 flag-raising ceremony. We gathered with the soldiers in a large courtyard and stood in formation as the Israeli flag was raised. We couldn't help feeling a deep sense of commitment and pride as that blue and white flag was unfurled. It was a great way to start the day. Our *madricha* gave us the "news of the day" after flag raising, a schedule for that day, and we were off to work.

Our base was responsible for refurbishing communications equipment and then sending it back to the field. When we arrived at work, there were large containers filled with tank helmets that needed to be repaired. The helmet shells had to be sanded and painted, the earphones and microphones rewired and tested, and then the whole package reassembled and boxed. Lowell and I worked on rewiring headsets all day. The first day I may have completed one headset. After we finished one, we would give our headset to a young soldier who would then test it, and we prayed she would say it was good. If not, we would have to repair it yet again.

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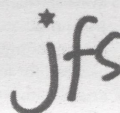
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Moosnick (from page 1)

Synagogue on the subject, "Can the Jewish People Deal with Power? History, Theology, Politics." The following morning, Friday, March 30 at 9:30 a.m., he again will speak in the Seminary's Fellowship Hall, on the topic, "Judaism and Christianity: From Contempt to Pluralism and Partnership."

Rabbi Greenberg is an Orthodox rabbi, a Harvard Ph.D. and scholar. He has been a leading thinker in confronting the Holocaust as an historical transforming event and Israel as the Jewish assumption of power and the beginning of a third era in Jewish history. Author and professor, Steven T. Katz said of Greenberg, "No Jewish thinker has had a greater impact on the American Jewish community in the last two decades than Irving Greenberg."

Rabbi Greenberg has published numerous articles on Jewish thought and religion, including *The Jewish Way: Living the Holidays* (Simon & Schuster, 1998) and *For the Sake of Heaven and Earth: The New Encounter*

between Judaism and Christianity (JPS, 2004). From 1974 through 1997, he served as founding president of The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership (CLAL), a pioneering institution in the development of adult and leadership education in the Jewish community and the leading organization in intra-Jewish dialogue and the work of Jewish unity. Before CLAL was founded, he served as rabbi of the Riverdale Jewish Center, as associate professor of history at Yeshiva University, and as founder, chair, and a professor in the Department of Jewish Studies of City College of the City University of New York.

The public is cordially invited to attend all the lectures, which were founded in 1998 to honor Lexington physician Dr. Franklin B. Moosnick. The Lectureship enables the Seminary's students and others to learn from outstanding Jewish thinkers and to gain appreciation for Judaism. ☆

From the Executive Director

Daniel Chefjec



It's cold out there – what can be done?

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It is reasonable to reflect over what we experience every day, so considering the freezing temperatures we experienced lately, it makes sense to ask, "What can we do about it?" We all know the answers: put on another sweater, stay indoors, crank up the heat.

The problem is, all that does not really take care of the cold, only of our personal comfort. When we add layers to our clothing, or limit our time outdoors, or increase the number on the thermostat, we are not modifying the weather but recognizing it for what it is, and acting accordingly to ensure our wellbeing. So what does that have to do with the price of tea in China?

It is not only the cold that we cannot modify, but also many of the issues we confront on a daily basis; the larger the issue, the more probable it is that we have no control whatsoever over it. One of the situations that is hopelessly out of our direct control is the situation in Israel between Jews and Arabs. Nothing we do and nothing we say here in Kentucky is going to modify an iota of what is happening on the ground between

Palestinians and Israelis today. So what, if anything, can be done to ensure our wellbeing?

Let us first define "wellbeing." Why would anything that happens half a world from here affect us in any way? I can only give you my answer: I am a Jew, and as such I am aware

If our fate and the fate of the State of Israel are so intimately connected, it stands to reason that it is in our best self-interest as Jews to support the State of Israel. Up until this point I am sure we all agree, but the devil is in the details.

of the historical experience of my ancestors in a way that a non-Jew can never be. The converse is also true—I cannot expect to be aware of the Irish historical experience in quite the same way a descendant of Ireland is. As a Jew looking into the history of my people, I see Zionism as a call for Jewish self-reliance, to avoid being subject to the will of others. In more progressive terms, that is called self-determination, a

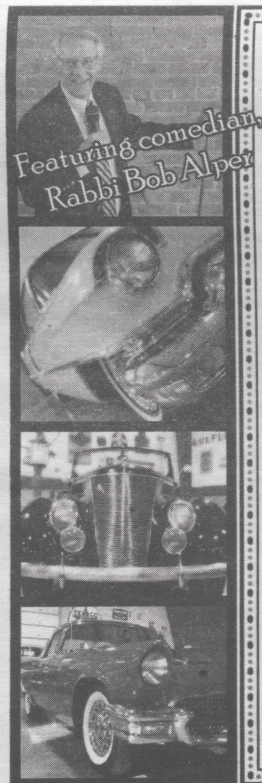
phrase we rarely see applied to Jews in the media. For me, political Zionism is the Jewish movement for national self-determination.

Looking at the historical experience of the Jewish people I also see that the independence of Israel in 1948 changed the way non-Jews and Jews alike look at the Jewish people. Israeli psychologist Hanan Nudel described how the existence of Israel created different links among Jews and transformed the way Jews relate to each other around the globe. He called it "Israelization of the link," which in practical terms means that Israel as a Jewish state has come to play a key role in the self-definition of Jewish Identity in the 20th and 21st centuries.

It logically follows that the more intimate the connection between the State of Israel and Jewish identity, the more connected are the destinies of Jews in Israel and the Diaspora. In other words, whatever happens to the State of Israel will affect Jews and whatever Jews do—or do not do—will affect how non-Jews see Israel and the Jews.

If our fate and the fate of the State of Israel are so intimately connected, it stands to reason that it is in our best self-interest as Jews to support

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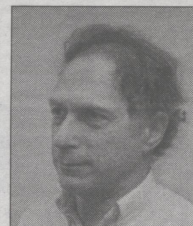
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Third Opinion

Stanley Ned Rosenbaum, PhD



***De Nepheshibus Animalibus**: Thoughts on the souls of animals occasioned by the family cat's being diagnosed with terminal cancer**

♦ ♦ ♦

Most Jews don't believe that animals have souls. I say "most" Jews and not "all," because all Jews are not agreed upon any one thing. Jews who do believe in animal souls are probably a) ignorant of Jewish tradition or b) too much influenced by modern, secular culture. But if some people do believe that domesticated (if not all) animals have souls, why do they so believe?

I think there is an implied *qal v'homer* (what lawyers call *a fortiori*) argument here. Surely, if (some) animals have souls—one of Barabaro's owners asked that we pray for the horse, after he died—then we humans must also have them and, given the proper belief structure/denomination, those souls will go to Heaven, enjoy 72 virgins or what have you. Thus may we comfort ourselves that our own physical death is not the end of all being.

It's also another step, true or false, in our apprehension of the Divine. Six thousand years ago, even before the dawn of civilization in the ancient near east, our ancestors thought of their gods as "providers," to whom they sacrificed and prayed for the successful growth of crops and children. A thousand years later, with the rise of kingship in Egypt and Mesopotamia, we began to think

of the gods as rulers to whom we humans owed service. Another thousand years and some people—our Israelite ancestors—conceived of the One God as Our Father as well as Our King. (See Thorkild Jacobsen, *The Treasures of Darkness*.)

God as Eternal Father entrained the idea that the creation of the universe was an act of love that demanded its reflection in the way we treat each other. Indeed, we are not able to come before God on Yom Kippur to ask pardon of our sins until we have gained the pardon of those fellow humans against whom we have sinned. The Jewish reform movement that became Christianity took it another step, advancing the bold claim that God had assumed human form, and its adherents moved to center stage the Jewish idea that, in Longfellow's words, "dust thou art, to dust returneth was not written of the soul." (Think also of W. E. Henley's famous concluding line from his poem "Invictus": "I am the captain of my soul.")

Nephesh is the Hebrew word that some Christian translations render "soul," for example, in Leviticus 19:14's prohibition against eating animal blood. Jewish translations, from Isaac Leeser's pioneering

creatures that move and live and don't have red blood?

Not having the same surety that some of our neighbors have, it's hardly a wonder that Judaism is so this-world oriented, but already the Bible and Talmud give us our marching orders. "Be fruitful and multiply." "Love your neighbor." "It is not up to you to finish the task, but neither are you free to desist from it." And the Jewish "task" is that well-known order *tikkun olam*, "mend the world." *Dayenu*. It is enough.

*Thanks to Prof. Thomas Drucker of the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, for help with the Latin.

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English version in 1863 to the present, favor "life" or "life force." In other places the translation "desire" or "appetite" seems more appropriate.

This causes us to wonder: what is it in us that survives the death of the body and in what form does it go forth to join the Eternal? To these questions I know not the answer.

This lack of sure knowledge is particularly vexing when we see that there are so many creatures that share our red-bloodedness. How can we have souls and they not? And what of the myriad

Jewish community speakers' bureau established

"The more it changes, the more it remains the same thing" (French proverb). A five-week Hezbollah War. The Holocaust deniers' conference in Teheran. Jimmy Carter going over to the Dark Side. Responding to these challenges, the Lexington Jewish community is organizing a speakers' bureau, coordinated by Ned Rosenbaum. Two dozen or so people including rabbis and UK professors have volunteered their talents and experiences to establish a roster of speakers who can go out into the wider community to combat the distortions, prejudices, and lies

spread by the enemies of Israel and Judaism. We will offer our services as speakers for church and civic groups who would like to have more complete and accurate information about Israel, the Holocaust, and all things pertaining to Israel or Judaism. We expect to have this speakers' bureau operational by fall, though some of our group are prepared to go out earlier if the occasion arises.

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Ask a Rabbi

Rabbi Marc Kline



Q What is rabbinic thought regarding the possibility of extraterrestrial life? If we believe there might be intelligent life out there somewhere, is that in conflict with Torah?

A In answering this question, we need to first establish a ground rule for God. If God is the "Eternal Creator," then to rule out the possibility of extraterrestrial life would be nothing short of blasphemy. Maimonides cautions us against making assertions about what God is or is not, or what God can do and cannot do. Having said this, I feel compelled to go further, because our sages really have addressed this topic. Now, it would not be fair to write this article and not note that there are at least as many voices in our Jewish tradition denying the existence of extraterrestrial life as there are affirming it. But other than to say that these voices exist, I will not address them here.

That the biblical authors had some idea of astrology is undeniable. In the Book of Job (38:31) we read, "Can You bind the chains of the Pleiades, or loosen the cords of Orion?" One has to wonder how the author of this text understood what we have only learned (relearned) in the 20th century: the morphology and classification of gravitationally loose and bound constellations. The Zohar

(allegedly the earliest of Kabbalistic writings) further comments that the phrase in Song of Songs 6:8, "worlds without number," refers to the numberless stars in the

The Zohar posits that God created seven worlds. While there are those who argue that this is not to be taken literally, this text of the Zohar is pretty plainly written.

heavens. Of course, one need not rely on commentaries to understand this point. There are many texts telling the story of blessings that are more numerous than the stars in the heavens. Further, from Psalm 8:

When I behold Your heavens,
The moon and the stars
that You have established;
What is man that You consider him?
Or the son of man that You think of him?
Yet You have made him a little lower than the angels,
You have crowned him with glory and honor,
You made him master of Your creation,
You placed all under his feet.

I once wrote a paper for a Midrash class in rabbinical school describing the scene in the first chapter of Ezekiel as extraterrestrial. Trying to be cute, I described the "wheel within the wheel" as "the bridge of the Starship Enterprise," and the four figures emerging from light was the "landing party." I had no idea at the time that while *Star Trek* was not eternal (sorry to all the Trekkies), I was not even close to being the first to think of the idea.

As Psalm 145:13 says, "Your kingdom is a kingdom of all universes." While it is likely that these texts may be addressing spiritual worlds rather than physical ones, they appear in several commentaries on this subject matter in our tradition. Several interesting allusions can be found in the Book of Judges, within the Song of Deborah: "They fought from heaven; the stars in their courses fought against Sisera" (5:20), and "Curse Meroz, said the angel of the Lord, curse bitterly its inhabitants; because they did not come to the help of the Lord against the mighty men" (5:23). In his book *Sefer HaBrit* (Book of the Covenant) published in 1810, Rabbi Pinchas Eliyahu Horowitz cites a Talmudic reference, proposing that Meroz is another life-bearing planet elsewhere in the universe. Citing Rabbi Chaim Vital, the leading disciple of the great Kabbalist Rabbi Isaac Luria, he maintains that God created an infinite number of worlds. And, while Rabbi Horowitz seems to believe that such life may be "intelligent," it has no free will. But if one reads from the Talmud, (Moed Katan 16a), one finds that the sage Ulla uses this text to prove that other worlds exist with intelligent life that may even have free will.

The Zohar posits that God created seven worlds. While there are those who argue that this is not to be taken literally, this text of the Zohar is pretty plainly written. In the Talmud (Avodah Zarah 3a), we further read, "God flies through 18,000 worlds on His chariot." Presuming that there is only one God, then each of the other 17,999 worlds would need God's attention as well. There was

a 14th century rabbi, Chasdai Crescas, who took

this argument forward. In his work, "Light of God," he argued that there was nothing about accepting the reality of extraterrestrial life that is inconsistent or incompatible with Judaism. According to research, in *Sefer HaBrit* Rabbi Horowitz comments further on this text and asserts that every righteous person (*tzaddik*) will, in the "Age of Messiah," become the governor of his own planet, and that life on each such planet will be as different from human life on earth as are the animals that live in the water from those who live on land.

Having said all of this, I remember a text that I read in the process of researching this topic. "The discovery of ETs [extraterrestrials] would pose no more of a threat to Judaism than would the discovery of a new species of rabbit." This is good enough for me. ✪

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JFS: At Your Service

Abby Miller, Director



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Caring for our seniors and people with disabilities



JFS resources for seniors and disabled individuals include services, assistance, programs, and support networks.

Plans of care should take into account the specifics of each case, beginning with who should have primary caregiving responsibilities. Jewish Family Services has information about the choices of care to help you find the best approach for your circumstances.

If family members or close friends decide to take on the main caregiving responsibilities, some resources they can draw on include Administration on Aging, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), American Society on Aging, Benefits Check Up, Caregiver Resource Room, Children of Aging Parents, Eldercare Locator, and many more. There are also excellent disease-specific organizations.

Family Caregiver Alliance (FCA) is one of the most helpful resources for caregivers. Its mission is to "seek to improve the quality of life for caregivers through education, services, research, and advocacy; to offer information on current social, public policy, and caregiving issues; and to provide assistance in the development of public and private programs for caregivers." The FCA has developed ten steps

for caregivers that should help them feel more prepared and less overwhelmed.

Step 1: Establish a baseline of information for making care decisions.

Step 2: Get a medical assessment and diagnosis.

Step 3: Educate those involved by consulting professionals, doing research, and keeping a file of collected information for reference.

Step 4: Obtain professional care assessments.

Step 5: Outline a flexible care plan that can be adapted as circumstances change.

Step 6: Create a list of financial assets and liabilities, update financial records regularly, and establish a system to pay bills.

Step 7: Establish legal authorization for making decisions. Keep basic legal documents accessible and safe.

Step 8: Safety-proof your home and become trained in using assistive equipment or managing difficult behavior if necessary

Step 9: Join a support group, attend informative workshops and

accept support from family, friends, and neighbors.

Step 10: Exercise regularly yourself, eat nutritious meals and snacks, and get enough sleep.

Caregivers must get adequate training regarding administering medications or lifting a patient without injuring themselves. Caregiving is a partnership between provider and patient, both involved in decision making.

Some individuals prefer to have their caregiving needs met by a third party source. In that case, consider the types of caregiving provided, the types of payment accepted, the types of care services provided, the total costs of services and living arrangements, amenities, special services, or unique features, the type of employees, and the levels of care offered.

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The Louisville chapter of Jewish War Veterans wishes to invite the Lexington Jewish community to a brunch at the Jewish Community Center, 3600 Dutchmans Lane, on Sunday, March 25 at 11:00 a.m. The program will be a talk on Jewish Major League baseball players, past and present. The speaker is an expert on the subject. The cost will be \$10.00 per person.

If you are interested, call Martin Kaplan at (859) 271-8332 before March 18. He will transmit your acceptance to the president of JWV in Louisville, and provide driving directions if needed. ☆

History of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict – Part XVI

More fighting, new truce, more fighting

By Daniel Cheffec

The collapse of the first truce on July 18, 1948 opened up a second round of fighting. During this round, the military objectives of both sides were clear.

The Jewish objectives were to secure the Burma Road and enlarge the "Jerusalem corridor" to ensure connection with Jerusalem. They also intended to drive the Arab Liberation Army (Fawzi al-Qawuqji, sponsored by the Arab League) from the Galilee into Lebanon in order to secure control over the Eastern Galilee and the Hula Valley.

The Arabs, on their part, wanted to push south with the Arab Liberation Army to isolate the eastern Galilee region, which would then be ripe for a Syrian takeover. They also wanted to cut the supply lines to Jerusalem and occupy western Jerusalem, which was still in Jewish hands. The Egyptians wanted to secure the Negev.

For ten days, between July 8 and July 18, fighting raged on all fronts. Several Israeli operations managed to change the strategic situation on the ground and irreversibly change the tide of the war.

The first of these operations, in the Jerusalem corridor area, was called "Operation Dani." The operation, carried out by former Palmach units, comprised two phases. The first intended to capture Ramle and Lydda (Lod), the second to capture Latrun and Ramallah. The first phase was completed by July 11, and during this part of the operation the IDF expelled a large number of Arabs from Ramle and Lydda in order to secure their backlines. Some estimated that about 70,000 Arabs were expelled. The second phase of operation Dani failed, finding fierce resistance in Latrun, with a five day battle between July 15 and July 20 which failed to dislodge the Jordanian Legion.

A second operation, called "Operation Dekel," was carried out against Qawuqji in the Galilee. The Israelis managed to capture Nazareth by July 16, securing the lower Galilee and the supply routes for the Eastern Galilee.

The third operation, "Operation Kedem," was intended to recapture the Jewish Quarter in the Old City, but deep disagreements between Irgunists and Hagannists within the IDF doomed the effort to a complete failure.

By July 18, the second truce took hold; it would last through October 15. By now, the situation on the ground was different and more favorable to the Jewish forces.

Politically, on the Jewish side divisions between former Irgun and Hagannah members continued to hamper the Jewish efforts, while the Lehi continued to operate outside the structure in spite of having formally abided by an agreement to become part of the IDF. From

the perspective of resources, the continuous influx of survivors of the Shoah as well as volunteers from North Africa and America was giving the Jews an edge on human resources; the aggressive purchase of weapons from European countries, mostly in Eastern Europe

The Arabs remained politically divided. The emergence of Egypt as the major partner in the Arab League coalition represented a change in the Arab distribution of power which was not very well received by other countries like Saudi Arabia, which also still held a grudge against the Hashemites.

was also helping them to balance the scales of military hardware.

The Arabs remained politically divided. The emergence of Egypt as the major partner in the Arab League coalition represented a change in the Arab distribution of power which was not very well received by other countries like Saudi Arabia, which also still held a grudge against the Hashemites. The Palestinians themselves remained divided. Some of them followed Qawuqji and the Arab Liberation Army, sponsored by the Arab League and essentially secular. Others lined up behind the Holy War Army which responded to the Arab Higher Committee and Haj Amin Al-Husseini, the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, essentially an early Islamist movement related to the *Muwahhiddun* (Wahabbites). The Arab secularists, however, enjoyed a good relationship with Great Britain, which was eager to retain its influence over the oil-producing Arab countries, and which still had control over the Persian Gulf Emirates and Yemen.

Count Bernadotte, the UN mediator, was faced with an impossible situation. To make it easier to impose a solution, he consulted with his British and American counterparts so as to build international consensus for a political solution. After weeks of consultation he came up with a second proposal with full support of the U.S. and Great Britain. Under this proposal, there was a *de facto* recognition that Israel was an independent state and was not going to go

away. The proposal called for both sides to negotiate the boundaries of the Jewish State, but insisted that if that was not possible, the UN was going to determine those boundaries. Bernadotte considered the situation on the ground, and not the UN Partition resolution, as the basis for the re-partition of the territory. In his view:

- The Negev would be defined as Arab territory
- In the Central region, the border would run north from Falujah to Ramle and Lydda (both these cities were to be Arab territory)
- The Galilee would be considered Jewish territory
- Haifa would be a free port and Lydda a free airport
- Jerusalem would be constituted as an international zone in agreement with the Partition Resolution, with broad autonomy for its Jewish and Arab communities
- The UN would establish a Palestine conciliation commission
- The right of Arab refugees to return to Jewish-controlled territory and/or reparations for those who chose not to do so would be asserted.

This proposal was presented on September 16, 1948. When news of U.S. administration support for this idea was made public, Truman came under strong pressure from Christian and Jewish groups, creating a very embarrassing situation for him. As a result, he adopted a pro-Zionist stand in the UN that led to the defeat of the second Bernadotte proposal.



The Israeli government criticized Bernadotte's proposal, while the Arabs simply ignored it.

On the Jewish side, the Lehi, lead by Shamir, was afraid that the Israeli government was going to accept the proposal as a way to stop the fighting, and they considered that possibility a catastrophe. That is why, on September 17, they assassinated Count Bernadotte to derail any future negotiation.

They were unaware that the Israeli provisional government had already rejected the proposal and was inclined to pursue the military option.

While several attempts to hold the truce continued, and managed to keep the truce enforced through the 15th of October, it was due more to the needs of both sides to regroup than to a heartfelt acceptance. The defeat of the second Bernadotte proposal at the UN provided the necessary pretext for fighting to resume. Both sides were intended not only to hold their ground but to push back.

On October 15, 1948, fighting resumed. Israel launched "Operation Yoav" with the goal of driving a wedge between the Egyptian army in the Negev and Jerusalem-Hebron area. The operation, led by Yigal Allon, was a great success, forcing the Egyptians to retreat to Beersheba and Ashdod.

On October 24, the IDF launched Operation Hiram, capturing the entire upper Galilee and driving Qawuqji and his Arab Liberation Army into Lebanon, including five miles of Lebanese territory

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It's cold (from page 6)

the State of Israel. Up until this point I am sure we all agree, but the devil is in the details.

Different people have different ideas of what it means to support Israel. For some, it means to support whatever the democratically elected government of Israel thinks is best for Israel. For others, it means to support a particular view of what Israel must be—that is, an ideological definition of what must be; some line up with right wing Zionism, some with left wing Zionism, some with religious explanations of Zionism—or religious explanations of why not Zionism. And then there are Jews who just coast along avoiding getting involved, and worrying only about their own personal wellbeing while keeping an eye on what others do about Israel. All these positions vis-à-vis Israel define who we are as a people. Those who fall in none of these categories are those for whom Jewish identity is irrelevant, and thus they don't see why Israel should matter to them one way or another. Even those Jews who actively oppose Zionism and the modern State of Israel, like the Naturei Karta who live there, do so guided by their love of the Jewish people and Jewish tradition. They—the Naturei Karta—are

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near the Litani river. By the end of November of 1948, the strategic situation had changed radically.

On December 22, Israel launched Operation Horev (Ayin). With this operation, Israel drove the Egyptian army from most of the Negev and encircled the Egyptian army in Gaza, cutting them off from their main force. Egypt was forced to accept a truce, which came into effect on January 7, 1949. Israel was forced to withdraw from the Egyptian territory it held in Sinai as well as parts of Gaza.

On March 5, Israel initiated "Operation Uvda," which allowed Israelis to reach Umm Rashrash (where Eilat is today), claiming it for Israel.

The end of the hostilities was gradual. Israel signed separate armistices with Egypt on February 24, with Lebanon on March 23, with Transjordan on April 3, and with Syria on July 20. What came to be known as the West Bank of the Jordan River remained militarily occupied by Transjordan and what came to be known as the Gaza Strip remained occupied by Egypt.



No attempt was made by the Arabs to implement the Palestinian Arab State in the lands under their control.

Among the consequences of the war, in addition to the high casualties on both sides, were a redrawing of the borders between Israel and its Arab neighbors and a mass displacement of population in the region.

Over the next couple of articles we will deal with the problem of refugees, both Arab and Jewish, as well as the geopolitical changes which redefined the balance of power in the Middle East. ✧

also to some extent defined as Jews by the existence of Israel, in their case by opposing it.

Our health as a people demands that we reach some form of common ground where we can work together, because we are sailing in the exact same boat. The only way to reach that common ground is by getting involved and expressing our opinions as well as listening to the opinions of others. It does not change what we individually believe, but it creates a space where we can work together in spite of our differences of opinion. When somebody chooses to remain outside the discussion, he or she is choosing to ignore others and to impoverish

his or her community by denying his or her contribution to its pool of ideas.

Understanding the difference between our personal opinions and those of the "consensus" is to understand that sometimes, what is best for the group clashes with our individual views. At that point each one of us needs to make decisions as to our connection with the group.

To put things in context, let me repeat something I have written before: Consensus in general is something most people agree; Jewish consensus is something nobody is happy about, but everybody can live with.

We are living, as Jews, in scary times when questioning our right to be who we are is again becoming "politically correct." Don't stay out of the discussion. Express your opinions and listen to others; accept the fact that sometimes what happens will not be what you want, but only what is possible. This way of doing business kept us alive as a people for close to four thousand years. ✧



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Compiled By Elissa Brown

Letter of the month: RAYSH

This month is being sponsored by the letter raysh. Raysh is the 20th letter in the Hebrew alphabet. Raysh is the first letter in *rakevet*, which means "train." Raysh is also the first letter in the word *rosh*, which means "head." Another word that begins with raysh is *ruach*, which means "spirit" or "wind."



Here's one way that you can make a raysh with your body: Stand up as straight as you can with your arms by your sides. Take a deep breath and raise your arms reaching as high as you can. Bring your palms together and let your breath out. Lean your upper body to the right as far as you can while keeping your arms straight and your feet flat on the floor. Smile and take three to five deep breaths. (This excerpt was taken from *Aleph-Bet Yoga*.)

Did you know...

in Israel there is a rainy season (November through April) and it doesn't rain during the rest of the year!

Crafts

Butterflies

Here's a wonderful way to help spring come early this year. Butterflies brighten up any room!

What you need:

- White paper
- Paint (two or three different colors)
- Plastic spoon

Directions: This is a simple craft that allows you to be as creative as you want. Begin by folding a sheet of white paper in half down the middle. Next drop a bit of paint in the center of the paper. Then drop another bit of color next to the first drop and fold the paper over. Smash it to make sure that the paint really spreads all over the paper. Open the paper and admire your beautiful butterfly. Feel free to make as many butterflies as you want, and enjoy!

Recipe

Granola Bars

Here's a yummy recipe that travels well to soccer games or family picnics in the park. Feel free to change around the fruit that is added. It's also a great recipe to do together as a family!

What you need:

- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup whole wheat flour
- 1/2 cup ground walnuts
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1 3/4 cups packed brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 3/4 cups granola
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- a 9-inch square pan
- a mixing bowl and beaters
- a small saucepan

Directions: Begin by preheating the oven to 350 degrees and lightly grease a 9-inch square pan. In a large mixing bowl, cream the shortening, brown sugar, eggs, and vanilla extract. Beat well after the addition of each ingredient. In a small saucepan, cover the cranberries in water and boil for 10 minutes. Drain and chop into small pieces. Add to egg mixture. Slowly add in white and wheat flours, walnuts, salt, and baking powder. Mix until well blended. Fold in granola and mix well. Spread dough into baking pan and bake 20 to 25 minutes. Let cool before cutting into bars. (This recipe was taken from allrecipes.com.) ☆

Book Review

By Daniel Chejfec

A Seal Upon the Heart by Mary Helène Rosenbaum

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Few moments in Jewish history are so critical and central to the evolution of Jewish identity and Jewish culture as the years leading up to the fall of Judah at the hands of the Babylonians and the destruction of the first Temple. Mary Rosenbaum's book *A Seal Upon the Heart* [Lexington: Blue Grape Press LLC, 2006] brings that key period of Jewish history to life—literally.

It is not a history book, but a story of people. It is a history of love, and hate, and greed, and selfless dedication. The characters are not sacred images frozen in the biblical mode, but living, breathing people who go through the fear, confusion, hope, and despair that is to be expected in times of great and uncertain change.

The author shows deep knowledge of the historical events, and uses them as the background canvas to

show us a play of human emotions and a desperate fight for the survival of a people. There are no surprises: Judah still falls, the Temple is still destroyed, and the prophets of Yahweh are still persecuted. What surprises, however, is the skill with which the author takes the perspective of Aliyah, the maidservant of Hanamel, and plays out her relationship with the prophet Jeremiyah (Jeremiah) and other key players of that time, at times reminding me of W.E.B. Du Bois and his concept of the veil of invisibility that separates master and slave.

My grandfather used to say that a good Jewish tale tells the old stories again and again while clothing them in new garments for the people to relate. Rosenbaum does that. It definitely sounds strange to talk about a biblical tale as a page turner, but this one certainly is. Miss it at your own risk. ✧

B'tayavon (Hearty Appetite)

Ruth Poley



It's Purim time again—early in March this year and I hope this column reaches you in time for the holiday. I've picked this recipe because it contains poppy seeds, purported to be a favorite of Queen Esther, and uses them in something other than hamantaschen. It also makes a great vegetarian entrée or side dish, regardless of the season. If it's too late to make it for Purim, make it any old time; it will taste just as good. ✧

Hungarian Cabbage and Noodles

1 large cabbage (about 3 lbs), cored, thinly sliced (about 8 cups sliced)
1 teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 tablespoon granulated sugar
1 onion, chopped
Freshly ground black pepper
12 ounces egg noodles
1 tablespoon poppy seeds

Sprinkle the shredded cabbage with salt; let stand about 30 minutes. Squeeze dry and blot on paper towels.

Heat the oil in 12-inch skillet; add sugar and heat until the sugar browns. Add onions; cook until they start to wilt. Stir in cabbage; sauté, turning frequently,

until tender, about 20 minutes. Season to taste with pepper. Transfer cabbage mixture and pan juices to large bowl; keep warm.

Cook noodles in boiling salted water until tender; drain. Quickly toss noodles with cabbage and poppy seeds. Serve immediately. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Source: "Foods From Eastern Europe Add Variety to Purim Menus," Judy Zeidler, St. Louis Post Dispatch (online edition), 3/5/90

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



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Jewish Family Services Shabbat 2007 to present mission

On the weekends of April 6 and April 14, Jewish Family Services of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation will participate in the national Jewish Family Services Shabbat program. JFS Shabbat 2007 will be celebrated in synagogues and temples across North America.

JFS board members and professional staff will be at Temple Adath Israel for Friday evening services on April 6, at Ohavay Zion Synagogue for Saturday morning services on April 14, and at the Lexington Havurah for Saturday services on April 7 to present the JFS mission and the types of services the agency provides in the local Jewish community. Presentations will focus on the Jewishness of the human service enterprise as well as the unique contributions and needs of our local agency and the larger North American Jewish network in which all of this takes place. JFS board members and professional staff

will also be available to answer questions following the services.

JFS Shabbat is sponsored by the Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies (AJFCA), the umbrella organization of more than 145 family and specialized human service agencies across the U.S. and Canada. Headquartered in East Brunswick, NJ and founded in 1972, AJFCA provides information and consultation services along with advocates on behalf of its member agencies in the organized North American Jewish community, in legislative bodies, and in national human service networks. The Central Kentucky Jewish Family Service is an integral part of our local CKJF. If you would like more information about JFS Shabbat 2007 or regarding JFS in general, please call the JFS office at (859) 269-8244. We hope to see you there. ✧

OZS, TAI Social Action Committees coordinate mitzvot

Food Drive appropriate for Purim

By Bob Grossman

In conjunction with Purim and working with God's Pantry, the Social Action committees of Ohavay Zion Synagogue and Temple Adath Israel are sponsoring a food drive. Put donations of canned goods or nonperishable packaged foods into donation barrels in the lobby areas. Or donate online, via the virtual food drive, at <http://vad.aidmatrix.org/vadxml.cfm?driveid=1993>. The program will query you on where you want your donation to go. It is very important that you flag those to God's Pantry Food Bank, Lexington. The drive will run February 20, 2006 through March 11, 2006.

Why it is appropriate to hold this food drive in conjunction with Purim?

Mishloach Manot: It is a special mitzvah to send food packages or baskets to friends and relatives on Purim. This custom finds its origins in the Megillah when Mordecai declared the holiday of Purim as a time of feasting and gladness and of sending food to one another, as well as gifts to the poor. The only requirement is that the food baskets, or in Yiddish, *shalach-manot*,* contain at least two different foods that require two separate blessings, and that you send them to at least two different people. Baskets may be simple or elaborate. The food baskets must be hand delivered through a *shaliach* or representative, which is usually a small child. *Shalach-manot* are usually delivered the day of Purim.

Matanot Levyonim: Gifts to the poor was the second requirement Mordechai made for Purim. Today, it is customary to make donations to charitable organizations, often in lieu of sending dozens of elaborate food packages.

(From http://www.everythingjewish.com/Purim/Purim_laws.htm.) Questions may be directed to Debbie Aminoff (OZS) at (859) 299-9748 or Karen Petrone (TAI) at (859) 226-9145.

We continue to provide a work detail at God's Pantry on the third Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30. God's Pantry is

located at 1685 Jaggie Fox Way, off Georgetown Road north of New Circle Road. The work involves sorting donations of food. Contact Mollye Schwab at (859) 881-1686 if you're interested in joining in on this kid- and adult-friendly mitzvah.

Many thanks to those of you who have recently placed items for Harrison Elementary in the treasure chest in the OZS lobby. Harrison continues to need donations of winter clothing and other children's clothing. Also, monetary donations in support of Harrison's book fair are gratefully received. Send the check to OZS, but write "Harrison Book Fair" in the lower left corner.

Harrison Elementary gratefully welcomes any community members who can work with students during the school day. You can have children read to you, help them with their homework, or, if you have the skills and desire, even help teach lessons. No teaching experience is necessary, but you should be able to participate once each week. Contact Fran Friedman at (859) 271-3846 if you are interested in helping out.

The Jewish, Earnest Way to Stop Tobacco Smoking is a new book by Dr. Abe Bohadana, a Jewish pulmonary medicine specialist with years of smoking cessation experience who uses humor and liberal references to Jewish scripture and tradition. The foreword is written by OZS' very own Dr. Steve Kraman, pulmonary specialist at the University of Kentucky.

Several copies of this book have been donated to OZS to be sold at the OZS bookstore, with all proceeds going to benefit Harrison Elementary School. Here is your chance to do a mitzvah for yourself and the community and increase your biblical scholarship, all for only \$12.00. Get a copy for yourself or a loved one before they are all gone!

The Social Action Committee would also like to thank everyone who donated (or tried to donate) blood at the joint OZS-TAI blood drive in December: Bennett Bayer, Janice Brock, Lauren Brock, David Feinberg, Sandy Goldberg, Cathy Howell, Carol Kaplan, Martin Kaplan, Benjamin Karp, Judy Levey, Howard Markowitz, F. Mayer, Ira Mersack, Dawn Moore, Karen Petrone, Earl Peyton,

Diane Schneider, Sharyn Sharer, Mark Simpson, and Susan Westerman. (Profuse apologies to anyone who has been omitted.) Thanks also to those who supported the SAC by purchasing bagels. The next blood drive will be held in May—details to come. If you donate in the meantime, please ask CKBC to designate your donation as coming from OZS or TAI. We can get credit for donations made throughout the year. ✧

*Our Yiddish expert Raphael Finkel renders this shalech-mones.

Yom Ha'atzmaut ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY Community-wide celebration APRIL 22

Jewish Family Services Upcoming Programs

JFS

Leisure Club

Purim Party

with musical entertainment by
Svetlana Alkhasov and Raphael Finkel

Wednesday, March 14
12 noon to 2:30 p.m.

Temple Adath Israel
124 N. Ashland Avenue

Other Events

JFS Shabbat

(see article on page 13)

Friday night services

April 6th with Temple Adath Israel

Saturday morning services

April 7th with the Lexington Havurah
April 14th with Ohavay Zion Synagogue

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



JFS Leisure Club holds variety of entertainments

More planned for March
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On Tuesday January 23 at Ohavay Zion Synagogue's Social Hall, the JFS Leisure Club held its lunch and movie event, attended by seventeen members including newcomer Barbara Reiss. After a lunch of pizza, salad, and beverages along with cookies and doughnut holes, everyone watched the romantic comedy *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*, which—judging from the laughter and vivacious conversation—was a big hit.

I want to give a special thank you to Tamara Ohayon from the CKJF office, who helped with coordination, set-up, and clean-up of the equipment. Her expertise helped make the room feel like an authentic movie theater, and everyone appreciated her time and effort.

The most recent JFS Leisure Club event on February 12 at Bella Notte Restaurant featured mouth-watering Italian cuisine and an enriching health presentation by Registered Dietician Beth Loiselle from Good Foods Market and Café in one of Bella Notte's private dining rooms. Leisure Club members joined in a lively discussion of the topic.

People known in the community but new to Leisure Club—Eleanor Benblatt, Norma Allweiss, and Karen Barnes—said they had a terrific time. So did the other seniors who attended, and they

remarked that they look forward to each month's Leisure Club event.

My gratitude goes as always to Leisure Club Committee members Barbara Barr, Ruth Moser, and Annette Milch for organizing, coordinating, and helping with all of our JFS Leisure Club events. We work remarkably well together, and I feel thankful to have such committed, enthusiastic, and reliable Leisure Club committee members.

On Wednesday, March 14, at 12:00 noon at Temple Adath Israel, the Leisure Club will celebrate Purim with hamantashen and other treats along with special concert performances by Svetlana Alkhasov and Raphael Finkel, who will play the piano and sing together. The festivities will also incorporate traditions including noisemakers and graggers, decorated masks, and other Purim favorites.

The JFS Leisure Club Committee plans several more special events in the next few months. Look for your invitations in the mail and the advertisements in *Shalom* and community bulletins. If you would like to be put on the Leisure Club mailing list, please contact the JFS office at (859) 269-8244. Moreover, we hire a reliable transportation service if you need a ride. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Leisure Club events; please let us know you're coming. ✧



Left to right: Annette Milch, Oscar Haber, Eleanor Benblatt, Jack Nigoff, and Mayya Dekhtyar.

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Sar-El (from page 5)

Spending our workdays performing manual labor, side by side with the young Israeli soldiers, turned out to be a refreshing change from our sedentary desk-bound jobs back in the States. The soldiers would carry on animated conversations in Hebrew, and we would catch familiar words every now and then. We may even have learned a few new words! We loved the recorded music they played while we worked.

The soldiers were great and we had a lot of fun with them, but to really appreciate them we had to remember they were teenagers—loud, smoking way too much, and fighting over who would get into the lunch room first. But they were sweet, friendly, and eager to practice their English skills. Many were recent immigrants from Ethiopia and Russia.

We worked from 8:30 until 4:30 Sunday through Thursday. Each evening we would have a class about Israel, including history, government, and geography. Sometimes we had guest speakers. During our first week on base, Sar-El founder General Davidi came to thank us personally and deliver a sobering lecture on the spread of Islamic extremism. The base commander also spoke with us and thanked us. (Discussing politics with the soldiers was strictly forbidden.)

We were taken on two outings, one to Jerusalem and another to Tel Aviv. Weekends we were free to go touring on our own. We just had to be back on base by Sunday morning. Our first week was special because it coincided with Hanukkah. We spent the weekend in Jerusalem

with another volunteer, going to Ben Yehuda Street to eat, get a haircut, and do a little shopping. The second weekend Lowell and I took a bus to Tiberius and stayed right on Lake Kinneret (Sea of Galilee). We pampered ourselves and stayed in plush hotels, and enjoyed the thick mattresses and bathroom privacies. On our last day at Sar-El, we were taken to the Palmach Museum in Tel Aviv and then to the mall.

It is a great feeling to know that our three weeks in the Sar-El program helped Israel. We were thanked a million times. We received more than we gave: fabulous memories of our experience, new friends, and a better appreciation of what it means to live and work in Israel. We hope that some of those reading about our experience will become interested in participating. If you go, you will come back a different person, uplifted by the sense of personal accomplishment and the gratitude of the IDF soldiers and every Israeli you meet.

We have bought Israeli Bonds, planted trees in Israel, bought Israeli products, contributed to Israeli charities over the years to support Israel, but through Sar-El we feel that we have truly helped. For years we have prayed for the safety of Israel and for the welfare of its soldiers and for three short weeks we were able to work towards these goals in a physical, tangible way. No words can describe that feeling.

We will do this again. ✧

Please visit www.ofi-usa.org for more information on this wonderful organization.

2007 Emergency Food and Shelter Program launched

**CKJF helps distribute
\$160,000+ in three
counties**

By Daniel Cheifec

The Emergency Food and Shelter National Program is a coalition of national agencies and the federal government designed to provide emergency funding for social service agencies around the country. The six national agency partners are the United Jewish Communities, Catholic Charities USA, the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA, the Salvation Army, the American Red Cross, and the United Way. The federal government participates through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Each national agency contributes to the common pot, and its contribution is matched by the federal government. The fund thus created is then distributed around the country based on a formula which takes into consideration the rates of unemployment and poverty as well as total population, and how

each county compares to the national average. The money distributed to counties is administered locally by a local board. These boards include local representatives of the national agencies along with local social service agency representatives, chosen with an eye to avoiding potential conflicts of interest. As executive director of CKJF, I have the honor of serving on the local boards of Fayette, Montgomery, and Bourbon counties.

The LROs (local recipient organizations) must comply with specific reporting requirements, which are overseen by the local program board. One of the problems of the program is, of course, that the needs always exceed the resources. This is where the local board needs to make tough decisions as to how to distribute existing funds.

This year we received \$148,592 to distribute in Fayette County, \$11,699 in Bourbon County, and \$12,000 in Montgomery County. Each of these cases was different. In Fayette and Bourbon counties, there are agencies that form a network of providers,

while in Montgomery County assistance is handled primarily through the County Clerk office, with agencies referring people to them.

I will describe the situations in Fayette and Bourbon in more detail because they provide interesting information. In order to determine how to distribute scarce funds, you need to develop criteria for priorities based on where the need is and how urgent it is. In Fayette County, we developed a set of priorities last year under which food is considered the foremost priority, shelter the second, and rent/utilities assistance the third. The reason for this order is that rent/utilities assistance is seen in Fayette County as a preventive intervention, while shelter and food are considered remedial.

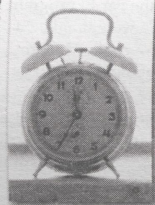
Bourbon County presents a different picture. According to local service providers, the recent establishment of a Section Eight Federal Assistance Program in the county created serious problems by pushing rents to increase more than 100 percent in two years. This is in part because the government pays about twice what it did two years ago, giving property owners an incentive to raise their rents. In addition to this problem, many of the horse farm hands are part-time minimum wage employees with no health benefits, living on the edge of financial viability. The increase in rent pushes them onto

the streets in ways the county has not seen before. Responding to this situation, the board in Bourbon County decided to order their priorities differently because rent assistance has become a remedial rather than preventive need. Under their priorities food is still the first, but rent/utilities assistance is second, with actual shelter third.

Agencies benefited by this program in Fayette County include the Black Church Coalition, the Salvation Army, God's Pantry, Catholic Social Services of the Bluegrass, the Lexington Rescue Mission, the Hope Center, the American Red Cross, the Bluegrass Domestic Violence Program, the MASH Unit of the Bluegrass, and Moveable Feast.

Agencies benefited by this program in Bourbon County are the Bourbon County Food Bank, the Inter-Ministerial Association of Bourbon County, and the Bluegrass Domestic Violence Program.

This program is one more way in which the Jewish community participates in dealing with the social problems in our society, and it is possible because of your support to the annual CKJF/UJC Community Campaign. When you are next approached for our 2007 Campaign, remember this is one of the ways in which you make a difference. ☆



Times change. JFS can help.

If you need help changing the batteries in your smoke detector or adjusting the time on your clocks JFS will be there on Sunday, March 11, from 2 - 5 p.m.

Please contact JFS by March 8th to make sure we have enough volunteers available.



For more information call Abby Miller at (859) 269-8244 or email to jfs@jewishlexington.org



JFS Needs You!

JFS will be helping individuals change batteries in smoke detectors and the time on clocks Sunday, March 11, from 2-5 p.m.

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upcoming event

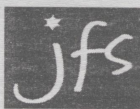
Jewish Genetic Disorders Seminar

The presentation will be led by Rachel Kelleher, M.S. and Certified Genetic Counselor (CGC) who will discuss a wide range of subjects relating to genetic disorders and the Jewish community.

Co-sponsored by the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah and Jewish Family Services

Tuesday, March 27
7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Central Baptist Hospital
1740 Nicholasville Road
Education Center Bldg E,
basement level



For more information about this event, or to RSVP, please contact the JFS Director, Abby Miller, (859) 269-8244 or jfs@jewishlexington.org



Around the Community

Mazel Tov to...

Deborah and Peter Nelson, on the birth of their daughter, **Tess Dermanly**, on February 2, 2007.

Rabbi Uriel H. D. Smith, who delivered the opening invocation at the joint session of the Kentucky Legislature, when Governor Fletcher gave the State of the Commonwealth address.

Judi Wurmser, proud grandmother of **Noah Benton Howard**, whose birth we noted last month. **Linda and Jeffrey Noffsinger** are Noah's great aunt and uncle.

Bat Mitzvah

On March 24, 2007, **Emily Miller**, daughter of **Lisa and Jonathan Miller**, will be called to the Torah at Temple Adath Israel as a Bat Mitzvah. Joining her in this celebration will be her sister, **Abby**, who is 8, and her dog, **Apple**, who is 4.

Emily, a seventh grade student at The Lexington School, says she likes a wide range of subjects "...like Spanish, physics, and English." Her



extracurricular activities include playing the guitar and basketball. Outside of school, Emily is busy with her Mitzvah Project and weekly meetings with the rabbi.

In response to a request to describe her Mitzvah Project, Emily wrote, "My Mitzvah Project is about helping kids with their self esteem. I tutor kids in reading and alphabet at Ashland elementary, and coach 5th and 6th grade girls basketball, and I'm getting ready to tutor reading at the Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning."

To give the community a better picture of who she is, Emily responded, "I love acting and Camp GUCI. I like to read. I love dogs. I like shopping and spending time with my friends."

Condolences to...

Art Shechet and the **Robie-Shechet** family upon the death of Art's father, **David Shechet**, on February 16 in New York.

Betty Grossman, Terry Grossman, and their extended family on the death of their husband and father, **Norman Grossman**, on February 17.

The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah

President, Odette Kaplan

Hadassah was founded by Henrietta Szold on Purim 95 years ago. It was named for the biblical Queen Esther, a powerful woman who intervened for and saved the Jewish people.

Throughout Hadassah's amazing 95-year history, we find parallels with Henrietta Szold and our organization's namesake—and with all of the strong Hadassah women who have made a difference in Israel, in the United States, and elsewhere in the world. They have been involved in many important issues, standing together to support a strong and thriving Israel and Jewish people everywhere.

This Purim, as we celebrate Hadassah's 95th birthday, we in central Kentucky can continue to unite in support of Hadassah projects in Israel and also our

volunteerism locally. You can make the difference, get involved!

Currently we need women to work on our UK Hospital projects. One of these is making dolls for hospitalized children, which are much needed at present. If you can donate some of your time, please contact our doll project chair, **Ruth Moser**, at (859) 278-5191 or ruthcm@cs.com.

You are invited to attend Hadassah's ninth annual fundraising event, Saturday, March 17 at 7:15 p.m. at Temple Adath Israel. This will be an enjoyable evening with dinner and wine, and both silent and live auctions with a professional auctioneer. All members of the Jewish community and friends are invited. Watch for your invitation in the mail. ☆

The Lexington Havurah

David R. Wekstein, President

The Lexington Havurah, founded in 1978, is a diverse network of 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, mwdavek@insightbb.com, or the co-chairs of the Membership Committee, Evelyn Keller (859) 278-3609, evelynkadimah@aol.com, or David Feinberg (859) 223-1304, kdfjm@insightbb.com.

The Lexington Havurah will celebrate Purim on Sunday, March 4, at 3:00 p.m. at the Lexington Theological Seminary. **Jeremy Popkin** and **Gloria and Michael Rie** will lead the program. We will have the reading of the megillah with the appropriate loud noise at the mention of **Haman**. Although no one is expected to follow the ancient custom of drinking enough alcohol until you cannot tell the difference between **Esther** and **Haman**, we do look forward to hamentashen home-made by **Merle Wekstein** and **Judy Worrell**.

The annual Havurah retreat will be on Sunday, March 11, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Firebrook Community Clubhouse. The topic for this year is "Jewish Genealogy." **Gary Mokotoff**, author, lecturer and leader of Jewish-American genealogy, will be our scholar in residence. Attendance is limited to Havurah members.

On April 7 the Havurah will hold its Pesach Shabbat service at 10:00 a.m. at the Lexington Theological Seminary. This service and all Havurah religious services are open to all.

The Lexington Havurah came into existence almost 30 years ago. During that time the Havurah has had the opportunity to study from three Torah scrolls during its services. Our first Torah was graciously donated to us by a congregation in Louisville. We used it for several years until the congregation contacted us and with great chagrin informed us that the member who originally gave them the Torah was moving to Florida and had decided to take "his" Torah with him.

At about the same time, the Westminster Synagogue in London, England announced that Torahs saved from the Holocaust were now available for permanent loan to congregations around the world. The Havurah contacted London and was fortunate to be able to

receive a beautiful Torah that had been saved from a Czechoslovakian town. (Unfortunately, we could never learn the name of the town.) Once we received the Torah, several talented members of the Havurah had a cover prepared for a needlepoint design. Although most of the needlework was done by a few members of the Havurah, every member of the Havurah did participate. The cover was and still is a beautiful work of art. The Havurah also commissioned a woodworker to construct a custom-made ark.

The Holocaust Torah is no longer in active use. After the scroll spent many years in Czechoslovakia, then in hiding during much of the Second World War, and finally being used by the Havurah, many of the letters had become illegible, the bindings were coming loose, and it was no longer "kosher" and not able to be restored. The Havurah still houses the Torah within its ark.

The Havurah now needed another Torah. The Conservative Movement put the Havurah in contact with the American Jewish Committee (AJC). At that time the federal government was closing a number of military bases in this country and abroad. Some of these bases had synagogues; the Torahs in these synagogues were returned to the AJC, which had provided them. When **Judy Saxe** and **Gail Cohen** went to New York on Hadassah business they inspected an available Torah and recommended its purchase.

The Havurah has been using this Torah ever since. However, it has started to show wear and tear. Through the Jewish Community Center of Cincinnati we identified a person who examined the Torah and is presently restoring it to good condition.

I relate to you the saga of our Torah to give you a feel for the types of challenges that often face small congregations as they try to maintain their practice of Judaism. ☆

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Chavurat-Chochma (A Friendly Gathering of Wisdom) News

Join us on March 27, 2007 for a chance to socialize and enjoy an informative program.

While invitations are sent to members of the congregation 60 years old and *better*—all are welcome! We meet most months to shmooze, nosh and share our wisdom.

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. **March schedule is 3/3, 3/17, and 3/31.**

Kollel Study Group

Joe Engelberg leads this study of fundamental ideas of Jewish life and thought. Among these are spirituality, the nature of God, biblical and traditional injunctions and laws, Jewish history, principles of the Reform movement, and the relation of Judaism to Christianity, Islam, and Buddhism. Drop in the Library any time and join in the provocative and friendly discussion. **March schedule is 3/10 and 3/24.**

Tuesday Bridge Club

The Tuesday Bridge Group meets in the Temple Library beginning at 11:00 a.m. Bring your lunch and play until 2:00 p.m. You don't have to be an expert to join. This group is going strong, so if you like to play bridge, here's your chance to join and socialize with fellow Temple members. If you wish to join in, please check with other players or the Temple office each week to see if the group is playing.

Adult Education

The Sunday Adult Education class with Dr. Larry Kant ("Finding a Jewish Path While the Ground Shifts Beneath Us") will focus on another volume (volume 1) of the Jewish Lights "My People's Prayer Book" Series, *The Shema and Its Blessings*. As we did last year, we will explore the deeper meanings and symbolism of Jewish prayers texts. Upcoming dates for this year: **March 11, April 22, and May 20.**

Rabbi Kline will teach Introduction to Judaism beginning on March 11

Rabbi Kline's Introduction to Judaism class is open to the Lexington Community as well as the Temple family. If you are interested in learning about Judaism, plan to sign up for this class and meet new friends and expand your knowledge. The class dates will be:

Sunday, March 11 at 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 1 at 3:30 p.m.

Please send in your name, address, and phone number with your check no later than March 5 so we can order the books that will be used for the class. The cost for Temple members will be \$18 and the cost for non-members will be \$36.00. If you have any questions, please call the Temple office at (859) 269-2979.

Caring Connections Committee

The Caring Connections Committee is asking Temple members to help perform Random Acts of Mitzvot. Our committee provides meals to members of our congregation who are ill, contacts older/homebound Temple members monthly, aids bereaved families, and provides occasional transportation to Temple events. Please call chairpersons Julie McKee at (859) 225-

5646 or Deb Kratzer at (859) 223-8601 to let us know to what degree you can be involved. No meetings—no pressure—we promise! We'll call you as the need arises.

TAI Book Group

TAI Book Discussion Group will meet on February 28, 2007 to discuss *The Fixer* by Bernard Malamud.

"Brilliant [and] harrowing . . . Historical reality combined with fictional skill and beauty of a high order make [it] a novel of startling importance."—Elizabeth Hardwick, *Vogue*

Volunteers needed for TAI Preschool

If you are interested in spending quality time with our 2-year-old class on Tuesdays and Thursdays, please call Laura at (859) 269-1915 or Sandee at (859) 269-2979. Any time you can give between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. would be greatly appreciated. These kids are delightful and you will have a rewarding experience.

God's Pantry Night on Tuesday

Please join representatives from the entire Jewish community at God's Pantry on the **third Tuesday of each month**, from 6:00 to 7:30. We will sort food to be distributed to the homeless and assist God's Pantry in fulfilling the needs of the hungry in Kentucky. For more information and directions, please contact Karen Petrone at (859) 226-9145 or Petrone@uky.edu. Join us on **March 20, and April 16** (note that this is a Monday).

Catered by Ali Babba's

Social hour: Hummus, pita, veggies, wine; Make your own mask and gragger

Followed by dinner: House salad, kafta kabob served by Temple executive members; Athenian broiled chicken, falafel, and dessert

Music: by David

Megillah reading: by temple board members

Attire: clothes are required; costumes are encouraged

- Low-low price of \$18 per person
- VIP \$28 per person - *Includes bottle of wine for table*
- Child care provided
- Age-appropriate Purim activities

Purim Fun Raiser

March 3, 2007, 6:00 p.m.

Temple Adath Israel

Name: _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ people at \$18 per person

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ VIP seats at \$28 per person

Child care needed for _____ children, ages _____

Ohavay Zion Synagogue

2048 Edgewater Court • President, Sanford Goldberg • (859) 266-8050

We look to March with a sense of joy as we begin the month of Adar and, of course, celebrate Purim. Tradition tells us that with the arrival of Adar, we are to rejoice and "be happy." We wish everyone a very Happy Adar and a Happy Purim filled with fun.

Purim at OZS: Megillah

Reading and Purim S'uda

Join us on Sunday morning, March 4 at 10:00 a.m. as we read Megillat Esther—the Scroll of Esther—in celebration of the unique and joyful holiday of Purim. Be sure to wear a costume or funny hat and bring a sense of humor and smile with you. Continue your celebration of Purim at 12:00 p.m. at a special *Purim S'uda* complete with costume contest and skits in the Social Hall. Lunch (donations accepted) will be provided by USY. Don't miss out on the fun.

Purim Wine Tasting

Can you tell the difference between a glass of Manischewitz Concord Grape and a 2002 Rosenblum Russian River Valley Merlot? Maybe you know of an \$8 bottle of wine that will fool everyone into thinking it is an \$80 bottle? If so, or even if not, join us Erev Purim, Saturday evening, March 3, 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a Wine Tasting Extravaganza and Contest. Bring three of your favorite bottles of wine for sampling. Two will be tasted and rated by participants and the person who brought the highest rated wine will get to take home all of the extra (third) bottles at the end of the night. If you brought the lowest rated wine, you get to take it back home with you. Suggested donation \$10 per person at the door for light appetizers. Baby sitting by our USYers will be available for donations. For more information, contact Mike Mayer at fmm@mindspring.com or (859) 273-8605.

Machon OZS: Adult Education

Italian Jews? Who knew that they are among the oldest Jews in the Diaspora, with a cultural group as distinctive as Sephardi or Ashkenazi, and traditions that date back to Maccabean times? Join Rabbi Barbara Aiello, the first woman rabbi and first Progressive rabbi in Italy, for an entertaining and informative exploration into the history of Italian Jews, the development of the Reform movement in Italy, and the rise of anti-Semitism throughout Europe. All are invited to this special **Machon OZS Lecture Series** program on Wednesday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. at OZS. For more information call the OZS office.

World-renowned scholar Rabbi Irving "Yitz" Greenberg will be here at OZS on Thursday evening, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. as part of the **Lexington Theological Seminary's Franklin B. Moonsnick Lecture Series**. The topic for his lecture will be, "Can the Jewish People Deal with Power? History, Theology, Politics." He will also speak at LTS on Thursday morning, March 29 at 11:00 a.m. and again on Friday morning, March 30 at 9:30 a.m. All lectures are free and open to the public. Call LTS or OZS for more information.

"Looking for God in Everyday Life and Prayer: A Guide for the Uncertain," taught by Dr. Art Shechet and Rabbi Sharon Cohen, will meet this month on Sunday

evening, March 11, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

"Modern Ethical and Social Issues from a Jewish Perspective," taught by Bennett Bayer and Rabbi Sharon Cohen, examines some of the most pressing social and ethical dilemmas and issues facing us as Americans and Jews. The class is scheduled to meet this month on Sunday, March 18 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. We will be studying the recent decisions on homosexuality by the Rabbinical Assembly's Committee on Jewish Law and Standards. All are welcome. Please call the OZS office for more information.

All are also invited to attend morning minyan, breakfast, and Talmud Study with Rafi Finkel every Friday morning beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Making a Difference: Social Action at OZS

The Social Action Committees of Ohavay Zion Synagogue and Temple Adath Israel Purim Food Drive continues through March 11. Collection barrels for donations of canned goods or nonperishable packaged foods will be located in the lobby area. Collected food will be donated to God's Pantry. You can also make a monetary donation via the web using the following link: <http://vad.aidmatrix.org/vadxml.cfm?driveid=1993>. The program will query you on where you want your donation to go, so be sure to flag God's Pantry Food Bank, Lexington.

The OZS Social Action committee invites you to join us on the third Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. as we sort food donations at God's Pantry. Contact Mollye Schwab at (859) 881-1686 if you are interested in participating in this kid- and adult-friendly mitzvah.

OZS Religious School

Our Religious School students are gearing up for a busy spring as they prepare for both Purim

and Passover. This month, the religious school students will form the heart of our Purim Celebration and Megillah Reading on Sunday morning, March 4 at 10:00 a.m. Our **Junior Congregation** program continues on March 17 at 10:45 a.m. in the Music Room. The program is coordinated by Judy Levey and led by Asher Finkel and Miriam Davis-Rosenbaum. We encourage parents to attend with their kids.

Gan Shalom Preschool

Registration continues for the 2006-2007 school year at Gan Shalom. For more information, contact the Gan Shalom office at (859) 335-9922.

Daily Minyan

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

Shabbat at OZS: Some Special Programs

We welcome in Shabbat during the Kabbalat Shabbat service on Friday evenings at 5:45 p.m. Feel free to come "as-is" from work or other activities and join us for the spirited evening service before heading home for your Shabbat Dinner. On Friday, March 16 the 5:45 p.m. service will be a special Tot Shabbat (kid friendly) Shabbat service as a part of the Jewish Community Playgroup program. Families with young children are especially encouraged to attend. Please note that there will be no Friday evening service on March 9 in conjunction with our "Shabbat At Home with Family and Friends" program. We encourage you to plan a Friday night dinner and to celebrate the arrival of Shabbat with friends and family in your home.

On the last Friday of each month (March 30 this month), the service will be at 7:30 p.m. with a special program and Oneg following the service at 8:30 p.m. This month, those who recently traveled to Israel on our OZS Congregational Trip will share with us some of their experiences (and, we hope, pictures) from Israel, including their visit to Ben Yakir Youth Village and planting trees in Northern Israel. Everyone is invited to participate in this special Friday evening program on March 31. Join us for our Shabbat Morning Service each Saturday morning at 9:45 a.m. Kiddush lunch follows each week.

Passover Is Coming

Passover begins this year on Monday evening, April 2. Our annual *Siyum B'khorim* (ending the Fast of the Firstborn) will take place Monday morning, April 2 at 7:30 a.m. with minyan, study, and a light nosh. The OZS Second Night Congregational Seder will be on Tuesday evening, April 3. Reservations and payments will be due a week before Passover. Please call the OZS office for more information on dinner prices, reservations, and due dates.



Community Calendar

CKJF - Central Kentucky Jewish Federation

1050 Chinoe Road • Suite 203 • 268-0672 • Marty Barr, President

OZS - Ohavay Zion Synagogue

2048 Edgewater Court • 266-8050 • Sanford Goldberg, President
Daily Minyan Mon.-Thurs. at 5:45 p.m.; Kabbalat Shabbat Service, Friday Evenings at 5:45 p.m.; on the last Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. with Oneg and program following • Shabbat Services Saturday at 9:45 a.m.

TAI - Temple Adath Israel

124 N. Ashland Avenue • 269-2979 • David Shraberg, President
Shabbat Services Friday 7:30 p.m.; Worship Service Saturday 10:30 a.m.

HAD - The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah

Odette Kaplan, President

HAV - The Lexington Havurah

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Camp Counselor Interviews 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.		- JFS Director Gives Donovan Scholars Forum Presentation - Camp Counselor Interviews 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.	- CKJF Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. - CKJF Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. - TAI Book Discussion Group	Ta'anit Esther - Fast of Esther		- Tu B'Shvat - Jewish Arbor Day - TAI Purim Party 6:00 p.m. - OZS Wine Tasting 8:00 p.m.
25	26	27	28	March 1	2	3
Purim	- Shushan Purim - Yiddish Club at CKJF	- OZS Board Meeting - TAI Board Meeting				- Shalom Deadline - CKJF Comedy Night 8:00 p.m.
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Lexington Havurah Retreat (Members Only)		Chabad-Rabbi Litvin visits	JFS Leisure Club Purim Party			Hadassah Auction 7:15 p.m. at TAI, phone 277-8027 for info and reservations
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Yiddish Club at CKJF	- Rosh Chodesh Nisan - God's Pantry Night 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	- TAI Sisterhood at The Mad Potter - OZS Special Guest Speaker Program		TAI - Bat Mitzvah Emily Miller	TAI - Bat Mitzvah Emily Miller
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Super Sunday	UK Jewish Studies Lecture: Dr. Benjamin Hary (Emory University) Topic: Migration and Jewish Languages 8:00 p.m.	JFS Jewish Genetic Disorders Seminar	- CKJF Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. - TAI Book Discussion Group	LTS Lecture - Yitz Greenburg		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Ta'anit Bechorot - Fast of the First Born	Pesach	Pesach	Pesach	- Pesach - JFS Shabbat at TAI - Good Friday	- Pesach - JFS Shabbat at The Lexington Havurah
April 1	2	3	4	5	6	7