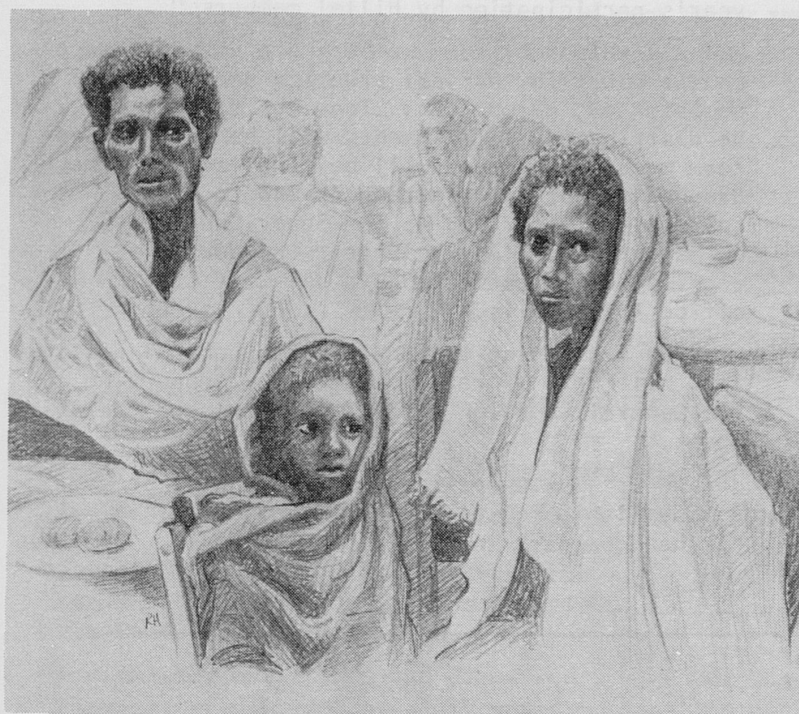




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WORLD JEWRY PREPARES FOR PASSOVER 1985

The escape of the Jews from oppression and enslavement which they had suffered at the hands of the Pharaohs is an historical fact of striking symbolic relevance to the desire of Soviet Jews to be free of their oppression by the Soviet government and the recent influx of Ethiopian Jews to Israel. Pesach celebrates freedom. Matzah is "the bread of affliction." Jews are enjoined to teach the young the story of the exodus and, at the seder and throughout the week of the festival, to remind themselves that they were slaves and were brought forth to freedom.

Please see pages 7 - 8 for supplementary material for your Passover Seder.

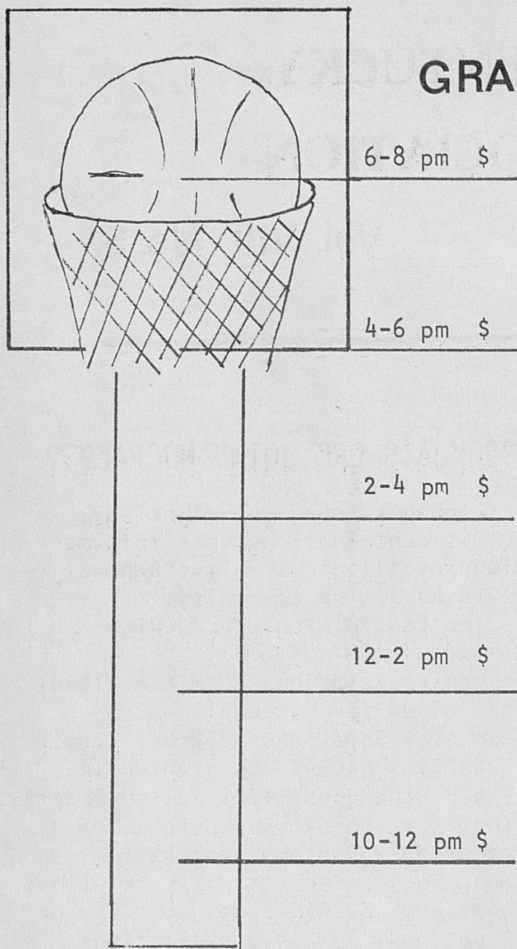
???CKJA'S CRC JOINS NJCRAC???

Alphabet soup, you might say, but it contains important information for all of us in the Central Kentucky Jewish community.

The Central Kentucky Jewish Association's (CKJA's) Community Relations Committee (CRC) has joined the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC). NJCRAC was created in 1944 by the Council of Jewish Federations for the express purpose of promoting voluntary cooperation among the Jewish community relations agencies. NJCRAC today consists of 11 national Jewish organizations including the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith-Anti-Defamation League, Hadassah, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the USA, National Council of Jewish Women, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, United Synagogue of America-Women's League for Conservative Judaism, Women's American ORT, and 113 Jewish communities around the country.

This national organization has five major commissions which provide general policy and advice to all Jewish communities who seek it. These commissions are: (1) Commission on Israel, (2) Commission on International Community Relations Concerns, (3) Commission on Individual Freedom and Jewish Security, (4) Commission on Equal Opportunity, and (5) Commission on Church-State and Inter-religious Relationships.

In addition to providing routine information to our community on activities ranging from recent bills pending before the legislative bodies to updates on Ethiopian Jewry, continued on page 2.



GRAB THE BALL - ANSWER THE CALL

As the NCAA Final Four approaches Lexington, the C.K.J.A. Super Sunday team members are warming up for their own championship weekend.

After the starting line-up had its last strategy planning session in mid-March, coaches Susan Miller and Ernie Cohen tagged this year's team a sure winner. "We are fortunate to have the invaluable experience of our veteran players plus many talented recruits for the big day. We are especially excited about this year's participation by Hillel members."

All volunteer team members are urged to meet on the court for a final practice and pep rally on Saturday, March 30th. Team tee shirts will be distributed, refreshments will be served, and team members' pledges will be finalized. "Come dressed to work for setting up and to raise spirits while revving up for Super Sunday '85 on March 31st. (Any volunteer who does not receive an invitation should call the CKJA office for details.)"

"We are hoping that all Jewish Central Kentucky fans will help us reach our goal by supporting the General Campaign, Project Renewal and Operation Moses."

NOTE: The Operation Moses tape will be available for viewing on Super Sunday at headquarters in KET.

CKJA'S CRC JOINS NJCRAC, *continued*

NJCRAC staff is available by phone to provide advice on many issues which face our community and the Community Relations Committee. Routinely one or more members of this NJCRAC staff come to Lexington for consultation and public lectures.

At the annual meeting of NJCRAC, which is attended by over 500 people from around the country, national policies and guidelines are worked out for the following year. The policies address items such as how we can help Israel and oppressed Jews everywhere, what we can do to strengthen the separation between church and state,

the role of the Jewish community in the fight for social justice (ranging from unemployment to capital punishment to social welfare programs, etc.), the relationships between the Jewish community and other communities in our country, and so on.

In February of this year, Dr. David Wekstein, chairman of the local CRC, and Dr. Steven Goldstein, co-chair of the sub-committee on Jews in Oppressed Lands, attended the national plenum and were part of this exciting program. In future issues of the newsletter they will be reporting on the highlights of these sessions.

Dear CKJA,

אוניברסיטת
בן גוריון
בנגב
BEN GURION
UNIVERSITY
OF THE NEGEV

It gives me great pleasure to report to you that the recipients of the scholarships provided by the Association for the current academic year are Gabriel Bondorovsky and Yarden Robin. Gabriel, who also received your scholarship last year, is now in his fourth and final year in the Electrical Engineering Department. He expects to graduate this Spring. Yarden is a second year student of Literature and Bible. She is 22 years old and born in Libya. She immigrated to Israel when she was five years old with her parents. She has 3 brothers and 2 sisters. Yarden completed her military service before entering the University.

Ben-Gurion University is facing an extremely critical financial situation. Government funding, which provides the major portion of our budget, has been greatly reduced, and inflation has increased our costs substantially. In addition, student tuition fees are about to rise significantly and this will increase the demand on the University for scholarship aid. Your contribution to our scholarship program enables us to provide our students with the financial assistance needed to pursue their university studies.

The future of the Negev is linked with the future of Ben-Gurion University, and the support of our dedicated friends will assure the continued growth of them both. We thank you for your generosity.

Editor's Note: Scholarship funds have been provided to the University of the Negev for several years from allocation of funds received through the CKJA-UJA Campaign.

Sincerely yours,

Yaakov Affek
Yaakov Affek
Dean of Students

FROM OUR FRIENDS AT KIBBUTZ SASA AND THE ANNE FRANK HAVEN

Dear Friends,

We are sending you herewith a newsletter describing a new undertaking by the members of Kibbutz Sasa, which enlists the efforts of the students in the Anne Frank Haven also. We think you will find it interesting.

KIBBUTZ SASA AND THE ETHIOPIANS

Chaverim in Sasa who are looking for a new challenge decided to look into the possibilities of helping out with the new immigrants in the Galilee, namely the Ethiopian Jews in Safad.

A committee was formed and discussed ways we could contribute. It was decided to visit the Ulpan and the Matnas (social-educational center) in Safad. After talking to the madrich and other people in charge, the committee returned to Sasa with many interesting ideas, and slowly began to match our potential with the needs of the new olim.

The visit to Safad also showed that we are talking about 140 young olim between the ages of 18-30. After the visit to Safad the ideas were rediscussed and finally boiled down to three areas in which we can contribute:

1) Send chaverim (teachers) to the Ulpan in the afternoon or evening to help students preparing for Bagrut in various subjects (Math, English, History, etc.).

2) Nature trips around the Galilee, with an introduction to the Jewish history of the area. A chaver from Sasa will be guide.

3) A three day seminar in Sasa (live-in). The main subject is modern agriculture in Israel. Our chaverim will be the lecturers. Each seminar consists of 20 people in all seven seminars.

We find it fitting and worthwhile to enlist the students of the Anne Frank Haven, many of them themselves in some state of need, to help in this project of Klita (absorption of immigrants). To date they have collected winter clothing, books and games for the group in the Ulpan, and participate in supplementary teaching.

These ideas will probably take about three months to be implemented. This period will also give us a chance to come into contact with the new olim and understand them better. In addition, it will give the Ethiopians more time to get used to Israel. Then we shall know better how to continue more intensively and effectively.

Editor's Note: For many years, CKJA-UJA monies have been directly assigned to the Anne Frank Haven at Kibbutz Sasa from our allocations to "Other Charities".

Lest We Forget

ANNUAL CKJA HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL OBSERVANCE

TO FEATURE KEN KURTZ

YOM HASHOA - HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL WILL TAKE PLACE
AT 8:00 P.M. THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 1985 AT TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL

The annual observance, sponsored by the Community Relations Committee of CKJA, will feature Ken Kurtz, News Director of WKYT-TV, who just returned from a special media tour of Israel. He will discuss his impressions of Israel including a description of his visit to Yad Vashem, Israel's massive memorial to the Holocaust. The program will also include a memorial service.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the liberation of the concentration camps and the end of World War II. In Jewish tradition, forty years is equal to a generation. We must insure by our public recognition of the Holocaust that our generation of Jews and those to come will never forget.

The Yom Hashoa-Holocaust Memorial is one of the projects of the CKJA Community Relations Committee and is made possible by your support of the CKJA-UJA Campaign.

The Precious Legacy



The Detroit Institute of Arts is currently host to "The Precious Legacy: Judaic Treasures from the Czechoslovak State Collections". The exhibit will be there until May 5.

Included in the exhibit are examples of Jewish art and sacred objects collected by the Nazis from Jewish families imprisoned and exterminated in Central Europe during World War II. Rescued from the Nazis at the end of the war, this collection has been touring in the U.S. since January, 1984.

The museum hours are Tuesday to Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The museum will be open until 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday through May 2.

Admission to The Precious Legacy will be by timed ticket only, with entry every half hour. Visitors may remain in the exhibition as long as they wish. Daytime exhibition entry hours Tuesday through Sunday are between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. and on Wednesday and Thursday from 4:30 to 8 p.m. If you will be in the Detroit area it is well worth it to visit this extraordinary exhibit. For tickets call (313)832-2730.

1985 CKJA Forum Series presents
CHAVA ALBERSTEIN

**THE LEADING LADY
OF
ISRAELI SONG**

**MONDAY
April 29**

8 p.m.

TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL



CELEBRATE THE 37TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL with Chava Alberstein. Like the troubadours of the Middle Ages, who brought songs of love to the people, Chava Alberstein brings her unique interpretation of love songs to the people of Israel....and now to the people of Central Kentucky. Chava's songs epitomize the poetry of the Israeli spirit. Through her, we relive the changing season, especially the sadness and soul-searching which accompany the end of summer, the harvest, the start of a new spiritual year.

Chava Alberstein's career started when, as a child, she won first prize in a talent contest held in her home town, Tivon, near Haifa. High school graduation was followed by Army service - where soldier-Chava soon became soloist in the Army-Entertainment Corps. Army life was followed by university days and the beginnings of a professional career and a recording contract with CBS/Israel. Chava's achievements are impressive. She has recorded thirty LP's, including records of children's songs and traditional Yiddish tunes. She won the prestigious David's Harp Award six times. She was twice awarded the Silver Rose Award, presented to the best singer of the year and the best album of the year. Her latest award was presented in honor of her album, "Voices." In addition to singing, Chava played a leading role in the major Israeli movie, "Intimate Story."

Tickets to this CKJA Israel Independence Day/Forum Celebration are available at the door, or can be ordered by sending a check payable to C.K.J.A. to Dr. William Levy, 515 Lone Oak Drive, Lexington, KY 40503. Patron tickets are \$20/person; series tickets are \$10/person. At the door tickets are \$6/person or \$1/person for full-time college students. Children of season ticket holders are admitted free.

Arrangements for Miss Alberstein's appearance were made through the B'nai B'rith Lecture Bureau.

The annual observance of Israel Independence Day and the CKJA Forum Series are partially subsidized with funds allocated from our 1983 and 1984 CKJA-UJA Campaign.

IT COULD BE YOUR KIDS' BEST SUMMER YET IF....

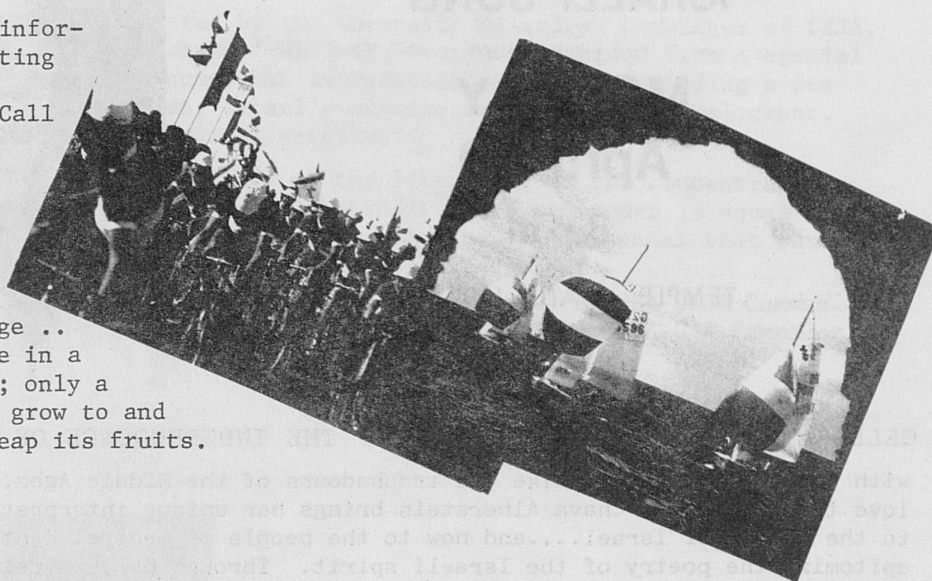
HE OR SHE JOINED

**THE LOUISVILLE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER'S
TEEN TRIP TO ISRAEL**

June 18 - July 22, 1985

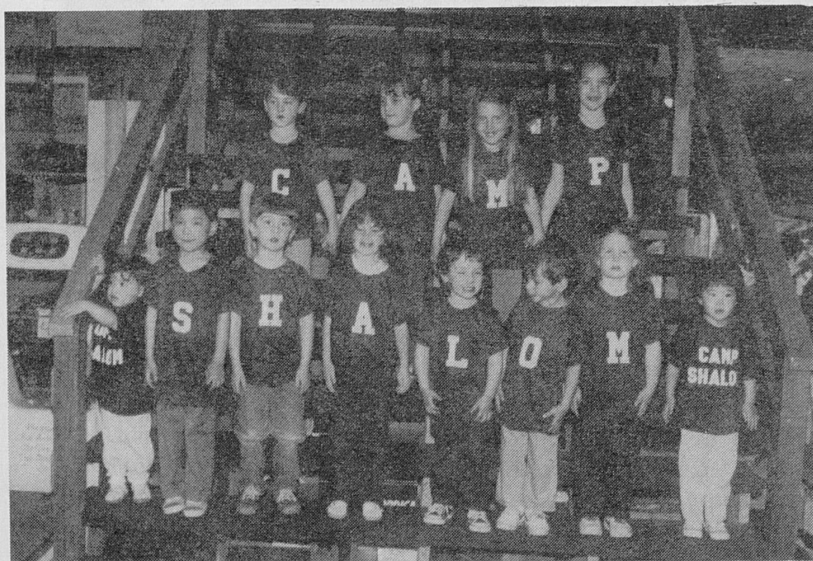
Judy Saxe has instant information about this exciting opportunity for Jewish youth from Kentucky. Call Judy (606-252-7622) or stop in at the CKJA office and pick up a brochure.

The itinerary is geared to two luxuries .. time and age .. Anyone can plant a tree in a Jewish National Forest; only a youngster can watch it grow to and through maturity and reap its fruits.



IT COULD BE YOUR KIDS' BEST SUMMER YET IF....

HE OR SHE ENROLLED IN CKJA'S CAMP SHALOM



Camp is a BIG FIRST for the little people...fun and games, songs and sports, crafts and companionship...all found at CAMP SHALOM!

CAMP SHALOM
WILL BE IN SESSION

JUNE 10 - 28, 1985

at a location yet to be announced

FOR ALL KIDS AGED 4 - 8

Watch your mail for the camp brochure.

We're still looking for a few great counselors. Contact Carol Veal at 268-8137. Camp Shalom is partially subsidized by funds allocated from the CKJA-UJA Campaign.

IT COULD BE YOUR BEST SUMMER YET IF....

IF YOU JOINED IN ON THE

LEXINGTON Community Mission To Israel

June 16 - 26, 1985

Depart Lexington: June 16th

Arrive Ben Gurion Airport: June 17th

Touring daily from Jerusalem (King David Hotel): June 17th-23rd

Kfar Giladi - Kibbutz in the Galilee: June 23rd-24th

Touring daily from Tel Aviv (Dan Hotel): June 24th-26th

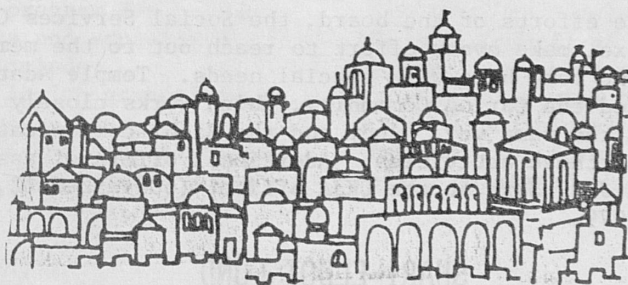
Total per person cost of the Mission, based on double occupancy, is \$2,100. Single room supplementary charge is \$345. Cost includes: round trip airfare from Lexington, deluxe accommodations, full Israeli breakfast daily, most lunches and dinners, touring and entrance fees, transfers and taxes, and UJA trained guides.

A deposit of \$200 per person, payable to CKJA, is due by April 1st. The balance is due by May 1st. Erle Levy must provide UJA with a preliminary list of participants by APRIL 5th.

CKJA'S MISSION TO ISRAEL IS A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY!
THE COST IS A BARGAIN....A BARGAIN TO BEAT ALL BARGAINS.
PLUS IT IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE!

THERE WILL BE SOME MISSION SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE FROM CKJA

PICK UP THE PHONE, CALL ERLE TODAY, 266-2858



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FROM ONE JEW TO ANOTHER

The pages of this newsletter are most often used to describe the needs of Jews in Israel and around the world. Our CKJA-UJA Campaign emphasizes our global responsibilities -- our oneness with our fellow Jews. We speak, too, of the financial obligation that is a part of our peoplehood. In recent years we have expanded our focus to heighten our awareness of local needs and the enhancement of our own Jewish community.

In the past several months a new dimension has been added to our Jewish awareness. The University of Kentucky Medical Center has a bone marrow transplant unit for the treatment of Leukemia, and several Jewish families have come to Lexington because their children are suffering from this disease. Patients come here because this is one of three centers in the U.S. that will carry out a bone marrow transplant even though the donor and recipient are not a perfect match.

Last December, Roger and Rocille McConnell came with their son Stuart Altschuler. The Lexington Jewish community, as soon as it was contacted, opened their collective arms and hearts to the family and the numerous friends and relatives of the McConnells who came to add their support.

Sadly, Stuart's transplant did not have the desired effect and he died last month. But in spite of our sadness and the grief experienced by the McConnells, we felt a special satisfaction in having helped the family in its most trying moments. They, in turn, expressed deep appreciation for the support and affection they received from us.

Now, we have another child, Marc Rosenzweig, from Framingham, Massachusetts, who is a patient in the same unit. He is accompanied by his mother, Brenda, and is visited on weekends by other members of his family. Marc received his bone marrow transplant a little more than three weeks ago.

Many members of the community have already visited the Rosenzweigs, and we hope others will. Marc is 10 years old and loves video games and sports. Cards and letters of encouragement are welcome. He is at the U.K. Medical Center, 5 North.

There is also a need for blood donors who will give blood in Marc's name to help replace the blood that has already been given to him. Donations can be made at the Central Kentucky Blood Center on Waller Avenue.

CKJA, through the efforts of the board, the Social Services Committee, and Administrator Judy Saxe, make every effort to reach out to the members of our own community and those who come here with special needs. Temple Adath Israel also has a committee, called the Caring Community, which works closely with Rabbi Leffler to respond in the same way. Judy and the Rabbi communicate frequently in order to coordinate these activities. Additional offers of assistance are always welcome. Call Judy Saxe at the CKJA office, (606)252-7622, or Rabbi Leffler at (606)269-2979.

SHARI ELDOT FUND

Another month has passed with little change in Shari's situation. She continues to wait, in Richmond, Kentucky, for an appropriate donor match. CKJA also continues to urge the members of our Central Kentucky Jewish community to share in the mitzvah of saving a life. We hope Shari will soon receive a new heart, and meanwhile we hope you will open your hearts and contribute to the CKJA Shari Eldot Fund. Checks should be made out to the fund and sent to CKJA, 333 Waller Avenue, Suite 5, Lexington, KY 40504-2901.

How to Fill an Empty Chair

There are many Jews in Lexington who would love a home-cooked matzo ball. Could you find a place at your Seder table for new friends? Check with Judy at CKJA, 252-7622, if your Southern hospitality and years of experience as a Jewish mother can accommodate another place at your table. Thanks.

TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL SISTERHOOD RESUMES ANNUAL SEDER

After a year's hiatus, the Temple Sisterhood is once more sponsoring its annual Seder. It will be held in the Temple auditorium on Saturday, April 6, at 6:30 p.m.

The charge for adults is \$8.00 and for children under 12 years of age, \$4.50.

Reservations must be made by Monday, April 1. Checks should be made out to Adath Israel Sisterhood and sent to the Temple, 124 North Ashland Avenue, Lexington, KY 40502 or to Leona Stern, 704 Kirkland Drive, Lexington, KY 40502.

Temple Adath Israel to Host P.A.T.T. in May*

** (Parents Are Teachers, too)*

Rabbi Howard Bogot, Co-Director of the Department of Education of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, will lead a P.A.T.T. program the weekend of May 17-19, 1985. The workshops will be directed toward a wide cross section of our community -- from parents with very young children to grandparents.

Rabbi Bogot is the author of the new UAHC curriculum "Seeing the World Through Jewish Eyes". His insights into Jewish education for children of all ages should make this a valuable program for parents, grandparents, teachers and educators.

The program will include:

Friday afternoon: Jewish grandparents-Building Memories

Friday evening: Jewish Assertiveness

Saturday morning: PATT-parents whose children are 2½ to 8 yrs.

Saturday afternoon: PATT-parents whose children are 12 to 17 yrs.

Saturday evening: Realities of Jewish Family Life

Sunday morning: Holiday Happenings in Jewish Homes

The cost of the workshops will be \$10 per family (for one or all of the sessions). There will be a \$7.50 per person charge for dinner after the Saturday evening program. All sessions will be held at Temple Adath Israel, and are being co-sponsored by Temple Adath Israel and the Midwest Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Brochures will be mailed shortly containing additional information and a registration form. Save the date and make plans to attend this outstanding program.

HEARD ON CAPITOL HILL

OBEY URGES SOVIETS ON ISRAEL

Rep. David Obey (D-Wis.) told the visiting Supreme Soviet Delegation Mar. 6, "It would be useful if your country were to reestablish relations with Israel and to act constructively to implement U.N. Security Council Resolution 242."

Obey also told the group: "The broad majority of Americans are united in their support of Israel's right to exist within secure and recognized boundaries and in the view that the Arab-Israeli problem should be resolved peacefully through direct negotiations between the parties."

NEAR EAST REPORT, MARCH 11, 1985

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

WARREN ROSENTHAL who will have the new residence hall at Transylvania University named for him, JONATHAN MILLER on his election to the national presidency of the National Federation of Temple Youth, JOANN RANDALL on the publication of her novel, *Through The Door*, and BILL STRAUS, equine photographer, on receiving the Eclipse Award, the highest honor in thoroughbred racing.

THANKS TO:

The above and beyonders for their help with the Wine & Cheese Party for CKJA-UJA Men's Division:

STEVE GALL for the V.C.R., FRED LOWENSTEIN for the carousel projector, LEN LERNER for the T.V., and NAT SANDLER, JACK MILLER and STEVE KESTEN for helping set up at the Temple for the March 10th fund raiser.

And to the "real heroes" of any campaign, those who undertake the efforts of individual card solicitation, who this year included Campaign Captains BOB BAUMANN, DAVID BOLOTIN, STEVE CALLER, HARRY COHEN, LEON COOPER, LOU DIAMOND and HALLEY FAUST whose jobs are made manageable by the efforts of Campaign Solicitors MIKE ADES, MIKE BAER, PHIL BERGER, BRUCE BROUDY, LEE ELIOSEFF, JOE ENGELBERG, MARVIN FRANK, COKIE HYMSON, MAURICE HYMSON, JOE KRISLOV, BILL LEFFLER, LEN LERNER, JACK MILLER, LEON RAVVIN, DAVID ROSE, IRV ROSENSTEIN, STAN SAXE, STAN SCHER, MARK WARNER and DAVID WEKSTEIN.

NEWS NOTES:

The University of Kentucky Student Government Association passed a bill that will make the week of April 14-21, 1985 Holocaust Memorial Week. The SGA also allocated \$56 to pay for a documentary film about the Holocaust, which will accompany a program coordinated by the Religious Advisers Staff on April 17.

JEWISH FELLOWSHIP BOWLING LEAGUE will again meet this summer starting in May. This mixed league will bowl at Southland Lanes on Tuesday evenings at 9:00. Interested? Please call the CKJA office or Cathy Rosenberg at 272-0891.

HOUSE FOR SALE in Jerusalem. Please call Bobbie Shain for details, 266-5208.

PURIM UPDATE:

On Sunday, March 3 the CKJA Purim Pre-school party took place at the Lexington Hearing & Speech Center. We had 1 Mordecai, 4 Queen Esthers, 7 King Ahasheuros', 1 king's brother, 1 Haman, 2 guards, 1 Spiderman, 1 skeleton, 2 strawberries, 1 cowboy, 1 flapper dancer, 1 jogger, 1 Indian princess, 1 pirate, and 3 children came as themselves. The children were kept busy making and decorating Shalach Manot baskets and later filling their baskets with their snacks (of course, including hamentashen), with pennies from a Purim bingo game, and with prizes received from "Haman Pinata" when they finally got it opened.

Elayne Crystal would like to thank all the parents who helped during the party and to those who helped clean-up. A special thanks to Alana Leffler for allowing us to have the Rosh Hashonah, Chanukah and Purim parties at the Hearing & Speech Center.

MITZVAH CORPS MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:

On Tuesday, April 23 at 12 noon at Temple Adath Israel, Mitzvah Corps is going on an "African Safari" led via slides and narration by Ada Wickler and Joan Holzinger. The Mitzvah Corps is very fortunate to have Ada and Joan present this program, and we are certain that they will have a very good attendance. You'll enjoy it.

Helen Goldfarb is chairman for the lunch that day and will keep you posted on final details by telephone and in bulletins. It sounds delicious. Watch for the announcement of the May meeting.

ABSOLUTELY, POSITIVELY YOUR LAST CHANCE:

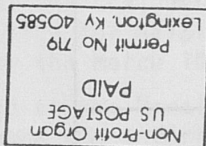
CKJA's Scholarship Committee has funds available for young people who are interested in participating in an educational program in Israel or who need financial assistance in order to attend a non-profit Jewish summer camp.

For information and applications, contact Evelyn D. Geller, 3493 Sutherland Drive, Lexington, KY 40502; (606)273-8972 (call between 10 & 11 p.m.), or the CKJA office at (606)252-7622.

Judy Saxe can give you more information on non-profit Jewish camps (606)252-7622.

APRIL

31 SUPER SUNDAY '85	1	2 Temple board meeting Synagogue board mtng. Havurah board meeting	3 7:30 TAI Outreach 8 p.m. Hadassah	4	5 Erev Pesach First Seder	6 PASSOVER 6:30 Temple Congregation- al Seder (for reservations call 269-2979 by 4/1/85)
7	8 8 p.m. CKJA Executive Committee Meeting at 3507 Arden Place 11 p.m. "Wallenberg: A Hero's Story" on NBC	9 11 p.m. "Wallenberg: A Hero's Story" on NBC	10	11	12 CKJA Office closed Seventh Day of Pesach	13
14 5:30 Hadassah Art Auction at ArtsPlace	15 B'nai B'rith Mtng. at TAI	16	17 8 p.m. Nahalall Youth perform at TAI 8 p.m. Hadassah Women's Discussion Group	18 CKJA Yom Hashoa Commemoration	19	20 CKJA Interact I CKJA Interact II
21 7:30 Ohavay Zion Adult Education	22 7:30 Hadassah Adult Education with Moshe Elitzur	23 12:00 TAI Sisterhood Mitzvah Corps	24 8 p.m. CKJA Board Mtng.	25 8 p.m. CKJA Community Activities Committee meeting	26	27 TAI Congregational meeting
28 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Lexington Havurah Retreat	29 8 p.m. CKJA Forum- Israel Independence Day "Chava Alberstein" at Temple Adath Israel	30	1 6:30 Hadassah 7:30 TAI Outreach	2	3	4



CENTRAL KENTUCKY JEWISH ASSOCIATION
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OFFICE RE-OPENS

Jerusalem, Israel--The Council of Jewish Federations recently re-opened its Israel office. Re-opening of the CJF office in Israel will enhance the relationship between North American Jewish Federations and Israel and will fulfill specific program functions for CJF member Federations.

The goal of the office is to keep key Israelis more informed and aware of the agenda, services, programs and issues of the North American Jewish Federation movement thus improving the effectiveness of dialogue and cooperation between the two communities.

The Council of Jewish Federations is the association of 200 Federations, Welfare Funds and Community Councils which

serve nearly 800 communities embracing a Jewish population of more than 5.7 million in the U.S. and Canada.

Established in 1932, the Council serves as a national instrument to strengthen the work and the impact of Jewish Federations through leadership in developing programs to meet changing needs in the Jewish community; the exchange of successful experiences to assure the most effective community service; establishing guidelines for fund raising and operation, and through joint national planning and action on common purposes dealing with local, regional and international needs.

PASSOVER IS AN OCCASION ESPECIALLY FITTING FOR REMEMBRANCE OF OUR BROTHERS IN THE SOVIET UNION, OF THE ETHIOPIAN JEWS WHO HAVE RECENTLY MADE THEIR WAY TO FREEDOM, AND TO ALWAYS REMEMBER THOSE WHO DID NOT SURVIVE TO CELEBRATE IN FREEDOM. WE HOPE YOU WILL INCORPORATE SOME OR ALL OF THESE SUGGESTIONS IN YOUR SEDERS THIS YEAR.

At the family seder, place an empty chair at the table to symbolize the denial to Soviet Jews of the means of celebrating the event, perhaps with an enlarged photo of a refusenik or prisoner. Have a fifth son, Ivan (the one who isn't free) ask, for example, "Why can't we celebrate Pesach with our fellow Jews?" Answer: We shall work for a time when all Jews will be free to celebrate Pesach in whatever land they please.

INCLUDE THE "MATZAH OF HOPE":

The leader, when explaining the meaning of the matzah, holds up a fourth matzah and says:

This Matzah, which we set aside as a symbol of hope for the Jews of the Soviet Union, reminds us of the indestructible links that exist between us.

As we observe this festival of freedom, we know that Soviet Jews are not free to leave without harassment; to learn of their past; to pass on their religious traditions; to learn the languages of their fathers; to train the teachers and the rabbis of future generations.

We remember with bitterness the scores of Jewish prisoners of conscience who sought to live as Jews and struggled to leave for Israel -- the land of our fathers -- but now languish in bondage in Soviet labor camps. Their struggle against their oppressors is part of an ongoing effort, and they shall know that they have not been forgotten.

As Soviet Jews assert themselves they are joined by all who are aroused by their affliction. We will continue until they emerge into the light of freedom.

INCLUDE "THE CUP OF REDEMPTION":

During every Seder we drink four cups of wine to commemorate God's four promises as recorded in Exodus: "I will free you",

"I will deliver you out", "I will redeem you", and "I will take you to be my people". The Following, The Cup of Redemption, is to be recited prior to the blessing over the third cup.

Leader: Let us raise our cups of wine once more and recall the third divine promise -- As it is written: "I will redeem you with an outstretched arm."

Redemption. The promise has been kept so many times. This Passover, it is being fulfilled again as thousands of Ethiopian Jews taste the wine of freedom in the land of Israel.

They have already eaten their bread of affliction -- not as a symbol of ancient slavery -- but as a harsh daily ration. They have endured family separation and walked for weeks through a dangerous drought-ravaged land.

Their courage and suffering help us understand the human reality of the flight from Egypt. And their willingness to risk their lives for freedom brings us closer to the meaning of Passover. Now they need our help to turn their exodus into a homecoming.

When they arrived in Israel, our Ethiopian sisters and brothers kissed the soil. Exhausted and barefoot, they carried only their ancient Jewish culture, their pride and their potential.

How many hours of schooling and years of training will they need to unlock that potential? How much clothing and medical care...how many beds, books, shoes and children's toys will turn this rescue into the promised redemption?

It will take vast material resources to enable so many thousands of families to create new lives and establish new homes. They will need our help and support for many years.

The promise of the third cup is ours as well as God's. We will stretch out our arms. We will help redeem our people. And in reaching out to Jews in need, we shall earn the right to taste the wine of our own redemption.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, Who has sanctified us with the promise of the third cup. Blessed are You, Creator of the fruit of the vine.

Please allow a moment of silent prayer for those Ethiopian Jews who have not yet joined their friends and families in Israel. Their hopes and their prolonged suffering have not been forgotten and we pray for their speedy deliverance. May they soon see the light of Israel.

BEFORE OPENING THE DOOR FOR ELIJAH, INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL CHILD, THE ONE WHO CANNOT ASK:

On this night, we remember an additional child. This is a child of the Shoah (Holocaust), who did not survive to ask.

Therefore, we ask for that child - Why?

We are like the simple child. We have no answer. We can only follow the footsteps of Rabbi Elazar ben Azariah, who could not bring himself to mention the Exodus at night until Ben Zoma explained it to him through the verse:

In order that you REMEMBER the day of your going out from Egypt, all the days of your life. (Deut. 16.3)

"The days of your life" indicates the daylight and the goodness of life. "All the days of your life" means even in the darkest nights when we have lost our firstborn, we must remember the Exodus.

We answer that child's question with silence. In silence, we remember that dark time. In silence, we remember that Jews preserved their image of God in the struggle for life. In silence, we remember the seder nights spent in the forests, ghettos, and camps; we remember that seder night when the Warsaw Ghetto rose in revolt.

(lift the cup of Elijah)

In silence, let us pass the cup of Elijah, the cup of the final redemption yet-to-be. We remember our people's return to the land of Israel, the beginning of that redemption. Let us each fill Elijah's cup with some of our wine, expressing the hope that through our efforts, we will help bring closer that redemption.

We rise now and open our door to invite Elijah, the forerunner of the future which will bring an end to the nights of our people. We sing as they did:

Ani Maamin

אני מאמין באמונה שלמה בביאת המשיח:
ואף על פי שיתמהמה, עם כל זה אני מאמין!

Ani maamin b'emunah shleimah, beviat Hamashiah, V'af al pi she yitnameah, im kol zeh ani maamin.

For I firmly believe in the coming of the Messiah, and even though the Messiah may tarry, in spite of this, I still believe.

Following are suggestions of additional ritual to be observed to remember all Jews in Distress.

Set a clock ahead six hours to Moscow time, and place it either near the candles in honor of Pesach at sundown, or at the seder table.

Reserve an extra chair for Soviet Jews. Place a pillow on it for reclining, as a symbol of ease.

Wine is a symbol of joy. Leave a full cup of wine in honor of the Soviet Jews in hopes for a free Pesach in future time, or leave an empty cup signifying the present status of Soviet Jews.

At the seder add a fifth question to the traditional "Four Questions", e.g. "Why must these Jews be different from all other Jews?" Mah Nishtanah ha-y'hudim ha-aloh mikol la-y'-hudim aharim?

Add an 11th plague to the 10 in the Haggadah, calling it dekuly: political oppression, and take a symbolic sip from your cup of wine.

Add another verse for "Dayenu". For example: "If God were to give the Soviet Jews merely a sense of identity, it would not be enough. We must seek a time when Soviet Jews are completely free. Dayenu. Then, it will be enough."

After explaining the three symbols of Pesach, recite "Bkol dor va'dor", substituting the following language for the traditional translation: "In this generation, one must look upon himself as if he personally had come out of Russia, as the Bible says: "And thou shalt tell thy son on that day, saying it is because of what the Lord did to me when I went forth from Russia."

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