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Yom Ha'Atzmaut to feature musician Fran Uditsky Moss Come to Natasha's for good food and entertainment

Mark Sunday, April 18 on your calendar for Yom Ha'Atzmaut, a community celebration of Israel's 62nd Independence Day. Join us for an evening of good food and entertainment sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass at Natasha's Bistro in downtown Lexington; the highlight of the night will be a performance by Fran Uditsky Moss, folk singer, storyteller, puppeteer, and cantorial soloist.

advance, and you will be responsible for the cost of your dinner.

Reserve your seats early, as the limited seating will fill up quickly. Please mail your checks to the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass to the attention of Jana LaZur, or go on-line and make your reservations by credit card at <http://www.jewishlexington.org>. Call the JFB office at (859) 268-0672 with any questions.

Natasha will again be offering a special Israeli-style menu. Seating will take place from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. and the performance will start as soon as everyone has ordered their food. Admission is \$10 per person, payable in

We would like to express our thanks to the owners of Natasha's Bistro for their generosity in helping us host this event for a second year.

We hope to see you there. ☆



Community enjoying Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration at Natasha's in 2009.

Yom HaShoah commemoration to be held on April 11

The community will commemorate Yom HaShoah on Sunday, April 11 at 4:00 p.m. at Ohavay Zion Synagogue. Holocaust survivors and their families will be honored during the candle-lighting ceremony. Students will read the winning essays submitted to the Emilie Szekely Holocaust Writing Awareness Project. Rabbis Moshe

Smolkin, Marc Kline, Sharon Cohen, Uri Smith, and Audrey Korotkin will participate.

The keynote speaker is Rabbi David Wortman, who will discuss "The Shoah and Forgiveness." For information, call Judy Wortman at (859) 268-0672. ☆

CAMPAIGN NEWS

Pacesetters Event slated for April 25

You are cordially invited to attend the Pacesetters Event at the home of Susan and Steve Caller on Sunday, April 25 at 4:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Bret Caller. Individuals who contribute a minimum of \$1,000 and couples who contribute a minimum of \$2,000 to the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass Annual Campaign are welcome. Wine and cheese, hors d'oeuvres, and desserts will be served.

Bret Caller, who is Susan and Steve's son, is president elect of the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati. Professionally, he is the manager of Viking Partners, LLC, president of Equity Management Group, Inc., and real estate developer for Caller Companies, LLC. His volunteer activities are extensive. He serves on the executive committee of the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati and was chairman of their campaign.

He served on the National Young Leadership Cabinet of the Jewish Federations of North America (formerly UJC) from 2000 to 2006. He serves on the boards of directors of Adath Israel Congregation, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA), and the Branch Bank and Trust. He is a founding member of the Caller Family Charitable Foundation and a member of the United Way Tocqueville Society.

Bret received a BSM in finance from Tulane University and a Masters of Science in real estate from New York University. He is married to Allison Caller and they are the parents of two daughters, Danielle and Jenna. For further information about the event or the 2010 Campaign, please contact Judy Wortman at (859) 268-0672 or jfb@jewishlexington.org. ☆

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Amendment to the JFB Bylaws, to be voted on at the Board meeting on April 28, 2010

Article V, Section 3, Paragraph 3

No member of the Board shall serve as a member of the Board for longer than two consecutive terms of three years each, plus any time served by virtue of filling a vacancy. However, if a Board member who would otherwise exceed his/her maximum permitted time is elected to an officer position, such Board member may continue on the Board during the term of such office. Upon a member of the Board having served the maximum time permitted, such a member shall not be eligible for nomination or appointment to the Board for at least one year. ☆



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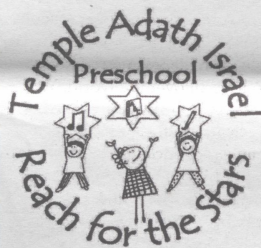
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Shalom Deadline

Deadline for articles for the May *Shalom* is April 8.

Email articles to jfb.shalom@hughes.net

Personal Reflections

Thoughts on traveling to Israel

By Tamara Ohayon

Imagine walking a down a corridor on cobblestone roads that have been built up in layers over the centuries, their surface worn smooth by millions of footsteps—visitors from all over the world. You arrive at the top of a staircase after wandering through a maze of stone walls, and the buildings seem to spread apart just for you, hills ahead standing tall in the distance, the blue sky above, the golden Dome of the Rock just below, and the Western Wall safely nestled beneath, a corner quietly bursting with spiritual energy, filled with people wearing both T-shirts and tallitot, long skirts and jeans, all of them praying at once. It doesn't matter if you are secular or Orthodox, being there, standing there, where for hundreds of years other Jews have poured their hearts out to G-d and asked for miracles, you can't help but feel the power of the place, its history and its unwavering symbolism.

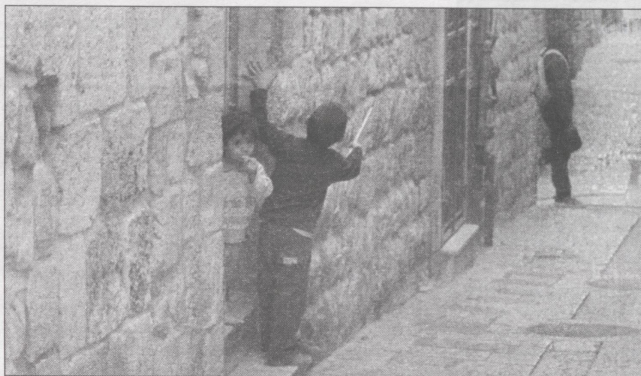
Imagine sitting on the beach, a vibrant modern city behind you, a coastline of new architecture and ancient structures standing side-by-side, and just a short drive up the coast people are watching the sunset from the ruins of Caesarea, just as they are in Haifa to the north and Ashkelon to the south.

From the beaches of Tel Aviv to the banks of the Jordan River, Israelis have used their little slice of land to create and innovate in ways and at

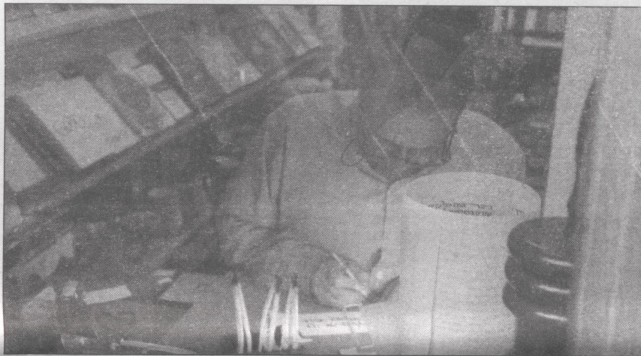
speeds that are simply amazing. But you don't have to contemplate such deep things on a trip to Israel, at least not all the time. If you stand at the top of Masada and listen to the wind as it blows across the desert up from the Dead Sea, you will hear a message, the same message that you can hear on the bustling streets of Tel Aviv or Haifa.

For those of you planning to travel to Israel this year on a Taglit-Birthright Israel trip, a Federation mission, or with your congregation, I feel compelled to ask you for one small favor: don't worry about money or who will be traveling with you. Don't think about the things you learned in religious school or from your parents and friends, don't think about the things you have seen and heard on the news; do only two things, relax and open your heart. Israel is not just a place or some abstract concept we think of while praying. It is a mix of people from places and religious backgrounds all over the world. Yes, it is mostly Jewish citizens, but that is a miracle in itself, isn't it? Israel is simply an experience unlike any other and if you only get one opportunity to go there in your life, find a way to make it happen. I promise you, it's worth it. And when you come back, tell us all about it! ☆

To see more photos of Tamara's trip in fall 2009, go to www.flickr.com/photos/tamara_ohayon/collections/.



Children playing on the steps of their Jerusalem home.



Sofer (scribe) working at his bookstore desk in the old city of Jerusalem.



Tamara at King Herod's Palace, Masada.

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President's Message

Linda Ravvin, JFB (Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass) President

I am contemplating the joys and implications of life and renewal as I gaze out my

window and watch the return of the birds and see the signs of a new spring coming. As always, I am thankful that winter is nearing an end—this year especially, as I returned to Montreal in the winter for the first time since Leon and I moved to Lexington almost 30 years ago. The visits north gave me a new sense of appreciation for the “southern” climate that we happily adopted with our move to the Bluegrass. As I thought about the weather differences and the warmth in Lexington, my mind also reviewed all the positive things that we have experienced over the years here. Not only have we enjoyed the warm weather, but the warmth of the people here has almost overwhelmed us right from our first days. We have made and continue to make wonderful friends, many of whom have become our local “family.” We have been offered incredible opportunities to grow: professionally, personally, and Jewishly.

Thinking about renewal and new starts brings to mind all the opportunities within our community to renew our connections (or perhaps to engage them for the first time). The Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass (JFB) offers so many ways in which to get involved and to enrich our lives and the lives of those around us.

You could be a part of the Yom Ha-Shoah remembrance and observance on Sunday, April 11. Be with us as we honor those survivors of the Holocaust who are in our community, and bear witness to the memory of the horrors that occurred. Our speaker will be Rabbi David Wortman, JFB Director Judy Wortman's husband. By observing this difficult day, we try to ensure that, in the future, history does not, indeed, repeat itself.

One week later, on Sunday, April 18, we are celebrating the 62nd birthday (Yom Ha' Atzmaut) of the State of

Israel with a dinner and a concert by Fran Uditsky Moss at Natasha's. The joyous commemoration of Israel's renewed statehood in modern times is a testament to our people's tenacity and bravery throughout our history.

On Monday, April 19, join in the question-and-answer period following the mayoral debate, which JFB is co-sponsoring with other organizations. We do not take any political stand but offer the opportunity for all sides to be heard and for you as individuals to come to your own conclusions; we do encourage everyone eligible to participate in the electoral process and to vote.

We will follow all of this activity with an opportunity to give back: our Pacesetters Dinner, as part of our 2010 Annual campaign, will be at the home of Susan and Steve Caller, with Bret Caller as our guest speaker, on Sunday, April 25. We hope that as many people as possible will consider joining us for this significant event, as we join together to raise funds for the programs and assistance offered by JFB, here, in Israel, and around the world.

In addition, there is the Leisure Club: a once-a-month gathering for almost-seniors and seniors offering wonderful friendships, support, and enjoyable programs.

Camp Shalom and Camp Geshar are gearing up for another incredible summer. We have scholarships and camperships to offer, essay contests for Yom HaShoah and Yom Ha' Atzmaut, assistance through Jewish Family Services, and a potential mission to Israel.

In other words, I am asking you to get involved. There are many activities happening with the assistance of JFB over the next few months. The Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass is “our connection, our voice, our community.” It is all of us working and volunteering together that makes Lexington and Central Kentucky such a special place to call home: a warm, vibrant, welcoming, and generous community. ☆

Christ the King Women's Guild to host TAI Sisterhood at fourth annual joint meeting

New Opportunity School for Women to be subject of meeting

On Wednesday, April 21, the TAI Sisterhood will visit Christ the King for our annual joint meeting. This year our speaker will be Jan Gill, director of the New Opportunity School for Women in Berea. This school runs three 3-week sessions a year when women from all over Kentucky who have not completed their education and do not have the skills to enter the job market can get training, thus enabling them either to continue with their education or seek employment. We will have the opportunity to learn about the important work of the school and of its impact on the lives of the women fortunate enough to attend.

Please make every effort to attend this program. For the two programs we've had at the Temple, upwards of 35 Women's Guild members joined us. When we went to their place two years ago, an embarrassingly small number of women from the Temple showed up. This is usually a very enjoyable evening and you are all urged to attend. Please call Sandee 269-2979 at the Temple to reserve your place so we can let them know about how many to expect. This program is open to all women of the Temple and refreshments will be served. That's Wednesday, April 21, 7:00 p.m. at Christ the King Cathedral. ☆



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Third Opinion

Stanley Ned Rosenbaum, PhD

"Bring out your dead..."— from Monty Python and the Holy Grail

Unfortunately, I'm at the age where attending funerals constitutes a significant segment of my social life. And with Passover just ending I have to wonder, what did we do with our dead on the way up from Egypt?

It's hard to believe that the 603,550 heads of household reported in the book of Numbers began the trip, but tradition estimates that as many as 2,000,000 people stood before God at Sinai. Given the estimated life expectancy for people in the Late Bronze Age, the 40-plus years of wandering that ensued should have been enough to finish most of them even without God's dictum that all those who had earlier turned aside from entering the Holy Land should die in the Wilderness.

Forty years. Two million people. That's an average of 1,600 deaths a day. And of course, more should have died toward the end of the trip. Still, that

ought to have left a trail of graveyards across the entire route—that is, if they buried their dead. Much of the route was walked over ground that is hard and unyielding, but I can't see our ancestors just abandoning the bodies where they fell. (Can you sit *shiva* while walking?)

No one mentions this. Not the Jews, our ancestors, nor the Egyptians who pursued them, nor anyone else. The only cemetery in Sinai that I know of is the catacombs carefully tended by the Greek Orthodox monks of St. Catherine's monastery in southern Sinai (a place I highly recommend that you visit).

And the route? Some scholars estimate* that if they walked ten abreast, no mean feat in the terrain they were alleged to traverse, the column would have been 150 miles long and it would have taken eight or nine days for the trailing end to reach the place from which the leaders began.

It simply doesn't add up and no amount of ex post facto Orthodox legerdemain can make it so. But why

am I troubling myself about this? I do believe that something happened, that the story we recite, no matter how it may have grown and changed in the telling, contains a core of historical truth.

I think that a group of "vile Asiatics"—that's what the Egyptians called our ancestors—discovered the principle of monotheism somewhere around 1550 B.C.E.

Three hundred years or so later a man named Moses (scripture's attempt to disguise his unremarkable Egyptian name by inventing a bogus Hebrew etymology is, paradoxically, proof to me that he actually existed) led a group from Egypt that would form the nucleus of Israel in Canaan.

I think we were a very diverse group at the beginning and remained so until extreme outside pressure, like that on decaying vegetable matter underground, eventually produced the diamond-hard nation that has outlasted all those who sought to destroy us. Our continuous existence, to say nothing of the modern "miracle" that

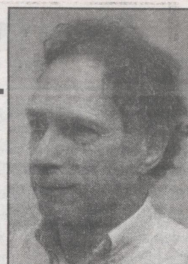
is the State of Israel, should convince even the most stone-hearted skeptics that an abiding faith in Judaism

does not, in fact, depend on defending the historical veracity of this or that biblical detail or even, forgive me, on the historical existence of this or that biblical figure.

Ruth is a fiction. Esther is fictional and so is Jonah and I have no extra-biblical proof for Moses. But I don't care. The beating heart of Judaism, its advanced ethical system, remains. Of course, I like the stories, too, for what they teach about love, community responsibility, and

Happy Passover, everybody. ☆

*J. Maxwell Miller and John H. Hayes, *A History of Ancient Israel and Judah* (SCM Press, 1986, p. 60)



YOM HA'ATZMAUT

Israel Independence Day

Sunday, April 18, 2010
6:00 pm at Natasha's Bistro



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Celebrate Israel's Independence Day with us at Natasha's Bistro in downtown Lexington. Enjoy a special performance by Fran Uditsky Moss, cantorial soloist, guitarist, and storyteller. The music program will follow dinner. \$10 per person cover plus the cost of food. There will be a special menu available.

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From the Director

July B. Wortman

Our community remembers

April is the month for two major community events: Yom HaShoah and Yom Ha'Atzmaut. For those of us who are baby boomers or older, these two events—the murder of six million Jews at the hands of the Nazis and the miraculous birth of the State of Israel—have helped define our Jewish identities. For our children and grandchildren, they are history. In recent years we have seen the study of the Shoah included in public school curricula and portrayed in some excellent films. It is the responsibility of Jewish parents and Jewish community institutions to teach our children about the significance of the birth of the State of Israel and to include its celebration in our lives. I hope you will consider bringing your older children to the Yom HaShoah commemoration and to the Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration in the next several weeks. I also hope that you will help your children understand the connection of these two holidays to one another.

On Sunday, April 11, the annual Yom HaShoah observance will be held at Ohavay Zion Synagogue at 4:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be my husband, Rabbi David Wortman, and his topic will be "The Shoah and Forgiveness." Rabbi Wortman received his BA degree from the University of Wisconsin. He subsequently received degrees or certificates from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (BHL, MAHL, Ordination, and DD), Yale University (MA, MPhil), La Salle University (Certificate in Non-Profit Management), and Council For Relationships (candidate for Certificate in Marriage and Family Therapy).

He has served as a congregational rabbi and as executive director of the Board of Rabbis/ Jewish Chaplaincy Service and the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia. He served as adjunct professor of religion at Albertus Magnus College, Yale University, St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Seminary, and St. Joseph's University. He taught Bible at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and at Gratz College. While at St. Joseph's University, Rabbi Wortman taught an annual course entitled "Jewish and Christian Responses to the Holocaust."

In addition to Rabbi Wortman's presentation, we will honor our Holocaust survivors and their families and listen to

the winning essays from the Emilie Szekely Holocaust Awareness Writing Project. Rabbis Kline, Smolkin, Korotkin, and Smith will all participate in the program. We hope you will join us the following Sunday for our Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration at Natasha's at 6:00 p.m. In addition to an Israeli-style dinner, we will celebrate Israel's 62nd birthday with a concert of Jewish and Israeli music by Fran Uditsky Moss.

Fran's career includes many years as a professional singer and actress in theater, television, and films. She is a folk singer, storyteller, and puppeteer as well as having served as a cantorial soloist for the past eighteen years. Her performances throughout the United States include a concert at Carnegie Hall and one for a First Lady. She has performed and studied with Debbie Friedman, Jeff Klepper, Craig Taubman, and Theodore Bikel at Hava Nashira Songleaders' Institute. Fran has taught music and drama at religious schools and day schools and at the URJ Camp Olin-Sang-Ruby as well as other Jewish camps. For seven years, Fran appeared on the Emmy-winning CBS-TV children's show, *The Magic Door*. Fran was born and raised in Chicago, earned her BA in speech and theater from the University of Wisconsin, and currently lives in Peoria, Illinois.

Tickets cost \$10 per person, payable in advance. You will pay for your dinner at Natasha's that evening. Please send checks to the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass to the attention of Jana LaZur by April 14.

I look forward to seeing you and your families at both events. ☆



Camps Shalom and Gesher get new "old home"

At Woodmen of the World, third time is a charm

Once upon a time, in a small, under-populated Jewish community, a Jewish Federation formed a summer camp that—despite having no permanent home—managed for 42 years not only to hold camp each summer, but to thrive and grow. This camp grew into two camps, Shalom and Gesher, each offering age-related activities that are not only fun but inspiring enough to captivate campers from the ages of 4 through 10 and 11 through 13 and motivate a superior staff to come back year after year.

Camp always takes place during the two weeks before school starts, and this year will be no exception. Mark your calendars for July 26 through August 6.

Also, please take note of the new location: this year, both weeks of camp will take place at the Woodmen of the World campsite, out Tate Creek Road just a short drive from town. Camp Shalom used this campsite in the '90s and then again in the early 2000s; now, after a major renovation, Camp Shalom and Camp Gesher hope to make the third time a charm.

Amenities at Woodmen of the World include a swimming pool, more than 60 acres of fields and lake, volleyball or basketball courts, miniature golf, outdoor picnic areas, a theater, an indoor recreation room, and an air-conditioned dining area for rainy or excessively hot days. This private campsite even has a GaGa (Israeli dodgeball) pit! There will be canoeing, as well as an obstacle course with certified instructors. We are excited to offer this facility to our campers and hope that everyone takes advantage of the discount for those who register by June 2.

Once again, we have hired a great staff. Kathy Feinberg will be directing for her tenth year, while Rachel Heller, with eleven total years of camp under her belt, will serve a second year as assistant director. Group Leaders this year will include Kaitlin Graff, Lizzie Engel, Josh Kline, and Nora Simon, who bring a total of more than twenty years' experience. Counselors will be Jessica Geddes, Ariel Gerall, Justin Graff, Dani Heller, Danny Shapiro, and Rachel Swanson. Tomer Eres, Jonathan Feinberg, Chaz Foster, Jessica Foster, Hannah Gould, Adira Jarman, and Abby and Emily Miller make up our counselor-in-training candidates this year.

Specialists make a nice addition to camp programming. We welcome Alex Shapiro from group leader to this area of activity; he will lead physical activities and teach some principles he learned at UK about movement, exercise, and making activity a primary factor in everyone's lives. Kendall Levenson will again lead arts and crafts, a primary component of any camp experience. Tyler Nelson, who has taken nature studies or *tena* to a whole new level, will again transmute otherwise demure, clean campers into reptile-handling, mud-loving nature seekers. Finally, our newest member of the specialist staff is Rachel Meltzer, who will lead our music/drama and games department. She has talent, camping experience, and a vast knowledge of Hebrew to share with campers.

Camps Shalom and Gesher will offer many exciting activities and themes this year, so don't miss out; sign up today! Please visit our website at www.jewishlexington.org or email jana@jewishlexington.org for more information or questions. We look forward to working with your children and expanding our team this summer. ☆

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Local camp participates in national fellowship

Program creates strong role models and future leaders

Camp Livingston in Bennington, Indiana is one of 41 nonprofit Jewish camps across North America chosen to participate in the Foundation for Jewish Camp Cornerstone Fellowship. From May 24 to 27, 2010, approximately 250 third year returning bunk counselors from the selected camps will attend this intensive leadership training aimed at enhancing the Judaic strength of their programs, creating good role models for campers, and building leadership in emerging professionals.

Sponsored through a generous grant from the AVI CHAI Foundation, Cornerstone consists of seminars, discussions, and workshops which take place over the four days, culminating in meetings in which camps work intensively to create an action plan to bring back their new knowledge to camp. Each participating camp selects a minimum of five Fellows from among their third year bunk counselors to attend the retreat. Camp Livingston is sending five enthusiastic counselors this spring; it is their third year taking part in the program. This year's cohort from Camp Livingston

includes Leah Goldfarb, Abby Solomon, Daniel Garfield, Jeremy Spiegel, and Freddie Wolf.

"Jewish camp counselors wear many hats: they are role models, caretakers, peacekeepers, students, and much more!" Jeremy J. Fingerman, CEO, Foundation for Jewish Camp, says. "The Cornerstone Fellowship develops and hones their skills in all of these areas showing them their potential and amplifying their passion for their camp and religion. In turn they become contributing members to their Jewish communities."

About Camp Livingston

Nestled deep in the rolling, wooded hills of beautiful southeastern Indiana, the Robert Krohn Livingston Memorial Camp offers an unmatched summer experience for children and teens. Camp Livingston has always provided a safe and nurturing environment where campers gain self-esteem and confidence, and form lasting friendships with their cabin and unit friends, all within a fun and exciting Jewish atmosphere.

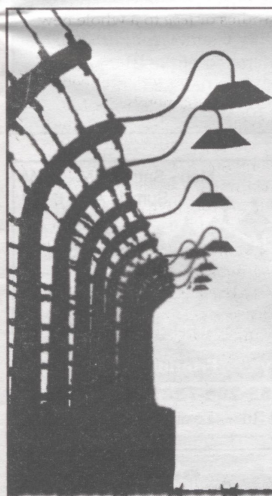
Everything that we do at Camp Livingston is designed with fun in mind. Campers return year after year because Livingston offers activities and a feeling of kinship that are difficult to find anywhere else. Within this unique environment, campers come to know and love our Jewish heritage through the singing of Hebrew songs, experiencing cultural arts, observing Kashrut, and celebrating a meaningful Shabbat as a camp community and family (www.camplivingston.com).

About the Foundation for Jewish Camp

The Foundation for Jewish Camp (FJC) is the only public organization

dedicated solely to nonprofit Jewish overnight camps. FJC employs a variety of strategies toward a single goal: to increase the number of children in Jewish summer camps. To this end, the foundation creates inspiring camp leaders, expands access to and intensifies demand for camp, and develops programs to strengthen camps across the Jewish spectrum in North America. Through strategic partnerships on local and national levels, FJC raises the profile of Jewish camp and serves as a central resource for parents and organizations alike. FJC works with more than 150 camps, 70,000 campers, and 10,000 counselors across North America to further its mission (www.jewishcamp.org). ✪

This year Camp Gesher will again be sharing a Shabbat experience at Camp Livingston.



Yom HaShoah

Holocaust Remembrance Day Community-wide Commemoration

Sunday, April 11, 2010
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The program will include lighting of memorial candles for the six million Jewish lives lost in the Holocaust and presentation of the annual Emilie Szekeley essay contest awards.

For more details please contact
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JFS: At Your Service

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

"Death by Chocolate"

How could that be? Haven't there been scientific studies that prove dark chocolate has healthful benefits?

Now that we have your attention: "Death by Chocolate" is the name of the upcoming JFS Jewish Family Life Education program concerning Jewish beliefs, customs about death, and funeral logistics. It is a serious program planned by the Jewish Family Services Committee; it will be softened by a chocolate dessert buffet. This free program (so enticingly named by Judy Wortman) will be held on Wednesday, April 21 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass office.

None of us wants to think about death and funerals, yet all of us will have to at one time or another. Many people who have lost a loved one say that even when you know someone is going to die, family members are never truly ready for the moment it happens. When someone dies unexpectedly it is even more shocking for friends and family.

Having to make plans quickly and carry out personal wishes and traditional observances at a difficult time can

be further complicated by modern mobility. It is common now to have a network of family and friends who live all over the world. Coordinating plans when someone dies can be an overwhelming experience.

"Death by Chocolate" will feature several speakers to help the community understand the secular and religious logistics of cemeteries, funerals, and related Jewish practices. Speakers will include rabbis Marc Kline and Moshe Smolkin as well as Rob Milward of Milward Funeral Directors.

The purpose of the evening will be to help us understand the logistics of Jewish practice, rather than providing an in-depth understanding of Jewish beliefs about death. Because different parts of the community observe different Jewish practices, it is beneficial to present multiple perspectives to be relevant for everyone. "Death by Chocolate" promises to provide practical information and points to ponder. To register, please call (859) 269-8244. ☆



The Jewish Federations of North America to sponsor PBS Masterpiece Classic's *Diary of Anne Frank*

To help raise awareness of the Federation movement across the continent, The Jewish Federations of North America is proud to announce our exclusive sponsorship of a new PBS Masterpiece Classic production of *The Diary of Anne Frank*. The two-hour PBS show will be broadcast on April 11, 2010 (Holocaust Memorial Day) at 9:00 p.m. This production represents the most accurate adaptation ever made of one of the world's most widely read memoirs, drawing on Anne Frank's own words to a greater extent than any previous dramatization. Ellie Kendrick, who appeared in the recent Oscar-nominated film, *An Education*, stars as Anne Frank. ☆

MAYORAL CANDIDATES To DEBATE

Lexington's mayoral candidates Isaac, Newberry, Horine, and Gray will participate in a debate at on April 19, 2010 at Norsworthy Auditorium, Fayette County Schools (NE corner of East Main and Walton Avenue) from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Questions will include what local actions they propose to confront our changing climate, and what leadership steps they will take to move the community, state, and nation to save our common future with respect to climate change.

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Israel 21c: Israelis and Jordanians unite for emergency preparedness

By Karin Kloosterman

A regional emergency response team of Jordanians and Israelis is forging collaboration that could save lives and contribute to real peace between the two peoples.

The tragedy that struck Haiti recently is a vivid wakeup call for authorities in Israel and neighboring countries. The area surrounding Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, the city of Jericho controlled by the Palestinian Authority, and Amman, Jordan are all at risk from a major earthquake that could topple the region.

Historically, major quakes hit the Holy Land area every hundred years or so, with one potentially due at any time. Are medical personnel in Israel and neighboring regions prepared for the worst? A new joint project between the Jordan Red Crescent and Ben Gurion University of the Negev is the catalyst for Jordanians and Israelis to pool resources and create a partnership so that in the event of such a crisis, their two countries will have emergency forces in place to handle the worst.

Launched in October, the three-year academic medical emergency training program is in the process of teaching young Jordanians and Israelis how to work together as a frontline team in a concerted regional response to emergency scenarios.

A central element of the program is a Development Strategic Forum (DSF) whose members are key officials from Jordan and Israel. The project is supported by Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MASHAV program), the European Union and private donors.

Rapid response to a humanitarian crisis

While Israel and Jordan are at peace, there is scarcely any normalization of relations between the two countries. But in a bold move, Dr. Mohammed Al-Hadid, president of the Jordan Red Crescent Society and chairman of the Standing Commission of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent, decided the time was ripe to seek cooperation with his Israeli neighbors for the good of both sides.

In full agreement with him is Dr. Bruria Adini, head of the emergency



Photo by Dani Machlis.

Dr. Bruria Adini, head of the new emergency response-training program for Jordanian and Israeli students speaking at Ben Gurion University recently.

response-training program that has seven Jordanian and 13 Israeli students enrolled and living at Ben Gurion University. She tells ISRAEL21c that a rapid and effective response to a humanitarian crisis is the goal.

"When there is disaster at the border or in one country there is a need for collaboration, and help is most effective between countries that are close to each other," Adini relates.

"You see in Haiti people from all over the world came together. But it takes time. If you put together response resources for both countries, you'll have a response that's better than one country alone," she explains, referring to the thousands of people from around the world, including a team of more than 220 Israeli medical corps and support staff, who pitched in to help in Haiti after the recent devastating earthquake.

A dream for the PA, Lebanon and Syria too

Adini is hopeful that this collaboration will go some way to actualizing the peace treaty signed between Israel and Jordan in 1994 after the 1993 Oslo Accords. While there is some ongoing cooperation in the areas of environment and science, with a Jordanian population that comprises about 80 percent Palestinians, and deep, historic suspicions on both sides, it has been difficult to bolster efforts for anything

Rarely do the two people cross their shared border, officially open for travel and business. And in addition, there is public pressure on those few Jordanians willing to collaborate to cease relationships with Israelis.

It is Adini's dream that all Israel's neighboring countries and people, including Palestinians, Egyptians, Lebanese and Syrians, will participate together in classes, talks, training sessions and the crafting of long-term response plans. If trust could be earned and funding was available, she believes that her dream could be realized. Meanwhile, she sees multiple benefits to the cooperation with Jordan, in the realms of managing natural disasters and even outbreaks of flu.

"If there is another major health problem close to the H5N1 virus (bird flu), then we would need collaboration regarding vaccinations and anti-virals. If we have collaboration between nations we would have a more effective

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response model. We want to be able to take the lessons learned at other disasters around the world and implement them in this region," says Adini, who works part-time at Ben Gurion University, and the rest of the time with the government health services.

Disaster knows no borders

"I believe once disaster strikes nobody looks into the issue of borders. Cross-country collaboration is very relevant today and is the goal of most countries. We need to put aside frictions and conflict because once there is some sort of disaster, then the goal of all the forces would be the same: A joint and collaborative response that can save lives."

She praises the work of Ben Gurion University staff and administration and the Jordan Red Cross for their commitment to the cross-country collaboration. Jordan and Israel share part of Israel's eastern border, from the bottom of the Sea of Galilee to the Red Sea. This border lies along the Syrian African Rift, known to be a fault line and major quake zone. The Dead Sea Transform Fault extends about 621 miles from the Red Sea to Turkey, so technically all the countries situated

along it should be prepared. There was a major earthquake in Jerusalem and the region about 100 years ago; a major and devastating quake in Turkey about a decade ago and small tremors can be felt from time to time throughout Israel.

Jordanians like Hebrew

"For us it's a very special, challenging and heart-warming project," Adini relates. "I've been to Jordan three times and feel the people there accept us with a lot of respect. There is very good chemistry between us; also with the students. I don't want to go to the political arena and have no doubt that peace is made between people. Our relationships are wonderful. There is a nice and fluent communication."

Meanwhile, the Jordanian and Israeli students housed on campus at Ben Gurion University in Beersheba, 70 miles south of Tel Aviv, are enjoying their rare opportunity for cross-cultural exchange.

Adini believes that the new program embodies the essence of peacemaking: That it has to happen between people,

not governments. She is especially excited with the Jordanian students' willingness to learn Hebrew, a language spoken by no more than about a dozen million people around the world.

"We were more interested in getting their English up to par and teaching them English, but they've been taking it upon themselves to learn Hebrew,"

she recounts. "They are learning everyday language through living in Israel, like sayings such as 'how are you?' in Hebrew. 'Happy holidays' and expressions like that. Hopefully, these expressions that signify genuine interest in the other, will lead to genuine friendship as well. ☆

Only surviving photo album from Auschwitz is available online

An album memorializing the arrival of Hungarian Jews to Auschwitz in May of 1944 can be viewed at http://www1.yadvashem.org/exhibitions/album_Auschwitz/multimedia/index.HTML.

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B'tayavon (Hearty Appetite)

By Ruth Poley

Spring Vegetables

At long last, I think we can declare the winter gone. It's spring, and that always gives me a new attitude about food. One of the nicest things about this season is that we can start to eat fresh local foods. Local asparagus should be in the Farmer's Market shortly; peas will take a bit longer, but they're worth the wait. I love buying fresh peas and going through the ritual of shelling them—it takes me back to simpler times, when I was a child and my world had yet to unfold.

These two recipes are very easy to make, a bit unusual, and delicious. You should try both of them.

Asparagus, Red Onion, and Pecorino Salad

1 bunch pencil thin asparagus, tough bottom stems removed
1 small red onion, finely diced
1 cup coarsely grated aged pecorino cheese
½ cup red wine vinegar
extra-virgin olive oil

Cut the asparagus, including the tips, crosswise into very thin slices and place in a medium bowl. Add the vinegar and marinate for several hours or overnight. The vinegar will sort of "cook" or tenderize the asparagus. After marinating, drain off and discard most of the vinegar and add the red onion and pecorino. Toss to combine. Dress with the olive oil and salt and toss again. This salad should be fairly heavily dressed. Serve chilled or at room temperature.

Petits Pois à la Française

3 small or 2 fat scallions, finely sliced
3 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 teaspoon olive oil
1 large head of Bibb or Boston lettuce, shredded
2 cups fresh petits pois (or you can use frozen peas)
½ cup hot chicken stock

Cook the scallions in the butter and oil until soft. Stir in the shredded lettuce, and when it is wilted add the frozen peas and stock. Simmer, uncovered, until everything is tender and the liquid is almost all evaporated. Serve hot. ☆

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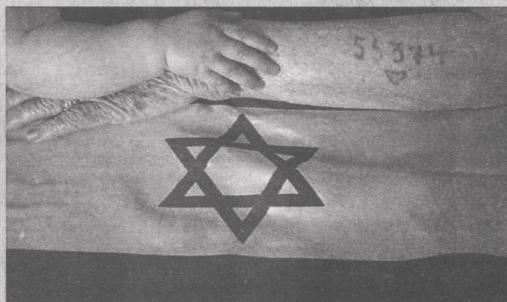
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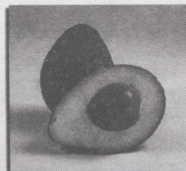
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Cool Facts About Israel



Israeli avocado takes Europe

The pear-shaped green fruits sales total one-third of all the fruit sold in the continent, according to a recent *Wall Street Journal* article dedicated to Agrexco. The Israeli company was defined by the leading American newspaper as the biggest Israeli exporter of fresh agricultural produce of high quality.

According to the paper, 2009 saw a 12% rise in Agrexco's sales turnover and the company leads Israel's agricultural exports this year. Last year, the company exported agricultural produce under the Carmel brand for about € 492 million (about \$663 million). Agrexco CEO Shlomo Tirosh told the paper that Israel markets 390,000 tons of fresh agricultural produce to countries all over the world, with avocado taking the first place. According to Tirosh, there is no other product with such an outstanding presence from one single exporter. This season, the fruit's exports are expected to reach 36,000 tons compared to 22,000 last year – an increase of more than 50%. Pepper came in second with about 36,000 tons, in spite of the difficult winter in the Arava region. It was followed by organic tomatoes and conventional ones, mainly cherry tomatoes.

Green herbs have also had a strong presence – particularly basil, chives, and mint. Despite the competition from Egypt, Morocco, and Spain, the Israeli herb's popularity is stable thanks to their high quality. In addition, the sales of Israel's melons have risen by 50% after years of decline.

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The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah

Lynn Furness, President

This month I'd like to share information on The Hadassah Foundation, a component of Hadassah not as well known as many other Hadassah endeavors. The Hadassah Foundation was established in 1998 to enable Hadassah to address unmet societal needs in Israel and the United States and to engage in cutting-edge initiatives outside the framework of Hadassah's existing projects. Its focus is funding projects that serve women and girls from diverse cultural groups within Israel and the Jewish community in the United States.

Funded with a \$10 million endowment, the foundation announced its first grants in 2000. The initial grants supported education, training, leadership, and self-esteem projects. Beginning in 2002, the foundation has focused on girls in the United States and on economic empowerment in Israel. The grantees seek to promote fundamental change by addressing the underlying obstacles that impede the full participation of women and girls in society.

For example, the Hadassah Foundation provided the initial grants to establish the Economic Empowerment for Women and to support A Business of One's Own and Access to Markets, the first micro-enterprise programs in Israel run by and for women.

Another grantee was the Economic and Social Empowerment Project, founded by immigrants from the former Soviet Union to help women in their own and other population groups. It promotes social integration and community involvement by helping women create and develop businesses through empowerment programs, micro-enterprise loans, business forums and networking, and direct business consultation and guidance. The foundation has also funded several groups in Israel that seek to help women protect their rights and privileges under the law in various ways.

The Hadassah Foundation focuses on economic empowerment for low-income women in Israel because studies show that women who achieve economic independence spend a greater percentage of household income on food, children's clothes, education, and

health than do men; the major obstacles to women becoming entrepreneurs are lack of access to financing at affordable rates and lack of appropriate training. Providing credit programs for women helps them achieve economic self-sufficiency.

In the United States, the Hadassah Foundation focuses on leadership and self-esteem issues for adolescent girls because girls' issues are traditionally underrepresented in research and policy debates. Research on girls often has focused on risks and negative trends rather than exploring positive aspects of their lives, and girls require and deserve the awareness, attention, and commitment of a wide range of individuals and institutions to promote their healthy development.

The U.S. grantees of the Hadassah Foundation all encourage self-confidence, leadership skills, and healthy lifestyle choices among Jewish adolescent girls and young women while providing awareness and training for the influential adults in their lives. For example, the "Strong Girls, Healthy Relationships" curriculum provided by Jewish Women International (JWI) teaches teens to make healthy choices about relationships and provides training and resources to adults. JWI has partnered with United Synagogue Youth to disseminate educational materials nationally. Shalom Bayit provides a youth-led dating violence prevention curriculum, "Love Shouldn't Hurt: Campus and Beyond," that targets new audiences including college students, recent college graduates, teachers, and parents. The foundation provided grants for the conception, development, publication, and piloting of the program (2005-2007). Partnering with Hillel, Shalom Bayit plans to bring the program to campuses across the nation (2008-2010).

These are just some examples of the assistance provided by The Hadassah Foundation. The commitment of the foundation to the betterment of Jewish life in Israel and the United States reflects the ongoing and ever-evolving commitment by Hadassah to improve Jewish life. The existence of the foundation, with its progressive mission, also reflects how Hadassah continues to help solve the needs it sees. ☆

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Judy Goldsmith, President

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As I write this, the last snows of winter (I hope!) are melting. I have been thinking about the chaos of the weather this year—snow days, unseasonable cold, and so on—and the chaotic nature of Purim. Is it an accident that the holiday of drunkenness and confusion falls at the beginning of spring (in Israel) or the end of winter (here)? Can we read anything into the orderliness of Pesach? Our observation is carefully scripted, but the story we tell is one of disorder: we dropped everything, even our solar ovens, and ran. We wandered, lost, for 40 years. We even flirted with a graven image. G-d and Moses lost their tempers, or at least Moses did.

By the time you read this, we'll be looking ahead to Lag B'Omer, the disorderly day in the midst of the counting of the Omer. Is this sequence of holidays some sort of extended meta-

phor about the season? Or about life? Many of us live ordered lives; we know what our jobs will be, where our next meals will come from. But the recent recession reminded even the most well-off of us that chaos is not so far away. The biblical Jews lived closer to the edge of chaos, escaping from Egypt, after having returned during the famine that Joseph predicted; fending off the depredations of Shushanites; surviving crisis after crisis. Perhaps the message of the chaotic holidays is to remind us that we have survived. We can survive.

I hope that summer brings a little more stability for all of us!

Upcoming Havurah events include a Lag B'Omer program on May 2. For more information, call me at (859) 338-5725 or email goldsmith@insightbb.com. ☼

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This year's guest speaker will be
Bret Caller

Sunday, April 25, 2010
4:00 p.m.

at a private residence

Wine and cheese, hors d'oeuvres, and desserts will be served.

You will have the opportunity to make your commitment
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 Minimum expected gift
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"What Israel Means To Me" Essay Contest

Each contestant is to submit an essay on the topic of "What Israel Means to Me." The Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass hopes that this contest will further strengthen the ties between our students and the State of Israel.

The contest is open to all Jewish middle- and high school students. The high school winner will receive \$250 and the middle school winner \$150. Both winning essays will be published in the June/July issue of *Shalom*.

Essays submitted by middle school students must be under 500 words while high school submission must be no more than 750 words. All entries must be typed and double-spaced, or legibly hand-written and double-spaced. The name of the writer should not be on the essay; however, the name, school grade level, and the name of the teacher should be written legibly on the outside of the self-addressed submission envelope provided by JFB.

Send your entry to the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass, c/o Israel Essay Contest at 1050 Chinoe Road, Suite 302, Lexington, Ky 40502 no later than May 2, 2010. Essays may also be handed in to your religious school teacher, and the Federation will pick them up from OZS and TAI.

All award and promotional monies are privately funded.



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God's Pantry Night on Tuesday

Please join representatives from the entire Jewish community at God's Pantry on the **third Tuesday of each month**, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. We will sort food to be distributed to the homeless and assist God's Pantry in fulfilling the needs of the hungry in Kentucky. For more information and directions, please contact Karen Petrone at (859) 226-9145 or email Petrone@uky.edu. Join us on **April 20, 2010**.

Tutors needed at Ashland Elementary School

Tutors are needed in various subjects for students at Ashland Elementary School, our adopted school. You can help a child reach his/her potential by volunteering for just a few hours a week. Contact Anne Graff (agraff8@aol.com) or Austin Cantor (ahcantor@insightbb.com) for more information and to volunteer.

Kollel Study Group

Joe Engelberg leads this study of fundamental ideas of Jewish life and thought. Among these are spirituality, the nature of God, biblical and traditional injunctions and laws, Jewish history, principles of the Reform movement, and the relation of Judaism to Christianity, Islam, and Buddhism. Drop in to the library on alternate Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. and join the provocative and friendly discussion. Join us on **April 3 and 17**.
Torah Study

Rabbi Kline conducts the study of the Tanakh (the Bible) from the Book of Joshua and beyond using the new Jewish Study Bible on alternate Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. in the library. Join us on **April 10 and 24**.

Study of the weekly Torah Portion

Join us each Saturday morning at 11:00 a.m. to take a look at the Torah portion for the week. The rabbi will lead some, everyone will take turns for others. We plan to reintroduce classical texts and write the new midrash that will become classical over the next hundred years. The format will be different from either Torah study or Kollel. Bring your lunch.

Chavurat-Chochma (A Friendly Gathering of Wisdom)

We will meet on April 30 to eat, schmooze, and enjoy an informative program. This month's speaker will be Mary Rosenbaum on the topic "Jezebel: Strong Queen, Faithful Wife, What's Not to Like?" The cost is \$6 per person. Please RSVP by April 27.

Sisterhood News

Sisterhood join the Women's Guild of Christ the King for our fourth annual joint meeting. The Women's Guild will host our Sisterhood at the church. We will have a speaker from the New Opportunity School for Women in Berea to talk about this life-changing program for disadvantaged women. We encourage all women of our congregation to attend

this meeting; this is always an enjoyable experience. Please join us on Wednesday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Newberry to speak April 18

Please join Sisterhood for Mayor Newberry's talk at 3:00 p.m. on April 18. This is the reschedule date from March.

G.U.C.I. Reunion

A group of former OVFTY region residents who attended Union Camp Institute between 1963 and 1969 are having a reunion at Lake Geneva from September 30 to October 3, 2010. We are trying to reach as many campers from this era as possible. For more information contact Dan Cook at 9016 Anchor Bay Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46236, (317) 823-3456, dancook@babyboomersound.com, or go to www.ovftyreunion2010.myevent.com.

Temple Adath Israel Heart Walk 2010 Team

The 2010 Central Kentucky Start! Heart Walk and Tailgate Party is fast approaching: April 24. The Temple Heart Walk team page is open. Please register as a walker and help us achieve our mission to build healthier lives free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke. If you can't join us, have fun at the on-line website.

1. To sign up as a walker online, visit our website at <http://heartwalk.kintera.org/lexingtonky> and click on the Temple Adath Israel team or on Temple Adath Israel Heart Walk Team.

2. Click on "Join our Team" and agree to the waiver.

3. Please contact Jennifer Ebert at jennifer.ebert@heart.org or (859) 977-4614 with any questions or contact Sylvia Suhl or Jack Joffe. ☆

Planning on leaving town for a few months? Going on a long vacation? Moving any time soon?

You can help save the Jewish Federation money by informing us of your plans and preventing the U.S. Postal Service from charging us for returned mail and address change notices.

Before you go, call the Federation office or send us an email and let us know if you would like the mail sent temporarily to a different address, at no charge to you, or halted for a certain number of months. Give us a chance to get it right for you on the first mailing.

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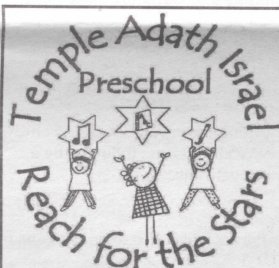
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Passover is here!

Come one, come all to the Passover Tish on the evening of Friday, April 2, when we will sing our favorite Passover songs and eat yummy Passover treats.

Passover Service Schedule

Saturday, April 3

9:30 a.m. - Shabbat Chol HaMoed Pesach Morning Service

Monday, April 5

9:30 a.m. - Festival Morning Service; Yizkor will be recited

8:05 p.m. - Sunset

Tuesday, April 6

5:00 p.m. - D'Vine Minyan (Passover Style)

5:45 p.m. - Minchah for Festival Afternoon

8:06 p.m. - Sunset

8:40 p.m. - Conclusion of Passover

A very Happy Passover to everyone!

Adult Education

The Writings of the Bible: Wednesdays midday: 12:00

The Writings of Jewish Mysticism: Thursdays, right after minyan (5:45 p.m.).

Jewish Parenting Class: Sunday mornings, after morning minyan (9:45 - 10:15 a.m.)

Come and learn about holidays, rituals, blessings, and stories. Starting date to be announced.

Friday Morning Talmud Study

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

Weekday Minyan

A service is held each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon at 5:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please come and help make a minyan.

D'Vine Minyan on Tuesdays

Tuesday is D'Vine Minyan Day at OZS. Join your friends for a relaxing glass of wine and socializing each Tuesday afternoon beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the OZS library (or outside when the weather is nice). The brief afternoon/evening minyan follows in the sanctuary. A great way to end your day.

Kids' Shabbat

A monthly Friday evening Shabbat for children ages 4 to 9, with pizza, song, and schmoozing - 5:15 p.m. on April 9.

Tish Gathering with Rabbi Smolkin

Tish, n. (Yiddish, fr. German *tisch*, table) a gathering around the rabbi's table, usually on Shabbat, often with singing, story telling, or discussion.

Each event will have a different topic to be announced in advance. There are two Tish services scheduled for April. The first, a Passover Tish, with fun and Passover songs, is scheduled for April 2 at 8:00 p.m. The second Tish is scheduled for April 30 at 8:00 p.m.

Night at the Movies at OZS

We will explore Jewish topics, history, and contemporary film from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., with free popcorn provided. This month's movie is scheduled for April 14.

April Shabbat Schedule

Celebrate Shabbat! The Friday night schedule for April is:

April 2 - Passover Tish service begins at 8:00 p.m. at OZS.

April 9 - Kids' Shabbat at 5:15 p.m.

April 16 - Shabbat Service begins at 5:45 p.m. at OZS; Stewart Home visits OZS.

April 23 - Young Professionals Shabbat

April 30 - Tish service begins at 8:00 p.m. at OZS.

We hope you will join us for our spirited Shabbat Morning Service each Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. with Kiddush lunch following in the social hall.

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Mazel tov to...

Harriett Rose, who was honored by the Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning. The organization's prize for their annual writing competition for those 55 years of age and older will be called the Harriett A. Rose Legacies Award.

Eugene Straus, whose 100th birthday was on March 25, 2010.

Abe and Judy Levine, whose granddaughter, **Maya Levine Danzig**, will celebrate her bat mitzvah on May 1 in Elkins Park, PA. Maya is the daughter and stepdaughter of **Beth Levine and Joe Rabinowitz** and daughter of **Jay Danzig**. She enjoys acting, swimming competitively, and Young Judea camp. She has attended Camp Shalom since she was 4 years old. Her Bat Mitzvah project is collecting books for patients at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.



Maya Danzig.

Bar Mitzvah

Maxwell Hirschowitz, better known as Max, will begin his journey into adult Judaism when he is called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah at Temple Adath Israel on April 10, 2010. Max is the son of **Aimee Lynne-Hirschowitz and Edward Hirschowitz**. His younger sisters, **Sophie Harper and Sydney Pepper Hirschowitz**, will also attend this joyous event.



Max Hirschowitz.

Max is a seventh grade student at the Lexington Traditional Middle School. After some thought he declared that his favorite subject was Language Arts with an emphasis on Spanish. He said, "I've always been a good reader and this fits my personality." Max's extracurricular activities run the gamut from playing the violin to running cross country and participating in track and field events.

Max has an interesting Mitzvah Project that relates to his dedication to academics. He became fascinated with the subject matter while visiting the museum in Lexington's old courthouse. As a result, he is now volunteering there to build the archives and to direct visitors to the museum.

Max leaves us with his belief that "making educated decisions is important in everything you do."

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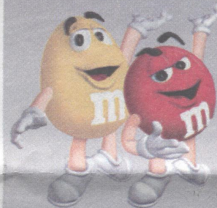
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Services at (859) 269-8244 or
jfs@jewishlexington.org.**





Community Calendar

• JFB - www.jewishlexington.org

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

• OZS - Ohavay Zion Synagogue - www.ozs.org

• 2048 Edgewater Court • 266-8050 • Moshe Smolkin, Rabbi; Beth Goldstein, President
• Daily Minyan Mon.-Thurs. at 5:45 p.m.; Kabbalat Shabbat Service, Friday Evenings at 5:45 p.m.; on the last Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. with Oleg & program following • Shabbat Services Saturday at 9:45 a.m.

• TAI - Temple Adath Israel - www.lextai.org

• 124 N. Ashland Avenue • 269-2979 • Marc Kline, Rabbi; Samye Miller Stith, President
• Shabbat Services first & second Friday at 6:30 p.m., remaining Fridays 7:30 p.m.; Worship Service Saturday 10:30 a.m.

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

• Lynn Furness, President • mamanenbs@yahoo.com

• HAV - The Lexington Havurah - www.lexhavurah.uscjhhost.net

• Judy Goldsmith, President • goldsmith@insightbb.com • 338-5725 • Shabbat Services monthly, call for schedule

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

• 1050 Chinoe Road, Suite 302 • Bruce Broudy, President • bbrou@lexclin.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Yiddish Class at JFB	29 JFB office closed	30 JFB office closed	31	April 1	2 Shalom newspaper deadline TAI Bar Mitzvah	3 TAI Bar Mitzvah Maxwell Hirschowitz
4 Diary of Anne Frank on KET 9:00 p.m. Community Yom HaShoah Commemoration	5	6 Chabad-Rabbi Litvin visits Hadassah Board Meeting	7 JFB Stewart Home visit	8	9	10 Hadassah Casino Night
11 Yiddish Class at JFB Community Celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut	12 Mayoral debate at Fayette County Schools Bldg. 7:00 p.m.	13 God's Pantry Night	14 JFS Family Life Ed "Death by Chocolate" 7:00 p.m. at JFB TAI sisterhood program at Christ the King	15	16	17
18 JFB Pacesetters Event	19	20 JFB Board Meeting	21	22	23 Chavurat - Chochma at TAI	24
25 Yiddish Class at JFB Hadassah Casino Night Haavurah Lag B'omer celebration Deadline: What Israel means to me contest	26	27	28	29	30	May 1
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