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Israel Independence Day Celebration



It's Israel's birthday! On the fifth day of the Jewish month of Iyar, which corresponds this year to April 23, Israel will turn 67 years old. The years go by, and our young country continues to evolve and grow. At the

writing of this article, we are anticipating elections in Israel. And now it is time to celebrate Israel, with our love of the land, of the people, of the arts, of the beach, and of our spiritual home.

This year, on Sunday, April 26, 2015, at Ohavay Zion Synagogue at 4 p.m., our community will come together to celebrate.

We will savor Israeli wine, tasting several wonderful wines from Ha'aretz (The Land).

We will integrate our wine tasting into an exploration of the Declaration of the Establishment of the State of Israel. Members of our community will share with us their perspectives of the text, and look at the vision. We will lovingly reflect what we wanted in 1948, and what we want now.

And the celebration will be studded by special activities and tables, including:

- An Israeli book swap – participants are invited to bring books about Israel, and/or by Israeli authors, to swap with each other.

- Nail painting – participants can get their nails painted in blue and white.

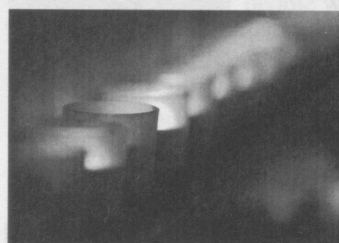
- Shop – selling Israeli products.

- Food – since there is always food.

A \$5 contribution is strongly requested to defray costs of this program.

This will be a time to come together, to celebrate, to reflect, and to dream.

Yom HaShoah Commemoration to be held on April 19



The Jewish Community's annual commemoration of Yom HaShoah will be held on Sunday, April 19, at 10:15 a.m. at Temple Adath Israel. This year's theme will be the 70th Anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz.

The program will include a service of commemoration, a short film on the topic of liberation followed by table discussions, and the presentation of awards to the winners of the Emilie Szekely Holocaust Awareness Writing Project. The combined choirs of Ohavay Zion Synagogue and Temple Adath Israel under the direction of Jaemi Loeb and Lorne Dechtenberg will perform. The religious schools of both congregations will meet together at Temple Adath Israel and will study age appropriate lessons related to the Holocaust.

For information, please call Judy Wortman at 268-0672, or email her at jfb@jewishlexington.org.

CAMPAIGN NEWS

Thank You Super Sunday Donors and Volunteers

The 2015 Annual Community Campaign was launched on Sunday, March 1. We were able to reach 96 households and they pledged a total of \$22,310. We are so grateful for our donors who help us change lives. Thank you also to our wonderful volunteers who worked tirelessly to reach our donors and encourage them to contribute. Our volunteers this year were Mike Ades, Dianne Bazell, Marcia Blacker, Evalyn Block, Jane Chaput, Susan Cobin, David Feinberg, Kathy Feinberg, Lynn Furness, Jenn Garlin, Barbara Goldman, Mike Grossman, Mickey Hernandez, Larry Kant, Janice Newman, Bob Orbach, Angie Ornstein, Judy Saxe, Stanley Saxe, Ken Slepian, Hanna Smith, and Rabbi Uri Smith. Thanks also to our staff for all their help.

Please save the date of Sunday, May 17 for our Major
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Gifts brunch which will again take place at the home of Linda and Leon Ravvin. The guest speakers are Jeff Polson and Tiffany Faber, the Executive Director and Board Coordinator of the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence in Louisville. This foundation has partnered with the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass and has helped fund transportation services for Camp Shalom as well as the salaries of our camp nurse and Jewish program specialist.

For more information and registration, please call Judy Wortman at 268-0672.

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University of Kentucky Jewish Studies

April Events

By Emily Cottingham

The University of Kentucky Jewish Studies Program is proud to feature a number of events this April. The second half of the "Year of the Middle East" – part of the "Passport to the World" series – is in full swing, and with it comes a few experiences that can't be missed. In particular, the program is especially excited to host two large events this month, a talk with the author Claudia Roden and a performance by the female ensemble, Divahn. These opportunities promise to be engaging and interesting, and are open to students, faculty, and community members.

– "Gefilte Fish and Couscous" with Claudia Roden
April 16 at 7 p.m. – UKAA Auditorium, W.T. Young Library



Claudia Roden will talk about the development of Jewish cuisines and the stories behind them, and her experiences working on The Book of Jewish Food.

Roden was born in Egypt, and moved to London during her childhood. She was drawn to the subject of food, born out of a desire to evoke her own lost heritage, and wrote

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about the cooking of the Middle East, North Africa, the Mediterranean, Italy, Spanish, and Jewish food. Her book has won eight awards, including the James Beard Best Cookbook of the Year and the National Jewish Book Award in the USA.

She has written other books, including *The Book of Middle Eastern Food* (1968), which is said to have "revolutionized Western attitudes to the cuisines of the Middle East and North Africa." It was inducted into the James Beard Cookbook Hall of Fame in 2010.

- Performance by Divahn – April 30



Iranian descended vocalist and scholar, Galeet Darda-shti, leads the NY-based renowned all-female powerhouse Middle Eastern Jewish ensemble, Divahn. The group has gained an international following with its fresh and fiery take on Jewish music: eclectic Indian, Middle Eastern, and Latin percussion, lush string arrangements and vocals spanning Hebrew, Judeo-Spanish, Persian, Arabic, and Aramaic. The band has performed in venues ranging from top international concert halls and festivals to the most prestigious clubs in NYC, and has appeared with some of the most renowned master musicians. As one of the few groups performing Judeo-Persian and Judeo-Arab music in the US, Divahn welcomes its audiences to a beautiful sphere of shared Jewish and Muslim culture. They will perform in a FREE concert at 7pm on April 30 at Center Theater.

For a full list of the April UK Jewish Studies events, visit: <https://jewishstudies.as.uky.edu/calendar>



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Editorial

Barbara L. Goldman



"Hope is the companion of power and the mother of success; for who so hopes strongly has within him the gift of miracles." - Samuel Smiles

"Why is this night different from all other nights?" As a Jewish people we have many traditions. This question is one of the most

important questions celebrated by Jews, as a people, of the many different Jewish communities of the world every year. Together, on Friday April 3, 2015, we as a people, will ask this vitally important question yet again, followed by an observance of other delicious questions and acknowledgements.

Although this question falls upon the youngest participant of the seder to ask, Passover speaks to every generation. Each instrumental element, the food, the frolic, and the heritage, speak together invaluable reminding us of the right to freedom.

Growing up, Passover was my favorite holiday. I understood the basic aspects of the holiday as a child but as an adult many particulars of the holiday have become all the more reason to celebrate with each passing year.

According to Exodus, the Israelites were serving as slaves in Egypt. Moses was sent by G-d to demand their release. Passover commemorates the birth of a Jewish nation by G-d. On Passover we celebrate freedom by inviting our friends, loved ones, and worldly compatriots into our homes.

Passover has always amazed me because it is such an amazing celebration of freedom and tradition. G-d wants us to be free. Freedom is a right everyone, everywhere is entitled to have. Regardless of religious belief, that is something all children of the world can appreciate. No matter, what the year of the Passover celebration, the holiday speaks to each generation because of the dictatorships, modern slaveries, and apocracies constantly constricting the dreams, hopes, and beliefs of cultures in populations across the world.

On Passover we open our doors to the Prophet Elijah while opening our hearts to G-d. This serves as a reminder that G-d will take care of us. We are not alone. Passover is not only a holiday memorializing freedom, but it is a tradition in which we commemorate hope. Hope motivates people. Hope reminds us that the freedoms of our heart are attainable and within reach. Hope serves as a reminder of the devoted community around us, dedicated to being free.

Happy Pesach.



Director's Report

Judy B. Wortman

A Message to our Donors

In this month's Shalom, you will find our list of donors to the 2014 annual campaign. We have listed them by category and noted how many additional gifts in each category we received from individuals who preferred not to be listed by

name. The total of gifts we received is about \$300,000. This is close to the same amount that we have received for the last three years. Like most other federations nationally, we have not reached the level we had achieved prior to the 2008 economic downturn. The unfortunate news is that a number of our generous donors have passed away. Others have moved away from Lexington. While we have a number of new, young donors, they are not in the financial position to be able to give as much as those people whose gifts we have lost.

On behalf the Federation Board and the staff, I would like to thank you for your generous contributions to the 2014 campaign. To those of you who have already given to the 2015 campaign, I send an additional thank you. I hope all of you will tell your children that you have made a gift to the Jewish community and encourage them to do the same wherever they may live.

In addition to thanking you for your generosity, I would like you to know how your contributions are making a difference in the lives of our own Jewish community and in the lives of our sisters and brothers in Israel and throughout the world. More than $\frac{3}{4}$ of the funds we raise stay here in central Kentucky. Funds are used to subsidize Camp Shalom, provide scholarships and camperships to children for Camp Shalom, other Jewish resident camps, and teen Israel experiences. Other children's programs are PJ Library and our new playgroup for tots co-sponsored by the 2 congregations. We also have reserved funds to subsidize participants in Jewish youth group conferences and conventions. The Federation sponsors programs of informal Jewish education including Lunch and Learn with our community rabbis, the Global Day of Jewish Learning, One Book Lexington, and Arts and Adventures - monthly program for seniors. We also sponsor the Yom HaShoah commemoration and Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration. We publish the Shalom newspaper and provide community emails to inform

the community about the events sponsored by Federation, the congregations, Hadassah and B'nai B'rith. Through Jewish Family Services we provide counseling, referrals, and emergency financial assistance to those in need. Quite a bit of the JFS director's time is working with older adults and their families and referring them to services that help them remain in their own homes and in other cases making referrals to assisted-living facilities and nursing homes.

Funds donated to Federation go to national organizations including Birthright Israel, Jewish Federations of North America, Association of Jewish Family and Children's Services, and Jewish Council for Public Affairs. Internationally our funds go to the Jewish Agency for Israel and American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, both of which provide services to Jewish families and individuals in Israel and in 70 countries around the world who are in need or in danger. We also fund World Ort which provides vocational schools for Jewish students throughout the world. Our Equine Division continues to provide funds for the horseback riding therapy program at the Ben Yakir Youth Aliyah Village.

One gift to Federation provides so much to so many. Thank you for helping us to make a difference.

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Make a donation to the Jewish Federation in honor or memory of someone, or in celebration of a special occasion, and help JFB nurture the values of tikkun olam (repairing the world), tzedakah (charity and social justice) and Torah (Jewish learning) within our Jewish community at home and abroad.

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Celebrate your loved ones and support our Jewish community by giving a special contribution. Thank you for your support.

Hadassah to Honor Judy and Stanley Saxe



On September 6, 2015, the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah will honor two beloved members of our community, Judy and Stanley Saxe. The gala tribute dinner will be held at the Embassy

Suites on Newtown Pike. The featured speaker will be Marcie Natan, National President of Hadassah.

The Saxes have lived in Lexington since 1962, when Stanley was recruited as part of the faculty that opened the dental school at UK. Judy has served in various leadership positions at Ohavay Zion Synagogue, and was the first professional director of what was then called the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation from 1981-1986.

Judy became involved in the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah in the mid-sixties, serving as President from 1972-1974. She served in various positions on the regional (Central States) level, becoming regional President from 1987-1990. Since that time, Judy has been a member of the Hadassah National Board, and was installed as a National Vice President in 1995 at the convention held in Israel. Judy's great love is Young Judeaea, and she currently acts as National Chair of Young Judeaea Regional Programs. In 2012, during Hadassah's Centennial Celebration, Judy was nationally honored as one of "100 Women of Hadassah" for her many years of service and accomplishments.

Aside from being Judy's strong supporter and patient spouse, Stanley has served on the Board of Directors at Ohavay Zion Synagogue and is a past President of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation. He is a founding member of the Lexington Havurah and served as President several times. He is, of course, a Hadassah Associate and was a visiting professor at Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Dental Medicine in Jerusalem in 1970. A graduate of the Harvard School of Dental Medicine, Stanley is now professor emeritus of periodontics and geriatric dentistry at the University of Kentucky.

Stanley and Judy have three grown children, Harriet and Natalie, both life members of Hadassah, and son Neal, an associate. They have three granddaughters, Zoe, Olivia and Hila, who were born at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem.

Please plan to join the celebration of this extraordinary couple and their service to the Jewish community of Lexington and beyond.

B'tayavon:

Zucchini with Lemon and Thyme

By: Vivian Bitensky

(Serves four)

3 medium zucchini

4 Tbsp extra-virgin olive oil

1 tbsp fresh lemon juice

1 tsp fresh thyme leaves

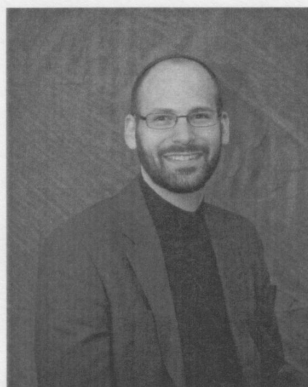
Cut 3 medium zucchini into large pieces. In a large skillet, heat 2 Tbsp extra-virgin olive oil over medium high. Add half the zucchini, and toss to coat in oil.

Season the skillet with coarse salt and ground pepper. Cook until golden brown in spots (about four minutes). Transfer zucchini to a serving bowl. Repeat with two more teaspoons of oil and the remaining zucchini. Stir batches together and add one Tbsp fresh lemon juice and one tsp fresh thyme leaves. Season the dish with salt and pepper.

Enjoy!

JFB Women's Philanthropy Event March 19, 2015





Ask a Rabbi— Rabbi Moshe Smolkin

Q: I am always challenged by the passage in the Haggadah that asks God to pour out God's wrath. What are some Jewish perspectives or alternatives to this passage?

A: In the aftermath of the decimation of Jew-

ish communities during the Crusades, the following passage was incorporated into the Hagaddah:

Pour Your wrath upon the nations that do not know You and upon the kingdoms that do not call Your name, for they have consumed Jacob and destroyed his habitation. (Psalms 79:6-7) Pour upon them Your fury, and let Your furious anger come upon them. (Psalms 69:25) Pursue them in anger and destroy them from under the heavens of Adonai! (Lamentations 3:66)

For the communities who experienced or had heard of the decimation of Jewish communities during the Crusades, feelings of pain, anger, hatred, and vengeance would have been very natural. Many of us and our fellow Americans may have experienced similar feelings after the attacks of 9/11. Some may have had feelings of wanting our enemies to be completely and utterly undone. These feelings are natural.

On the other hand, these verses seem to recommend vengeance, rather than justice. In light of the Torah's injunction 'Justice, justice, you shall pursue!' (Deuteronomy 16:20) and the Psalmists call 'Seek out peace, and pursue it!' (Psalms 34:15), these verses are challenging.

This is combined with the fact that before the crusades, the passage *Pour Out Thy Wrath* was not part of the Hagaddah. Prior to the incorporation of this passage, the Hagaddah was focused on our celebration of our redemption from bondage in Egypt and our tremendous gratitude to God for freeing us. The insertion of these vengeful verses shifted the liturgical mood of the evening.

For some of us, this may feel fine. Our world has certainly not been redeemed, and anti-Jewish sentiment around the world has risen once again. It is only natural to have feelings similar to the passage.

For others, our commitment to peace and justice may make saying these verses, even as a recollection of our ancestors' feelings, simply untenable.

Here are a few alternative readings that might better fit the sense of ultimate redemption that this holiday of freedom anticipates.

One common alternative is the prayer that was either discovered, or perhaps created, by Rabbi Hayyim Bloch:

Pour Your love upon the nations who know You and upon the kingdoms who call upon Your name, for the kindnesses that they do for the seed of Jacob and for their protection of Your people from those who would consume them. May they merit to see the Sukkah of Your chosen ones and to rejoice in the joy of Your nation.

This positive restatement of the traditional verses can be refreshing. Rather than speaking of vengeance against our enemies, it continues the liturgical theme of gratitude. Rather than focusing on our enemies, we are thankful for the help of our allies.

Still, questions remain about this formulation. It is certainly focused on our people, though that may be just fine since Passover is the celebration of our people's liberation from bondage. On the other hand, it misses a broader sense of the world that Judaism envisions when we wish for redemption for all of God's children.

While not as readily found, there is the alternative that was suggested by Rabbi Leopold Stein:

Pour Your spirit upon all flesh, and may all peoples come to worship You together and with common speech that Adonai's sovereignty be realized.

Here we have a suggested reading that moves beyond the focus on our people and evokes the visions of our prophets for a more universal redemption. "For then I will change the peoples so that they may all come to call upon the name of Adonai together and with clear speech." (Zephaniah 3:9) "Nation shall not take up sword against nation; neither shall they again learn war." (Isaiah 2:4) "For the world will be filled with the knowledge of Adonai, as water covers the sea." (Isaiah 11:9)

In this alternative, we leave our anger behind, and move beyond the focus on our own people, as we follow the visions of the prophets in hoping and praying for the redemption of all humanity. Perhaps this better fits the ultimate intention of the messianic era that Elijah the prophet is supposed to usher in, as we pray for a world in which all of God's children will join in peace and love as they come together to give thanks to God.

For some, the passage *Pour Out Thy Wrath* may continue to be meaningful. For others, one of the alternatives mentioned in this article may be more mean-

Moosnick Lectures

Professor Susannah Heschel, the Eli Black Professor of Jewish Studies at Dartmouth College, will present at Transylvania University on Tuesday, April 28, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in Carrick Theater. Her talk is entitled "Scholarship and Ethics: How Do Jews and Christian Connect?"

Her presentation at Ohavay Zion Synagogue will be on Wednesday, April 29, at 7:00 p.m. The title for that presentation is "The Life and Legacy of Abraham Joshua Heschel: Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity."

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ingful. And for still others, there may be a need for additional alternatives that could address our pain and our hopes for the world's ultimate redemption.

Have a question? Ask a rabbi

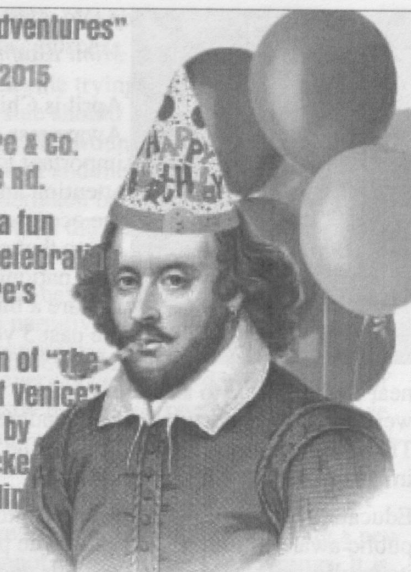
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ASK JFS

Mimi Kaufman

April is Child Abuse Awareness month. It is important to stop and give attention and thought to the occurrence of child abuse that occurs every year nationally. The statistics are a bit alarming. In the past 5 years there have been 350 fatalities and

near fatalities due to abuse or neglect. Last year there were 19,407 substantiated abuse and neglect cases. There were 89,193 reports that met the criteria to be investigated.

Educational campaigns are necessary to make the public aware of the seriousness of the problem and its implications. Hospitals, schools and community agencies have critical roles to help with prevention but they really cannot fully shoulder the responsibility. There are certainly many prevention strategies and programs to support parents and future parents. Our Federation's Jewish Family Services is a Community Partner with Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky (PCAKY). As a community, we can help to shoulder that responsibility. Prevent Child Abuse America is committed to preventing child abuse before it occurs. Since child maltreatment is a complex problem with a multitude of causes, an approach to prevention must respond to a range of needs.

I see evidence of what one might call "protective factors" all year within our Jewish community. Both congregations have wonderful religious school programs with leaders who put great care and thought into caring for our young families. We have quality preschools in our community. We have a community play group for families of kids ages 4 and under. All of these things are wonderful protective factors in the sphere of influencing healthy families. While I am "tooting" our communities horn, I also want to thank our congregations for all of the work that they do to help others like the partnering with Ashland School's backpack program, Habitat for Humanity volunteering, Mitzvah crib to benefit the Nest, Gods Pantry volunteering and many other social outreach projects. All of these things matter. Whether we realize it or not, we are lowering child abuse maltreatment risks every day with all of these activities.

Here are a few reminders of how we can all have a positive influence on children and parents every day:

1. Be a good example. Respect your family mem-

bers. Use a courteous tone of voice with them. When children misbehave, let them know that you dislike what they did not who they are. Reward good behavior. Apologize when you are wrong.

2. Be a friend to a parent. Having a friend to confide in when you are angry with your children can help to ease frustrations and tensions. Invite a parent to exercise with you to relieve stress. Children are usually better behaved when their parents are relaxed and happy.

3. Reach out to a relative or neighbor in need. Offer to babysit to give them a break.

4. Praise and encourage the children you know. Every child can benefit from a cheerleader that is not their mom or dad. It can mean the world to a child. Be that positive force in a child's life. Tell them if you are proud of them and give them compliments when deserved.

In summary, prevention is key in breaking cycles of neglect and abuse. However, it is also all of our responsibility to report neglect or abuse. You can actually make a report on line as long as it is not a situation that requires an emergency response. If the situation is life-threatening, call the local law enforcement or 911. If you wish to speak with someone you can call Kentucky's statewide Child Abuse Hotline Number 1-877-597-2331.

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How to Become a Rodef Shalom

By Gary Yarus

Many Jews don't want to accept the inescapable historical truth that May 15th is not only Israel's Independence Day but also Nakba Day, "the catastrophe", for Palestinians. This date can't help but incorporate not only the Jewish narrative but also the Palestinian story.

These views were substantiated when Avrum Burg an Israeli author and Knesset member, asked the practical and pivotal question: Can the Nakba and Independence Day coexist in the same space? Burg replied, if the answer is that the two are mutually exclusive, it then follows that key clauses in Israel's Declaration of Independence mandating equality for all, a State fostering development for the benefit of all its inhabitants, ensuring the complete equality of social and political rights to all inhabitants should then be officially revoked.

If the answer is that the two cannot coexist, Israel becomes the state for all the Jews only with the Palestinians treated as second-class citizens. Israel will be Jewish, yes, but hardly democratic.

There is another possible answer? One that allows for a joint, mutually respectful existence, which favorably accommodates one narrative that is joyful and the other sorrowful, side by side.

It is clear the Israeli narrative of events in May 1948 are in need of an intervention from the blind acceptance of faux history staked out for nearly seven

decades. The Nakba must be absorbed into the Jewish mainstream consciousness.

Rather than each side trying to competitively trump the other, each side should honestly try to listen to the feelings, the hurt, the wounds, the fears of the "other". No deep existential and meaningful peace settlement will ever be undertaken before an authentic dialogue is fomented between the different memories, traumas and histories.

Nothing good will befall anyone if history takes in only the Jewish narrative and not the narrative of all Palestinians. No progress towards peace and justice will occur if at every occasion we don't take note of the entirety of Israeli history – one people alongside the "other" living with respect, security, self determination and peace.

We cannot change the past. History doesn't work that way. But we can mold the future. Creating a new wrong today cannot amend yesterday's wrongs. It is our obligation to remember that, according to Zionist rhetoric, olim, Jewish immigrants to Israel, are by definition, not refugees. Aliyah, "ascent" to Israel, is a positive ideological decision, while refugee status is a negative result of expulsion, flight and defeat. In contrast to the Zionist olim, large numbers of Palestinians are refugees in every respect.

We, as Jews, should be willing to accept the duality of Israel's historical past. I am hoping there are people within our Jewish community willing to explore the possibilities.

Let's get together and talk. Let us all strive to become a Rodef Shalom, a pursuer of peace, and walk a new future together.

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Deadline for applications is April 1, 2015.

Applications can be requested from JFS.

For more information, contact
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ISRAEL21C: Fasino Wins Global "Best App of the Year" at Mobile World Congress

By Viva Sarah Press

Haran Wolfovitz Yaffe and Omri Erez triumph over 800 other nominees in the 'Oscars for the mobile world.'



Fasino celebrates its win for Best App Award at the Mobile Premier Awards in Barcelona. (mobilepremierawards.com)

Two Israeli entrepreneurs, Haran Wolfovitz Yaffe and

Omri Erez, are the big winners of the Mobile Premier Awards (MPA) at the Mobile World Congress this year. Their app, Fasino, which connects musicians and fans, won the prestigious 'Best App of the Year' award. Yaffe and Erez beat out 15 other finalists in what is known as the 'Oscars for the mobile world.' Altogether, there were 800 nominees vying for the 'App of the Year' honor at the 2015 Mobile World Congress last week in Barcelona.

The music app helps fans connect to the artists they love and helps musicians keep up with their fans. "The app allows both sides to communicate with one another, both the artist and the fan," said the app designers, according to a report in Jewish Business News. "The idea is to help musical artists overcome a dwindling market in the area of music in the last few years and strengthen the relationship between the artist and his audience."

Yaffe, who dubs himself an alt-rock musician and tech entrepreneur, told Geektime that the fans-musician relationship is key.

"That basic connection that happens between an artist and his audience, we want to bring that back to life again. This is the juice that keeps musicians going. This is why artists work," he told Geektime.

In 2010, Israeli mobile navigation application, Waze, won the MPA award.

Yom HaShoah April 19 10:15am



at Temple Adath Israel. Program will include reflection, discussion, lighting of memorial candles, as well as presentation of Emilie Szekely Holocaust Essay Awards.

April 26 4:00pm at Ohavay Zion Synagogue. Enjoy a wine tasting, Israeli book swap, nail painting, and a discussion of the Declaration of the Establishment of the State of Israel!



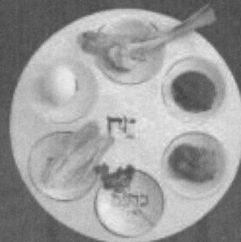
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*"If Winter comes, can
Spring be far behind?"*
Ode to the West Wind,
Percy Bysshe Shelley,
1792 - 1822

After a winter of record-breaking cold in much of the country, we are more than ready for spring. And nothing says Spring like Passover. Beginning Friday evening, April 3, Jews around the world will retell the story of our journey from slavery to freedom, and celebrate with seder and song, surrounded by those we love. The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah wishes you a heartfelt, Hag Pesah Sameah. Happy Passover.

More spring excitement! The first of April, is the beginning of Hadassah's new walking program, "Every Step Counts." The "road" from our New York headquarters to our hospitals in Jerusalem is virtual, but the challenge is real. Sign up today and track your steps for six months. You will be amazed how much ground you cover. Nifty milestone pop-ups will encourage you along the way. No need to be an athlete (there are three levels to choose from.) Every step you take while shopping for your seder, setting the table, or hiding the afikomen, counts. It's fun and healthy, healthy, healthy for your heart.

To encourage participation in "Every Step Counts" the Lexington chapter is presenting a kick-off event on April 12 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the Downtown Library (Room A). A panel of experts will be discussing heart health, particularly as it relates to women and physical activity such as walking. Dr. Kevin Pearson of the University of Kentucky will be discussing nutrition and lifestyle as it applies to the prevention of cardiovascular disease. Kevin's wife, Sarah, is a member of our Hadassah chapter, and his mother-in-law, Merry Lynne Lincove of Columbus, OH is on the Central States Region (CSR) board. Dr. Leryn Reynolds, also from UK, is an exercise physiologist and will be talking about the effect of physical activity on the cardiovascular system and about "step counts". Dr. Sylvia Cerel-Suhl, also a member of our chapter, is the past president of the Central Kentucky American Heart Association board and a strong advocate of a "smoke-free" Kentucky. She will address heart disease, risks and prevention from a woman's perspective.

Representatives from John's Run/Walk Shop will also be available to offer safety tips and discuss proper attire and the correct shoes to wear when walking. All

of the panelists will take questions from the audience, and you can expect some heart-healthy snacks along with all of that valuable information about your health. All ages and ability levels are welcome, and you do not have to be a member of Hadassah to participate. Look for information about monthly buddy walks that we are planning to keep each other motivated and walking!

Spring means summer is just around the corner, and Jewish camping experiences are a tradition in many families. Young Judaea has been a leader for decades helping to strengthen young Jewish identities through camps like YJ Midwest and summer trips to Israel, such as the one taken by several local teens last summer. On May 31 (Memorial Day weekend) we will gather for a shared meal to benefit Young Judaea scholarships. The fundraiser will be held at the home of Dr. Bob and Judy Baumann. Look for more information coming your way, but the concept is simple. Bring a (vegetarian) dish to share and a donation of \$18, and spend the evening mingling with your friends and celebrating the arrival of summer.

So, join us for a heart healthy walk this spring and show your support for Young Judaea in May. There is always something going on with the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah. Education, programming, advocacy, and support for Israel are all part of Hadassah: The Power of Women Who Do.

B'Shalom,

Melanie



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THE LEXINGTON HAVURAH

Gail Cohen, President

The Lexington Havurah, founded in 1978, is a network of diverse people dedicated to Jewish learning and renewal, community building, and tikkun olam (repairing the world). A havurah is defined as a gathering or community of friends. The Lexington Havurah is affiliated with the United Synagogues of Conservative Judaism and the National Havurah Committee. Members plan, conduct, and share responsibility for all services. For additional information about services or membership in the Havurah, please contact me at gail.cohen@twc.com.

By Judy Goldsmith

What is the purpose of a Passover seder?

I know that there are answers in the Haggadot, some fairly standard: To tell the story. To relive the exodus. To remember. To join together in fellowship and shared history and retell the age-old holiday tale: "They tried to kill us. They failed. Pass the wine. Let's eat."

A friend has complained about the newcomers to his seder, who didn't know that Elijah's cup is the solution to the debate about whether we should drink four or five glasses of wine during the seder. Elijah would sort this out when he arrives. My friend and his wife want to consider the subtle ramifications of this, not introduce the newbies to the idea of Elijah's return.

I had not known of this interpretation either, but didn't want to interrupt my friend's rant. I would be curious to know about the subtle ramifications that scholars have seen in this custom. But I don't know if any at my seder table will enlighten me on this. I won't assign homework to the participants, and I don't know whether I will have time to investigate myself.

I agree that the seder should be a time of learning, preferably for everyone at the table. It should be a time when all questions can be entertained, assumptions and traditions scrutinized, easy or rote answers set aside for subtler or more controversial ones. Like my friend's seder, ours is a mix of the usual suspects and newcomers, both Jewish and not. We tell the story, and try to imagine ourselves into ancient Egypt, into the heat and deprivations of the desert, and then, looking across to the Promised Land.

What aids our imagination best? This varies. For some of us, it is the daily detail of life in those settings. For those who return every year to the place we first imagined when we were children, the addition of new and possibly contradictory details can disrupt our abilities to transport ourselves in our minds. For some, the smells, tastes, and melodies brings us back, if not to Mitzrayim, then to the seders of our youth. Matzah balls, gefilte fish, Manishevitz. Matzah. Those jellied "fruit" slices. Hard-boiled eggs, salt water, parsley.

For some of us, the standard melodies, tellings, argu-

ments, and comestibles drag us into a rut filled with family history but only a few generations' worth. To really understand that we stood at Sinai, that we crossed the Red Sea, that we were slaves in Egypt requires something that breaks through the rut.

Or perhaps it's enough to remember the feeling of once believing we were there.

The Havurah service for the Pesach season will be Saturday, April 11. For details, please contact Gail Cohen at 272-1459. Bring your imagination. We'll supply the melodies.

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CONGREGATIONAL PASSOVER SEDER

Please join us for our congregational Seder on **Friday, April 3 at 6:00 p.m.** as we celebrate our freedom, thank God, and delight in eating Matzo Ball Soup and Gefilte Fish, Salmon, Potatoes and Vegetables, plus a delicious Kosher for Passover Dessert. We will drink our Wine, Juice or Other Beverages, and have a wonderful evening together. Prepaid RSVP's are required. Adults - \$20.00. Children under 10 - \$8.00. Please make your reservation by clicking here.

FINDING YOUR FAMILY'S STORY - GENEALOGY PROGRAM

Please join us on **Sunday, April 19 from 3:00-5:30 p.m.** for a workshop on Finding your Family.

MOOSNICK LECTURES

Professor Susannah Heschel, the Eli Black Professor of Jewish Studies at Dartmouth College, will present at **Transylvania University on Tuesday, April 28, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.** in Carrick Theater. Her talk is entitled "Scholarship and Ethics: How Do Jews and Christian Connect?"

Her presentation at Ohavay Zion Synagogue will be on **Wednesday, April 29, at 7:00 p.m.** The title for that presentation is "The Life and Legacy of Abraham Joshua Heschel: Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity."

PJ PLAYGROUP

April 12 at TAI from 10:15-11:30 a.m. Families with kids under 4: Come play! We come together as a community on the second Sunday of each month (mostly) during the school year for a playgroup for our littlest kids and parents/guardians. Please RSVP to pjlibrary@jewishlexington.org so we have enough snacks.

KIDS SHABBAT

Please join us for Kids Shabbat, **Friday, April 17 at 5:30 p.m.**, as we light candles, drink grape juice, have something to eat, sit together on beautiful carpets, sing songs, and read amazing stories from the PJ Library. Newcomers and friends are always welcome! RSVP to the office if you can join us.

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

Please join us any Saturday morning of the year, as Ohavay Zion Synagogue celebrates Shabbat. We begin at 9:30 a.m., though please feel free to join at any time during the service. Our worship is filled with joyous song and fascinating Torah discussions. The service concludes around noon, and all are invited to schmooze over lunch after the service. This is a wonderful way to celebrate Shabbat and to meet some nice Jewish folks here in Lexington. Newcomers and friends are always welcome!

TUESDAY MINYAN

Tuesday Minyan is a special time at OZS. During this brief service, students and adults both pray and learn together. There is a warm atmosphere and something for everyone to enjoy. Please join us **Tuesday afternoons from 5:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.** All are welcome!

BACKPACKING FOR GOD'S PANTRY

Join us each month during the school year as backpacks are filled with food that children take home on weekends from Mary Todd Elementary School. All of the food is child-friendly, nonperishable, easily consumed and vitamin fortified. Check weekly announcements & Facebook for date & times.

STUDYING THE PROPHETS

Please join us Wednesdays at noon as we explore the book of **Jeremiah** through the teachings of our Jewish tradition. We have a wonderfully diverse group of learners and terrific conversations. All are welcome!

TALMUD STUDY

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

INTERESTED IN OZS?

Ohavay Zion Synagogue is a warm and welcoming Jewish community. If you are interested, or if you know someone who may be interested in learning more about Ohavay Zion Synagogue, please call the office at 859-266-8050 or email Rabbi Smolkin at Rabbi.Smolkin@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you!

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WHO WE ARE

Temple Adath Israel is a Reform Jewish congregation - We celebrate Torah, Justice, Tradition, and Faith. Our mission is to inspire Jews, to ensure a vibrant Jewish present and future by nurturing a multi-generational love for our tradition. Our "Community Center" approach to Judaism gives families a host of unique ways in which to love living relevant, soulful and experiential Jewish lives. Please call the Temple Administrator for more information if you are interested in affiliating with the Temple. The phone number is 269-2979.

FAMILY SHABBAT

Our lively Family Shabbat takes place on the second Friday of each month at 7 p.m. We sing songs and enjoy great stories geared to our families and their young children, but with valuable messages for all. TAI has a potluck dinner preceding the service at 6 p.m. on Family Shabbat night. **We will not have a Family Shabbat in April due to Passover. Our next Family Shabbat will be on May 8th.**

KIDS' SHABBAT

Our Kids' Shabbat Friday night service is held on the last Friday of each month (during the school year) and is geared towards children 7 years old and younger and their families. **Our next Kids' Shabbat will be April 24.**

PJ LIBRARY READING TIME

TAI has dedicated space in our Youth Library and our Anita Mersack Outdoor Reading Garden for families to share in our growing collection of PJ Library Books, before, during, and after religious school. The collection is in our Youth Library and our Librarian Leona Stern loves to share in reading time with many families or even just one. These books provide our young children with wonderful introductions to the magic of Jewish storytelling.

KOLLEL STUDY GROUP

Kollel meets at 9 a.m. every two weeks in the TAI Library. The group explores cultural, ethical, and its historical aspects of our 4000-year tradition. The emphasis is on dialogue and exploration. Please join us any time. **Our next sessions will be April 4 and 18.**

TALMUD STUDY

We are studying the *Pirke Avot*, a section of the Talmud on alternate Saturdays at 9 a.m. in the library. The discussion is always lively and informative and you can join the group anytime. **We will meet on April 11 and 28.**

PARSHA

Join us each Saturday morning at 11 a.m. in the library as we take a look at the Torah portion for each week. Various Temple members will lead some discussions and everyone will take turns. **We will meet on April 4, 11, 18, and 25.**

SISTERHOOD NEWS

I hope that everyone has recovered from the snowy days in March, and that we are looking at sunny skies! (or even rainy ones - just no snow!)

Sisterhood has had a great year so far, and we look forward to more fun times with new and old friends! It was a small group that ventured to Panda Cuisine for our last dinner out, but the conversation was interesting and fun!

We invite the congregation to join with Sisterhood in worship as we lead the service on April 24 at 7:00 p.m. Each year we look forwarding to leading the congregation and introducing TAI to more of what Sisterhood is all about.

If you have not joined Sisterhood yet this year, please contact Deb Flomenhoft at dflomenhoft@gmail.com for membership materials. You can also contact Laura Creamer at 269-2979. Either of us would be happy to help!

Happy Passover! I hope that you all have a wonderful holiday.

Laura Creamer

Sisterhood President

GENERATION TAI

Generation TAI is our Chavurah group for young adults. Programming runs the spectrum from worship to social action and from Shabbat to holiday meals. This month we will be having a few events:

April 2nd-Pre Passover dinner-Location TBD

April 3rd - Gen TAI Passover Seder

April 7th -All About Matza Cooking event at TAI

Please contact Reva Schottenstein at rschott86@hotmail.com or call her at 859-221-9473 to reserve your seat.

IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the loss of Julia Fink, sister of Jane Auer (Steve).

--- AROUND THE COMMUNITY ---

Please note: Information for Around the Community comes to us from a variety of individuals and Jewish institutions. It's a pretty haphazard arrangement; except for b'nai mitzvah, we do not have the resources or staff to collect information or research each item. If you would like to see an event or life passage in your family acknowledged here, please be sure we get the full and correct information as you would like to see it printed. Send notices to shalom@jewishlexington.org. Remember, we welcome photos too!

Mazal Tov to:

- Andrea and Alek Stang on the birth of their daughter, Aviva Nita Stang, on February 24.

Condolences to:

- Jane (Steve) Auer, for the loss of her sister Julia Fink.
- Leon (Harriet) Cooper, for the loss of his brother Arnold (Maish) Cooper.

Why do we have to
wait so long to eat?

Why do I have to sing?

Why do we have to
have **matzah**
the whole week?

Why do I have to sit
at the kids' table?

Why am I always
the youngest?

Why can't we just
help people?

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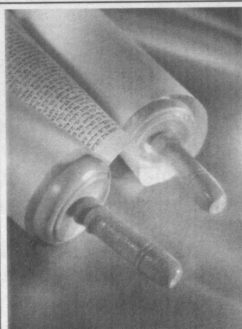
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