

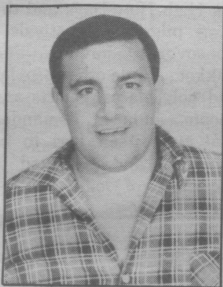
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ISRAELI JOURNALIST YARON SVORAY TO SPEAK IN LEXINGTON



Yaron Svoray

Yavron Svoray, an Israeli journalist, will be speaking in Lexington on October 21. Mr. Svoray is a

former commando and an expert on international terrorism. He recently spent six months undercover in Germany on a mission sponsored by the Simon Wiesenthal Center to infiltrate and expose the Neo-Nazi movement and its leadership. Mr. Svoray will be speaking on behalf of Israel Bonds at lunch on October 21, exact time and place to be announced. For additional information contact Joseph Englander, Israel Bonds representative for Lexington at 1-800-883-0707.

OPERATION MAGIC CARPET II: MORE YEMENITE JEWS RESCUED



The first Yemenite Jews to reach Israel since the Operation Magic Carpet airlifts of 1940-50 arrived at the Jewish Agency Absorption Center in Rehovot in August 1992. To protect the Jews still in Yemen, this photo could not be released until now. Both their rescue by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) and their care in Israel by the Jewish Agency are funded through the UJA/Federation Annual Campaign.

290 new immigrants from Yemen had reached Israel since last summer. One hundred fourteen of them arrived at Bet Canada in June and July. They have been placed in ulpanim where they learn Hebrew in the mornings; during the afternoons, they receive orientation on such subjects as how to open a bank account, how the health system operates, and how to use gas, electricity and the public telephones.

"Like the Ethiopians, the Yemenites come from a pre-industrial environment," explains Ohayon, "but they are much better equipped to be absorbed into Israeli society. They had electricity in their villages, and many of the men owned cars - in almost every instance, a Toyota station wagon."

While the Ethiopian immigrants were mainly farmers, the Yemenites are artisans. They were goldsmiths, silversmiths and metalworkers, and each

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THE SECRET IMMIGRANTS

By: Steve Sivan, UJA Press Service

JERUSALEM - Hundreds of Israelis of Yemenite origin descend daily on the Jewish Agency's Bet Canada Absorption Center in Ashkelon. Many have come to visit relatives recently arrived from Yemen. Others are simply well-wishers, and some are eager to reacquire themselves with their ethnic roots.

"I estimate that last week we had 2,000 people here to welcome a busload of new arrivals from the airport," recounts David Ohayon, Director of Bet Canada. "The local traffic police claim that they are working full-time in directing vehicles here."

Even before the Israeli Army Censor lifted the ban on publicity about the Jewish Agency's secret airlift of Yemenite Jews to Israel via Europe, most of the country's Yemenite community had heard about the new immigrants through the grapevine.

Last winter, Jewish

Agency officials told Ohayon that Bet Canada had been earmarked as a home for Yemenite newcomers. Afterwards, he spent many days at the Rehovot Absorption Center, learning about the absorption problems confronting new arrivals from Yemen.

By July of this year,

YEMENITE JEWISH FAMILIES REUNITED AFTER 40 YEARS APART

By: Steve Sivan, UJA Press Service

JERUSALEM - Batsheva Sha'arabi immigrated to Israel from Yemen in 1951. For almost forty of the years since then, she had not heard from her brother Salim, who had remained behind. Then, four years ago, a letter from him finally reached her, telling her that he was not only alive and well, but had four children and eleven grandchildren.

"It was such a

tremendous feeling to know that he was still alive," recalls Batsheva. "I had presumed that he was dead."

Batsheva's excitement at learning her brother was alive turned into sheer elation in June, when Salim reached Israel, together with his wife, four children and their spouses, and - at latest count - thirteen grandchildren.

"I couldn't believe it when a Jewish Agency

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Photos: UJA Press Service



Magic Carpet II (1983) - Jews from Yemen arrive in Israel, part of a secret rescue that has brought some 300 Jews out of Yemen in the past year.

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THE TORAH THIS MONTH

By Rabbi Eric Slaton

ELUL KEE TAVO Sept. 4, 18

This portion begins with the last part of Moses' second departing speech to the people. As the people harvest the richness of the land, they are to bring in the first fruits of their harvest and consecrate it in the House of God while reciting a brief prayer summarizing their history. Moses instructs the people to give tenths (tithing) of their produce. One tenth to the Levites, one to the poor and one to be used for an annual pilgrimage to God's house.

In Moses' third speech, he instructs the people to erect 12 stones on Mt. Ebal on which the mitzvot are to be inscribed.

They are to build an altar for public worship. Standing on facing mountains, the people shout amen in response to Moses proclaiming the blessings for following God and the curses for disobedience.

ELUL NITZVIM-VAYELECH Sept. 11

This portion continues with Moses' third departing speech. Moses stresses the binding nature of the covenant and warns the people that their descendants will stray. God will punish them and they will suffer though not be destroyed. After the people repent, God will forgive them and allow them to return to enjoy all the blessings of the land.

Joshua is appointed to succeed Moses, who will die shortly. Moses reassures the people that God will be with them. Moses completes the writing of the Torah and gives it to the elders and the Cohanim. They are to read it publicly on a regular basis for it is the inheritance of all the people.

ROSH HASHANA - Sept 16 I Conservative, II Reform- Genesis 21:1-34

Isaac is born to Sarah and Abraham. Sarah sees Ishmael, Abraham's other son by her handmaid Hagar, as a threat and insists that

they be banished. Abraham is reluctant but God assures him that Ishmael will prosper. Hagar wanders in the wilderness and when she sees her son is about to perish from thirst, places him under a bush and waits for him to die. A divine messenger shows her a well that she had not seen and is saved.

ROSH HASHANA - Sept. 17 II Conservative, I Reform- Genesis 22:1-24

The Akeda, or binding of Isaac. Abraham and Isaac are tested when God demands that Abraham sacrifice his son. Both are willing to follow God's command, yet at the last moment God tells Abraham to sacrifice a ram instead. A powerful story that has become an important image of Jews willing to lay down their lives "al kiddush haS'hem," for the sanctification of God's name.

TISHRI 3 HAAZINU - Sept 16

This chapter is a farewell song of Moses which is a beautiful poem. God's faithfulness is in sharp contrast to Israel's faithlessness. Israel will be unfaithful and will be punished. Yet God will be merciful and after Israel has suffered, she will return to the land.

Moses is told to go to Mt. Nebo from where he will be allowed to look at the

land. Having seen the land, it will be the place of his death. The ultimate tragedy is that while no one worked as hard as Moses to bring the people to the land nor was as steadfast in his commitment to God, Moses is denied entrance into the land itself.

YOM KIPPUR - Sept. 25 Conservative Leviticus 16

The Torah tells of the High Priests' duties on Yom Kippur. Only on this most holy of days, purified from ritual defilement and sin, could the High Priest enter the Holy of Holies to plead for forgiveness. Upon the head of a scapegoat were placed all the sins of the people and this goat was sent into the wilderness to be killed. How ironic that through the ages Jews should become the scapegoat for the people among whom we lived.

YOM KIPPUR Reform

Deuteronomy 29:9-14 & 30

Moses tells the generation of Hebrews born in freedom that they are all entering into an eternal covenant with God. It is not simply for the elite, or even for that generation, nor is it impossibly difficult. It is, however, a choice that they must make. The choice is between Life and death, between blessing or curse. If they are faithful they will remain in the good land which God has provided.

In the afternoon, traditional congregations read about the depths to which humans can sink, perhaps to remind us not to become too intoxicated by our sincere pleadings.

Reform congregations read the Holiness code. This code demands that service to God is not only ritual in nature, but of moral and ethical behavior as well.

SUKKOT I - Sept. 30

This portion deals with sacred time, Shabbat, the High Holy Days and the three pilgrimage festivals - Passover, Shavuot and Sukkot. While other peoples had holy places, objects and people, Judaism demanded that time itself was to be sanctified and dedicated to the service of God.

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LOCAL NEWS

RESETTLEMENT IS ALIVE AND WELL

By: Evelyn Dantzic Geller -
Chairperson, Resettlement
Committee

Thanks to the efforts of a cadre of dedicated volunteers including many new Americans and our devoted Program Director, Sharyn Sharer, the Resettlement program is alive and well!

August 24th marks a very important day for Lexington. On that day Lexington will greet a very special Soviet family-The Orlovs will be welcoming their grandfather, mother, father and sister to Lexington. Mark Orlov, the grandfather, will have his hundred year birthday three weeks after he arrives.

The Orlovs, who have been in Lexington since April 1991, are thrilled to be reunited with her parents and grandfather. After a long journey from Moscow to Lexington, the family will settle in the Heritage Apartments on Richmond Road, where the majority of other new Americans have lived.

To continue our efforts, we must recruit additional volunteers. You can sign up for all kinds of services. Let's start with the Family-to-Family program. This aspect of the resettlement program offers you the opportunity to host a new American family; we

hope for at least two host families for every new American family. Host families provide the critical link between the new Americans and the Central Kentucky Jewish and secular communities. We need many more host families and urge all of you to help others by participating in the mitzvah of assisting these newcomers to become self-sufficient members of our community.

In addition, we need volunteers who can assist with transportation and hospitality. Transportation includes everything from taking people to one time physician appointments to picking workers up from a

job that ends after public transportation shuts down. And hospitality involves such services as inviting people over for a meal, seeing that new Americans are included in and get to activities sponsored by the Jewish community and the community at large, and possibly most important - visiting a new family on a regular basis to help them develop skills in speaking English.

New Americans also need assistance in learning such routines as how to prepare job resumes, pay bills and apply for credit. If you have jobs available, or know of job opportunities, we need your input.

The range of volunteer opportunities is expanding steadily. We truly would appreciate any time or skill or effort you contribute.

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thousands of Jews from around the world, please consider an investment in Israel's future economic success with the purchase of an Israel Bond.

Israel's Zero Coupon Bond is popular to buy for children and grandchildren, as well as for IRA's. Its purchase price, through September 20, is \$3,671 and it matures on December 21, 2001 at \$6,000 for a yield of 6.00%.

The Individual Variable Rate Issue Bond, currently paying 5.5%, can be redeemed after seven years or after three years if purchased in a retirement plan. The minimum investment is \$5,000 with a special \$2,000 minimum for IRA's.

The Economic Development Issue Bond is ideal for pension plans with a \$25,000 minimum investment and a fixed rate of 6.00% through September 20. It can be redeemed after five years or after four years if purchased in a retirement plan.

If you are planning a trip to Israel, Israel Bonds are an ideal way to save. The Current Income Bond, in denominations of \$500, pays 4.0% and after one year can be redeemed in Israel to help cover tourist expenses. The

CKJF CHARITY ALLOCATIONS

by Tomas Miloh, Budget Chairman

As part of the budget and allocations process of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, annual allocations are made to national and local organizations from the CKJF local budget. Amounts are determined by the budget committee and then revised and approved by the Board of Directors of CKJF.

This year, the following allocations were made:

Anti-Defamation League	\$3000
Camp Young Judea	1500
Goldman Union Camp	1500
American Jewish Committee	300
Hospice of the Bluegrass	150
Kentucky Special Olympics	150
Hospital Hospitality House	150
Jewish Telegraphic Agency	150
National Jewish Cntr. for Learning	250
Golda Meir Association	100
Lexington Library (film donation)	150

Community input as to future allocations is always welcomed.

WINTER MISSIONS TO ISRAEL FOR SINGLES, YOUNG ADULTS

UJA Winter Singles Mission - Dec. 19-Dec. 30

Singles ages 25-35 with \$500.00 minimum gift to UJA/Federation - \$ subsidy available - call for details and itinerary.

UJA National Young Adults Mission-Dec. 28 - Jan. 6

Singles ages 21 - 27 (no minimum gift)

Both missions feature two days in sunny Elat!

For more information about these or any other UJA missions call CKJF at 268-0672.

MAYORAL CANDIDATES EVENING

The two candidates for mayor of Lexington in our forthcoming election will discuss their views on Sunday, September 12th, beginning at 7:30 pm at Temple Adath Israel. Ted Mimms and Pam Miller will be present to share with us their proposed programs and concerns, as well as to answer our questions. Here is an opportunity to hear them, meet them and ask your questions.

On the flyer enclosed in this issue of the CKJF newspaper there is a tear off for you to use in submitting questions in advance for the candidates. Mail it to the CKJF office before September 7th so we can coordinate all questions and submit them to the candidates prior to the 12th.

This program is being sponsored by the Community Relations Committee of Federation.

Mark your calendar to attend.

NAME THIS PAPER

Since its change of format to the current newspaper style, the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation publication has been known as "Shalom." The editor and staff of the publication would like to ask the community to name the paper and design a logo that will recognize the uniqueness of Central Kentucky and our Jewish community.

All members of the community are welcomed to submit both a name and a logo. The selected winners will grace the pages of the publication as of the December-January edition. Submit as many ideas as you can!

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IN SYMPATHY

The Board of Directors and staff of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation extends sincere sympathy to Rabbi Eric Slaton on the passing of his grandmother, Selma Brent.

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extended family operated a small business and lived modestly but well in a large family house. In order to make aliyah, they were prepared to leave everything behind except their clothes and a few personal belongings, mainly religious items like *sifrei Torah* and prayer books.

"Every material sacrifice was worth it to finally be here in Israel," explains Yusef Hatzai, who reached Israel in June from a village near Yemen's capital, Sana, along with his wife and five children and twenty other immediate relatives.

"But we left behind many more relatives," he adds, touching on a fear that dominates the lives of all the Yemenite newcomers. "We are afraid that they will be prevented from joining here - or worse still - even harmed."

For this reason, virtually all the Yemenites are reluctant to be photographed or talk to journalists. Hatzai himself, who wears a bright purple yarmulka and the sidelocks which characterize traditional Yemenite Jews, refuses to divulge details about his family.

Ohayon, who was born in North Africa, and Hatzai are able to converse in a mixture of Arabic and biblical Hebrew.

"The absorption of these Yemenites," stresses Ohayon, "is eased because they are so religious and well versed in the Tanach that they are already very familiar with Hebrew." Respecting their wishes, we have organized separate classes for men and women, taught by members of their own sex, so that their sense of modesty will not be violated.

Several members of Ohayon's staff are of Yemenite origin, and Ashkelon's Yemenite community assists in the absorption process. Although the new immigrants are housed in the absorption center, they receive their Absorption Basket grant from the Ministry of Absorption and pay the Jewish Agency a nominal rental fee for their

rooms.

"We hope that within three or four months they will be in a position to move out," says Ohayon. "Every family here has immediate kin who are eager for the recently arrived relatives to take advantage of subsidized government mortgages and purchase apartments near the old-timers."

Ohayon is optimistic about the employment prospects of the Yemenite newcomers. "The younger men," he observes, "all possess skills that can be easily adapted to local needs. The older men, because they are so devout, will also easily find jobs as kashrut supervisors, scribes or teachers. The women know how to make and embroider beautiful clothes."

Indeed, Bet Canada is ablaze with the bright colors of the Yemenite women's head coverings, long sweeping dresses and leggings. And the immigrants' Yemenite visitors, most of whom have resided in Israel for more than 40 years, come to see them also attired in traditional Yemenite garb. The Israelis bear gifts: household items, prayer books, toys and lots and lots of food. But most importantly, they bring a warm welcome, so that the newcomers know they have finally come home.

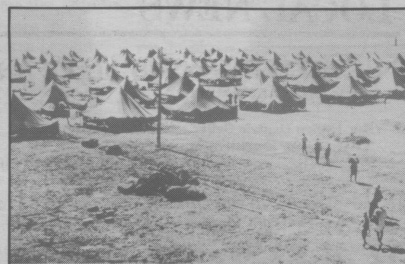
The Jewish Agency and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, which are the two major beneficiaries of funds raised by the UJA/Federation Annual Campaign, are cooperating in this latest rescue of Yemenite Jewry.



Two Yemenite boys play outside the Oshiyot Absorption Center with a young Ethiopian who also lives there. The Magic Carpet II rescue of Yemenite Jews is being carried out by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee



Operation Magic Carpet (1949) - Jess from Yemen waiting to board the Magic Carpet airlift to Israel. Between 1949 and 1950, some 48,000 Yemenite Jews - most of the Jewish population - reached Israel.



Yemenite Jews who reached Israel on the Magic Carpet airlift in 1949 were housed in tents as Ras El Ein Camp.

Photos: UJA Press Service

REUNITED AFTER 40 YEARS APART

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official phoned us to say that my brother had arrived at Ben Gurion Airport," she says, her eyes shining with disbelief as she recollects the episode.

"Look," she says, pointing at her 43 year-old nephew Youssef. "The last time I saw him he was an eight months-old baby. It's a miracle."

Batsheva's newfound family is housed in the Jewish Agency's Bet Canada Absorption Center in Ashkelon. But her joy at rediscovering her family is tempered by the knowledge that another sister and all the sister's children and grandchildren remain behind in their native village near Sana, the capital of Yemen, along with an estimated 900 Yemenite Jews.

Fearing the publicity might harm their family, Batsheva and Salim refuse to be photographed or to give details about the rest of the family still in Yemen. "We fear for their lives," says Batsheva, now plump and grandmotherly at 60. "The Yemenites can be cruel people. They hate Israel."

Nevertheless, Salim paints a picture of comfortable life in Yemen. With sidelocks and a grizzled, gray beard, he looks like a brother, rather than a brother-in-law, to Moshe (Moussa), Batsheva's husband. "We had a successful metal workshop," he explains. "We did not want for clothes or food. My sons even drove a car. But we left everything behind because it has always been our dream to come to Israel. Because we are Jews and because my sister has been

here since 1951."

For Salim, knowing that most of Yemen's Jews had made it to Israel, the past four decades have been frustrating. "Very frustrating," he says. "I know how the Children of Israel must have felt when the spent 40 years wandering in the wilderness."

In 1950 and 1951, when the Jewish Agency was bringing 45,000 Yemenite Jews to Israel in what was called "Operation Magic Carpet," Salim's wife Sara was unprepared to leave behind her elderly parents, who could not make the long trek on foot to the British port of Aden.

Meanwhile, Batsheva and Moshe have built themselves fulfilling lives in Israel. They have six children and more grandchildren than they can count, and live in Kiryat Ekron, near Rehovot.

As they sit in the absorption center chatting and sipping coffee, Batsheva's daughter Ofra helps 15 year-old Miriam, the cousin she has never known, with her Hebrew homework. At 15, Miriam is already married, though she has not yet had children. She is colorfully and tastefully dressed in a blue dress with a red kerchief covering her head. She has a beautiful, innocent, dusky, round doll's face, with kind, dark brown eyes. In contrast, her 25 year-old cousin Ofra wears jeans and is not yet married. But Ofra still feels very close to her new immigrant family.

"It is not important that we have different values," stresses Ofra. "We are the same flesh and blood. We come from the same roots. Israel is first and foremost a Jewish country, but it is a modern, liberal, Western country. In time,

my cousins will be free to choose whether to keep all their traditions or adopt new ways."

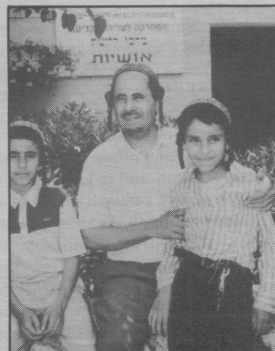
In any event, Batsheva and her family are determined to see that Salim and his children and grandchildren settle down in Israel as quickly as possible.

"Salim and his family are living in comparative

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Having completed the immigration process, a Yemenite Jew examines his Israeli identity card outside the Oshiyot Absorption Center near Rehovot.



Rescued from Yemen, Salem Boni and his sons, Adi and Meir, sit outside the Oshiyot Absorption Center near Rehovot. Part of Magic Carpet II, they reached Israel six months ago thanks to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC).

NATIONAL NEWS

CJF ESTABLISHES FUND FOR MIDWEST FLOOD RELIEF

There has been an overwhelming response to the special relief fund established by The Council of Jewish Federations (CJF) for victims of the flooding in the Midwest, with checks arriving daily in large batches. All contributions should be made out to Council of Jewish Federations, Inc./Midwest Flood Relief Fund.

A special hotline has been set up at CJF to handle telephone inquiries on the flood situation. The number is (212) 598-3563.

CJF sent Barry Swartz, Director of the Southeast Area Office and Miami's Planning and Budget Director, Bruce Yudewitz, to Des Moines to assess damages and discuss how CJF and the Federations could help. Swartz spent a great deal of time assisting the Greater Miami Jewish Federation following Hurricane Andrew last year and previously had worked with the Charleston, SC Jewish Federation after Hurricane Hugo. Yudewitz was significantly involved in the Miami Federations's hurricane relief efforts.

They met with the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines Executive Committee and Executive Director Elaine Steinger.

Swartz reported that "the Federation and its staff have done a phenomenal job in a thorough and thoughtful way." The key need was for water, especially for the Federation home for the elderly. The Omaha and Kansas City Federations responded immediately and sent in water. Other Federations have offered various kinds of assistance.

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at the Federation Office - 268-0672.

October 3-17 National Zahav Mission

This mission is designed to provide an inspirational and educational tour of Israel at a more leisurely pace for individuals of mature age (60 years or over).

October 17-27 President's Mission

Oct. 27 - Nov. 4 Homecoming Mission I

First is a series of four national missions, each mission sponsored by a different region.

Nov. 29 - Dec. 9 National Physicians and Dentists Mission I

December 19-30 National Winter Singles

Dec. 22 - Jan. 2 National Winter Family

This family mission takes advantage of the winter vacation break. It is geared for three generations of a family -- parents, grandparents, and children -- to explore Israel together.

Dec. 26 - Jan. 4 National College Student Leadership Mission

Dec. 28-Jan. 6 National Young Adults

For the first time ever UJA is offering a national outreach mission geared to the post-college generation (ages 21 - 27). Welcome the New Year with fun-loving mission participants.

March 6-16, 1994 Homecoming II Mission

Sponsored by the Midwest Region, this mission offers first timers a taste of many Israeli "delicacies" as well as special programming for those who have been to Israel before.

March 6-16 National Physicians and Dentists Mission II

March 23-April 4 Passover Family Mission

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NEW AMERICANS HELP BRING RELATIVES

When the Soviet Union finally opened its gates in 1989, and Jews began pouring out, the world Jewish community responded with rejoicing. There was an outpouring of support for Operation Exodus. The American Jewish community felt that here was an opportunity to redeem a large population of Jews and a chance to step in and act in contrast to their slow and ineffectual response during the Holocaust.

At first, the momentum brought the community to a new plateau of generosity. The decades-long struggle to free Soviet Jewry had come to fruition, but how long would the gates stay open. The refugees were welcomed with open arms in Israel and in Jewish communities throughout the United States.

But the steady stream continues and it is now 1993. The rejoicing has died down. The constant pleas for additional funds to resettle the Jews from the

former Soviet Union have lost their appeal. But the need and urgency are still there, both in Israel and Lexington.

With each group of new Americans there are some things that do not change. Each arriving family needs an apartment, furniture and food when they arrive. They need help with the utilities, phone bills and rent until they can find jobs. They need help learning English and finding jobs. They need special friends - volunteer families within the community that work one-on-one with the newcomers to help them deal with the unfamiliar realities of life in Lexington. They bring very little with them and are dependent upon the Jewish community to provide for their immediate needs.

In some ways, the group of New Americans coming today is also different from the group who came at the start of this wave of immigration. The first families who came were

mostly "free families." That is, they came to Lexington on their own. They had no families here waiting to greet them and to ease their way. Most families coming to Lexington now are family reunifications.

The anchor families, those who have been in Lexington for a year or two, help their relatives in a variety of ways. The anchor families have already been through the difficulties and challenges all newcomers face so they can reassure the new arrivals and help ease their way. The anchor families, along with the other Soviets, are a ready-made social group that welcomes the new arrivals.

The anchor families also contribute financially to the resettlement of their relations. About a year ago it was determined that the Lexington Jewish community did not have the resources to meet all of the needs of the resettlement program and a study was done to see what other communities in the United States were doing to fill in the gaps.

The study showed that many communities insisted that family members

already settled in their new homes contribute to the cost of bringing their relatives to join them. In order to help the community manage the resettlement costs, Lexington decided to follow suit.

To ensure that anchor families would not be saddled with an unmanageable burden, each contributes \$500 per person, per family to bring their relatives to Lexington. The fees are payable before the arrival of the relations. To date more than \$1100 has been paid out on a timely basis by anchor families.

The contributions from the anchor families reflect the responsibility they feel for helping their families and for giving back to the community some of what they received when they arrived. But \$500 per person does not even come close to meeting the needs of the New Americans. Strong, continued community support is essential.

Even with an anchor family, the support of a special friend is an important element in learning how to function as an American and a resident of Lexington. The one-on-one relationship offers both

families the opportunity to learn about the other's culture. It is a mitzvah that involves the entire family, from the youngest to the oldest. It can be as simple as helping the family light their chanukiah for the first time or as complicated as helping them through the intricacies of securing their first used car.

There is a critical need for more special friends. A minimum commitment of three months is requested, but many have found that the relationship that is established becomes a two-way street and the friendships they make grow and endure.

Donations of household goods are also needed. Linens, dishes, lamps, bicycles, pictures and much more are needed. Items that gather dust in forgotten corners of the attic or the basement can mean that an apartment for a new American is a little more comfortable and homey.

For details on how to become a special friend, donate household items or to volunteer in another capacity, contact Sharyn Sharer at the CKJF office, 268-0672.

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HADASSAH NEWS

HADASSAH MEDISCOPE TOUR COMING TO LEXINGTON

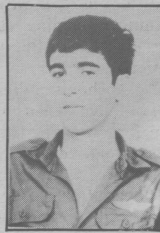
By Kathy Feinberg

Marjorie Korenblit, RN, Ph.D., will be in Lexington the weekend of October 29 and will be the keynote speaker at the Hadassah general meeting on October 31. The meeting will be a Sunday brunch at the University of Kentucky Faculty Club and everyone in the community is welcome to attend. Mediscope is an educational and community outreach program for Hadassah and their local communities. National Hadassah brings health care professionals from Israel to the United States during which time he/she will tour the country visiting many regions and big chapters.

We are very fortunate that Lexington was chosen as one of the stops on Dr. Korenblit's itinerary. Her special field of interest is transcultural care and she is presently Assistant to the Head of the Nursing Division for Manpower, Hadassah Medical Organization and is responsible for recruiting new immigrant nurses. She also participates in the planning and implementation of nurse exchange programs with foreign hospitals. Dr. Korenblit is American born and made Aliyah in 1977. She is married and the mother of four children-including triplets.

Please reserve October 31 on your calendar for this exciting event. Please call either myself at 223-1304 or Carol Hustedde at 276-5335 for more information. I look forward to seeing you at this very special event.

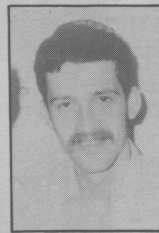
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Zachary Baumel



Yehuda Katz



Zvi Feldman



By Judy Saxe

The American Jewish community is deeply concerned over the suffering of the Israeli MIA's and the anguish of those families whose husbands, fathers and sons are still missing in action. Hadassah National President, Deborah Kaplan, has been appointed a Chair of a national committee to focus the message and coordinate a nationwide campaign.

As part of Hadassah's campaign on behalf of Ron Arad, Yehuda Katz, Zacharia Baumel and Zvi Feldman, lapel buttons and specially designed bracelets featuring the four names are available to the entire Jewish community.

In Central Kentucky these items may be purchased from Lexington Hadassah Zionist Affairs Chair, Elizabeth Anchel, 1695 Bethlehem Road, Paris, KY 40361, telephone 1-987-3080. Buttons are \$.25 each and bracelets are \$3.50 each.

Israel cooperated generously in helping to obtain the release of western hostages held by various groups in Lebanon and Iran. Now we can support her efforts to secure information and release of these young men. Purchase and wear these items. Let our community know that hostages are still held captive.



HADASSAH WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

We are quite excited about the selection of topics for this year's discussions. Our opening meeting will be Israeli & American Jews: Understanding and Misunderstanding. A short article which will be distributed at the beginning of the meeting will be the basis for our discussion. (Should you wish the article in advance, please call Joan.) Meeting particulars are as follows:

Date: Thursday, Sept. 9

Time: 7:30 pm

Place: Home of Joan Flashman
3220 Blenheim Way
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Please note our Bulletin for a complete list of meeting dates and topics. Hadassah will be happy to arrange rides for those in need.

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CKJF COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Hadassah Opening Meeting 7:30 pm
- 2 TAI Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 pm
- 7 TAI Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30
- 8 Hadassah/CKJF Women's Health Fair planning meeting 7:30 pm
- 9 Hadassah Discussion Group 7:30 pm
- 11 Jenna Meckler Bat Mitzvah - TAI 10:30 am
- 12 First Day - OZS Sunday School
- 13 Candidates Forum - TAI 7:30 - 9:00 pm
- 14 CKJF Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 pm
- 14 Hadassah Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 20 Maimonides Society Function
- 20 TAI Sisterhood Board 7:30 pm
- 21 TAI Adult Education Class 7:00 - 9:00 pm
- 21 CKJF Resettlement Committee 7:30 pm
- 22 TAI Sisterhood Opening Luncheon - 12:30 pm
- 22 CKJF Board Meeting
- 26 OZS Education Committee 7:30 pm
- 28 TAI Adult Education Class 7:00 - 9:00 pm
- 29 TAI Opening Luncheon 12:30 pm
- 30 TAI Executive Committee 7:30 pm

TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL NEWS



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Temple Adath Israel is again participating in Habitat for Humanity. This year we will be joining with the Episcopal Diocese to build a house in the spring. Anyone wishing to participate or contribute should contact the temple.



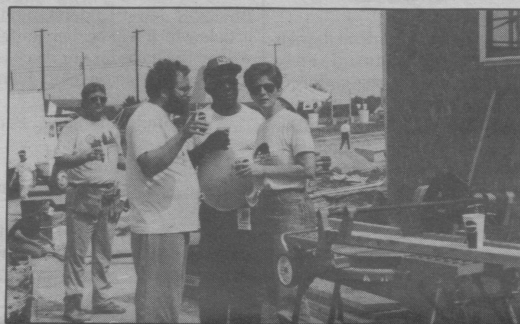
Our members working on the Habitat for Humanity project. We will be participating again this year.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL AND HEBREW SCHOOL INFORMATION

The TAI Religious School begins on September 12, 1993, at 9:45 am. If you have not registered your children, there will be people to take registration forms and payment beginning at 9:15 am. The TAI Religious School starts with a 3 yr old program - Confirmation (10th grade).

Your child must be three years old by October 1, 1993 in order to be enrolled. If you have not received a registration form by August 30th, then contact the Temple Office.

The TAI Hebrew School meets on Monday afternoons from 4:30 pm to 5:45 pm. Children usually begin this three year process in 4th grade. If your child is



young in his or her grade level, it may be advantageous to begin in 5th grade. Talk with the Rabbi first. Three years of Hebrew education are required in order to begin preparation for a Bar/Bat Mitzvah at TAI.

For further information, contact Judi Higdon, Religious School Principal or Rabbi Adland.

TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL PRESCHOOLS

Half day program for 2, 3 and 4 year olds. A few spaces still available in two year old class. T and Th 9:00 am - 12 pm. 124 North Ashland Avenue, Lexington, KY 40502 - 269-2979.

5754 - TAI HIGH HOLY DAY INFORMATION - 1993

Sept. 11 - Joint Selichot Service at OZS w/TAI

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Sept. 15 - Erev Rosh Hashanah Services

7:00 pm - Early Service - Childcare provided

9:00 pm - Late Service - No childcare provided

Additional Parking: Lexington Baptist College
151 Walton Ave.

Sept. 16 - Rosh Hashanah Services

8:45 am - Family Service - Childcare available for children 5 and under

10:45 am - Regular Service - Childcare available for children 9 and under

Additional Parking: Ashland Avenue Baptist Church
163 North Ashland Ave.

Sept. 19 - Cemetery/Memorial Service

1:00 pm - at Lexington Cemetery

Sept. 24 - Kol Nidre

6:45 pm - Early Service - Childcare provided

9:15 pm - Late Service - No childcare available

Additional Parking: Ashland Avenue Baptist Church
163 North Ashland Ave.

Sept. 25 - Yom Kippur

8:45 am - Family Service - Childcare available for children 5 and under

10:30 am - Regular Service - Childcare available for children 8 and under

3:00 pm - Afternoon Service and Yizkor/Concluding Service - Childcare available

Break-the-Fast will immediately follow Concluding Service. Sponsored by Temple Sisterhood.

Additional Parking: Ashland Ave. Baptist Church
163 No. Ashland Ave.

Please remember your ticket. All adults will need to present a ticket in order to be admitted to services.

The Yom Kippur afternoon service will start at 3:00 pm.

The break at the end of the afternoon service before the Yizkor service is eliminated. Seats will be reserved, by request, for those families who have lost an immediate relative since last year's High Holy Days until 4:00 pm. After that time these seats will be made available to anyone.

Please contact the Temple office if you lost an immediate relative during the past year and did not receive a letter from the Temple regarding reserved seating. (Immediate relative is defined as: parents, siblings, children, grandchildren or spouse.)

With the exception of seats reserved as above and for ushers and bimah participants, there will be no saving of seats allowed.

Childcare will be available at early services in the morning and from 2:45 pm, until the conclusion of the Neilah on Yom Kippur.

The Worship Committee requests that children under the age of eight be placed in childcare during the Yizkor Service.

Large print books are available. Please ask an usher if you would like to use one.

TAI COURSES

Introduction to Hebrew - 7 - 8 pm Cost \$40.00

The goal of this course is to bring the non-Hebrew reader into the world of the Hebrew reader. At the end of the eleven weeks, a graduate will be able to follow the Hebrew read at the services.

Basic Judaism - 8:50 - 9:05 pm Cost \$40.00 per person (\$60.00 per couple)

This survey course will introduce the student to a slice of Judaism. The course will survey Jewish values, holidays and life cycle celebrations, the worship experience, the many Jewish ideas of God and the long road of Jewish history.

TAI SISTERHOOD

Opening Program

Wednesday, September 22, 1993

12:30 PM

Guest Speaker:

Theresa Isaacs
Vice-Mayor of Lexington

Catered Luncheon - \$8

(payable at door)

RSVP by Monday, September 20th
TAI Office 269-2979

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OHAVAY ZION SYNAGOGUE NEWS

OZS HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES
1993-5754

Selichot - Sept. 11	Trivia Bowl at OZS Slichot	10:00 pm 11:30 pm
Rosh Hashana-Sept. 15	Mincha/Maariv	7:30 pm
Sept. 16	Shacharit	9:00 am
Youth	6 - 10 years	11:00 am
Children	3 - 5 years	11:00 am
Tashlich		1:00 pm
Mincha		7:30 pm
Maariv		7:45 pm
Sept. 17	Shacharit II	9:00 am
Youth II	6-10 years	10:00 am
Children II	3-5 years	11:00 am
Mincha II		7:30 pm
Erev Shabbat Shuvah	Shacharit	9:30 am
Fast of Gedaliah - Sept 19		
Memorial Service	Lexington Cemetery	1:00 pm
Yom Kippur - Sept. 24	Kol Nidre	6:45 pm
	(Be at OZS by 6:45, doors close at 7:00)	
Sept 25	Shacharit	9:00 am
Youth	6-10 years	10:00 am
Children	3-5 years	11:00 am
Yizkor		12:15 pm
Study		3:30 pm
Mincha		4:30 pm
Neila		6:45 pm
Maariv, Havdallah & Break Fast		7:45 pm
Sukkot - Sept. 29	Erev Sukkot	7:30 pm
Sept. 30	Shacharit	9:30 am
	Mincha	7:30 pm
	Maariv II	7:45 pm
Oct. 1	Shacharit II	9:30 am
	Mincha II	7:30 pm
Oct. 6	Erev Shmini Atzeret	7:30 pm
Oct. 7	Shacharit	9:30 pm
	Yizkor	11:30 am
	Mincha	6:30 pm
	Erev Simchat Torah Singing and Dancing	7:00 pm
Oct. 8	More Singing and Dancing	9:30 am
	Mincha II	7:30 pm

NEWS

OHAVAY ZION SISTERHOOD NEWS

Ohavay Zion Sisterhood would like to give a warm welcome to our newest Sisterhood Members who joined during 5753:

Sandra Archer	Nita Kaufman
Mary Birenbaum	Ginger Knight
Alison Caller	Susan Mason
Janet Cerel	Barbara Mazor
Sylvia Cerel	Maralyn Milgrom
Tarnya Eshel	Elizabeth O'Dell
Margaret Gale	Robin Roth
Jo Ellen Green Kaiser	Jeanie Wolfson

If you are not yet a Sisterhood member and are interested in joining, please call Kim Slaton at 266-0038.

ISRAEL WILL SET
UP NEW TRADE
CENTERS IN THE
FAR EAST AND
SOUTH AMERICA

By: Ruth Avnat, Export Institute

Israel intends to open new trade centers, the first of their kind, in the Far East and in South America. The centers will be built on the model of the Trade and Services Center dedicated in Rotterdam which comprises a gateway for activity on the European market. Israel's export activity will be focused in the coming two years on South Korea, Taiwan, Turkey, Argentina and Indonesia - difficult targets to penetrate but full of potential in aiding the doubling of exports; this according to the Director-General of the Export Institute, David Litvak. He added that an Export Institute is operating in Taiwan to have Israeli companies join the "Six Years" project, for which the local government has earmarked over \$300 million.

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HAVURAH NEWS

THE LEXINGTON HAVURAH HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Selichot

Sept. 11 - 8:30 pm at: Home of the Getchells
913 Turkeyfoot
Games begin at 8:30 pm
Service begins at 11:00 pm

Rosh Hashanah

Sept. 16 - 10:00 am Unitarian Universalist Church
Clays Mill Rd.
5:00 pm Tashlich at Home of the Weksteins
2059 Norborn Dr.

Sept. 17 - 10:00 am Unitarian Universalist Church

Yom Kippur

Sept. 24 - 7:00 pm Kol Nidre at Lexington Hearing & Speech Ctr.
Ashland Avenue

Sept. 25 - 10:00 am Lexington Hearing & Speech Ctr.
5:30 pm Mincha and Neilah at Lexington Hearing & Speech Ctr.
8:00 pm Break the Fast at Hearing & Speech Ctr.

(This is a pot-luck - contact Hannah Smith at 223-9682 for more information.)

Sukkot

Oct. 3 - 2:30 pm at: Home of the Smiths
3479 Winthrop Dr.
This is our annual "open Sukkah" party - bring a friend!

Simchat Torah

Oct. 7 - 7:30 pm at Lexington Hearing & Speech Ctr.

The Lexington Havurah is a group of about 30 members comprised of singles, couples, families, university staff, business professionals, students, infants, teenagers and seniors. We are affiliated with United Synagogue of America. We are open to all lifestyles and our major thrust for membership is active participation in the Havurah. Our members rotate responsibilities for conducting services and hosting Onegs.

The High Holiday services are our biggest collaborative effort of the year, with almost all of our members contributing. Some chant in Hebrew, some read in English - each contributes to the best of his or her ability in an atmosphere open to growth and learning. This year we will also be including a children's service. We invite you to come celebrate with us!

For more information about any of the Havurah's activities, please call Kathy Grossman, President, at 268-2596 or Religious Committee Co-Chairs: David Wekstein at 269-4454 or Alex Charney Cohen at 276-4142.

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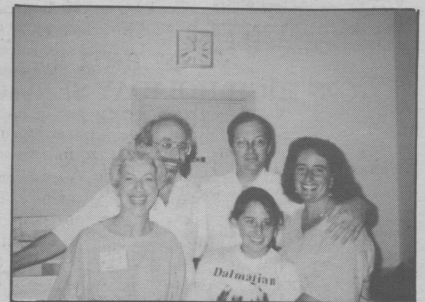
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LEXINGTONIANS ATTEND NATIONAL HAVURAH INSTITUTE



Evelyn Geller poses with Michael Plotnick.



Judy and Bob Baumann enjoyed seeing former Lexingtonians Arlen, Jenny and Audrey Lichter.

What does Hasidic music have in common with Doo-Wop street-corner singing? At the very least, they both have a beat that makes you want to get up and dance.

American folk music specialist Robert Cohen demonstrated that crowd-pleasing truth, with numerous foot-stomping examples, as part of a six-day celebration of Jewish study, culture and renewal this summer at the University of Hartford in Connecticut.

The retreat, sponsored by the National Havurah Committee (NHC), brought together religious scholars, rabbis and artists who offered mini-courses and workshops on everything from basic training in Jewish prayer book knowledge (or "How to Davven Without Getting Lost") to an examination of the Shekhinah (the feminine presence of God) throughout Jewish history.

More than 400 participants gathered for the event, the NHC's fourteenth annual Summer Institute, the largest turnout for such a program to date, according to Committee Chairperson Herb Levine.

"We've held eclectic week-long summer institutes and weekend retreats since 1979, and this year we did something new," said Levine. "We made a concerted effort to include a segment of our Jewish community that has been under represented at our previous events."

For the first time, the institute offered nine fellowships to people in their 20's, hoping to inspire a group of young leaders that will help further the Havurah movement's work.

"If the enthusiasm of our fellows at the Institute is any kind of reliable indicator, I think the future of the movement looks very promising," Levine said.

Havurot are egalitarian, religious mini-communities dedicated to Jewish learning, prayer, celebration, or social action. They are found inside synagogues and outside of synagogue and movement affiliation.

"One thing I sensed about the Institute was this strong sense of community, which is something you don't get in the mainstream. Everyone is included, everyone is made to feel a part," said Diane Grexa, an Institute fellow from Arizona State University.

"I plan to bring this feeling back to my own Hillel and try to start up Havurot there," she added.

In addition to the new fellowship program, the Institute for the second year

featured an artist-in-residence, funded by the Rita Poretsky Foundation.

This year's artist, dancer Liz Lerman, offered an intensive dance improvisation workshop and choreographed a group Rosh Hodesh Dance for more than 200 dancers in celebration of the month of Elul.

For more information about weekend retreat and next year's Summer Institute, contact the NHC in Philadelphia at (215) 248-9760 or Judy Baumann at 223-1299.

The following people from Lexington attended the National Havurah Committee 1993 summer Institute: Judy and Robert Baumann and Evelyn Geller. Also participating were Steve Mason, son of Jessie and Aaron Mason, and his wife Mel, and former Ohavay Zion Sunday School Principal Audrey Lichter, her husband Arlen and daughter Jenny.



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NEWS IN BRIEF

ABSORPTION MINISTER CALLS FOR CONSIDERING CHANGES IN ISRAEL'S LAW OF RETURN

AL HAMISHMAR (8/8/93) quotes Absorption Minister Yair Tsaban (Meretz) who called for considering changes in Israel's Law of Return to bar from immigrating to Israel millions of non-Jews from Asia and Africa who claim to be descendants of the biblical lost tribes of Israel. The Law of Return states that any Jew may immigrate to Israel. In an interview on the IDF Radio Station, GALEI ZAHAL, Minister Tsaban said that many immigration requests from different tribes in Africa and Asia claiming to belong to the lost tribes have been received by the Absorption Ministry recently. "At issue are millions of people...who wish to improve their lot and join us. This is a serious problem for the State of Israel." He added, "There will be a problem if we open the gates of Israel to the phenomenon of mass conversion to Judaism based on myths and legends that remain unchecked and unexamined."

R&D AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE NETHERLANDS IN SEPTEMBER, 1993

By: Ina Haya Peri
Ministry of Industry and Trade

The Minister of Industry and Trade, Micha Harish, and the Minister of Economy and Industrial Planning of the Netherlands will sign a Research and Development Agreement between the two countries in September 1993. This, according to Dr. Yehoshua Glitman, who returned from a meeting on joint industrial research and development cooperation between Israel and the Netherlands held last month in the Netherlands. The Chief Scientist said that in the framework of the meeting it was agreed that the Dutch industry will cooperate with the Israeli high-tech industry in 25 joint fields. Glitman stated that the Dutch were very interested in industrial research and development, mainly in the field of traffic control on major routes, robotics, electro-optics, lasers and software.

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE GIVES RABIN TWO WEEKS TO DECIDE WHETHER TO SUSPEND DERI

Israel Defense Forces Radio, GALEI ZAHAL (8/9/93) reports that the High Court of Justice gave Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin two weeks to decide whether he will accept or continue to object to the Attorney General's position that Interior Minister Aryeh Deri should be suspended. In a court hearing today, a representative of the State Attorney presented the court with the differing arguments of the Attorney General and the Prime Minister. Attorney General Yossef Harish is said to have had difficulty defending Deri while simultaneously beseeching the Knesset to remove Deri's parliamentary immunity. This would enable Deri to stand trial for charges of accepting bribes, fraud, violating the public trust and falsifying corporate documents. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's position is that he should adhere to a letter of guarantee he gave Deri when the coalition was formed, stating that Deri will suspend himself only when charges are brought to court. The Movement for Quality in Government, which brought the petition against Deri to the High Court of Justice, asked that the Prime Minister be given three days to decide. The judges granted the State Attorney Office request of a two week grace period to present its case. According to GALEI ZAHAL, Rabin was surprised by Attorney General Yossef Harish's stand supporting Deri's immediate suspension since Harish personally approved the letter of guarantee given by Rabin to Deri regarding this matter. According to HA'ARETZ (8/19/93), Rabin attempted to postpone Deri's suspension out of concern that such a move could lead to a coalition crisis with Deri's Shas party.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

JEWISH COMMUNAL LIFE IN POLAND TODAY

By: Dr. Stanislaw Krajewski,
American Jewish Committee's
Consultant in Poland

Jewish life in Poland is very weak. Fewer than 10,000 people are in touch with Jewish organizations, and that includes those whose contacts have been loose and rare. One cannot help but lament the situation, especially against the historical backdrop of old Poland's rich and varied Jewish culture. Sadly, the only current refection of that prewar vitality can be found in the numerous Jewish cemeteries. Yet any comparison with the pre-Holocaust era, unavoidable as it is, leads nowhere. Of more practical importance, the Jewish institutions in Poland today are not reaching anywhere near the number of people who might be interested in a Jewish connection.

The two largest Jewish organizations - both in existence for decades - are the Kehilla, the religious

community now officially known as the Union of the Jewish Religious Communities, and the somewhat larger secular association known as the Jewish Cultural Social Society on Poland (TSKZ). Both get most of their funding from the Joint Distribution Committee.

The religious community functions as an Orthodox Kehilla. It maintains four synagogues and ten smaller prayer halls in Polish cities. There is a rabbi in Warsaw, where a minyan (prayer quorum) meets daily. The rabbi supervises the production of kosher products, including several brands of kosher vodka. One of the community's chief functions is the maintenance of several kosher cafeterias where hundreds of pensioners - few of whom care about kashrut in their own homes - get free kosher meals.

The secular TSKZ maintains several clubs in different parts of Poland that offer lectures and performances. A country house near Warsaw is used for meetings and vacations by both older and younger members. The organization publishes a bi-weekly paper, the JEWISH WORLD.

financed by the Ministry of Culture - half in Yiddish and half in Polish.

The combined membership of the two official organizations amounts to no more than a few thousand. Unlike earlier years, when the hard-line communist leadership of the of TSKZ insisted on a militantly anti-religious line, there is now considerable overlapping between its membership and that of the religious Kehilla.

Both of the established groups, made up overwhelmingly of older people, have failed to attract the youth. Neither conventional Orthodox Judaism, in the one case, nor left-wing Yiddish ideology tinged with the stale residue of communism, on the other, resonates with the younger generation. There is also a significant cultural gap between the Yiddish-speaking older Jews and the deeply Polonized youth. Thus the children of the synagogue members do not attend synagogue, and the children of the TSKZ members do not speak Yiddish.

The erosion of Yiddish, by the way, explains why the ostensibly active and lively Warsaw Yiddish theater is actually a museum

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ROCK-N-ROLL...IN TEL AVIV

Yes, the Hard Rock Cafe, famous world-wide for its rock-n-roll memorabilia and classic American fare opened a new restaurant in Tel Aviv last month. Where else? Dizengoff Center. Mission participants craving a taste of home need look no further.

GLOBUS-IC PARK

Israeli film mogul Yoram Globus has expanded his horizons in the Judean Hills. "Globus-land," a new adventure theme park, opened recently at Neve Ilan, just off the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway. The park, similar to Universal Studios, features sets and action recreating a Wild West gunfight, an Egyptian tomb, fairy tales and more. Also on the "scene" is G+G Studios, a film studio and production center. Globusland is open Saturday to Thursday 10 am - 7 pm and Friday 10 am - 1 pm.

TELEPHONE REMOTE-CONTROL CHECK OF ASTHMA ATTACKS

HA'ARETZ (8/5/93) Revival Technology in the U.S. and the Israel Tadiran and Shahal Medical Co. have developed a new instrument to allow victims of asthma attacks to have their condition checked daily by telephone. The P-100 is an electronic device which transmits clinical data, including breathing, without the necessity for dialing to a central medical computer at the Shahal headquarters. The computer has in its data-base information about the patient, and can make quick comparisons and diagnoses to see if changes have occurred in the patient's condition and consult his/her physician for new instructions.



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JEWISH COMMUNAL LIFE IN POLAND TODAY

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of a dead culture. Only a minority of the audience can understand the words; the rest use earphones to hear the Polish translation.

Another long-functioning Jewish body in Poland is the Jewish Historical Institute, which is housed in the building of the pre-war Institute for Judaic Studies.

Its extensive archives make it a center for research focusing especially on the World War II period, and its museum features a permanent Holocaust exhibition as well as other changing exhibits. The Institute has recently taken on an educational role with courses on Jewish topics for Polish school teachers.

A number of small organizations have emerged in recent years to serve the younger, culturally Polish,

mostly intermarried and (largely) Jewishly ignorant Jews: a private Jewish kindergarten, a revived Makkabi Sports Club, and a Union of Jewish Students. While each of these has only a few dozen members, these embryonic groups represent a new wave in Polish Jewish life.

A unique organization is the Association of the children of the Holocaust, consisting of over 200 individuals who were Jewish children in Poland during the war and have lived in Poland ever since.

All these new institutions were established with the help of the Ronald S. Lauder Foundation, which is based in New York. Working in association with the Union of the Jewish Religious Communities, this foundation has become an essential element of the Jewish life in Poland. In addition to supporting the newly-formed organizations, it has established educational summer camps - attended by

many young people who later join the new groups - and an educational center where Jewish traditions are taught, including a weekly Torah class.

There are some locally-based institutions, like the Shalom Foundation that promote Jewish culture, Salome Art that publishes an irregular paper for "young Jews and their friends" entitled *Yidele*, the recently established association New Generation, and the Association of Jewish Combatants, which includes about 1,000 ghetto survivors. A small havurah functions in Wroclaw under the name "Brotherhood for the Study of Judaism." The Jewish Forum in Poland, of which I am president, is both a foundation and an informal circle of middle-aged professionals, academics and business people that seeks to develop new types of activities that might attract those unaffiliated Jews who do not know, do not like, or don't like to know the "official" Jewish organizations.

The Coordination Committee of Jewish Organizations in Poland, which functions as the umbrella organization for most of the recognized groups, represents the Jewish community to the government and other institutions. It was significant that when

American Vice President Al Gore visited Warsaw recently, he made a point of holding a meeting - which I chaired - with representatives of the younger Jews, whose groups do not, at the moment, participate in the Coordination Committee.

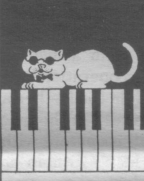
The number of totally unconnected, "non-Jewish" Jews in Poland, though unknown, is surely bigger, possibly much bigger, than the number of affiliated ones. In the universities, in the media, in the artistic world, one meets these Jews all the time. Of course, they are deeply Polonized, having been raised as Poles and given no Jewish education. In previous generations that kind of upbringing led inevitably to the abandonment of Judaism and Jewishness. But now an opposite trend is emerging: some Catholic Poles who have Jewish ancestors seek

to enter the world of Jewish traditions. Despite their estrangement from Jewish life, despite the continuing presence of anti-Semitism in the country, they care and wish to learn about their remote Jewish heritage. And some of them, or their children, return to the Jewish fold.

Does this pool of potential Jews constitute a sufficient basis for the revival of Jewish life in Poland? For some of us, it is a sufficient basis to try.

CLOCK WATCH

Daylight Savings Time ends in Israel on Sunday, September 5 - but U. S. clocks won't be turned back until October 31. Remember that the time differences during this period will be one hour less than usual (e. g. Israel will only be six hours ahead of New York instead of seven).



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REUNITED YEMENITE FAMILIES

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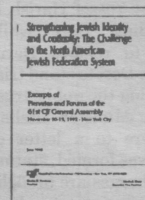
luxury," says Batsheva, looking around the large apartment in the Bet Canada Absorption Center. "When we arrived, we were in tents and then in a shack. Then we moved into a small house, and over the years we have added on rooms here and there."

"Our happiness will be complete if our missing sister is allowed to reach Israel," asserts Batsheva.

The Jewish Agency and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, which are the two major beneficiaries of funds raised by the UJA/Federation Annual Campaign, are cooperating in this latest rescue of Yemenite Jewry.

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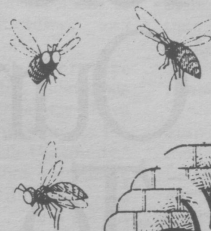
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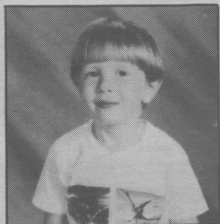


KIM'S KIDS KORNER

by Kim Slaton



Jewish Kids of Lexington



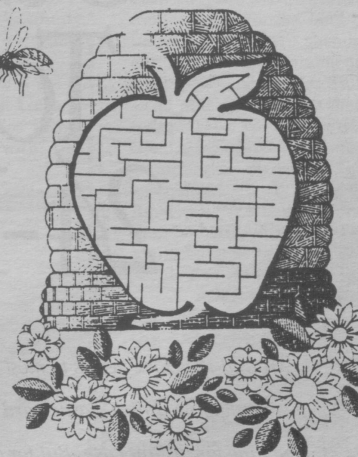
Ben Shechet

Ben is a 1st grader at J. R. Ewan School. He and his family belong to Ohavay Zion Synagogue and the Havurah. His favorite food is potato latkes and his favorite Jewish holiday is, "Chanukah, just because!" Ben enjoys bike riding, swimming, gymnastics, basketball, reading and is excited about losing his first tooth. When asked what he would tell other kids that they might have forgotten, he replied, "You shouldn't pollute." Good advice Ben. Shalom!

ROSH HASHANAH and YOM KIPPUR

ROSH HASHANAH: The Jewish New Year and the first holiday of the Jewish calendar. Jewish people wear their best dress clothes and go to synagogue and temple and think about how they acted during the past year. During the service we hear the Shofar, or ram's horn, reminding us to try to be a better and kinder person for this new year!

YOM KIPPUR: A day to fast which means to not eat or eat very little. This is the time to ask for forgiveness for things we have done wrong. When the shofar sounds again, Yom Kippur is over. A happy and healthy New Year!

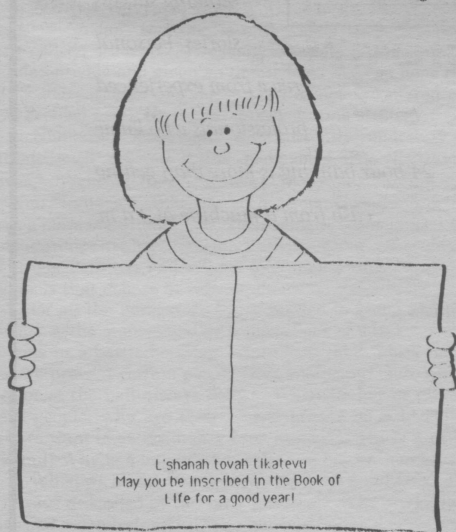
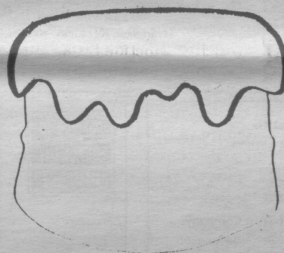


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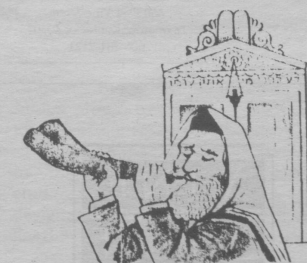
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It is traditional to eat sweet foods on Rosh Hashanah to start the year off on a sweet note. These foods include: honeycakes, sweet noodle pudding, round challah, and of course apples dipped in honey!



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A shofar is the horn of a ram or other animal. The inside of the horn is hollowed out so that when it is blown, beautiful sounds can pass through. These sounds remind us to obey God's laws and try to be a better person! Want to learn more? Ask your Rabbi!



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OPINION

COMMENTARY: WORDS AS BAD AS STICKS AND STONES

By: A. James Rudin (Rabbi Rudin is national interreligious affairs director of the American Jewish Committee)

RNS (7/16/93) California Assemblywoman Kathleen Honeycutt of San Bernadino County recent proved the truth of the biblical warning from the Proverbs that "a grievous word stirreth up anger." Speaking on the Assembly floor in Sacramento, Honeycutt assailed general contractors in the construction business who unfairly squeeze subcontractors financially. She said it gives a contractor great leverage "to kind of Jew down" the subcontractor.

When another legislator quickly chastised her for such prejudicial language, Honeycutt immediately apologized. But that didn't stop the protests from viewers and other legislators after her remarks were carried on cable television.

Once again Honeycutt publicly apologized for using "Jew" as an odious verb, but part of her apology left critics both angry and unsatisfied. She said she had failed to consider the effect of those words on Jews, adding that she had some very dear Jewish friends, including her first employer, the physician who delivered her children, and a dentist. Honeycutt ended by saying, "They are all wonderful Jewish people."

Perhaps she meant to soothe, but I become wary whenever people proudly proclaim that some their "best" or "dear" friends are Jews, or blacks, or Catholics. Is it really so easy, or even necessary, to categorize our friends?

Honeycutt used an anti-Semitic expression that has long been part of our language. Perhaps "jew down" was once excused as a harmless description of shrewd business dealing. No more. I suspect that Honeycutt has learned from her experience and how recognizes that grievous words do indeed "stir up anger." But the California assemblywoman is not alone in giving offense, nor is "jew down" the only example of bias in our daily language.

Although "Gypsy" is derived from the word "Egypt" it is a biased term for the Romani people who actually originated in India. And the verb "to gyp" has ugly connotations. It means, of course, to cheat or swindle someone, and is another example of how bigotry has penetrated our everyday speech. American Jewish Committee researchers report that Gypsies are the most disliked and mistrusted ethnic group in Europe today. Is there a connection between language and attitude? You bet.

A direct carryover from World War II, the repulsive expression "to jap" someone is still widely used, especially among college students. It usually suggests a professor has acted deceptively and given an unfair test. We can hope that the U.S. delegation to this month's G-7 economic conference in Tokyo avoided using "to jap" in its negotiating strategy.

Numerous campaigns are currently underway to eliminate such revered sports nicknames like "Redskins," "Braves," "Fighting Illini," "Chiefs," "Warriors," "Seminoles," and even "Indians." Whether such attempts succeed or not misses a more important point. Increasingly, ethnic, racial and religious groups are becoming more assertive and self-confident about their identities and will not tolerate pejorative language or symbols that debase or ridicule them.

Of all the derogatory terms related to group identity, the worst is the many negative connotations of "black." Guess who wins in a battle between "white hats" and "black hats"? When we prevent certain people from joining our club, why is the color of the ball always black? When we bar or exclude certain people, why are their names always on a blacklist? When we want to extort money from someone, why is it called blackmail? Why is a villain's heart forever black?

When we besmirch a person's honor or reputation, why is it always described by the verb "blacken"? Why are knaves, rogues and scoundrels called "blackguards"? Why do only black cats cause us bad luck? Why is the first day of the 1929 stock market crash called "Black Friday"? And the October 1987

THE JEWISH NEW YEAR - AN END OF A CYCLE

By: Rabbi Daniel Z. Kramer,
Director, United Jewish Appeal
Rabbinic Cabinet

The new Hebrew year 5754, which begins on Rosh Hashana (Wednesday evening, September 15), is special because it is a shemita year, the conclusion of the seven-year cycle prescribed in the Torah as a year of rest of the land. Even as the Sabbath, the seventh day of the week, is intended to spiritually reinvigorate people after six

work days, so does the shemita offer a Sabbath to the earth and spiritual and educational enhancement to the earth's tillers and owners.

It is therefore noteworthy that federations around the country have proclaimed this year as the year of "Jewish Continuity." Concerned about a declining level of adherence to Judaism, Jewish organizations of all kinds are dedicating resources to help reconnect Jews with their

faith. Precisely during shemita, when Jews were traditionally involved with their spiritual needs, rather than their normal livelihood of farming, we should be concerned with our spiritual rootedness.

Shemita also emphasizes Judaism's connection with the land of Israel. Special shemita agricultural commandments were practiced in the Holy Land and are observed there today. For us in America, the UJA/Federation Annual Campaign mirrors this association. It enables American Jews to strengthen their spiritual and financial connectedness to the Jewish people and its homeland.

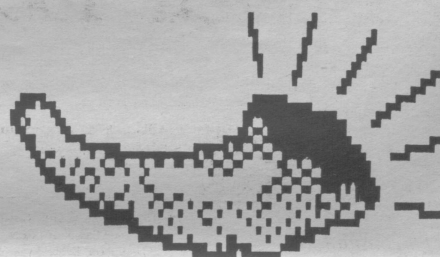
Additionally, this year will see the climax of the Operation Exodus campaign. This unique tzedaka effort enabled Jews who were estranged from every vestige of Judaism in the former Soviet Union to return to the land of their ancestors and rediscover their religious roots. We must make every effort to ensure the complete success of Operation Exodus.

At the beginning of this shemita cycle, over a quarter of a million American Jews gathered on a cold, wintry day in Washington, D.C., on the eve of President Gorbachev's visit to Washington, to plead for what seemed at the time to be the impossible - the right of Soviet Jews to make aliya. As we end this shemita cycle, we have come full circle. The miracle indeed had come true, along with the aliya of most of Ethiopian Jewry. We have made miracles happen - but we must pay for them too.

May our hopes and prayers during the forthcoming holy days be fulfilled. May the entire House of Israel witness during this shemita year the continued redemption of our people and the spreading of the tabernacle of peace over Jerusalem and the entire world.

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collapse "Black Monday"? Must certain kinds of magic and humor always be portrayed as black? What kind of look do we give someone when we are sullen or furious? One guess.

Why is an illicit market that violates controls described as black? Why is the person considered a family embarrassment called a black sheep? Must we always designate the bubonic plague of the 14th century the black death? The list is long and the message is clear.

"Grievous words" stir up more than anger. They powerfully reinforce stereotypes and caricatures and instill abhorrent values within our society. Most of all they injure those who are the victims whether intended or not of our contemptuous language.

As usual, the Psalmist remains an excellent guide in all this: "May the words of our mouths...be acceptable in your sight, O God."

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