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Kathy Stein to receive NCCJ's Lauren K. Weinberg Humanitarian Award

Kathy Stein, a teacher turned attorney, represents State Congressional District 75 in the Kentucky State legislature. In addition to carrying out her legislative responsibilities, Kathy practices law, is an active participant in the Jewish community and the community at large, is helpmate and support to her husband Alan (you remember him folks; the father of the Lexington Legends), and Mom par excellence to her children - Wade Hampton, Scooter, and Hadley. Congratulations Kathy. We wish you "Yasher Koach" for an award well earned.

The National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ), formerly the National Conference of Christians and Jews, will

host 52nd Lauren K. Weinberg Humanitarian Awards Dinner on Tuesday, April 23, 2002 at the Marriott in Lexington, Kentucky. This year's award recipients are William R. Embry, Jr. and Representative Kathy W. Stein. The 2002 Honorary Dinner Chairs are Eastern Kentucky University President Joanne Glasser and University of Kentucky President Lee Todd.

The Lauren K. Weinberg Humanitarian Award is presented to individuals and organizations whose achievements have helped our community realize its ultimate goal of learning to live and work together without bigotry or discrimination and without compromise of faith or identity.

Representative Kathy W. Stein is being honored for her work in the support and advocacy of those who seldom had a voice in the plight of their daily lives including women, children, and religious and

other minority groups.

William R. Embry, Jr. will receive the award for his work in developing many successful programs to help the poor, the homeless, the mentally ill and many individuals who feel rejected from society.



Kathy Stein

These outstanding community leaders are providing contributions to the Bluegrass making it a better place to live for all.

The Lauren K. Weinberg Scholarship award will also be presented at the dinner.

An honoree's reception honoring the award winners will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:45 p.m. A silent auction will occur during the reception.

The National Conference for Community and Justice is a human relations organization dedicated to fighting bias, bigotry and racism, and to promote respect and understanding among races, religions, and cultures through advocacy, conflict resolution, and education.

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Camp Shalom Memories

By Greta Friedman Rothschild

Henrietta Szold, the founder of Hadassah, once said, "When you dream, dream big." Sue Friedman had a dream. Together with a committee of active and concerned Jewish mothers, she had a vision — a vision of a safe and fun place where their youngsters could comfortably experience their Judaism during the summer. A place where other Jewish children in and around the community would join together in a camp setting to learn about being Jewish. This dream became a reality in 1967 when I was the age of 6.

My fond memories of Camp Shalom are many. I remember my Mom working very hard, meeting after meeting, planning Camp Shalom. I remember the countless phone calls she would make and receive in coordinating this endeavor. After several months, it was time to go to camp! I was apprehensive at first, having never been away to summer camp before. But I was with my small group of

Jewish friends and that made me feel better.

The first summer session was held at Idle Hour Park behind Lexington Mall. It was nice that the campsite was familiar and located so close to home. The following years were spent at Hershel Weil's Farm in Paris, KY. I remember waiting at the bus stop at Henry Clay High School to be picked up by the bus to drive us, for what seemed to be hours, to camp! Fortunately, songs like "Rise and Shine" and "David Melech Yisrael" made the ride go by faster.

Under the direction of Carol Wirtschafter, I remember many creative and fun activities at Camp Shalom. We participated in arts and crafts, such as making gods' eyes and macramé bracelets with beads. With fabulous counselors like Lynn Cooper, Cindy Derer and Alan Stein, we would have treasure hunts and cookouts and do lots of singing

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Welcome To Dr. Hanna Liss, the First Moosnick Scholar in Residence

by Evelyn Dantzic Geller



Dr. Hanna Liss

For a number of years this community has benefited from the generosity of several friends and colleagues of Franklin Moosnick, MD. They saw fit to honor him by establishing a lecture series on

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President's Message

by
Stan Saxe



In early March, One World Films, a local film series supported by many in our community as well as our Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, presented and Israeli film *Rage and Glory*, which was released in 1985. Why has the film returned now? It is a fictionalized account of the Lehi, or Stern Gang, who were Jewish terrorists who fought the British prior to the establishment of the State of Israel.

I believe the film was chosen as an allegory for the Palestinian terror of today, to show that Jews used terror in the 1940's in striving to achieve similar goals of independence and statehood.

A panel of three people was asked to discuss the film following the viewing at the downtown Lexington Public Library. Panelists were Dr. John Stempel of the University of Kentucky Patterson School, Rev. Gary Brooks a Presbyterian minister and Palestinian advocate, and myself.

My role, I believed, was to note the similarities and differences between pre-state Palestinian Jews in the British mandate of Palestine and the current Palestinian Arabs. My theme was "There is no justification for terror or to acquiesce in terror."

The Lehi, an acronym for Lohamei Herut Yisrael, was an underground organization operating from 1940 to 1948. Originally head by Avraham Stern and thus the name after used was "The Stern Gang." Lehi rejected the authority of the mainstream Jewish community in Palestine and was never accepted by them nor by the worldwide Zionist movement. The Jewish Resistance Movement before World War II was composed of the Haganah and Irgun Zeva' I Le'umi. The declared a truce with the British and the Haganah headed a movement of volunteers to join the British Army and Jewish units were formed and served with the British. The Lehi were those who broke off from the Irgun to forget the British. Again, Lehi was never accepted by the mainstream Jewish community. Following the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, Lehi was suspected of killing UN mediator Count Folke Bernadotte, the new government reacted, outlawed the organization, shut down its publication and the two leaders of Lehi were sentenced to long jail terms by a military court. The marked difference in dealing with young people who may be attracted to terror and violence to further their goals is quite apparent if we look at the Palestinian Authority.

Each side, Israel and the PA, has needs and grievances but nothing justifies terror. Not in the 1940's, not today.

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The 2002 Camp Shalom Leaders Get to Work!

Deborah Isenstadt, Camp Shalom Committee Member

Camp Shalom has a long tradition (35 years!) in which wonderful women - and an occasional man - devote huge amounts of time, energy, and love to the creation of a safe, nurturing and fun camp experience for the young children in Lexington's Jewish community. With Camp Shalom 2002, the tradition continues! It is with great pleasure that the CKJF Camp Shalom committee introduces our Senior Staff for Camp Shalom 2002.

KATHY FEINBERG, Director

Kathy Feinberg, last year's director of "Kindercamp" (re-named in 2002 "Pre-K Shalom") has stepped up to the position of Camp Director for 2002. We look forward to Kathy's thoughtful and very well-organized leadership! For those of you who missed Kathy's introduction in last month's Shalom, she has lived in Lexington for 28 years and has two sons, Jonathan, 6 and Matthew, 5, both of whom are Camp Shalom veterans.

JANA LAZUR and BONNIE O'NEILL, Activities Co-Directors

This year, Jana Lazur and Bonnie O'Neill, two busy moms of Camp Shalom veterans (Eric and Ryan Lazur, ages 4 and 7, and Aaron O'Neill, age 6) will be sharing the exciting, if exhausting, job of Activities Director. Jana, a Lexington native; "I've lived here all my life, minus two weeks;" was Activities Director last summer at Camp Shalom.

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and plays. I also remember running to the old house on the Weil Farm when it started to rain. As the camp grew, the house seemed to get smaller!

Camp Shalom soon moved to Jacobson Park. Finally, a much shorter bus ride! There, I remember my first encounter with a snake in the field. My group was on a scavenger hunt, but somehow "snake" was not on the list of items to find. We also had a Jewish Olympics day with relay races and other fun competitions. Of course, at the end of the game, every camper was a winner and together we enjoyed some iced cold watermelon!

After being a Camp Shalom pioneer and attending summer after summer, I aspired to be a CIT, Counselor-in-Training. It was this experience that first exposed me to working with children and taught me the values and principles essential in organizing a Jewish program. My experience as a Camp Shalom counselor together with my leadership opportunities through Young Judea helped pave the way for my career path as a Jewish communal professional and Synagogue Education Director.

As I reflect on Sue's hopes and wishes for a Jewish summer camp for Lexington youth, I am reminded of the "ruach" (spirit), friendships, role models, leadership skills, and appreciation of my Jewish heritage that I gained from Camp Shalom. I know Sue is here today in spirit and so proud that the visions and ambitions of these Jewish Moms have perpetuated for 35 years, inspiring another generation.

Bonnie, who has lived in Lexington for 3 years, brings to the position not only her energy and experience as a mom, but also years of classroom experience as a kindergarten and first-grade teacher.

Here's a taste of what Jana and Bonnie are cooking up for this year's Camp Shalom:

- * Working with the theme of "Our Earth," Jana and Bonnie are planning one week of activities around "taking care of the earth," and a second week around "gifts from the earth." Culminating activities for these themes will include a nature bazaar at which campers will show and sell their homemade gifts, all made from nature (e.g., herb sachets). Proceeds from this event will go to an environmental cause.
- * With the assistance of senior counselors, Jason Heymann and Penina Goldstein, Camp Shalom will introduce some special "chugs" - or electives - this summer (e.g., drama, music, extra sports).
- * And of course, Jewish activities, such as daily morning prayer song and making challah for Shabbat each Friday, will be woven throughout camp each week.

TAMMY BRADLEY, Pre-K Shalom Director

We are very pleased to announce that Tammy Bradley, the classroom teacher for 4-year-olds at the Temple Adath Israel Pre-School, will be leading Camp Shalom's Pre-K program this year! Tammy, a Lexington native, is much beloved by her current and former pre-school students for many reasons, including her warmth, energy and creativity. Tammy's degree in early childhood education from Transylvania University, her pre-school teaching experience in Lexington and Louisville, and her background in dance and movement promise to make Pre-K Shalom a fun and happening place for our youngest Camp Shalom campers this summer.

Camp Shalom keeps getting bigger and better because of the heart and dedication right here in our own community. Thank you Kathy, Jana, Bonnie and Tammy, for sharing yours with us this year. May you be blessed with two weeks of fair skies and temperatures under 90 degrees in return!

Exodus Revisited

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By Hindi Diamond

To the world, it was a book called *Exodus* by Leon Uris, which became a bestseller translated into more than 50 languages. But to a young Russian Jew, who was 21 at the time he read it secretly, this book completely changed his life.

Today, Rabbi Leonid Feldman, spiritual leader of Temple Emanu-El in Miami Beach, Florida, recalls that moment in 1974 after he finished reading the book, which had been smuggled in to him by an American Jew. It was the turning point of his life.

"It opened my eyes. I realized there was a country for the Jews where we could be proud of our heritage. The next morning, I applied for immigration," he said.

Feldman says he is not the only one to be so impacted by Uris' book. For Natan Sharansky, Israel's Minister of Housing and Construction and Deputy Prime Minister, and for thousands of Russian Jews, especially, it became the linchpin that inspired them to emigrate to Israel.

Exodus deals with the epic story of more than 4,500 desperate European Holocaust survivors fighting to get into Palestine in 1947. Three months after the incident, the state of Israel was born.

When *Exodus* was made into a movie in 1961, starring Paul Newman and Eva Marie Saint, it broke all box-office records.

Now, Phil Blazer, produce of "*Exodus* 40th Anniversary World Tour" is taking the show on the road—planning to cover 60 countries.

YOUNGER AUDIENCES

"Anyone 50 years of age or younger has probably never seen the movie, and I felt the time is right, too, to bring all generations together from all

over the world," Blazer said from his Los Angeles studio.

He has been hosting the Phil Blazer Show for the past 25 years.

"Since it first hit the screen 40 years ago, this inspiring classic tale has not been seen, and I felt very strongly that now is a very appropriate time to take it on a world tour. This is an outgrowth actually of our Jewish International Film Festival held in Hollywood. Last year, Gene Wilder's classic *Frisco Kid* won, and since this year is the 40th anniversary of *Exodus* we voted for this wonderful picture."

Why the interest now? "Well, September 11 I think emphasizes the theme of *Exodus*. It is the story of good people standing up for freedom. It's a wholesome story, the antithesis of what we in the United States saw happen on September 11th. And people are craving for this, it makes them feel good, acts as an inspiration to all," Blazer said.

Recalling that historic time in 1974, when the forbidden book was smuggled into Russia by an American, Rabbi Feldman says: "Actually, I could have been jailed for reading it, since it was strictly 'verboten.' It really opened my eyes. I learned a lot about Jewish history, things I had never heard about before. In fact, I was almost completely assimilated."

Feldman is a living example of the drama of modern Jewish history, Blazer feels. "He has experienced total assimilation, Jewish rebirth, violent anti-Semitism, even imprisonment in Russia as a Zionist activist and then, finally, found freedom

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Change and Transition

By Daniel Chejfec, Executive Director
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computer for ten years, you can still use it, but it "ain't the same anymore." Sooner or later you need to upgrade, and the first step is to recognize that the upgrade is necessary.

The second possibility, changing the procedures but not the perception will allow the individual to operate in the changed environment, but it will limit her (or him) greatly. If we continue to perceive the world around us as unchanged, we will continue to operate on the assumption that everything will go back to the way it was, and whatever is different today is just a fluke. We therefore modify what we do but, consciously or unconsciously, behave with others as if nothing changed. When we do this, we lose our ability to be creative, and more important, to think outside the box—for we have created a box of our own, and in living inside that mental box we also lose the ability to listen to our environment, for it threatens our preconception of how things SHOULD BE. In other words, we lose our leadership skills and we condemn ourselves to be, at the best, mediocre followers.

The third case, where we change not only the way we operate but also our perception, appears as a great solution. It sounds like the great answer to the questions of life. There is, however, a catch. What does it mean to change perceptions? Changing perceptions implies the internal freedom to switch paradigms while preserving who we are. If I change my perception of the world to the point where it bears no resemblance to where I was yesterday, my whole identity that was based on what it was before is at stake. That balance between changing our perceptions and retaining our identity is the catch. There will always be a tension between us and our environment, and it is precisely in the way we respond and manage that tension that our identity is built. If we are able to manage that tension and transform it into a creative force, then our identity will evolve without losing consistency—in other words, we will be able to adapt to change without giving up who we are, and in the process we can become the leaders of the transformation because the tension becomes a creative one. This process of modifying our perceptions in response to the changes around us is internal to the individual.

Summing it up, change will occur, whether provoked by us or by others, but it will occur. The extent to which we adapt to the new conditions will determine our potential to play different roles in the new scheme of things. The better adapted we

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We are living in times in which change is the norm rather than the exception. In the times of our forefathers change occurred at a far slower pace, so people were able to "catch up" with change more easily - or were they?

What is change? The Webster's dictionary gives several related definitions:

- a) "To put or take (a thing) in place of something else; substitute for, replace with or transfer to another of a similar kind." This definition covers a good many possibilities. Changing governments or cars or clothes fall into this category, but social or institutional change is not covered. Another definition however, appears to apply in that case:
- b) "The act or process of substitution, alteration or variation"

While both definitions do agree that change demands an active participation of some kind, both of them also stress the point that change occurs outside of the individual, in the environment. Sometimes, change will be precipitated by one individual, sometimes by another, sometimes by the forces of nature or the impositions of culture, politics or historical process. In other words, change can never be completely controlled by any individual. Change happens to the individual rather than the other way around.

So what happens to a poor *yiddele* when change occurs? The individual has several choices. One would be to continue to operate exactly as he or she did before; or one could change procedures but not the perception; and finally, one could adjust both procedures and perceptions. What would happen in each case?

If the individual does not change anything in his or her *modus operandi*, what we are witnessing is a denial of the change. But denying the change does not make it go away. This attitude places the individual in a situation of misalignment and prevents adaptation to new situation, thus making the individual, sooner or later, completely ineffective in the modified environment. The individual will still be able to operate, but he or she will not be only ineffective but also will become obsolete very soon. If you keep your

Reporting from Palm Springs

By Daniel Chejfec, Executive Director
Central Kentucky Jewish Federation

On March 6, I returned from my third National meeting in a row. I am not complaining, you understand, especially when the meeting was in Palm Springs, but it is good to be home. So what happened at the Small Federations Executive Institute?

During the Institute we had the opportunity for frank dialogue with many of the staff members of the National UJC, including the Executive Vice-President Stephen Hoffman. We also had a chance to exchange ideas and discuss among ourselves the possible changes looming on the horizon.

First, we heard a very useful presentation on leadership and change by Dr. Steven Windmueller, currently the Director of the Irwin Daniels School of Jewish Communal Service at the Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles. Prior to that post, Steve was for many years the Executive Director of the Community Relations Committee of Greater Los Angeles, and before that an Executive Director of the Jewish Federation in Albany, NY. He presented a very challenging paradigm of institutional change in a changing world, and the transitions an individual must go through to keep up with those changes. His presentation was followed by another one on a related topic by Rob Hyman, Director of Planning and Community Development, who motivated us to look into the changes the National Jewish Community is undergoing in terms of organization, culture, and institutional focus. These two presentations, which included several sessions, constituted the spinal cord of the Institute—but there was more.

Stephen Hoffman, UJC's Executive Vice President, gave us a briefing on the overseas situation, with special emphasis on the situations in Israel and in Argentina. I have to acknowledge that when I first heard that UJC was allocating 35 million dollars for Argentina Relief, I was uneasy. Knowing the community, I was uncomfortable about how the money was going to be disbursed. Steve's presentation, however, surprised me. Since the onset of the crisis in Argentina, and through many conference calls, I was appalled by either the naivete or plain ignorance of those dealing with the situation on this end. Steve Hoffman made me feel good; he made me feel that there is, at least in the top level a good idea of what to do and how to help. The money we send to Argentina is divided into Aliyah assistance, welfare kind of support, job retraining and emigration assistance. I believe that is the right approach. We also talked about the rise of anti-semitism in the world today, especially in France and Western Europe, and how we are working with our European counterparts to make a difference.

We also had, of course, the "Program Suq," a fixed feature in all the SFEL. My problem this year is that they put me in charge of this one. In addition to the "open-table" exchange of printed material, we discuss three programs in depth, one of which was our own Media Response group that is chaired

by David Wekstein. People discussed the results, the applicability of the idea to other communities, and the pros and cons. I am proud to share with you that four communities told me they are replicating the idea!

There was of course the fun and social part of the program, such as going for dinner at Sherman's, a kosher-style deli that would make any New

Yorker feel at home; they even yell at you when you put your order. In the main thoroughfare (don't ask me the name, but it was not Main), we saw Sonny Bono very quietly sitting at a water fountain (well, yes, it was a statue after all).

I came back with many new ideas, many new insights. I hope to be able to work with all of you to make them happen. Our community deserves it.

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in the West."

MEETING URIS

The rabbi remembers the emotional moment when he first met Uris. "He came to one of my lectures after I graduated from the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. And I was speaking to a group of young leaders, not knowing he was in the audience. I happened to mention the tremendous effect the book *Exodus* had on me when I read it in Russia, and how it changed my life.

"Suddenly, a man stood up, with tears in his eyes, and told the group he was the author, and had never heard such a soul-stirring story. We became good friends after this revelation."

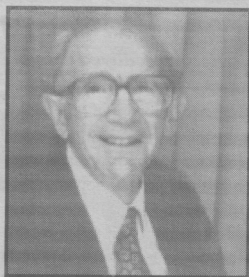
Feldman says he is convinced the book inspired the entire immigration movement. "Although there were 60 similar ships carrying desperate survivors, *Exodus* became the symbolic ship because its story was so widely read."

David Ben Gurion once said, "*Exodus* is the greatest film I have ever seen."

Central Kentuckians will have the opportunity to view *Exodus* and hear William Millman from the crew of the original *Exodus* on Sunday, April 21st, at 1:00 p.m. at the Regal Cinemas in Hamburg Pavilion. Admission is \$12.

Hadassah Women's Discussion Group May Meeting

The May meeting will take place on Thursday, May 2, 7:30 p.m., at the home of Gail Cohen, 3379 Sutherland Drive, Lexington 40517, 272-1479. Rabbi Sharon Cohen of Ohavay Zion Synagogue will join us for discussion of Jewish divorce and the issues that surround it. For questions or information call Linda Ravvin 269-4130 or Joan Flashman 223-8066.



Is it True What They Say About the French?

by Michael E. Adelstein

What irritates them also is that the violence and incidents have generally not been prominently reported in the French media. Furthermore, they accuse the French authorities, the police and officials, of downplaying the anti-Semitic acts.

For their part, the French admit that there has been an "explosion" of anti-Semitic acts, but they do so discreetly. The reason is obvious. There are 600,000 Jews in France while Muslims, who are alleged to have committed most of the incidents, number six million. With elections to be held shortly, officials are reluctant to antagonize such a powerful political group.

In addition, French authorities are annoyed with Israel for two reasons. First, Rabbi Michael Melchior, the Israeli deputy foreign minister, asserted that France was "the worst country for anti-Semitism." Then the Jewish Agency of Israel announced that it was increasing the allowance given to French Jews willing to immigrate to Israel. French authorities were angered both by the denunciation of their country and the attempts to attract French Jews to Israel.

Consequently, one can understand why the French officials and the media are reluctant to take a strong stand and speak out boldly against the perpetrators of anti-Semitic acts, allegedly Muslims and some skinheads.

In view of France's deplorable history of anti-Semitism starting with Captain Alfred Dreyfus early in this century and continuing through the Holocaust, it would be expected that the French would do everything in their power to protect their Jewish citizens. Their present failure to do so is dismaying.

I don't know what you've been reading in the Lexington paper about anti-Semitism in France because I'm on vacation in Hawaii. So if what follows is old hat, then skip it.

The facts seem to be that violence against French Jews, according to a government report, has increased from one in 1998 to nine in 1999 to 116 in 2000, the latest year for which official figures are available. That's violent acts, however they are defined. But other incidents, such as brick throwing and arson, have gone from 74 in 1998 to 60 in 1999 to 603 in 2000.

For example, children being bused to a Paris suburban school were attacked on three different occasions in the last 14 months. First, a knife was thrown through a window. At a later date, three men in a car blocked the bus, got out, one smashed a window, and another pointed a gun at the driver, telling him that this was not Tel Aviv. And recently, rocks were thrown at the children in the bus.

The main Jewish organization, the Conseil Representatif des Juifs de France (CREF) claims that the government's figures are low. Although their representatives admit that no casualties have been reported, they contend that attacks on schools, synagogues, and rabbis have become more numerous.

Exodus to be shown April 21st in celebration of Yom Ha'Atzmaut

Crewmember from the voyage will speak to Lexington theatergoers

by Ruth Poley

Exodus! What does the word mean to you? Is it simply a book of the bible? Do you remember Leon Uris' novel of that name? How about the movie?

To the more than 4500 Jewish holocaust survivors who sailed from France in July of 1947 on the President Warfield, *Exodus* meant a whole lot more. It symbolized all the attendant uncertainty with the voyage and efforts to reach eretz, and their ultimate escape to freedom.

Leon Uris' book was made into a movie starring Paul Newman and Eva Marie Saint, and released in 1960. In commemoration of that historic voyage 45 years ago, the movie has been digitally cleaned and remastered and re-released. We here in Lexington are fortunate that the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation is affording us the opportunity to see this historic film. It will be shown at the Regal Cinema in Hamburg Place on Sunday, April 21, at 11:00 p.m.

To our further good fortune, we will have as our guest speaker a member of the crew of the ship. Bill Millman was the helmsman on the President Warfield, a retired ferryboat that had plied the Chesapeake Bay during its years in service.

Bill enlisted in the United States Navy at the age of 16 and was discharged in June of 1946. In September of that year he volunteered to sail to

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Leisure Club Marks Reorganization with Lunch and Bingo

By Fran Morris

On Thursday, February 21, the Leisure Club gathered for a delicious lunch of veggie pizza and salad, and then played bingo. This was an experiment to see if Leisure Club members would support bingo programs, and the result was very favorable. About ten individuals joined together for this activity. Thanks to the

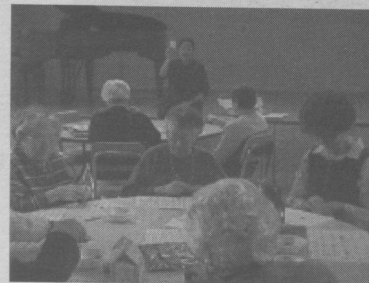
assistance of veteran bingo-caller and CKJF Activities Director, Vicki Atha, everyone could hear and see the numbers as they were called.

There were several repeat winners and each attendee went home with a lovely gift. The consensus among the group members was that they want to play

bingo again another time. We currently have bingo scheduled for the July 25 Leisure Club Potluck lunch event.

We at Leisure Club are very excited about the

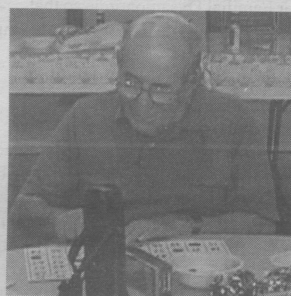
upcoming program on April 18, which will feature speaker Jerry Sander. Jerry is a veteran Channel 27 newscaster and he will be talking to us about the state of health care in the United States vs. South America. He will show us a portion of his recent broadcast in Ecuador. All community members are welcome to attend this event. It will be held on Thursday, April 18 at 12:15 pm, at Temple Adath Isreal. We will offer Subway sandwiches courtesy of Jeff Kaplan. The lunch will be free for Leisure Club members and \$7 for non-Leisure Club members. Please RSVP by April 16 to 269-8244 or email at jfs@jewishlexington.org.



Leisure Club members concentrate as Vicki Atha calls the Bingo numbers.



Liza Sheftel opens her prize.



Jack Nigoff hard at play!



Sylvia Green and Senta Frank playing a round of Bingo.

April Program for the Leisure Club

Jewish Family Services of the
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Channel 27-WKYT newscaster

who will speak about

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Rabbi Cohen is the spiritual leader of Ohavay Zion Synagogue of Lexington.

During the past few years, as medical science has advanced, we as a religious community have been presented with new issues to which we must add our voice. The debate over the definition of when life begins and abortion, the ethical implications of cloning, and the moral challenges of stem-cell research are just some of the dilemmas that we face. As Kathie Kroot discussed in her article in last month's SHALOM, organ donation is an important medical ethics issue of which all of us as Jews should be aware. On April 11th, the community will come together with Rabbi Joseph Prouser, a leading scholar in the field, to learn more about the Jewish approach to organ donation.

Jewish tradition teaches that, while human beings cannot control who lives and dies, who is healthy and who is sick, we do have the responsibility to seek to cure sickness when it occurs, as well as to take preventive measures to ward off illness and disease. One way in which medical science has helped us is this endeavor is genetic screening. Scientists for some time have made connections between certain populations and specific diseases and advancements (like the connection between ovarian cancer and Jewish women of Eastern European descent) and have allowed us to have a better picture of what we and our children might face in the future so that we can make informed decisions in the present.

For some time now, Ashkenazic Jews have been warned to be tested for Tay-Sachs disease which can affect about three percent of Jews of Eastern European origin. The number seems small, but that percentage represents ten times the risk for the general population. Tay-Sachs is a fatal neurological disease and children born with it rarely live to see their fifth birthday. By being tested for the genes that carry Tay-Sachs, couples can determine whether they will produce a child with Tay-Sachs. With that knowledge, they can then make decisions about whether they wish to have a family in the future, and if discovered soon after conception, whether abortion should be considered.

A lesser known condition, Familial Dysautonomia (FD) is another genetic disease attributed to the Jewish genome. In fact, it has been diagnosed only in people of Ashkenazic Jewish descent. This disease can greatly affect the quality and length of one's life and the distress felt by parents of children

Rabbi's Corner FD: A New Awareness

by Rabbi Sharon Cohen

born with FD can be overwhelming.

One of my teachers and colleagues at the Jewish Theological Seminary, Rabbi William Lebeau, recently sent a letter telling us about his grandson, Ezra, who a few months after birth was diagnosed with FD. At the time of Ezra's birth three years ago, genetic screening for FD was not yet available. However, researchers have since developed methods for identifying the FD gene. As with Tay-Sachs disease, Jews, especially those with Eastern European backgrounds, are being urged to seek testing for Familial Dysautonomia so that couples can make informed decisions about having children.

Below is a letter written by Rabbi Lebeau's daughter and son-in-law about their son Ezra. I share it here with the hope that it will encourage you to become aware of FD and the ways in which we can use the gifts of scientific research to fulfill our obligation to help prevent disease and illness. Please feel free to share it with others who might benefit from this important information.

Dear Friends,

Some of you may know our son Ezra as the boy who is fed with a feeding tube. Others may recognize him as the child who uses signs and gestures to communicate instead of words. Many of you may know Ezra for his infectious smile that can light up a whole room. But what all of you should know, even those who have never met Ezra is that Ezra is three years old and suffers from an Ashkenazi Jewish genetic disease called Familial Dysautonomia (FD). Familial Dysautonomia (also called Riley-Day Syndrome) is a disorder of the autonomic nervous system, which controls involuntary processes such as swallowing and digestion and regulates body temperature and blood pressure. Symptoms vary, but often include excessive sweating, vomiting, frequent pneumonia and problems with speech, balance, and coordination. One hallmark symptom of the disorder is the inability to produce tears. The disorder also interferes with perceptions of sensations such as pain and heat. Children with FD often do not

feel pain and may break a bone or burn themselves without being aware of the injury. FD can be fatal and half of those affected do not live to be 30.

Why are we telling you this now? Approximately one in 30 Ashkenazi Jews carries the FD gene. The FD gene is as prevalent as the gene for Tay-Sachs. If both parents are carriers of this recessive gene, there is a 25 percent chance with each pregnancy of giving birth to a child affected with FD. Until very recently, there was no way of knowing you were a carrier of the FD gene unless you had a child with the disease. However, after a long search, the gene, which causes FD, has now been identified and widespread genetic screening will be available. Through increased awareness, the Jewish community can help reduce the incidence of FD. It is our hope that genetic testing for FD will become as common among Jews as screening for Tay-Sachs.

Ezra has spent a lot of time in the hospital and has had numerous illnesses and surgeries. Physical activities that come easily to many people, such as eating, speaking, and waking up in the morning are monumental tasks for Ezra. As a result of ongoing medical treatments and therapies, Ezra in many ways has been able to experience life like any other three-year-old. He enjoys puzzles, games and videos, and attends preschool. He is very social, and clearly understands everything we say (even when we don't think he is listening). Ezra manages to take all of this in stride. His bright outlook is a never-ending source of strength for us.

For more information on testing for FD and other genetic diseases, contact Mount Sinai Center for Jewish Genetic Diseases at 212-659-6700 or the Dysautonomia Genetics Counseling Center at NYU at 212-263-5746. For more information about FD, you can access www.fdvillage.org or www.familialdysautonomia.org. We would like to thank the community for your ongoing support, and welcome any questions you may have about FD.

Sincerely, Adena Lebeau and Jeff Kress

Tikkun Lexington Steering Committee Meets

By Ted Friedman

A steering committee of community volunteers met on March 4, 2002 at the CKJF office to discuss Tikkun Lexington volunteer programs. Some subjects raised were the need for coordination between persons who have access to methods of finding where needs exist and finding people to fill these needs.

Tikkun Olam, the Jewish tenet for "fixing the world" is an important aspect of Judaism. We all need to be reminded at times, that we have a responsibility to fulfill this purpose.

Some of the Tikkun tasks discussed were:

- Nursing Home/Elderly Visitation programs
- Assisting with food shopping for Kosher items
- Setting up a Telephone Tree
- Assisting out-of-town families here for medical services

Methods for maintaining the quality and level of volunteer services were discussed. The committee is planning an informal gathering for all those interested in sharing ideas and offering input.

Welcome to Camp Shalom 2002

Camp Shalom is a day camp sponsored by the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation. Activities are geared to encourage unity, fun, and learning for children 4 through 10 years of age.

Jewish themes are incorporated into the daily program through music, games, drama, arts and crafts. At the end of each fun-filled week we will welcome the Sabbath together with candles, blessings, songs, and challah. Children of all denominations are invited to attend.

Our staff is headed by the Camp Director, Kathy Feinberg, who will be supported by adult specialists in arts & crafts, physical activities, drama, and pre K camp. A terrific bunch of counselors round out the Camp Shalom line-up for 2002.

Camp Shalom 2002 will run for two weeks, July 29 - August 9, at the Lansdowne Club in Lexington, Kentucky. Our 4-year-olds* attend Pre K Camp from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, Monday through Friday. Campers aged 5 - 10 attend from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday through

Friday.

STAFF WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR EARLY DROP-OFF AT 8:30 AM

* PRE K CAMPERS MUST HAVE BEEN 4 BY OCTOBER 1, 2001

Children are enrolled on a weekly basis, and may attend one or both sessions. Let Camp Shalom provide your children with lots of fun and a lifetime of memories!

The Theme for
CAMP SHALOM 2002 is
The Environment & Jewish Life!!

Camper's Check List

Food: •Campers must bring a lunch daily.

•Please do NOT include any pork or shellfish.

Lunches will be refrigerated.

(Pre K campers do not stay for lunch)

Attire: •Backpack

•Shorts and t-shirts

•Sneakers (no sandals please)



Swimming: Campers will be swimming every day, weather permitting. Please bring the following items:

- Sunscreen
- Swim suit & pool shoes (i.e. flip flops)
- Towel
- Goggles (optional)

Every camper will receive one very cool Camp Shalom t-shirt!

A non-refundable \$50 Registration fee, per camper, is due by May 15, 2002. This deposit will be applied towards tuition.

Balance due by June 14, 2002.

TUITION

Camp Shalom	\$135.00
5 - 10 yrs. old	per week
Pre K Camp	\$ 70.00
4 yrs. old	per week

Enrollment is on a first come, first served basis. Early registration is strongly suggested.

CAMP SHALOM 2002 APPLICATION

July 29 - August 9, 2002 at the Lansdowne Club

Parent's Name _____ Home Phone _____
Address _____ Business Phone _____
Child's Name _____ Age _____ Birthday _____

Please enroll for Camp Shalom (5-10 yrs. old):

Week 1: 7/29 - 8/2 X \$135 = _____

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Total Tuition = _____



Please enroll for Pre K Camp
(4 yrs. old by October 1, 2002):

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Total Tuition = _____

NON-REFUNDABLE \$50 PER CAMPER DEPOSIT DUE WITH APPLICATION
BY MAY 15, 2002

BALANCE DUE BY JUNE 14, 2002

Please make checks payable to CKJF 340 Romany Road, Lexington, KY 40502
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ASK JFS ABOUT... How to keep kids occupied during the summer

Ask JFS About... is a monthly advice column with questions from members of the community requiring assistance with a wide range of issues. If you have a problem or a concern that you would like addressed in this Shalom column, please send your queries to Ask JFS c/o Jewish Family Services, 340 Romany Road, Lexington, KY 40502. You can also call in your confidential questions at 269-8244 or email them to us at: JFS@JewishLexington.org.

Dear JFS,

Summer is almost here and while I look forward to longer days and sunny weather, sometimes it is difficult to plan activities for my children while school is out. Since both my husband and I work full-time, I constantly try to find new and different things for the kids to do. Any ideas?

Sincerely,
Working mom

Dear Working,

Finding fun and meaningful activities for your children to participate in over the summer can seem

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are, the more functional we will be in the new environment created by change, and if we can manage to make that adaptation a constant work in progress, we become, in fact, agents of change and not its passive recipients. We call this internal process of adaptation to change "transition." Change and transition need therefore to be constant companions.

Let me close by applying these concepts to a tale we all know. Moses brought the people out of Egypt - that was an irreversible change, for going back to Egypt even as slaves could never be going back to the way things were, for the Israelites and the Egyptian society were changed by the Exodus. In English: "You can't go home again," or in the words of Confucius, you "never bathe twice in the same river." Yet the Exodus was one part of the transformation, the external one. The Israelites needed to stop seeing themselves as slaves and perceive themselves as free men and women. As we know, they failed repeatedly, and were constantly asking Moses to take them back, but nowhere was the failure to make the internal transition so clear as in the story of the twelve spies. When the twelve scouts / spies came back to Moses saying, "The land is indeed a land of milk and honey, but it is full of giants we will not be able to defeat," God's answer was "OK, then the next generation will."

The slaves abandoned the physical Egypt (Mitzraim), but stayed in the mental prison of their own narrowness (Metzarim). Let us go forth from Egypt and our own narrowness, from Mitzraim and from the Metzarim. Change and transition are not the same, but they go well together.

like a daunting task, but it doesn't have to be. You will learn that there are many opportunities for your children in Lexington during the summer months.

First, if your children are aged 4-10, they can be campers at the CKJF-sponsored Camp Shalom, held at the Lansdowne Club. This year we are celebrating the 35th anniversary of the start of Camp Shalom! The dates for camp this year are July 29 - August 9. If your children are aged 13 or older, they can apply to be counselors at Camp Shalom. If you have not received your Camp Shalom brochure in the mail, please call the CKJF office at 268-0672 and we will send one to you.

Besides local camp, you may consider sending your children to sleep-away camp in another state. This community has sent children to camp G.U.C.I in Indiana, to camp Ramah in Wisconsin, to camp Livingston in Ohio, and Camp Judaea in North Carolina, to name a few. It is too late for this year, but keep in mind for next year, if you want to send your child to a Jewish camp, local or otherwise, CKJF has scholarship funds set aside specifically

for this purpose.

If camp is not an option, or to fill in extra time here at home, the Living Arts and Science Center offers nine different one-week classes for children in the summer, starting at 18 months of age and up. Classes range from art projects to science and ecology projects. You can reach the Center at 252-5222 for more specific information on class schedules. For active children, you can try calling the Fayette county division of Parks & Recreation at 288-2900. They provide a variety of sport and aquatic activities for children of all ages. At the Lexington Children's Theatre, 254-4546, there are acting classes for children in the summer, as well as plays for children to attend. Finally, you can try calling the Lexington Children's Museum at 258-3258 to find out what special programs they feature during the summer.

If you still have questions regarding care for your children while school is out, please call JFS at 269-8244 so we can discuss further options. Happy summer!

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Klezmer/Balkan Dance Workshop

The International Folk Dancers are pleased to announce a Klezmer/Balkan Dance Workshop with Erik Bendix on Sunday, April 14, at Temple Adath Israel, 124 N. Ashland Ave., Lexington, Ky. Anyone who heard the Cincinnati Klezmer Project concern back in December can attest to the contagious enthusiasm that klezmer music can produce.

Klezmer session 1pm-3pm

Adults \$8.00

Children 12-18 years \$4.00

Children under 12 free

The first 30 minutes will have simple dances that children 5-8 years old can enjoy.

Balkan Session (dances of eastern Europe) 3:15 pm until 6:30 pm

Adults \$13.00

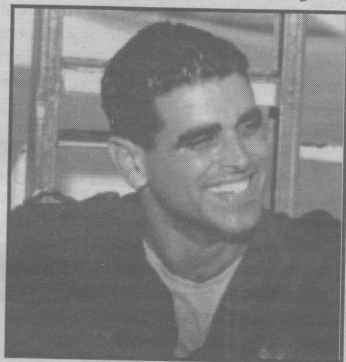
Children 12-18 years \$7.00

There is a \$3.00 senior and student discount for both sessions.

The afternoon session will be followed by a potluck supper and a request dance session. For more information, contact Meg Crellin 859-245-2758 or megcrellin@earthlink.net.

Israeli Air Force Commander to Address Central Kentuckians at Community Campaign Kick-off Event

Tal Keinan knows American Jews, for he grew up in Miami and made aliyah at the age of twenty. After finishing his



B.A. at Tel-Aviv University he entered the Israeli Air Force as a combat pilot, rising in the ranks to Air combat instructor and commander of the IAF Flight Instructors' course. He provides a rich and unique perspective on Israel-Diaspora relations from the vantage point of his personal journey as an "Oleh" and his experiences as an American Israeli. His service in the Air Force gives him also an interesting "in" on security issues.

At a time when the Jewish people is witnessing an open onslaught on Israel by the Palestinians and a sharp rise in Anti-Jewish propaganda throughout the Arab World and Europe, and at a time when the World is becoming a very dangerous place, his perspective becomes extremely important. When Argentinean Jews are in dire need of help, when French Jews are emigrating due to rise in anti-semitism, when Israeli Jews are under attack, and we American Jews are

redefining ourselves, we will have a look at the idea of being One People through the eyes of an Israeli.

The Community Campaign raises the funds needed to provide services to the local community through Jewish Family Services, Community Activities, the Jewish Student Union/Hillel, Tikkun Lexington, Camp Shalom, and the Community Relations Committee of the Federation. We also send almost 35 % of our Campaign to provide services in Israel and to Jewish communities and individuals in need around the world. We help provide food, shelter, clothing and medications in Argentina and Ethiopia, emergency food packages to elderly Jews in Russia and the former Soviet Republics, and medical services in India and Southeast Asia. Through our participation in Campaign, we become larger than ourselves and connected to "Am Israel" - the Jewish People.

Through our national organization, the United Jewish Communities, we also provided help and cash assistance to the victims of the September 11 attacks.

Join us on May 5th, at 6:30 PM at the Makers' Mark Restaurant at the Applebees Park. You will have a chance to be with other community members, to listen to a very important speaker, and to cast your vote in the form of a commitment to the 2002 UJC/CKJF Community Campaign. Together we Stand with Israel and the Jewish People.

UK Jewish Student Organization/Hillel Foundation Notes

by Austin Cantor

JSO members in the area were hosted by Susan Goldstein, JSO Associate Advisor, in Lexington. Susan has been having the students at her home for Passover for the past six years. The Seder ritual was observed, and a lovely selection of Passover foods was served.

Students continue to meet each week on Thursday for "Dinner at the Dorm" held at Blazer Hall. Upcoming activities include a presentation of the documentary Exodus 1947, in celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut.

The Jewish Student Organization/Hillel Foundation serves as the representative of

Jewish students and the local Jewish community on the University of Kentucky campus. It is our goal to provide students an avenue to social, education, spiritual, and affiliational aspects of Judaism. All undergraduate, graduate, and professional students as well as those at all of the other institutions of higher education in the Central Kentucky area are invited to become members of Hillel. For more information, contact Vicki Atha at Central Kentucky Jewish Federation 268-0762 or email vicki@jewishlexington.org.

Local AIPAC Chapter to Host Fundraiser

The Lexington Chapter of the American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) is hosting a special program with guest speaker Steve Rosen, AIPAC National Director of Foreign Policies. The program, is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10th, at 7:30 PM at the home of Linda and Leon Ravvin. A minimum commitment of \$ 100 to AIPAC is expected.

In this troubled times for Israel, the role of AIPAC as the American Jewish community's leading pro-Israel advocate with our government is crucial. If you are interested in participating, please

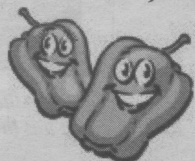
contact any of the members of the Lexington host committee: Alison and Bret Caller, Susan and Steve Caller, Harriet and Leon Cooper, Vinnie and Lou Dubilier, Evelyn Geller,

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Tikkun Lexington Brings Purim Joy to Stewart Home

by Tucky Williams

Stewart Home School is a residential school for the developmentally disabled. The purpose of Tikkun Lexington is the promotion of volunteer services. Tikkun has provided holiday programs for Jewish residents of the school since Tikkun's inception in November 2000.

Purim was celebrated this past February in a very special way, when Tikkun Lexington held a Purim party at Stewart Home School in Frankfort. Residents of the school gathered in the campus kitchen for the event, which was every bit as much fun for the Tikkun Lexington volunteers

as it was for those who attended.

The evening began as Judi Oer, a Tikkun volunteer, told a lively and interactive version of the Purim story to an enthusiastic group of residents armed with graggers provided by Temple Adath Israel. The volunteers (who included Dawn Moore, Ruth Moser, and Tucky Williams) then assisted residents as they used markers, colored paper, and glue to create face masks of their favorite character from the story. Afterward, residents happily indulged in homemade hamentaschen, compliments of Ohavay Zion synagogue. Vicki Atha, Community

Activities Coordinator, played the guitar and sang Purim songs and traditional Jewish folk songs. The festivities kicked into high gear as residents put on their masks as they danced and sang with joyous abandon to the music.

As a volunteer for the event, let me attest to the fact that there truly is no greater joy than being of service to others. My visits to Stewart Home School have provided me with more happy memories than I could have imagined. I encourage all those who are interested to participate.

There are many more mitzvot to be fulfilled! For more information on Tikkun Lexington, or to become a volunteer, call Vicki Atha at CKJF at 268-0672.

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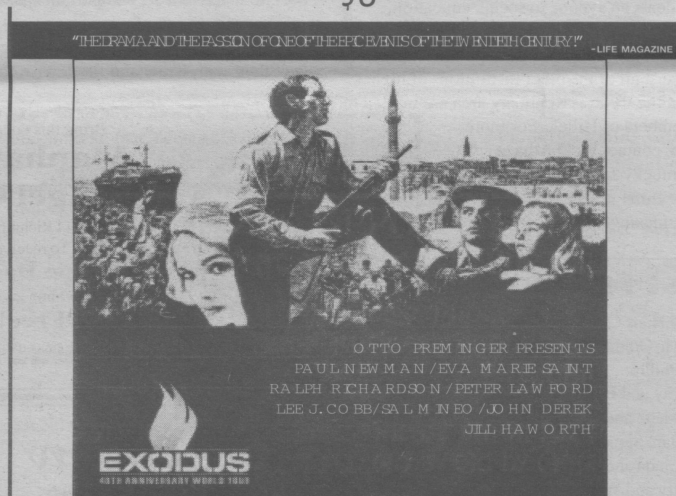
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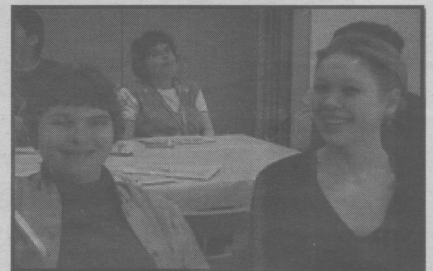


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Volunteer Tucky Williams and Stewart Home School students listen as the Purim story is told by volunteer Judith Oer. (not pictured)



Volunteer Dawn Moore assists Stewart Home School Student to make a Purim mask.



Vicki Atha sings Purim songs while students act out the Purim story.

Lexingtonians Go to D.C. for Conference

by Gabriella Pessah

The weekend of February 10-12, Fran Morris, Jonathan Miller, and Gabriella Pessah had the opportunity to attend the United Jewish Communities Young Leadership Conference, "Washington 13," in Washington, D.C. We joined a group from Lexington and 2500 other young Jewish leaders from across North America and Israel.

The conference began with the opening plenary session on Sunday afternoon, at which several motivating speakers presented. It was soon apparent that this was not going to be an ordinary conference. We heard stirring words from Senator Joseph Lieberman, and were moved and entertained by Comedian Richard Lewis.

The next day and a half were filled with a variety of break-out sessions. Topics for these sessions included: spirituality, US-Israel relations, the Middle East peace process, domestic political issues, and the war on terrorism. There were so many intriguing possibilities, that it was often difficult to choose just one session in a given time period.

The most emotional portion of the conference was Monday evening's plenary session. Six individuals took their turn on stage to tell us personal stories of their life experiences and how the United Jewish Communities (UJC) has helped them and

impacted their lives. A young woman from the former Soviet Union spoke of finding Judaism in her late teens and connecting with others at the UJC-sponsored Hillel house in St. Petersburg. A woman who made aliyah from Ethiopia told of how her father's encouragement, her own strength, and UJC's assistance helped her become an influential television personality in Israel; and she is now able to help other immigrant families. The impact of Argentina's financial crisis on its Jewish community was described by a young Argentinian man. He has made aliyah to Israel, but recently returned home to visit his family. The words of all these individuals, moved many of us in the audience to tears.

Another important portion of the conference were the visits to Capitol Hill. Attendees met with their respective senators and members of Congress to discuss several issues of concern to the national Jewish community. These issues included continued aid to Israel, funding for social service block grants, and grants for naturally occurring retirement communities.

While most of the weekend was about education, awareness, and activism, there were also a number of oppor-

tunities for networking and social interaction. The semi-formal B'nai Mitzvah party to celebrate the 13th bi-annual Washington conference was a lot of fun.

We returned home physically tired, but mentally energized and excited about UJC, Young Leadership, and our roles in our local Jewish community. We strongly encourage all young leaders in Lexington to join us March 12-14, 2003 for the Central Region Young Leadership conference in Pittsburgh, PA. Please don't hesitate to talk with Jonathan, Fran, or me to give you more specific details about what occurs at these inspiring conferences, and we hope to see you in 2003!



Fran Morris and Gabriella Pessah hold up the Kentucky sign at the plenary session.

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B'tay Avon

by Ruth Poley



Our recipe this month is for a particularly Jewish version of chickpeas. While we tend to think of chickpeas (or garbanzo beans) primarily as they relate to Italian cuisine, or ground up into hummus, dried chickpeas have always been a staple starch throughout the Mediterranean. Jews dispersed into the diaspora, however, took them with them as they traveled north and east; thus we find them turning up in eastern European Jewish recipes.

My grandmother, who was born and raised in Latvia, frequently served nahit as a snack. My father loved it and my grandmother always enjoyed making the chickpeas for him. I remember sitting at my Bubbe's oilcloth-covered kitchen table in Brooklyn, with an ashtray encircled by a miniature

rubber tire (some advertiser's giveaway) and a bowl of nahit on the table. My father would eat them out of hand as if they were the greatest culinary delicacy, and my grandmother would kvell. I tasted the nahit once when I was a child and decided it was inedible (probably because the chickpeas weren't covered in chocolate). My tastes have become more sophisticated as I've grown older and I now appreciate the smooth texture and subtle flavor of these versatile beans, as well as their dietary advantages; they're rich in protein and fiber and low in fat.

The following recipe is from Raymond Sokolov's book, *The Jewish-American Kitchen*. Try it-it's easy to make and fat-free. Just remember not to eat too much in polite company; chickpeas are, after all, legumes!

Nahit

Ingredients:

2 cups dried chickpeas
salt and freshly ground black pepper

Directions:

Wash and pick over the chickpeas. Soak them overnight in water to cover; drain. Place the chickpeas in a large saucepan with cold water to cover and bring to a boil. Add salt, and simmer until tender, anywhere from 1 to 3 hours, depending on the freshness of the beans. Add boiling water from time to time to keep the beans covered.

Drain the beans and dry well with paper towels. Place in a serving bowl and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

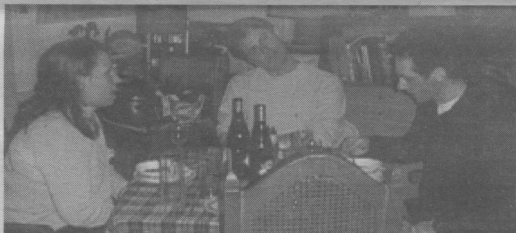
SINGLES CELEBRATE PURIM

by Chas Hite

Jewish singles from Lexington and Louisville gathered in Lexington on the eve of February 23rd to get an early start on their Purim celebrations under the sponsorship of Jewish Family Services of CKJF. A lovely three-course meal, video arcade games, and a Havdallah service were the

evening's highlights. No one will forget about Mike's (not-so) sweet potato pie! A number of singles new to the group attended and made new friends. Hag Sameach Purim! The beauty of this singles group is that there are constantly new faces and interesting people to meet at every event. If

you would like more information about the Lexington Jewish Singles group, please contact Fran Morris at 269-8244 or email her at jfs@jewishlexington.org.



Jennifer Brooks, Mike Mayer, and Jonathan Tasman hang out.



Singles' attendees enjoy a sit-down dinner.



Debi Tannebaum holds the havdallah candle.

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Palestine to aid the European refugees. As one of the few crewmembers with any nautical experience, he was assigned to the wheelhouse. He was with the ship as it crossed the Atlantic to France, on to Italy to be retrofitted, and back to France to pick up its passengers. When, 20 miles off the coast of Palestine, the British attached, the crew and passengers raised the flag changing the name of the ship to Exodus, 1947. Hence, the title of the subsequent book and movie.

Bill was shot in the jaw during the battle, and after six weeks of recuperation, was, in his own words, "deported back to the United States by the British." In 1999 he narrated the documentary, "Exodus-Desperate Voyage," for the History Channel.

Bill has some great stories to tell about the journey and the ensuing battle, and interesting insights about this episode in Jewish history. I urge you to attend this movie and listen to Bill's talk. This program makes a fitting celebration of Yom Ha' Atzmaut, for this incident certainly was an important chapter in Israel's march to independence.

This program is sponsored by the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation. Again, that's Sunday, April 21, 1:00 p.m. at the Regal Cinema. Tickets are \$6.00 and seats are limited. Please order as soon as possible. There's an order form on page 12 of this newsletter, or call Vicki at the CKJF (268-0672).

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A COMMUNAL VOICE

By Dr. Laurence Kant

As delegates from the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, Daniel Chejefec and I had the wonderful opportunity in mid-February to participate in Jewish democracy under the auspices of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA) annual plenum. Formerly known as NJCRAC, the JCPA brings together representatives from local community relations committees (CRC's) all across the United States and from numerous national organizations that cover the broad spectrum of American Judaism. Focusing particularly on the relations of Jewish organizations to the broader non-Jewish public, the plenum helps participants to comprehend issues of importance to the Jewish community and to advocate effectively for causes that matter to us, such as Israel, civil rights, human dignity (which includes combatting anti-semitism and racism), civil liberties, economic and social justice, and literacy. The plenum also provides considerable assistance to those of us involved in interfaith and intercultural dialogue.

Numerous breakout sessions included all sorts of interesting topics: e.g. Israel advocacy, refugees and immigrants, Arab/Muslim-Jewish dialogue, faith-based initiatives, race relations in the aftermath of Durban, energy independence and global security, and Jews in American politics. We had the privilege to hear dynamic speakers ranging from Michael Melchior (Israel's deputy foreign minister) and Ambassador Dennis Ross to Marian Wright Edelman (Founder and President of the Children's Defense Fund), Ruth Bader Ginsberg (Associate Justice of the Supreme Court), and Daniel Pipes (Middle East expert).

The highlight of the event occurred on a Monday evening when we all gathered to discuss and vote on various draft resolutions. After lively debate and considerable give and take, the participants came together to support a variety of resolutions that give a snapshot of the broad consensus of current Jewish opinion in the United States. Such a reunion of mishpuchah!

Rabbi Joseph Prouser to speak on Pekuah Nefesh Life Saving Gifts Jewish Perspective on Organ Donation

On Thursday, April 11th at 8:00 p.m., Rabbi Joseph Prouser will speak on the topic of organ donation from a Jewish Perspective. Rabbi Prouser, 1988 graduate of JTS, is a member of Rabbinical Assembly's Committee on Jewish Law and Standards. He wrote a Responsum entitled Chesed or Chiyuv? The Obligation to Preserve Life and the Question of Post-Mortem Organ Donation. The Responsum was adopted by the Law Committee and is nationally distributed. Rabbi Prouser will discuss his own ruling, ignorance among Jews about this aspect of our religious tradition, and how we can reverse this trend. This talk will be held at the University of Kentucky Singletary Center.

Moosnick Lectures Series Continues

Presenter

Dr. Hanna Liss

**Moosnick Visiting Professor
of Jewish Studies**

German-Jewish Symbiosis?

Reconsidering Gershom Scholem

April 7, 2002 Ohavay Zion Synagogue 7:30 PM

*The Sins of the Prophets: Biblical Characters
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May 9, 2002 Temple Adath Israel 7:30 PM

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Dateline "couples" Share Thoughts, Encourage Singles to Join, Not Miss Out on Opportunities

Welcoming and warm," "comfortable," "extremely private," "professional" and "all-inclusive" are terms used to describe Wise Jewish Dateline by two married couples who met through the tri-state Jewish dating service. Marge and Jeff Faber and Dedra and Dan Perlmutter of Cincinnati strongly encourage singles in the area to find out about and to participate in Dateline. The service, which is sponsored by Cincinnati's Isaac M. Wise Temple and operates its central office there, is open to all singles in Lexington, Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton, Indianapolis, and

Louisville—whether or not they are affiliated with any congregation in their community. It is partially funded by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati and has been funded by Federation since its inception in 1994. Dateline offers the important opportunity for singles 21 and up to meet potential dates on a one-on-one basis. After seven years in successful operations its focus remains the same: member privacy and member choices. Currently, the age range is from the early 20s to the early 80s.

Couples who have met through Dateline have stated that they like the fact that prospective dates

for members are not only from their city, but also live in and around six cities in the tri-state area. Copies of the profile books are in "satellite" offices in those cities. The satellite office in Lexington is at Jewish Family Services, 269-8244.

You can contact the Lexington office for an application packet, you can call the central office directly at 513-745-9573, or email Dateline at dateline@wisetemple.org. The website, www.wisejewishdateline.org, is a source of information about the service and procedure.

Dr. Hannah Liss continued from front page

Judaic Studies as Lexington Theological Seminary. Central Kentucky learned much from the words and wisdom of scholars who traditionally delivered three lectures. This year the seminary and the community are even more fortunate. The series has been expanded into the Moosnick Distinguished Visiting Professorship of Jewish Studies; into a semester long stay by Dr. Hanna Liss, a learned and respected scholar and teacher of Jewish Studies.

Dr. Liss's report of how she came to her interest in, study of, and commitment to Judaism and Jewish Studies is fascinating! Dr. Liss spent her childhood in Hanover, Germany, a city with a post-World War II Jewish community of less than 40,000; about 20% of the pre-holocaust Jewish population. Like most of the Jewish families there, hers was an assimilated one. She knew she was Jew and a Zionist, but knew nothing about the Jewish people and our history or about Judaism as a religion. In her teens she began learning about a different Jewish life from Jews who immigrated to Germany from Poland. Her words are that she now "understood that there was a Jewish way of life" and that there was more to Judaism than Zionism. This new insight piqued her intellect to the point that she began formal studies. These led her to an MA in Bible Studies from the University of Munich, a year of study at Hebrew University, and a Ph.D. - earned magna cum laude - in Jewish Studies from the University of Berlin Institute of Jewish Studies. Dr. Liss credits her studies with bringing her to a Jewish way of living.

From her curriculum vitae, her academic and literary accomplishments, and her extraordinary store of knowledge, one might expect Dr. Liss to be a formidable individual. Not so! She is a warm and welcoming person, deeply interested in the person with whom she is speaking. In addition, she is dedicated to her family; her husband Eli Landthaler-Liss, her 5 year old daughter Orah, and her 3 year old son Noam. We are fortunate indeed to have Dr. Liss among us for the semester.

How she came to be the first Moosnick Distinguished Visiting Professor of Jewish Studies at Lexington Theological Seminary is another interesting story. When the professorship was announced in a Jewish publication, Dr. Liss had just completed

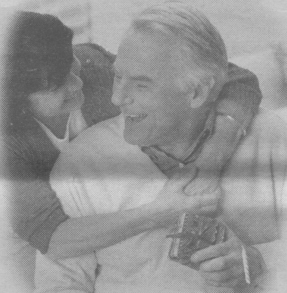
her second book and had realized that she was more interested in teaching than in research. Although she had no idea of who the Disciples of Christ were, she applied for the position. Only after she was awarded the professorship, did she find out where Lexington, Kentucky is!

Dr. Liss visits us from a professorial position at the University of Heidelberg College of Jewish Studies. There she teaches in, and continues to publish about, her areas of expertise: Prophecy in the Hebrew Bible, Biblical Exegesis, Jewish Exegesis and Jewish Thought, Biblical Hermeneutics in Medieval and Modern Judaism, Medieval Rabbinic Commentators, and Modern Approaches to the Hebrew Bible. The depth of her abilities is overwhelming; I had to go to the dictionary for help with some of the terms.

This semester she is teaching two courses at the Seminary, Rabbinic Literature and Modern Jewish Thought in the Period of Enlightenment. In addition, Dr. Liss will present the traditional three Moosnick Lectures. The first was a most understandable and attention-grabbing treatise on "The Heritage of Their Fathers: Jewish Orthodox Bible Scholars in the 19th and 20th Century and the Debate of the Hebrew Bible." Her second presentation is entitled "German-Jewish Symbiosis? Reconsidering Gershom Scholem." It will be delivered on April 7, 2002 at Ohavay Zion Syna-

gogue at 7:30 PM. Her last series lecture, "The Sins of the Prophets: Biblical characters Through Rabbinic Lenses," is scheduled for May 9, 2002 at Temple Adath Israel at 7:30 PM.

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Around The Community



CKJF - Central Kentucky Jewish Federation (340 Romany Road, 268-0672, Marty Barr, President)

OZS - Ohavay Zion Synagogue (2048 Edgewater Court, 266-8050, Bennett Bayer, President)

Daily Minyan Mon.-Thurs. at 5:45 p.m.; Kabbalat Services Friday evening at 8:00 p.m., except the fourth Friday of the month at 6:00 p.m.;
Shabbat services Saturday at 9:45 a.m.

TAI - Temple Adath Israel (124 N. Ashland Ave., 269-2979, Jane Grise, President)

Shabbat Services Friday 7:30 p.m.; Worship Service Saturday 10:30 a.m.

HAD - Lexington Chapter of Hadassah (Nancy Menard, President)

HAV - The Lexington Havurah, 272-1459 (Ernie Cohen, President)

Shabbat Services monthly. Call for schedule.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Passover	Passover	Passover ends for Reform movement CKJF Office closed	Passover ends for Conservative movement CKJF Office closed Tikkun visits Stewart Home 6 pm		
March 31	April 1	2	3	4	5	6
Yom Hashoah Community Commemoration w/Dr. Hannah Liss 7:30 OZS		Yom Hashoah Chabad Rabbi 12:00 pm at CKJF office	JFS Meeting 6:30 p.m. Shalom deadline AIPAC event at Ravvins' home 7:30 p.m.	Hadassah/KODA Organ donation OZS		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Klezmer/Balkan Dance workshop 1-3 p.m. TAI		Yom Hazikaron	Community Relations meeting 7:00 p.m. CKJF Yom Ha'Atzmaut	Leisure Club subway with Jerry Sander 12:15 TAI		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
EXODUS Showing Regal Cinema 1-5 p.m. as Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration		Hadassah Silent Auction 7:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. CKJF CKJF Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. CKJF	Pesach Sheini Jon Keller Bar Mitzvah OZS		Jon Keller Bar Mitzvah OZS
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Hadassah Regional Conference in NYC		Lag B'Omer		Hadassah Discussion Group 7:30		
28	29	30	May 1	2	3	4
2002 CKJF Annual Campaign Kickoff at Applebee's Park			JFS Meeting 6:30 CKJF	Moosnick Lecture Series 7:30 TAI		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11

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The Social Action Committee is busy planning ways to lend a hand to people in need. Select the mitzvah of your choice and reap the rewards, while making a difference in people's lives.

Hold On To Your Kipot!

Late-breaking news flash for OZS members of ALL AGES!

WHAT? Synagogue Community Retreat

WHEN? Friday Night (6ish) thru Sunday Noon, April 19-21, 2002

WHERE? At the Camp Livingston Facility in beautiful rural Indiana (about a 2 1/2 hour drive)

WHY? Sharing Shabbat and Spring among good friends and family

COST \$75 per adult
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and Help

Harrison Elementary – Meaningful Mentoring

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To sign up please call Ricki Rosenberg @ 269-2300.

Ronald McDonald House – comforting with food

The Ronald McDonald House provides a "home away from home" for families traveling to Lexington to seek medical care for their children. After a long day at the hospital, these families love to come home to a hot, cooked meal. OZS is committing to provide dinner for the families (generally from 20 - 40 people) on the **SECOND SUNDAY** of each month. Volunteers would take food for preparation to the Ronald McDonald House (the health department doesn't permit food cooked at home to be brought in, although baked goods may be taken.) The preparation, serving, and putting away of leftovers takes about three hours. The Ronald McDonald House is located right behind KET off Cooper Drive.

To sign up for a Sunday, or if you'd like to go to Ronald's and prepare food to be frozen for a family's later use, please call Alison Caller @ 266-5282.

G-d's Pantry – A family night out

This organization receives donated food and distributes it throughout our community to those in need. G-d's Pantry has set aside the third Thursday of every month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for our synagogue. There are three tasks that we can do to help. The first task is rebagging cereal, the second task is food sorting and the last is repackaging food. Please bring the whole family and join us to work together for a wonderful cause. G-d's Pantry is located on South Forbes Road in Lexington. To sign up please call Angela Dubilier @ 266-1229.

Gan Shalom Registration

Believe it or not, registration for the coming school year is already in full swing! This year we have three options and fee structures for our program. As you know, there are 2 classrooms: The Toddler Room (18 months-3 years) and the Preschool Room (3-4 year olds, pre-K).

Part-Time (8:00 am - 11:30 am, M-F), \$215/month

Lunch & Fun (8:00am-1:00pm M-F), \$310/month
Children enjoy the morning program plus lunch with their friends.

Full-Time (8:00am-5:30pm, M-F), \$515/month

If you have not received your enrollment information, please call Jennifer Goldman @ 335-9922. Remember OZS Members receive priority placement in the Gan Shalom program.

WANT TO HELP OZS!

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Adult Jewish Growth

Larry Kant Presents: Finding a Jewish path while the ground shifts beneath us

The calendar for the Adult Jewish Growth Programs to be held on Sundays at 10 AM is as follows:

April 14

Various topics will be discussed. Come join the group for a lively, educational experience.

Everyone is invited to drop in for

LUNCH & TALMUD

on Wednesdays from 12:30-1:30 PM

Bring a sack lunch and we will provide drinks. We will study from the Steinsaltz Talmud a little at a time. No reservation required. The dates are:

April 10 & 24, May 8 & 22.

Youth Education Director Position Available

The TAI Youth Education Committee is now accepting applications for the position of Religious Educational Director for the 2002-2003 school year.

A fundamental purpose of any synagogue is to be a house of learning. It is our responsibility to effectively communicate the richness of our vast Jewish heritage to our children. In order to properly serve our children, Temple Adath Israel intends to retain the services of a Religious Education Director. The expected time commitment for this position is 80 hours per month. The primary responsibilities of the director will be:

Administrative Tasks

1. Attendance is required one-half hour before and after sessions on Sunday and Monday afternoon Hebrew School.
2. Attendance is encouraged at Family Shabbat services, Consecration, and Confirmation.
3. Attendance is required at monthly Board of Trustees meetings and youth Education Committee meetings.
4. Plans and conducts faculty meetings.
5. Prepares the yearly calendar, class schedules, and teacher assignments.
6. Plans and conducts all special programs for the school.
7. Makes room and set-up arrangements for regular classes and special programs.
8. Oversees and monitors school safety policies and conditions.
9. Supervises the ordering of all books, materials, craft and office supplies.
10. Prepares the annual budget with the Youth Education Committee.
11. Creates all registration forms, publicity materials, and school handbook.

Curriculum

1. Coordinates the teachers and curriculum of the Religious School.
2. Develops new programs and activities.
3. Develops innovative school-wide creative experiences.
4. Monitors, evaluates, and updates the curriculum on a school-wide and class-by-class basis.
5. Attends continuing education programs to obtain information about current teaching techniques and programming.

Staff

1. Recruits, interviews, and hires all teachers, substitutes, and aides for all classes.
2. Supervises and evaluates all staff.
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Please submit a resume and/or letter of application to the Temple Office c/o Youth Education Committee - Confidential. Should you need additional information, contact Linda Ravvin at 269-4130.

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