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Super Sunday

On February 27, our community volunteers came together, as we do every year, to reach out to as many Jewish families in Central Kentucky as we possibly can. Why do we do it?

We do it because community is about people, and every member of our community should have the opportunity to be part of our enterprise, because every member of our community is the Federation. It is not about how much people give, but about the fact that they join others to support our work here at home, nationally, in Israel, and throughout the Jewish world.

Think what we do at home; Camp Shalom comes to mind as one of our most visible programs, and Jewish Family Services as our main tool to help people in need here at home.

Tikkun Lexington helps us to bring people together to do the right thing, whether it is volunteering on the Day of Giving, visiting the Stewart Home, cooking meals for community members, or the myriad other ways we help each other and our friends in the broader Lexington community.

Nationally, we advocate for the issues our community is passionate about, such as social justice, separation of Church and State, equal opportunity, countering anti-Semitism and all other forms of discrimination. We also plan strategies for the future of the Jewish community in America by supporting Jewish education and the Hillel Foundation on campus and the Birthright Israel Taglit, program to

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A Scholar's Purim Toyre

By Stanley Ned Rosenbaum

The holiday of Purim is the one day in all the year on which Jews are encouraged to get drunk. For this alone it deserves a place of honor in the liturgical calendar. Ironically, the Book of Esther, in which the story is found, almost failed to make it into the canon of the Writings, the third section of TaNaKh, probably completed around 100 c.e.

Some rabbis were unwilling to include Esther because it is the only book in Scripture that does not contain the Name of God. The Dead Sea Scroll collectors of Qumran, in fact, omitted it from their collection, probably for this reason. Today some point to the practice of dressing in costume as analogous to the presence of God hidden behind the story.

There was, however, another reason for excluding Esther that the rabbis probably didn't know: it's pure fiction. Herodotus, the Greek historian who was nearly contemporary with Purim's setting, informs us that queens of Persia were carefully chosen from seven selected Persian families. Even if Esther looked like Bess Myerson (the first Jewish Miss America, 1945), there is no way that King Ahasuerus would have chosen his bride from a beauty contest.

Purim probably derives from a Persian spring festival. The name Esther comes from the Persian goddess Ishtar, Uncle Mordecai's name from Marduk, the city

see **Purim Toyre**, page 6

Women's Community Seder Offers Female Perspective



Getting into the spirit of a Women's Seder.

This year the Community Women's Seder will take place at Temple Adath Israel on Sunday, April 17, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. If you were able to attend last year's Community Women's Seder, you might remember the difference between a traditional seder and one from a woman's perspective. Key to the celebration of seders is reclining, relaxing, and rejoicing, but women at home are often so tired from cleaning and from preparing and serving the meal that relaxation is impossible. Another element is meeting and welcoming strangers. In a small Jewish community, it is vital that we all strive for unity and have a place where those who might not know each other can meet and set aside time to reflect together on the role that Jewish women have played throughout history, and continue to play on a day-to-day basis.

The Community Women's Seder is being held before the traditional seder so the women who attend can lead, learn, and even share a few new recipes to take home and try out with their own families. The Community Women's Seder aims to provide an opportunity to enjoy sisterhood, beautiful music, and a

thought-provoking service. This year, songs will be led by Aviva Bowling, whose beautiful voice, inflected by her Israeli heritage is a delight for the ears. Service leaders include Aviva, Gail Cohen, Cindy Derer, and Colby Cohen-Archer. Thank you to those who spend so much time to create such a beautiful day.

The same Ma'yan Passover Haggadah, *The Journey Continues*, will be used in this seder as in the past five years. It is written from the female perspective but includes traditional rituals and songs as well. If you have been to a previous seder, please bring your book; if you need a book, simply request one on the registration form and it will be waiting when you arrive.

Everyone is expected to participate in some way, great or small. We have several tasks still unassigned, so don't be shy when you fill out the registration form. Set-up and food preparation are the two biggest areas in which we still need help. Also, it is always nice for people to stay a few minutes afterwards to help with clean-up.

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Mazel Tov to...

- Havi and Neil Troffkin of OZS on the birth of their son Soren Ron Troffkin.
- Gloria Rie upon being appointed chair of the Lexington Fayette Human Rights Commission. She will also be one of three recipients of the Kentucky Council of Christians and Jews' Humanitarian Award at a dinner to be held April 12, 5:30-9:00 p.m. at the Marriott. For tickets or further details call (859) 255-6999.

Refuah Shlemah (Get Well Wishes) to...

- Harold Frankel

Condolences to...

- Harriet and Leon Cooper and the extended Cooper family on the death of Harriet's sister, Eleanor Rudman.
- Robert and Elizabeth Scher on the death of Elizabeth's mother, Frances Bramlage, on January 28.
- Sue Dworkin on the death of her father, Joseph Dworkin, on February 16.
- Nancy Amster and family on the death of her husband, Leon, on February 17.

We Note With Sadness the Passing of...

Joseph Wile, husband of the late Louise Wile. May his memory be for a blessing.



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Generation Chai: Anti-Semitism

The word "anti-Semitism" was coined in 1879 and implies that Jews are members of a separate and dangerous "race." The term combines older stereotypes about Judaism with the racist thinking of the 19th century.

How far has the negative labeling of Jews come since then in Central Kentucky, in the United States, and in the world at large?

In this Generation Chai roundtable, facilitated by Becca Knight, an intrepid group of local teens aims to find out.

Participants:
Becca Knight, 16 (facilitator)
Ittai Eres, 14
Jordan Barnhill, 17
Sarah Stephan, 17
Solomon Alkhasov, 15

Adult Coordinator:
Rachel Belin

Why do you think Jews have been singled out for discrimination throughout history?

Jordan: When something goes wrong, the natural thing is to want to blame someone. Everyone does that. So it's easier to blame the minority rather than the majority because they can't defend themselves as much. Jews have just always been. It's like a trend. I think it's just because there's less of us.

Becca: I think you have a really good point. Jews have always been the minority and they do tend to segregate themselves from the populace. It's easy to look to Jews as being the problem.

Solomon: The fact that Jews have always been the minority is not exactly true. Before Christianity came about, Jews were more in the majority. Jewish people becoming scapegoats really came about when Christianity came about and starting splitting people.

Over your lifetimes, as far as anti-Semitism is concerned, do you think things have gotten better or worse for Jews in Kentucky?

Jordan: It's hard to know if it's gotten better or worse because it's hard to know if you've just gotten used to it. At school when we were younger (I go to a small private school with mainly the same kids for the past twelve years), no one really knew what Judaism was. They were all mainly Christian. When Christmas time came around, we decorated the room for Christmas but my Mom always came in to give a little demonstration about Hanukkah. And ever since then, my friends have thought being Jewish was cool and they came to my Bat Mitzvah and stuff like that. But when you go outside your comfort zone, I think there is anti-Semitism. When I went to public school for one year and not everyone knew me, there was one kid making Jewish jokes. And it really hurt my feelings and I didn't even know what to do about it because I'd never been exposed to that before.



Left to right, Ittai Eres, Becca Knight, Solomon Alkhasov, Jordan Barnhill, and Sarah Stephan.

Becca: A lot of people don't know a lot about Judaism because they're not really educated on it. A lot of times because they're raised with that ignorance, it makes them uncomfortable around someone who's different.

Solomon: People know me at school as being Jewish and even if they don't know what Judaism is, it's just in a very bad way, a joke. Like, "Oh, you're going to a Jew convention" or "You're going to Jew camp." I wouldn't classify it as anti-Semitism, it's just a mild joke.

Sarah: I've actually been very fortunate that I haven't experienced much anti-Semitism in Kentucky. Sometimes in school, people ask me questions of curiosity. Especially teachers. And I try to answer them.

Becca: When I was on my class trip to Washington, D.C., we got stuck at this Shoney's for several hours, and to pass the time a lot of us played poker. And I played with this group of guys that love to stereotype everyone. And every time I won the pot, someone else had a big loss and they would say, "Oh, you got Jewed." I was just like, "Oh, it's not a big deal." But another one of my friends who is Jewish overheard it and he became really offended. He was like, "Dude, that's not cool." It is a big deal because even though, yeah, sometimes stereotypes can be funny, a lot of people take them pretty literally and they don't like

that. And you know, that amount of consideration needs to be taken seriously. Jews should stand up for other Jews, even though you may sometimes laugh it off, some people may not. I think it's pretty important that we stand up for each other.

Let's turn the tables. Have you ever had an experience where you, out of ignorance or malice, said something offensive to a minority?

Solomon: I'm in the Magnet program in Dunbar and half the people there are Indian. And they call themselves "brown." And that's just normal. I went out with some of them once and there was this other Indian kid from Henry Clay and he wasn't used to being called "brown" and I just mentioned it once and he quite literally blew up.

I was like, "Whoa, I'm sorry. I didn't mean to be offensive. At all."

How do you feel about the documented rise of global anti-Semitism?

Ittai: Since September 11, there are not as many anti-Semitic jokes that I've heard as anti-Middle Eastern jokes.

Sarah: In the U.S., I would suspect that [anti-Semitism] has gone down a little, just because of the U.S.'s ties to Israel, especially since the Iraqi war. So while in Europe it's increased, I'm not exactly sure why that would be.

Can you be anti-Zionist and not be anti-Semitic?

Ittai: Well, I have a friend whose dad is anti-Zionist and he's Jewish, so I would think so. He's just a pacifist.

Becca: There's a difference between being against Israeli policy and being against Israel itself. In America, you can be against the President and against his policies, but it doesn't mean you're against America.

Are we too comfortable with anti-Semitism growing up in Central Kentucky?

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President's Message

David Feinberg

I Found My Thrill on Blueberry Hill(el)

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It is time for me to write my column. What is it to be? Should I write about Super Sunday? No, that will be over by the time this edition of *Shalom* is printed. How about the need for more people to communicate with our editor-in-chief of *Shalom*, Ruth Poley? I could write about that. I could write about the need for more people "in the know" in the community giving us ideas about what is happening in the various and sundry corners of our community. I could suggest that such people actually write a story for *Shalom*. No, I have written about that already. Maybe I could write something on Camp Shalom. It is going to be bigger than ever. I can talk about new proposed programs. No, it is too summery a topic. I will write about it closer to application time.

It is about time I write about Hillel. Hillel's long-time devoted faculty adviser, Austin Cantor, has decided to step down. He has done a wonderful job for a very long time. I do not think Austin has received the acknowledgment he deserves for his many years of service to Hillel. I want to take this opportunity to thank him for his (and Susan's) tireless efforts on Hillel's behalf. We need someone with passion and interest in seeing that our college-age young people are involved with the Jewish community as well establishing a community unto themselves.

Last year Kathy and I hosted a Hillel dinner and a few (but charming) students came. This year about 20 students, some from the University of Louisville's Hillel, came to our home. It was a wonderful experience. The students were enthusiastic, polite,

and very good company. They obviously had a good time with each other and enjoyed socializing and eating some wonderful homecooking. Jana LaZur, CKJF's community coordinator for Hillel (and many other programs) continued her good

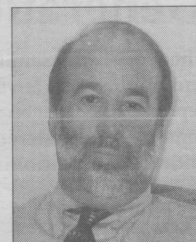
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work at keeping the program vibrant and supplied with programs. The only shock was that college students are so much younger than they used to be.

Thank you, Austin, for a job well done. However, once again Uncle Dave wants YOU. If there are interested faculty or UK staff please feel free to nominate yourselves. We

would love to hear from you. We need someone with passion and interest in seeing that our college-age young people are involved with the Jewish community and engaged in establishing a community unto themselves. We would also like to entertain ideas for developing a space in which Hillel students could hang out over on campus. It is much more difficult for us to have a stable and growing program without a consistent meeting place. Having an identifiable place with their Hillel "stuff" in it is a way to bridge the periods when there are no formal programs planned.

So, if you would like a thrill. Please nominate yourself as the next Hillel faculty adviser.



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Hadassah's 7th Annual Fun-Raiser Promises a Great Time

Silent and Live Auctions to be Featured along with Mediterranean Food

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Hadassah invites the community to a Middle Eastern feast and *shuq* (bazaar) with live music, traditional Middle Eastern foods, and live and silent auctions at its seventh annual fundraiser. The event will take place at Temple Adath Israel on Saturday evening March 5 at 6:30 p.m. Thanks to the generosity of Central Kentucky's merchants, the auctions promise to have many unusual and beautiful items. Alan Stein has graciously donated Legends tickets and a surprise to go with them. Or you can bid on a condo in Florida, Disney tickets, or original art by local artists. There will be jewelry, books, music, baskets of foods, children's items, service items, and much more.

The evening will begin with wine, hors d'oeuvres, and Israeli music while you wander through the *shuq* where hawkers will entice you to bid on silent auction items. When the

three stars rise, there will be a Havdalah service followed by the blessing of the wine and bread. Then the feast (dairy) and live entertainment begin. Finally, the live auction with a surprise auctioneer (or two) and a special auction item brought from Israel for this occasion alone. You must be there for the live auction.

For those of you who may have to miss this very special event, the silent auction items will be featured online one week before the event. Bids will be taken up until 5:00 p.m. the evening of March 4. The highest bid will be placed on the bidding sheet for the following evening's silent auction. Check at your Sunday School starting the second week in February for more about this exciting event, and buy your raffle tickets early for the special raffle items.

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Know Your Board

Stanley Ned Rosenbaum

Carole Wilson is originally from New York City; she met her husband, Terry, on a blind date in Brooklyn. They've been married for 42 years and have two grown children: David, in Atlanta with his wife Rachel and their two children, and Cheryl in Seattle. Carole has lived in Lexington for 30 years. The Wilsons are members of the Lexington Havurah.

Presently employed as a reading specialist and library counselor for the Fayette County Schools, in her "spare time" Carole has been president of Hadassah. In this, her second time on the CKJF Board, she is acting as Hadassah representative. As past chair of JFS, she chaired the search committee for the new JFS director. She is also past chair of the Young Judea Camp Committee, and currently serves as development chair for that group.

When asked about her hobbies, she laughed. She likes to read but these days this quintessentially public-spirited citizen only has time for professional journals. Little wonder.

Gail Cohen is also from New York—Manhattan. She met her Brooklyn-born husband, Ernie, at a Hillel function at Hofstra and they have been married for 46 years. (Is a two-borough marriage considered "mixed"?) They have lived here since 1968; their children grew up here. Elaine, her husband Steve, and their two children live in Chicago. Alex, his wife Sara and their three children live in Vancouver, Washington. Gail said that her favorite "hobby" is visiting the grandchildren.

Like Carole Wilson, Gail Cohen is a serious community-oriented person. Her credentials include: past president of the Federation, national board member of Hadassah, and present president of the Lexington Havurah. (The Cohens are also members of Ohavay Zion.)

February was Gail's last month working at the Sanders-Brown Center on Aging. After that she hopes to cajole a new knee to carry her back onto the tennis court. And, of course, retirement will allow her more time for visiting her grandchildren.

Purim Masked Ball to be Held at TAI March 19

Fund Raiser to Feature Dinner, Dancing, Auctions, and General Merriment

By Ruth Poley

Save the date—on Saturday, March 19, Temple Adath Israel will host a masked ball in celebration of Purim. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be followed by a three-course dinner (served at your table), dancing, entertainment, and both live and silent auctions. The services and items available for auction will surprise and delight you.

We encourage everyone to come in costume, but if that's more than you can handle, please come in festive attire. Masks are required, regardless of what's on the rest of your body.

The cost for this evening of fun and festivity is a mere \$35 per person, which includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner and wine, and an all around great party. For \$50 per person you

get hors d'oeuvres, dinner, your own personal bottle of wine (per couple), a fabulous mask, and the great party. A contribution of \$75 per person will give you hors d'oeuvres, dinner, champagne, an even more fabulous mask, and, of course, the great party. If you can't make it to the early part of the evening and want to skip dinner but still come to the aforementioned great party, \$10 per person will buy admission to the dancing and entertainment.

Members of TAI will be receiving invitations in the mail, but the whole community is welcome. If you are not a member of the Temple but would like to join us, please call 269-2979 for an invitation.



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Herald-Leader to Publish Holocaust Supplement for Schools

The Jewish community has been approached to help in a wonderful educational program for Central Kentucky. The project is part of the "Newspapers in Education" program of the *Lexington Herald-Leader* and it will focus on teaching about cultural diversity and tolerance utilizing the lessons of the *Shoah* (Holocaust).

Newspapers in Education is a nonprofit program of the paper, and it has provided, and continues to provide, newspapers as educational tools to more than 800 schools in 72 counties in Eastern and Central Kentucky. This particular issue, a supplement called "Holocaust: We are witnesses," is planned to mark the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

The total cost of the project is approximately \$20,000, of which they have already secured \$15,000. As a community, we are asked to help in raising the additional \$5,000. A

separate account has been established in our system to manage this effort, in a way similar to our joint efforts several years ago for the Jewish Community Habitat for Humanity project. Sponsorship of the newspaper supplement will be listed as "Central Kentucky Jewish Community," and we are asking you to join us on this project.

Please make your contributions payable to "CKJE" indicating in the memo line "NIE" (Newspapers in Education). The contributions will be deposited in a dedicated account. Mail the checks to our offices, 1050 Chinoe Road, Suite 203, Lexington, KY 40502, before March 20. We can all together make a difference. If you have any questions about the project, feel free to call Daniel Chejfec at CKJE, Rabbi Kline, or Rabbi Cohen. Thank you for your support.

From the Executive Director

Daniel Chejfec



Don't cry "Gevalt!" Keep Perspective

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In my line of work, and meeting with many diverse groups in Lexington, I have discovered that very often people—and sometimes I am one of them—prefer to blame somebody else for a problem rather than doing something to fix it. This shifting of blame takes many forms, such as blaming the system or creating a distorted picture of reality that provides us with an explanation which takes away our responsibility on the issues. It makes us feel better, because it becomes somebody else's problem.

Unfortunately such an attitude does not change the facts, and that is true whether the facts refer to homelessness in Lexington, peace in the Middle East, or any other topic. Let me give you some examples.

A few years back, a debate took place in Israel that questioned the rabbinical credentials of non-Orthodox rabbis and, by extension, the Jewish credentials of those converted by those rabbis. The issue became known as the "Who is a Jew" debate. At the time—and to some extent even today—it divided American Jewry and created a rift between some American Jews and Israel. In other parts of the world the issue was addressed differently. In Argentina, while I was growing up, every conversion performed by the

Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano (Conservative Movement) was co-signed by Argentina's chief rabbi—who was Orthodox. No Argentinean Jew by choice has ever had any problem with being recognized as a Jew in Israel. Which reaction was the most effective?

In many communities across America, Jewish organizations complain that other organizations are "trying to steal" their members and their resources, and spend energy and time justifying why theirs is the real, valid option. In others, organizations pull together to make maximum use of resources and to set common goals—in addition to the individual goals of each organization. Which attitude is healthier? Which one represents true leadership vision?

In our town we boast eight (yes, eight) interfaith coalitions that rarely talk to each other. Each one of them claims to care for the same things: social justice, economic fairness, and city development. Yet more often than not each one of these groups beats its own drum, and very often these groups are lacking representatives of one or more ethnic or religious constituency. Some of them are all talk; some of them do not plan enough. Shouldn't we all sit together and come up with a more comprehensive approach? No, it is

easier to blame the system, which "doesn't listen to us."

In Israel, the progressive religious movements do not enjoy the same power as the Orthodox. Some American Jews blame this on "the

"Tikkun" is an active noun; repairs do not happen by themselves: people make them happen.

lack of democracy in Israel" or "the need for religious pluralism in Israel," and they go around demanding democratic reform while they sit in Baltimore, or New York, or elsewhere in the U.S. News flash: Orthodox Jews represent 14 percent of the Israeli Jewish population, and the vast majority of the other 86 percent defines itself as secular. If the progressive religious movements would do a better job in presenting themselves to Israelis, there would be more Conservative and Reform Jews, and by the magic of democracy, they would be empowered. Conservative and Reform Judaism are simply not significant players in Israeli society, although their numbers are growing and they might one day become even more important than Orthodoxy. So don't blame Israeli democracy—peddle your message!

Every culture defines in some way the role of God and people in human history. Judaism tells us that, as humans, we have an active role in defining the course of history, and we can do it by helping to repair the world—not just by trying to determine who is to blame for breaking it, but by rolling up our sleeves and fixing it. "Tikkun" is an active noun; repairs do not happen by themselves: people make them happen.

The Jewish concept of repentance involves three steps. The first is to acknowledge what we have done wrong, the second is to apologize to all those affected by our wrong actions, and the third is to change what we do so as not to repeat the error. Through most of this article I identified what I believe we do wrong. I am now openly apologizing to those affected by my mistakes. Last but not least, I invite you to join me in channeling the energies we spend in bickering and complaining into real change to improve our Jewish community, our city of Lexington, our country, and our world.

Remember that "Tikkun Olam" is an active phrase.

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Purim Toyre (from page 1)

god of Babylon. But consider this: truth is accidental, fiction is written to express the values of the people who write and read it. The framework provided by the Persian festival was adopted and adapted by our authors for their own purposes. And what noble purposes these were.

The major lessons of Purim, I think, are these. First, it teaches us that the welfare of the community is more important than the safety of any one individual. Esther risks her life to save the Jewish community. Second, as if it needed saying, the hero is a heroine. Defense of the community is not just a male prerogative; women, too, we learn here, have the same duty as men. It is not too much to

say that Esther is the first Jewish piece of truly feminist literature.

I know it's a blow to think that one of our most cherished victories over hateful enemies—we have so few such victories—never happened. But this conclusion does not lessen my appreciation one bit. I drink my wine and hiss Haman with the loudest of my congregation.

The Bible contains a lot of real history, some of it quite visible, some disguised or hidden. It is not necessary to defend the historicity of everything in Scripture in order to accept it. Truth may be stranger than fiction, but sometimes fiction is stronger than truth. Enjoy Purim.

Accepting Nominations for Kenneth Freedman Award

The Kenneth Freedman Community Involvement Award was established in late 2002 by the family and friends of Kenneth Freedman (Z"l) to provide an annual cash award for Jewish students at the University of Kentucky who excel as social activists. The initiative is honoring Ken Freedman's lifelong dedication to the principles of Tikkun Olam and social justice. This year we will be selecting the third winner of this award. Past recipients include Andrew Grossman (2003) and Leah Craft (2004). Applicants for the 2005 award can apply by themselves or be nominated by a member of the campus or religious community. Please see the following requirements:

Eligibility

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Camp Shalom Is on the Move

By Judy Levey

For those of us who are still struggling to get our kids to school on these dark winter mornings, it is a stretch to begin making summer plans. However, the Camp Shalom Committee has been doing exactly that — planning for yet another outstanding summer at BGCC (the Blue Grass Christian Camp). The committee has met twice and much work is already going on behind the scenes to prepare for camp, which will be held for two weeks at the end of the summer, August 1 through August 12, 2005.

Kathy Feinberg is returning as Director of Camp Shalom and Elissa Brown will return as Assistant Director. Together, they are already working to build on last year's strengths to put together a terrific Jewish day camp experience for the Lexington Jewish Community.

Campers ages 4 through 13 are encouraged to join in the fun. Camp is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every day, with extended hours on Monday through Thursday of each week. A special program for the newest age group, Keshet, will focus on the older kids (see page 18 for more details).

The summer themes, which you will read more about in the coming months, include an emphasis on sports, nature, and Jewish pride. Now that the staff is more familiar with the BGCC campus, we anticipate that they will be able to take better advantage of nature hikes, boating, and other amenities the camp offers.

Discounts and early registration will be available at the Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration hosted by CKJF at BGCC campus on May 15, 2005. If you are not familiar with the camp, the Yom Ha'atzmaut event is a perfect opportunity to come check out the campsite and meet some of the staff.

Camp Shalom is a great place for a positive Jewish experience for your children. It is the only setting where all the children in our community have a chance to get to know each other and have lots of fun. Don't miss out.

One World Film Series to Show *Paperclips*

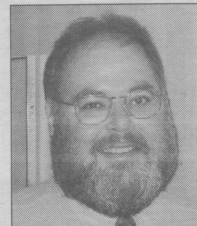
The 2005 One World Film Festival series continues on Wednesday, March 9 with showings of the documentary *Paperclips* at the Kentucky Theatre. There will be two showings during the day, one at 10:00 a.m. and one at 1:00 p.m., primarily for school groups.

There will be one showing in the evening at 7:30 p.m. for the adult community. (Late afternoon showings, at 3:00 and at 5:15 p.m., have been eliminated.) The film is 88 minutes in length, and has a G

rating. It is the story of a middle school in Whitwell, Tennessee, studying the Holocaust, and how the students meet Holocaust survivors from around the world, an experience that transforms them and their community. These film showings are made possible by support from CKJF, Thomas & King, and an anonymous gift.

Rabbi's Corner

Rabbi Marc Kline



There is a legend of a discussion between Rabbi Meir Aharon and his teacher Reb Levy. The student asked, "Reb Levy, of what value is the work we do in this world, when another can come by and so easily tear it apart?" Reb Levy thought for a moment and responded, "Why do you make your bed each morning? Are you not going to just undo it shortly thereafter?" "But I speak of the work of God that we do: the work of peace—how can you liken the task of healing the world to the straightening of one's bed?" "With the best of intentions of maintaining order, we make our beds, straighten our places, and cleanse our bodies. We then go about our business and undo the work we so carefully performed just hours before. We live in the ebb and the flow of life. We hope that with each attempt to straighten life out, we create a better sense of order in our lives, and in those lives around us. With each attempt at peace, we hope to create a stronger understanding in the hearts of those who might otherwise seek to destroy it."

I have just returned from Israel. No one knows what will happen between now and even the time of this publication. But being there, at this moment in time, was nothing short of miraculous. As part of the Rabbinical Council of ARZA (Association of Reform Zionists of America), we embarked on a mission filled (in fact, over-filled) with opportunities for political lobbying, acts of *chesed*, and, of course, study. We arrived in Jerusalem in time for the 150,000 settler demonstration at the Knesset. We lobbied Knesset members to support a more pluralistic Israeli society and disengagement from Gaza. On the first matter, we are making great headway. The stranglehold that ultra-Orthodoxy has on politics is far more tenuous than it was, and the normative Jewish world in Israel is beginning to thrive. No longer do people draw strict lines between *dati* which means "religious," and "secular." The Reform and Conservative movements have introduced a whole new understanding of Judaism to Israelis who were taught that if you are not ultra-Orthodox, you are at best a fallen Jew, and in effect not a Jew at

all. Certainly we provide religious services for Jews unwelcome in the fundamentalist world, but more and more Jews who could be served by the fundamentalist rabbinate for free are choosing to pay for services by the liberal rabbinate, even though often it requires more work and preparation on their part. The city councils of Haifa and Tel Aviv have given the Reform movement prime pieces of land for construction and expansion. These are the same city councils that refused to talk to us just five and six years ago, but who now recognize the value of partnering with a body bent on creating kindergartens and shelters, providing services for citizens that are not available through the Orthodox rabbinate, and creating a greater sense of connectedness for the community, as a whole.

At the same time we received new commitment from members of the Knesset for their support for pluralism, we lobbied for peace.

There is a split in opinion on disengagement from Gaza. While there are no biblical ties to that area, there is a sense by many that leaving Gaza is giving in to terrorism. As I see it, disengagement is not a victory for terrorists, for their goal is not Gaza, but the destruction of Israel. Even should the IDF destroy terrorism there, it would resurface elsewhere. One cannot win such a war. One can only delay the next outbreak of violence. Maintaining Gaza is unrealistic given the demographics of its population (about 75 percent Palestinian). Disengagement does allow us to create an international border without the need to squabble over checkpoints. Disengagement allows us to end any world discussion that might validate the Kassam rockets that fall on *S'derot*. Disengagement squarely places responsibility for any continued terrorism in the lap of the Palestinian Government. Disengagement is the only path that can lead to peace. Peace is a matter of compromise, not of conquest.

In meeting with Mr. Abbas' advisor, Walid Salem, we witnessed a very different tenor from the Palestinian Authority. Mr. Salem started the conversation by distancing himself from the late Mr. Arafat, speaking—for the first time from a Palestinian's mouth—words that we knew to be true about the duplicity of Mr. Arafat's conversations with the English and Arabic press. Arafat would pledge disarmament in English and then provide weapons in Arabic. We knew this to be true; they now admit it, as well. Mr. Salem said that he had studied a little about Judaism, and understood our problem of a fundamentalist minority being seen as the voice of the entire religion. Islam wrestles with that same concern. He felt that, given the moderate populace that elected Mr.

Abbas, if we could have an impact on Israeli society there was a real hope for peace.

The summit took place the day we got back (though I think it would be stretching the envelope way too far to think that we had anything to do with that). A more open discussion of peace was happening on the local and international fronts. It is increasingly clear that both peoples want peace. It is also clear that only through renewed efforts to make it happen do we continue to have hope that it might come true.

We were in the Knesset at an historic moment in Israel's history. As we approached the Knesset building, clearing security, we were shocked to see the Israeli and German flags flying side by side. In fact, our lobbying with the Members of Knesset coincided with the German President's address to the full body of the Knesset. His speech was based in an emphatic plea for forgiveness—in Hebrew. But for a commitment to peace, this day could have never happened.

All of this is to say that I have never lived a more poignant example of the command to us to be *Rodfiae Tzedek* (Pursuers of Righteousness) and *Rodfiae Shalom* (Pursuers of Peace). I am not blind to huge obstacles that Hamas and Hezbollah pose to peace. I am not prepared to believe that this peace will stick, and it may be that by the time this article comes out, it will have already fallen. I am convinced, though, that this is closer than we have been to peace, and that this has only happened because we keep trying. I am convinced that if this fails, the next attempt will bring us closer.

So Reb Levy instructed his student, "The process of acting will lead us to the result we desire, even if we fail sometimes along the way.... The mitzvah is worth doing, because it is itself an act of holiness. The more acts of holiness there are for the world to see, the more likelihood it will join in such future acts. Holiness will beget holiness." Today, we are blessed to live in a land that has granted us unprecedented prosperity and opportunity. But who knows what tomorrow will bring, so it is incumbent upon us to continue our work for peace. It is our obligation, even in the face of a set back, to "make the bed again." It is only when we stop trying in our lives that we lose. It was F. Scott Fitzgerald who said, "Never confuse a single defeat with a final defeat." And both Albert Einstein and Thomas Edison have said that the difference between failure and success is nothing more than the next attempt that worked after the others did not. We will keep doing, and keep praying for even greater results.

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Celebrate 350: New World, New Century

By Stanley Ned Rosenbaum

For Jews the world over, it's fair to say that the twentieth century began in 1897 with the First Zionist Congress in Basel, Switzerland. Not that all Jews were thrilled by the prospect. In America, Kaufmann Kohler, head of HUC, told Louise Waterman Wise, bride of Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, that her husband would have a brilliant career ahead of him if he gave up Zionism. Wise had been the only Reform rabbi to attend the Basel meeting.

What was the problem? In 1894, the Dreyfus Case in France had spotlighted the idea that Jews, all Jews, had a higher allegiance to some mythical Jewish entity than they did to the nations in which they resided. Col. Alfred Dreyfus, the only Jewish officer on the French General Staff, was accused of offering to sell French military secrets to Germany. In Dreyfus' case it was, as it usually is, a false accusation.

Already in TaNaKh (Hebrew Scripture), Jeremiah urges his exiled brethren to "seek after the welfare of the country in which you live." The Talmud goes further with its *dina di malkuta dina hi'*, that is, "the law of the land is the law for Jews" (unless it directly violates Jewish law). One of the questions asked of Jewish leaders at the famous Sanhedrin of 1806 was whether French Jews would feel an obligation to defend France in wars with other countries. The delegates reportedly rose as one and exclaimed, "*A la morte!*" (Too bad that more French people didn't feel the same toward their Jewish compatriots between 1933 and 1945.)

Col. Dreyfus was not guilty of any wrongdoing, but half of France believed him disloyal. The final end

of the Dreyfus Case, in 1906, was one of the motivating factors in the establishment of the American Jewish Committee. Another was a wave of pogroms in Russia, most notoriously the Kishinev Massacre of 1903. AJC, though founded by influential German-American Jews, felt an obligation to defend Jews all over the world.

Within ten years, the community had another serious problem on its hands. In 1913, one Mendel Beilis, a Russian, was accused of murdering a gentile boy to use his blood for Passover matzoth. Of all the false accusations leveled at Jews, this one has to be the strangest. We are forbidden to eat the blood of any living thing (animal). How much more so, then, are we forbidden to eat the blood of other humans? Talmudic logic, however, is lost on anti-Semites, and this particular accusation had already been around for 1,000 years before the Beilis Case. Ironically, it was probably first posited of Christians by pagans who misunderstood the Eucharist "(Drink of this, all of you; this is my blood....").

A little-known fact of American Jewish history is that an incident similar to the Beilis Case occurred in Massena, in upstate New York, in 1928. There, one autumn day, a little boy disappeared and some local officials got it into their heads that the local rabbi, a recent immigrant from Europe, might know where he was. Fortunately, America was not Czarist Russia. Phone calls to New York were made and the Jewish community, led by Stephen Wise, reacted vigorously. The mayor of Massena made a formal apology. The Beilis Case was the motivating force for the creation of the Anti Defamation League (1913), an organization that continues to combat slanders aimed at Jews.

Zionists won a great, if slightly ambiguous, victory in 1917, when Great Britain declared, "His Majesty's Government look with favour upon the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people...." What has come to be known as the Balfour Declaration opened the door for the establishment of the Jewish Agency, in which a number of American Jews held prominent roles, and ultimately to the re-creation of Israel.

The Balfour Declaration had as one of its aims the enlistment of Jewish support for Britain in the then-ongoing World War I. Maybe it worked. In any case, the war ended a year later, but the next two decades were, if anything, worse for Jews than the two that opened the twentieth century.

CKJF to Sponsor Spring Concert

By Jana LaZur

The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation will sponsor a concert by the Lexington Community Orchestra on April 10 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Singletary Center for the Arts. The concert, "Themes of Jewish Heroes," is free and open to the public. Selections will include "Hatikvah," *Prince of Egypt*, Bernstein's *Symphony #1*, music from *Exodus*, and Bob Dylan's "Self Portrait." Benjamin

Karp will perform a solo. Directly following the concert, attendees may meet orchestra members while enjoying a light snack at a reception in the Presidents Room.

John Roller, the conductor, teaches at the University of Kentucky. Vivian Bowling, a member of the CKJF Community Activities Committee, has been a member of the orchestra. We are grateful to her for having been instrumental in making this event possible.

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Around the world we help Jews in South America, we feed the elderly in the former Soviet republics, and we are helping to rebuild Jewish life in Eastern Europe. We have also made a significant contribution to tsunami relief efforts through the JDC and other Jewish agencies.

Wurmser Family Attends WW II Memorial Dedication and Reunion

By Jerry Wurmser

On Memorial Day 2004, I attended the annual reunion of my WW II Fighter Group (324th Fighter Group, 316th Fighter Squadron), in Washington, D.C. It was timed to coincide with the dedication of the Veteran's Memorial honoring the rapidly disappearing generation who served in that war. There were only seven veterans representing my squadron, six pilots and one enlisted man—a mechanic from Indianapolis. The other two squadrons in our group fared about the same, with a slightly different proportion of flyers and ground crewmen.

Accompanying me was my wife, Rose Rita, my three daughters, Judi, Terri, and Linda, and their respective husbands, Paul Cable, Bart Lubow, and Jeffrey Noffsinger, plus two of my grandsons, Jared and Jeremy Noffsinger. There was a lot of excitement in planning the trip and we were all looking forward to it with great anticipation. In addition to the Memorial unveiling, we were going to be escorted on a guided tour of the Pentagon by a friend of Judi's who now worked there in security. For me and my family, one of the many highlights of the visit was the time we spent at the new Stephen F. Udvar-Hazy National Air and Space Museum at Dulles International Airport. I wanted to show them the P47 Thunderbolt, the type I flew my 66 missions in and had narrowly escaped death in when I found myself in an uncontrollable high speed compressibility dive. It was displayed in a spot that could hardly be missed, under the wing of the famous "Enola Gay," the B29 that made history by dropping the atomic bomb on Hiroshima. While I pointed out the features of the plane, my daughters, sons-in-law, and grandsons all peppered me with queries: "How fast could it go?" "How much did it weigh?" "Were you in there by yourself?" "Who did the navigating?" "Who fired the eight .50 caliber machineguns?" and finally, from one of the grandsons, "What did you do if you had to go to the bathroom while you were strapped in that cramped cockpit?" The answer to that gem of a question is something I won't go into at this time.

Luckily, the weather was mild. We arrived at the National Mall about four hours before the dedication, loaded with cameras, sun screen, water, and umbrellas to protect us from the bright sun. Our tickets were in Section 1, which was reserved for WW II veterans and their guests. Sections 2 and 3 were hundreds of yards away, stretching all the way back to the Washington Monument. Tickets were required for these sections too. For the thousands without tickets, there was standing room behind the seated area. In sections 1, 2, and 3, the seated areas, the ground was covered with plywood, no doubt to make it easier for those in wheel chairs to get around. No matter where you

sat or stood, you could see what was going on in the many huge TV screens strategically placed around the area.

While waiting for the main ceremony, we were entertained with songs from the 1940s, and the time passed quickly. All in all, the crowd was handled smoothly, with hundreds of volunteers attending to our every need. This included free bottles of water being passed out by the volunteers, compliments of Sam's Club, no doubt to keep us becoming

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dehydrated. To look over this tremendous crowd and see the thousands and thousands of WW II veterans and their families waving small flags, snapping pictures and recording the events with their camcorders, even dancing in the aisles, ignoring their aches and pains and acting as if they were young men again, made me feel good, proud of what we had accomplished some 60 years ago. Many of the



Fighter Pilot Jerry Wurmser exiting his P47.

veterans were in partial uniform, unbuttoned for the most part, as apparently the jackets had shrunk quite a bit over the years. Almost every one had on a cap, complete with emblems, designating the ship, division, or branch of service under which he or she had served. For a few hours, at least, we were all young again, reliving the past, telling stories and reminiscing.

I was particularly delighted to see an old comrade, Clarence Slack, a former flight leader with whom I had flown many missions. The last time I had seen him was in February 1945. If you can recall the "Why Me" article from last year's Feb./March *Shalom*, he was one of the pilots who, on Dec. 22, 1944, was on a flight that had already accomplished their primary mission and now was preparing to strafe a "target of opportunity," a train. As they prepared to dive on the train, they spotted twelve German ME 109s on the deck. They abandoned the run on the train, and attacked the German fighters instead. In the ensuing dogfight, lasting a little over a minute, they shot down six of the enemy planes, with the loss of only one of ours. Clarence was officially credited with downing "one and a half" of the enemies, meaning he shot one down, and he and another pilot shared in the downing of another plane. Edmund Wright's (the other Jewish pilot in our squadron) plane was hit, went into a spin, and Eddie bailed out. He suffered a broken arm caused by his striking the tail, and upon reaching the ground was immediately taken prisoner by the Germans.

Barely two months later, on February 16, 1945, Slack's luck ran out and his plane was hit by flak while on a strafing run. He had to "belly in" as he was too low to bail out. His plane plowed through a field and came to a halt just east of the Rhine River, on ground still in enemy hands. He too became a POW. In a letter I received from Wright after his release from the POW camp, he tells of Slack's arriving at the prison compound, greeting him by saying something to the effect of "What a hell of a place to meet a guy." They both went on one forced march of about 200 kilometers, being moved from Nuremberg to Moosburg, in the dead of winter, and with very little food to eat. Clarence also told me of another time when they were moved from one camp to another. This time they journeyed by rail in crowded boxcars, and were horrified to be strafed by American planes. Several of the POW's were killed in this incident, and many wounded. As I said in my previous article, I often wondered who or what was in the trains or trucks we strafed, but I'll never know, and I consider this a blessing.

Clarence Slack had lived in Montana for many years, not knowing that his old unit had been having reunions since the early '50s. (I found out about the reunions in 1981 and have been actively attending them ever since). While surfing the web, Slack's wife ran across our squadron's web site, just a few months before the D.C. reunion, and Slack re-established contact with the squadron. He and I had been corresponding for several weeks before finally meeting again, and although I had no photos of him, I did have copies of reports on about thirteen missions we flew on together, most of which he led. I sent them to him, and he told me those reports were the only souvenirs he had from the war.

As for Edmund Wright, I finally made contact with his daughter, who still lives in New York. I had been searching for Ed for several years, with no luck. Several months ago, I mentioned this to Lowell Nigoff, a friend and computer whiz. In a matter of a day or two, Lowell had located Wright's daughter through a Jewish website. Barbara, the daughter, still living in New York State, informed me that her dad had passed away in 1990. I had

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Wurmser Family (from page 10)

one decent photo of him, plus a copy of the orders dated September 18, 1944, assigning me, Wright, and twelve other newly arrived replacement pilots to our group. I sent her copies of these plus a copy of the "VMail" letter Edmund had mailed to me on his release from the POW camp in May of '45. Barbara and I are still in contact, and she has shared my information about her dad with her brother and her aunt, Ed's sister.

During our tour of the Pentagon, one shocking incident brought us all to a realization of the horror and ugliness of war. As I recall, we were in a hallway leading to the Hall of Heroes, where pictures and stories concerning the 3,410 Medal of Honor winners are on display. We had to move to the side to make way for a Marine pushing a wheelchair, escorting a recovering wounded soldier on the tour. This escort was in his full dress Marine uniform, with a chest full of medals, and hash marks adorning his sleeve indicating he was a veteran of many years in the Corps. A couple, whom I presumed to be the young soldier's parents, flanked the wheelchair. The shock hit us when we realized the young man being escorted must be a recent returnee from the war zone. His head was shaved, and the stitches on the back of his head just above his neck were clearly visible. An additional jolt came when we realized he was a double amputee. From the appearance of his bandaged arms, it was plain to see that he had lost both of his hands. Our entire group stood in frozen silence as they passed, the graphic view bringing to us the cold realities of war. I guessed the young soldier to be about 19 or 20 years old, just a few years older than my grandson, Jared.

About ten days later Rose Rita and I were in our usual morning routine, drinking that first cup of coffee, reading the morning paper, and now and then glancing at CNN news blaring in the background. Suddenly, Rose Rita turned to me saying, "Look, that's the young man we saw at the Pentagon." Sure enough, there he was, in uniform, standing at attention in the rotunda in front of President Reagan's coffin, paying his respects to the late president. He was one of the many casualties who had been wounded in Iraq, and was recuperating at Walter Reed Hospital.

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The Wurmser family enjoying a relaxing moment during their get-together at the WWII Memorial and Reunion. In the back row are Bart Lubow, Jeffrey Noffsinger, and Paul Cable. Middle row, Terri Lubow, Judi Wurmser, Linda Noffsinger, Jared Noffsinger, and Rose Rita Wurmser. In the front row are Jeremy Noffsinger, Rose Rita Wurmser and Jerry Wurmser.



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Tikkun Lexington Update

By Jana LaZur

After the great success of the Day of Giving on December 24, Tikkun Lexington, a Jewish Volunteer Corps under the auspices of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, is ready to plan another great year of efforts. There are many programs that continue to run thanks to the dedicated volunteers in place. Tikkun Lexington is always looking for new helpers to make a difference. It is often the volunteer who gains more than the recipient in doing mitzvot. Why not consider joining this team of helping hands to make Lexington and surrounding areas a better place?

Faith in Action provides the opportunity for weekly visits to elderly people in need of in-home visits. There is an excellent training session provided by Dr. Gary Stewart of the Faith in Action program for those who want to join this team. Anyone who wants to go through training can contact Jana LaZur at CKJF to learn of the next available training session. Currently we have five volunteers who are making weekly visits to recipients. Thank you to Barbara Barr, Julie Smoaks, Janice Kuperstein, Angie Ornstein, and Ruth Moser for your dedication and time spent making a difference in someone's life.

Bi-monthly, the Stewart Home School hosts several volunteers from Tikkun Lexington who visit, read books, and make crafts or Jewish holiday cards. Our next visit to the SHS will occur on Thursday, March 24, 2005. We will carpool from the Chinoo Shopping Center's parking lot at 5:30 and drive to Frankfort, where we will celebrate Purim with the residents. Thanks go out in advance to Barbara Barr and Annette Milch for baking hamantashen for this visit. We always look forward to seeing our friends, the residents of SHS, with their smiles, warm hugs, and true enjoyment of our presence. Once again, it is difficult to determine who derives more pleasure from the visits, the volunteers or the recipients.

Other Tikkun Lexington programs include providing volunteers for all of the water stops in the Four Miles For Paws race, which takes place on Memorial Day and benefits the Lexington Humane Society. This will be the third year for this activity, which has prompted our group to reach out to the Woodford Humane Society as well. These events appealed to volunteers we've never reached before, who now take part in other Federation activities as well.

Youth volunteers have also become quite an asset to Tikkun Lexington. If you are aware of a youngster in this community who needs service hours, feel free to refer him or her to Tikkun Lexington. There is always some task that can help someone in need, whether it is making dinner for someone who is sick, welcoming a new family to the community, or volunteering for a service project; your help is always needed and only a phone call away.

Please contact Jana LaZur at the CKJF office; 268-0672 extension 4# or email tikkun@jewishlexington.org if you would like to volunteer or need more information. Our next Tikkun Planning meeting will occur on March 2, 2005 at the CKJF office at 7:00 p.m. Make 2005 the year you help others in need.

Hillel Happenings

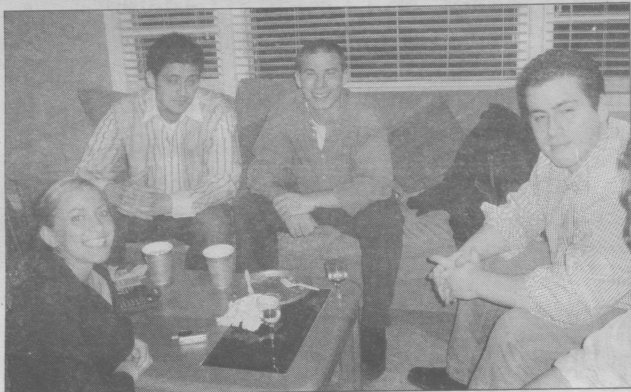
Leah Craft, Hillel President

With several successful events already under our belts this semester, UK's Hillel/JSO is taking a turn for the better. From traveling to Louisville to visit their Hillel chapter and sharing a Shabbat dinner with them, to local get-togethers, to spontaneous trips to the movies, there is a lot happening. Currently, we are working on updating

the Hillel website, designing our own shirts, and getting involved in communal activities.

Upcoming events include our weekly shabbat dinners at Pazzo's, a day at Keeneland, a possible Broadway experience at the Lexington Opera House, and many

others. More is always preferable to less, so come and join us.



Corey Kline (left) and Alex present (right) listen as two Olim (recent immigrants to Israel) share their stories.



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- Contact:** Aviva Bowling at (859) 273-6338 email: vivian.bowling@uky.edu
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Calling All 10- to 13-Year-Old Campers—Gesher is for You

By Kathy Feinberg, Director of Camp Shalom

Camp Shalom is offering a unique and exciting new program for 2005. *Gesher*, a camp for ages 10 to 13, offers a program of activities geared specifically to this age group. *Gesher* will be held from August 1 to 12 at the Bluegrass Christian Camp (BGCC) during the same hours that Camp Shalom is in session: Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; extended days are available Monday through Thursday until 5:30 p.m.

Gesher campers will have their own staff, cabin, and curriculum. Our campsite offers a wide array of activities including sports, nature hikes, paddleboating, swimming, arts and crafts, music, and more. Hebrew is incorporated into our daily life at camp. We will welcome Shabbat each Friday we are in session in a beautiful setting. *Gesher* is dedicated to Jewish values and pride.

Gesher means "bridge," and this group is the bridge from Camp Shalom to becoming a counselor-in-training at age 14. Leadership development is an integral part of

our educational curriculum. *Gesher* campers are the future CITs and counselors for the Jewish youth of our community.

Gesher will offer our 10- to 13-year-old campers opportunities to explore their own unique talents and interests in an exciting and dynamic setting. Come and renew friendships, make new friends, and create bonds that will last long after the summer is over.

Discounts and early registration will be available at the Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration hosted by CKJF at the Bluegrass Christian Camp on May 15, 2005. Come and experience the exciting new adventure in camping that *Gesher* offers.



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Unbiased Media Coverage of Israel: It Can Be Done

By Mark Schneider

It all starts with mothers. My own mother had been consistently complaining about the media bias against Israel in her local papers. This struck me as strange, as my parents live in Boca Raton, which has a relatively high Jewish population. My parents fought for media justice in the only way they knew how—they scanned and clipped what they perceived as biased articles and sent them to me. I would immediately call them back and we would have an animated discussion. The end result was always the same: we felt angry and bitter at the uneven reporting and what we viewed as blatant animosity toward Israel.

I enjoy using the Internet to view periodicals online. Examples of those related to Israel are the *Jerusalem Post* (www.jpost.com), *Haaretz* (www.haaretzdaily.com), *Global Jewish News* (www.jta.org), the *Canadian Jewish News* (www.cjnews.com), and the *Jerusalem Report* (www.jrep.com). As you can imagine, there are many more—some good and some not so good.

It was during one of my Internet trips to the *Jerusalem Post* that I stumbled upon a site called CAMERA. Keep in mind that many of these sites post advertising for dating, investing, traveling, software, fundraising, camps, and other causes. Obviously these advertisements generate revenue for the periodicals, which keep them online. Still, I am extremely skeptical of any advertising I find on the Internet. Yet, I was drawn to CAMERA (www.camera.org), an acronym for Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America. Here is its mission statement:

"Founded in 1982, the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America is a media-monitoring, research and membership organization devoted to promoting accurate and balanced coverage of Israel and the Middle East. CAMERA fosters rigorous reporting, while educating news consumers about Middle East issues and the role of the media. Because public opinion ultimately shapes public policy, distorted 'news coverage' that misleads the public can be detrimental to sound policymaking. A non-partisan organization, CAMERA takes no position with

regard to American or Israeli political issues or with regard to ultimate solutions to the Arab-Israeli conflict."

At first I wasn't sure what to make of this. Whenever I read "accurate and balanced" with respect to Israel, my brain translates that to "anti-Israel." Yet I read on. The site claimed radio and print media distort the truth and intentionally mislead their audiences with misinformation pertaining to Israel and the rest of the Middle East. CAMERA learns of these misstatements and lists them on their site and in their magazine. I was becoming intrigued.

CAMERA addresses such media outlets as ABC, AP, BBC, *Boston Globe*, CBS, *Chicago Tribune*, CNN, Fox News, *Los Angeles Times*, MSNBC, *New York Times*, *Newsweek*, NPR, PBS, Reuters, *Time Magazine*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, and many more. Often CAMERA is able to get a retraction, which is a victory for truth in media.

There is a symbiotic relationship between CAMERA and the readers. CAMERA informs the readers of inaccuracies that come to their attention, the readers inform CAMERA of ones they have found, and both respond to the media to urge accuracy in reporting.

I started with my mother, and so I should end with her. When I receive or hear an about an article from her that is biased in its reporting, I now know what to do: avoid inaction. It lets the bad guys win. Follow CAMERA's guidelines and speak out.

By the way, I sent an email off to NPR this morning, and boy do I feel good!

Fun-Raiser (from page 4)

Make your reservations ASAP with Janice Hensley at (859) 277-8027 or to Hensley34@insightbb.com. Tickets for the event are Chai (\$18) for individuals and Double Chai (\$36) for couples.

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Books Explore Jewish Identity

By Vivian Bitensky

Last September my husband and I moved from Long Island, N.Y. to Lexington, KY. In the process of becoming acquainted with our new environment, we discovered two special places: the Joseph-Beth Bookstore and the Tates Creek branch of the Lexington Public Library. Recently, while in the library looking for some new best sellers, I found two very interesting books. They both explore Jewish identity, but approach the subject differently.

The first book, *I Am Jewish*, was compiled by the parents of journalist Daniel Pearl, whose last words before he was beheaded by terrorists were, "I am Jewish." The inspiration for the book came from a 13-year-old girl who, for her Bat Mitzvah project, made a booklet asking her family and friends what it means to be Jewish. She sent a copy to Adam Pearl, Daniel's son, so that he would have an understanding of his heritage. Contributions range from major essays to a paragraph or even a sentence, and they come from both adults and children. Their thought-provoking comments show the

diversity of opinion as to what being Jewish means.

In a lighter vein, but still very stimulating reading, is another collection of essays, *Matzo Balls for Breakfast and Other Memories of Growing Up Jewish*, by Alan King and friends. These essays are filled with humor and nostalgia. They discuss Jewish family life in Jewish and non-Jewish environments. I personally like the essay by Susan Stenberg on learning that the whole world is not Jewish, contrary to what I thought growing up in New York. And now that I live in Kentucky, I was interested in reading "Southern Jew" by Lisa Solod, who grew up in east Tennessee in a small town. She is still living in the South, now raising Jewish children, and although times have gotten better, she recounts with humor the difficulties of being Jewish in the South. She says, "Being a Jew in the South is an act of will; it's not easy and sometimes doing it right is a lot of work. But I never escape it. And for that, I am grateful."

Two books very worthwhile to read and to make a part of your own library.

Women's Seder (from page 1)

Because the focus is less on food and more on substance, the cost is kept low and a full meal is not served. However, no one has ever left the seder hungry. All traditional seder foods are included, and a dessert follows the service as well. For a mere \$7.50 you can enjoy an afternoon of sustenance for your brain, body, and soul. Bring a

girlfriend, your teenaged daughter or grandchild, or even a non-Jewish friend who has always wanted to take part in a seder but never had the chance. There will be free babysitting. Don't miss out!! See page 14 for the registration form, and call Jana at CKJF for any additional information at 268-0672, extension 4# or email activities@jewishlexington.org.

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Wurmser Family (from page 11)

Since the reunion in D.C. last May, several more members of our dwindling group of WW II veterans have made their last flight. Even more are currently suffering with various illnesses: cancer, Alzheimer's disease, hardening of the arteries, diabetes, and other frailties; all are slowly taking their toll. Others in our group are just plain old and worn out. Nearly a hundred percent of those still with us wear hearing aids, the legacy of the roar of that mighty Pratt and Whitney 18-cylinder engine, positioned just a few meters in front of the cockpit, reverberating in our ears. But we were all young back then, our country had the horror of a war to contend with, and called for us to join up, and we did. Between the enlistees and the draftees, sixteen million young Americans were in our armed forces. Many young lives were lost, others were scarred forever. I hope and pray the world will never again have to experience such a ghastly conflict.

34th Annual Music Festival Celebrates 350 Years of Jews in USA

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(Louisville KY) On Thursday, March 10, 2005, the 34th Annual Adath Jeshurun Music Festival will celebrate the variety of Jewish music since the first Jews arrived in America 350 years ago.

Titled "Okay By Me in America: 350 years of Jews Making Music," the event will feature Yiddish art songs, tunes from Tin Pan Alley, and 1960s folk rock. Composers whose work will be featured include Gershwin, Berlin, Copeland, and Dylan. A special choreographed ballet will accompany four rarely performed piano pieces by Leonard Bernstein.

Starting at 7:30 p.m. at 2401 Woodbourne Avenue (located in the Highlands), Cantor Marcia Tilchin of Tustin, California will join Cantor

David Lipp of Adath Jeshurun and Cantor Paula Pepperstone of Keneseth Israel Congregation as well as various local adult and children's choirs to present the performance.

The AJ Music Festival has been endowed by the Adolf and Sara van der Walde and Israel Rosenbloum Charitable Fund since 2003.

Tickets as well as special seating patron packages may be obtained by calling (502) 458-5359. Individual tickets are \$10 (\$8 for seniors and \$6 for students), and can be purchased in advance or at the door. Refreshments will be served after the program; parking is free and is handicapped accessible.

6th Annual Community Women's Seder Passover from a Woman's Perspective



Monday, April 17, 2005



Doors Open at 4:00p.m. at Temple Adath Israel

All women and teenage girls in the community are invited to attend an evening of Passover music, fun, & festivities.

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Israel Bonds Investment Helps Underpin High-Tech in Israel

Despite the world slowdown in high-tech, the industry in Israel remains alive and well. Tailor-made for this resource-poor, education-rich nation, Israel leads the world with the percentage of scientists and technologists in its workforce—140 per 10,000, compared with 80 per 10,000 in the US, 70+ in Japan and less than 60 in Germany. Israeli inventions also top international rankings, with Israeli patent applications rising by over 20 percent in the past decade.

High-tech is nurtured by both government and private enterprise, with R&D investment in Israel, as a percentage of the country's gross domestic product, almost double that of any industrialized country in Europe. The Israel Bonds organization is very active in this sector, helping fund key projects, and providing seed money for R&D and capital for constructing industrial parks. All this

investment pays off: the increase in Israeli start-ups during the past five years has been greater than that in all Europe combined.

One important support for high-tech in Israel (to which Israel Bonds contribute through the country's development fund) is its Incubators Program, which allows fledgling entrepreneurs to develop and commercialize innovative technologies. Established in 1991, the program is run by the Industry and Trade Ministry's Office of the Chief Scientist. Wielding an annual budget of some \$400 million, the Chief Scientist's Office has done much to make Israel one of the major high-tech entrepreneurship centers outside the US.

Five years ago, the Office turned its attention to biotechnology. With a \$100 million budget, it seeds up to 85 percent of R&D and funds upgrading of infrastructure and integration of pre-clinical and clinical services and equipment. The outcome: Israel's biotechnology companies are increasing at a rate of about 17 percent a year, with sales topping an annual \$800 million.

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Anti-Semitism (from page 3)

Jordan: There are always jokes made about Jewish people, about African-American people, about everything. So I guess I'm so used to hearing the occasional joke that it's not a threat to me.

Ittai: I think it's terrible if we become too accustomed to this. It's just like why they say you shouldn't forget the Holocaust. It can happen again and it can happen worse.

Sarah: Sometimes having small numbers [like Jews in Central Kentucky] puts you in jeopardy because the majority can take advantage of that. But also it's kind of good because small numbers can blend in better.

Solomon: In theory, shouldn't numbers not make a difference? In

theory, there's a separation between government and religion.

Ittai: I think that the fact that we need a state is based on the fact that we're a minority. Israel is a safe haven that we can go to. When there's a lot of anti-Semitism, you can go and be with a lot of other people who are like you.

Becca: I somewhat disagree with that because in order to somewhat help prevent the spread of anti-Semitism, we have to be a part of the community. I think the reason that a lot of people are so comfortable with us as Jews, and they don't think of us differently, is because we're part of the community. [We need to] put ourselves out there and live with other people.

Sarah: But most Jewish people [living in Nazi] Germany still thought of themselves as Germans.

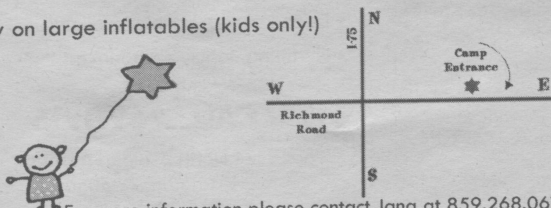
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- * Gain new information on an exciting new camp program for ages 10-13.



Newly Released Data Reveal Significant Increase in Israeli Poverty in 2003 In Comparison with 2002

December 1, 2004; Myers-JDC-Brookdale Institute - According to the most recent poverty figures released by the National Insurance Institute (NII) for the year 2003, poverty rates in Israel, including poverty rates for children, increased from 2002, reaching a new peak.

The percentage of Israelis living below the poverty line was 22.4 percent in 2003 (representing 1,426,800 people). The poverty rate for families was 19.3 percent in 2003 (representing 366,300 families). Of all children, 30.8 percent lived in families under the poverty line, up from 29.6 percent in 2002. The number of children living in poverty reached 652,400 in 2003. Poverty rates in Israel continue to be among the highest in developed countries and are the highest in all developed countries for children.

Poverty rates were particularly high among the non-employed of working age (65.8 percent), large families (48.9 percent), and non-Jews (48.4 percent). It is significant to note that 10.3 percent of families in which the head of the family was employed were below the poverty line. Poverty rates were higher in certain family types, such as the elderly (22.3 percent) and single-parent families (27.6 percent).

The increase in poverty rates is due, at least in part, to the decline in government cash payments and to the rise in

unemployment, that reached 10.7 percent in 2003. Employment rates among the less educated and low skilled have been declining since 1995, and the decline has accelerated since the beginning of the Intifada in 2000. In parallel, the number of those on welfare has been rising rapidly. In 2004, unemployment rates have begun to decline with the return to significant growth in GNP. Unemployment declined to 10.2 percent in the third quarter of 2004, yet it remains to be seen how much of this improvement will be focused on the more disadvantaged groups.

In 2004, the government increased its basic income support benefits for the elderly in response to the increased level of poverty. However, there have not been any immediate steps to reduce poverty among families with children. The challenge that lies ahead is to bring about a comprehensive change that will increase employment of the disadvantaged in order to reduce the

numbers on welfare and reduce poverty. The government is initiating an experimental welfare-to-work program, and a government committee is exploring the feasibility of providing wage subsidies for low income workers to increase the incentive to work and to reduce poverty.

Given the extraordinary rate of poverty among children, another major concern is to prevent or moderate the consequences of poverty on children's development and educational achievements. Therefore, early childhood and after-school programs that often provide hot meals have become a priority.

Another major challenge is to make the basic universal service systems, including the education and health systems, address the needs of individuals from poor families more effectively. This requires efforts to sensitize and implement organizational changes within these systems.

The Institute will closely monitor the developments within the poor population over the next year with a particular emphasis on the effectiveness of the efforts to expand employment opportunities and bring about change in the universal service systems. For further information, contact Susan Sawicki at: susans@jdc.org.il

ISRAEL21c: Israeli Device Enables Tracking of Individuals at Risk

By Allison Kaplan Sommer

Wouldn't it be wonderful to let an elderly relative who only occasionally becomes disoriented have the freedom to go about his business knowing that he could easily call for help?

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Or hit the ski slopes or go for a hike in the mountains, knowing that if an accident happened, you could be located?

A new system developed by Israeli company Ituran makes all of these things possible. The Personal Alarm & Locator (PAL) is the size of a standard pager, making it the first wearable location, tracking, and alarm device that can keep track of any person or object 24 hours a day, anywhere.

"After September 11, personal security became a major concern in the United States and around the world," Ituran CEO Nir Sharetsky told ISRAEL21c. "The PAL is a product whose time has come."

The company, already well-established in the field of locating stolen vehicles with a special tracking device, invested more than \$5 million in the development of the PAL and its advanced miniaturization techniques.

The Ituran tracking system on which it has built a solid reputation was jointly developed in the early 1990s by Air Touch-Teletrac and Tadiran. Based on the high-tech tracking system to locate downed pilots for the Israel Air Force, the Ituran technology is considered by many to be more reliable than the Global Positioning System (GPS) which relies on continuous, uninterrupted direct sky contact to successfully track and locate targets.

By contrast, Ituran uses a terrestrial network of base stations to effectively track and communicate with mobile objects using a technology which is largely immune to electromagnetic disturbances and operates reliably even within dense urban environments and indoors.

Ituran has been a business success story. With innovative marketing the company moved from no sales in 1995 to over \$25 million in 1998. The selfsame system devised to rescue pilots from enemy territory is now being used successfully to track and locate stolen cars in Israel. In the last two years alone, the Ituran system saved the Israeli insurance industry an estimated \$50 million.

It was only a matter of time till the company switched its attention to the personal tracking arena. Already in operation in Israel, Ituran has also introduced PAL into

see ISRAEL21c, page 19

Save these Dates

Sunday, April 10, 2005
Spring Concert

Sunday, April 17, 2005
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A Little Something Different for Purim



Purim starts on March 24. So, are you going to make hamantashen *again*? Everyone else will make hamantashen; there'll be no shortage. Why not try something a little different this year? What? You don't know any other Purim treats? The following cookie recipe, Haman's Fingers, is a Purim tradition among Sephardic Jews from Turkey and Greece. It comes from the book *1,000 Jewish Recipes* by Faye Levy. This is an easy one, and fun to do with the little ones. The use of phyllo dough instead of pastry eliminates one step and makes the process just that much easier. And if you don't like the filling in this recipe and you really think you're going to miss poppy seeds, prunes, apricots, and the rest, you can put all that in here instead of nuts and cinnamon.

Haman's Fingers

1/2 pound phyllo dough (1/2 package)
1 1/2 cups almonds
3 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon grated orange rind
6 to 8 tablespoons (3/4 to 1 stick) margarine, melted

If phyllo dough is frozen, thaw it in the refrigerator 8-9 hours or overnight. Remove package from refrigerator 2 hours before using.

Chop almonds with sugar in food processor, leaving some pieces; do not grind fine. Transfer to a bowl and stir in cinnamon and grated orange rind.

Preheat oven to 350. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper, or grease the baking sheets. Remove phyllo sheets from their package and unroll them on a damp towel. With a sharp knife, cut stack in half lengthwise, then in half crosswise. Cover phyllo immediately with a piece of wax paper, then with a

damp towel. Work with only 1 sheet at a time, keeping remaining sheets covered so they don't dry out.

Carefully remove one pastry square from stack. Brush it lightly with melted margarine. Put about 2 teaspoons filling at one end of a phyllo square so it extends all along the edge. Fold the two ends of dough in, slightly covering filling, then roll up tightly to form a thin finger. Transfer to baking sheet. Make more phyllo fingers with remaining dough and filling.

Bake pastries 15 to 20 minutes, or until very lightly golden. Transfer to a rack to cool. Serve dusted with powdered sugar.

NOTE: If you have an appropriate food story you'd like to share, or a recipe you think others in the Jewish community might enjoy, please email me at rgp@insightbb.com.



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New to Camp Shalom 2005 is **Gesher** (meaning bridge). This is a program for campers ages 10-13, and offers an exciting array of activities geared to this age group. Campers aged 4-13 attend from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Extended day is available Monday through Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. STAFF WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR EARLY DROP-OFF AT 8:30 a.m.

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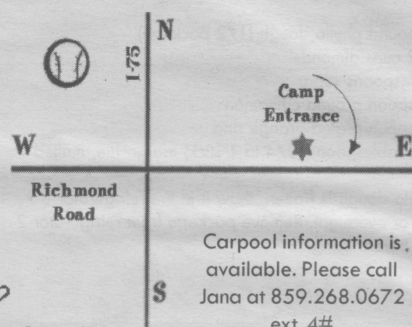
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August 1-12, 2005



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3. Camper's Name _____ Age _____ Birthday _____

Camp Shalom 2005 * WEEK 1 * 8/1 - 8/5

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Camp Shalom 2005 * WEEK 2 * 8/8 - 8/12

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Early registration Discounts (before June 1, 2005):
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international markets—initially targeting South America and the United States.

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The road map for future PAL development includes minimization to a watch size, integration into cellular phone battery packs (the first such running prototypes are already in use), and integration as a chipset inside cellular phones and other portable devices.

"Our main aim is to improve the personal security of people, particularly the elderly and ill, by providing a wearable mobile alarm device," said Raff Tuatara, the former deputy director at the Israeli Security Agency, who developed the PAL system.

Until now, the most common type of monitoring in place for those groups who are considered to be "at risk," such as the elderly and certain types of patients, has been effective only within certain confines or a hospital. Now, with the availability of the PAL application, the individual may have complete freedom of movement and still remain under supervision at all times, enhancing both the feeling of security for the individual and improving his or her quality of life.

The device can also be used for worried parents: with access to the Internet, parents can enter Ituran's Web site, where they will have the ability to "see" their children any time of the day or night, and have the confidence of knowing their precise whereabouts. This may be when the children are on the way to school, at a friend's home, at the cinema, or involved in any other kind of activity.

It can also be used to enhance the feeling of security of women or men who are traveling alone in dangerous areas. The panic button functionality on the PAL application provides the ability for help to be alerted, and

Ask JFS

Stacey Heisler

Ask JFS 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, 1050 Chinoe Road, Suite 203, Lexington, KY 40502. You can also call in your confidential questions at 269-8244 or email them to us at JFS@JewishLexington.org.

Since this is my first article in Shalom, I would like to introduce myself and give you some information about JFS. I was recently hired to replace Fran Morris Mandel, the previous director of JFS, who has left to work full time on her MSW at UK. From what I can gather I have some pretty large shoes to fill.

For the past three years, I have worked as a counselor for the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice here in Lexington at the state's only assessment center for incarcerated male youth. During my tenure at DJJ I saw and learned a great deal about human nature and what can go awry in a young person's life, especially when the guidance of nurturing parents or positive adult role models is lacking. Working with this troubled population, I came to realize that I wanted to make a difference in people's lives before they came to a point of no return.

As director of JFS, I would like to reach out to all of those in need in the Jewish Community. JFS serves those in the community who are in need of temporary services as well as those who have more long-term difficulties. JFS currently provides help and support to the community in

the following ways: Senior Support (the Leisure Club and other educational groups and information for seniors), assessment/counseling referrals, special needs, camperships (providing funds for children to attend a non-profit Jewish summer camp), Israel scholarships, service coordination, limited financial assistance, integration/immigration/citizenship, family life education, and singles programming (JewLS, the Jewish Lexington Singles group).

It is my great pleasure to continue these programs and work with the Lexington Jewish Community to develop other programs dedicated to the needs of its residents. Please call me at (859) 269-8244 if Jewish Family Services can be of assistance to you. I look forward to meeting all of you in the future.

for a precise location to be provided without any further assistance from the caller.

The device clearly has commercial benefits as well.

"Reducing the chance of protected merchandise with the PAL being stolen will help companies and individuals receive high discounts on their insurance policies. Discounts from the insurance companies, and the fact that the PAL can be reinstalled between merchandise, gives the customer the ability to save money and see the system as a long-range investment," said Tuatara.

The PAL application can upgrade business efficiency and productivity, contributing to the economic management of staff anywhere in the office, on or off the factory floor, in or out of the building. It can also be used for merchandise tracking.

By discreetly fitting the PAL to any valuable goods which may be at risk, such as computers, diamond cases, cigarettes and so forth, the prospect of retrieval is greatly enhanced. Additionally, any cargo or courier carrying a PAL application can be tracked instantly and in real time anywhere in the world.

Any authorized user will have the ability to enter the Ituran Web site and locate the PAL holder. Within seconds, the location of the PAL holder is shown on the onscreen map. This is an extremely important security feature, enabling the location of the PAL holders as needed by authorized personnel, security companies or family members.

In Israel, the device costs just under \$300, with a monthly fee of \$12. The price of the device in the U.S. and other countries is \$350-\$400. A small fee for peace of mind.

ISRAEL21c is a nonpolitical, nonprofit organization that informs Americans about 21st century Israel, its people, its institutions and its contributions to global society.



Yard Sale

Lots of items

Multi-family sale

Friday March 11

8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Inside the Temple Social Hall

All proceeds will benefit the Temple Preschool

LEXUS Fundraising Raffle

Please help support the Ohavay Zion youth groups by purchasing raffle tickets for some great prizes. Buy a chance to win a new Slim Sony Playstation 2 for only \$5, a new HP ZE4910 laptop for \$15 per ticket, or how about a new 46" Hitachi 46F510 TV for \$25 a ticket?

Tickets will be limited to 125 tickets per item raffled. Drawing to be held at the OZS Purim Carnival on March 20, 2005 (you do not need to be present to win). For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit, www.lexusy.org, or email mike@lexusy.org, or call Mike Mayer at (859) 273-8605.

Maccabee Award Goes to Local Cub Scout

Cub Scout Zachary Schneider of Pack 382, a member of Ohavay Zion Synagogue, recently received the Maccabee Award.

The objectives of the Maccabee Award are:

- To arouse or heighten the Cub's awareness of things Jewish.
- To promote his identification with the Jewish people here and abroad.
- To stimulate the Cub to acquire important information and experiences aimed at leaving lasting Jewish knowledge, skills, and positive impressions.
- To lay a foundation of interest and achievement on which, in subsequent years of scouting, the more intensive Aleph and Ner Tamid award programs can be built.
- To involve the families of Cubs as partners in the activities and experiences related to the award.
- To invite and involve the active cooperation and participation of local rabbis, Jewish educators, and Jewish group workers in this undertaking.

Next year Zachary will be eligible to pursue the Aleph Award.



Zachary Schneider enjoying his award.

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"Our Heritage & Our Faiths"

Investigating the role of religions in Bluegrass history

TUESDAY, MARCH 1 AT 7:30 P.M.

"Lexington Seminary in the Context of Bluegrass Culture"

Wayne H. Bell, president emeritus of Lexington Theological Seminary

TUESDAY, MARCH 29 AT 7:30 P.M.

"Heritage of the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington"

Frances Swinford Barr, author of *The Great Elm Tree*, *The Old Episcopal Burying Ground*, and *Ripe to the Harvest*

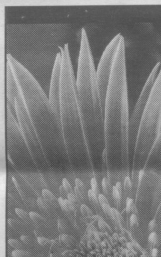
TUESDAY, APRIL 26 AT 7:30 P.M.

"Judaism in the Bluegrass: A Century of Change"

Kathy Stein, a member of the Kentucky Legislature, and a panel of leaders who were active in establishing an early Jewish presence in Central Kentucky

All programs are free for the public.
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To arrange to pick up certificates in person, use the form below or contact:

Judy Craft, h (859) 245-8445, w (859) 257-4872 x 4309, jcrafty@hotmail.com; or Cindy Kline (859) 272-6298, rebccindy@aol.com, or Vinnie Dubilier, (859) 223-5146.

Mail the form and your check payable to Lexington Chapter of Hadassah, including 75 cents for postage, to Judy Craft, 4413 Shagbark Ct., Lexington, KY 40515.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Amount enclosed (including 75 cents for postage): _____

THE LEXINGTON HAVURAH NEWS

President, Gail Cohen • (859) 272-1459

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). It is affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the National Havurah Committee. Members plan, conduct, and share responsibilities for all services.

Havurah Annual Retreat, Sunday, March 6

The Havurah retreat will be held, Sunday, March 6 at the Firebrook Clubhouse. Professor Oliver Leaman will be our scholar in residence. The retreat is for Havurah members only. The Havurah looks forward to this educational event each year. Dr. Leaman will speak on Islamic thought and culture.

Purim Potluck and Kabbalat Shabbat Service Friday, March 25

On Friday, March 25, the Havurah will hold a potluck supper and Kabbalat Shabbat service celebrating Purim. It will be held at the Lexington Theological Seminary. The service leaders for the evening will be Judy Baumann and Eve Podet.

Kabbalat Shabbat Service Held in February

On February 18 the Lexington Havurah conducted a Kabbalat Shabbat service at the Lexington Theological Seminary. The service was planned and led by Gail and Ernie Cohen. There was a lively discussion relating to the parsha of the week. An Oneg Shabbat followed the service.

For more information please call Gail Cohen, president, at (859) 272-1459.

THE LEXINGTON CHAPTER OF HADASSAH NEWS

Elise Mandel, President

Thinking About Women

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Most of us have women to thank for a million moments in our lives. From our first smiles to our first steps to our first challenges, there are women who have mentored and taught us throughout our lives. And as our own lives move forward, we ourselves have become teachers to others. In thinking of all the women who have been part of your life, you may remember women who changed your perceptions, gave you courage, and fostered your independence and self-esteem. So, too, there are women in your world today—friends and family—who, through their acts of kindness, patience, teaching, and courage, have become your special heroines.

How fortunate we are to have learned precious lessons from strong, loving, and powerful women. This month is especially significant as we celebrate both Purim and the birth of Hadassah. We are reminded of two great women who were a driving force in these moments in history—Queen Esther and Henrietta Szold. In the face of anti-Semitism and evil, Esther's courage and remarkable strength saved the Jewish people. And in the face of compelling challenges, Henrietta Szold set the framework for an organization that would become a powerful force in the transformation of a land and a people.

Most of us will never reach the prominence and illustrious recognition of Esther and Henrietta. Clearly, both women helped changed the course of history. However, we have learned that ordinary women, doing ordinary things can change their own part of the world and with each individual endeavor, the ripple effect is felt and acknowledged throughout the generations. Each of us makes a difference every day through our work and

efforts. Celebrate the women in your life.

Help celebrate the achievements of women and the vision of Hadassah at our Annual Fun-Raiser—Mediterranean *shuq*, feast, and silent auction at the Temple on March 5. Keep the spirit of Hadassah alive.

You Are Invited

Hadassah's 7th Annual "Fun-Raiser"
A Live and Silent Auction "in the Shuq"

Saturday, March 5, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.

Temple Adath Israel • 124 North Ashland Avenue

Chai (\$18 individual)

Double Chai (\$36 couple)

🦋 Mediterranean Feast • Live Entertainment 🦋
Spouses & Guests Welcome • Childcare Provided

Please RSVP to Janice Hensley at (859) 277-8027 or
email: hensley34@insightbb.com

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Our B'Nai Mitzvah

Evelyn Dantzie Geller

FOR MARCH 2005

Emma Simpson

Emma Simpson, daughter of Mark and Tina Simpson, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on March 26 at Temple Adath Israel. Joining them in marking this auspicious occasion will be her older brother, Ted.

Emma, a seventh grade student at Morton Middle School, says her favorite subject is math. At Morton she is a cheerleader and plays the violin in the school orchestra. Her excellence in performing on this instrument has earned her a chair playing violin in the Central Kentucky Youth Orchestra.

For her mitzvah project, Emma shows movies and serves refreshments to people living at Mayfair Manor every week, an activity that gives the residents much pleasure.

Ilana Kline

Ilana Kline, daughter of Rabbi Marc and Cindy Kline, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on April 2, 2005 at Temple Adath Israel. Joining them in this joyous occasion will be her older sister, Corey, her older brother, Josh, and her younger sister, Rachel.

Ilana, a seventh grade student at Southern Middle School, says her best and favorite subject is science. At Southern she is a member of the Beta Club, does the morning news on TV, and plays first chair flute in the band. In addition to school activities, Ilana reads a lot, likes to "hang out with friends," and visits older people with her father.

For her mitzvah project, Ilana is working on the Giraffe Project, which involves working for people "who stick their necks out for other people" and do good things.

TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL NEWS

124 N. Ashland Avenue • President, Starr Gantz • (859) 269-2979

Rabbi Kline Offers Wednesday A.E. Classes at 7:00 p.m. & 12:15 p.m.

These classes cover varied topics that relate to Judaism and are of interest to the Lexington community. They are free and open to all. Please come join us for an informative discussion of topics.

March 2 — 7:00 p.m.

The Difference Between Mordecha & Haman

March 9 — 7:00 p.m.

Paperclips film showing at the Kentucky Theatre. Meet at Theatre at 7 p.m. Coffee & discussion after film

March 16 — 12:15 p.m.

Is the Book of Esther Really Part of our Bible?

Kollel

Finding A Jewish Path While The Ground Shifts Beneath Us

The class takes place on the following dates: 3/20/05, 4/17/05, & 5/22/05.

This is an adult discussion group led by Larry Kant, that studies traditional Jewish sources in novel ways as we seek to reclaim a modern Jewish path. As in previous years, times are on selected Sundays from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon. This year our theme will be "Difficult Bible Passages"

Sisterhood News

March Is Mitzvah Crib Month

A Crib was placed in the front foyer on February 27 for donations. Some items suggested are items that cannot be bought with WIC or Food Stamps

such as diapers, diaper rash cream, baby thermometers, baby Tylenol, baby wipes, onesies, baby blankets, baby socks, pacifiers, Vaseline—but any items are welcome.

If you have questions, please call Regina at (859) 523-3011.

Adopt A School

Ashland Elementary: Math and Reading tutors needed.

Spring semester has arrived, and Ashland Elementary School's teachers and students hope that we will continue to expand our tutoring in letters/reading (9:00-10:00 or 10:30-10:50) and mathematics (12:45-1:45) every day of the week. Volunteers to help develop science fair projects are needed Fridays from 1:30 to 2:30. Schedule is posted in the Temple office. To volunteer in math and reading, call Dianne Bazell at 278-3042. To help with the science fair, call Deb Kratzer at (859) 223-8601.

Preschool News

Laura Creamer, Director

We sure are looking forward to spring at the Preschool. Flowers will be planted in our window boxes, the playground will dry out, and we can get some fresh air. We made a cardboard house to play with in the Social Hall, which makes the cold, rainy days more fun. Our 2- and 3-year-old classes spent the month of February learning about winter, Valentine's Day, weather, and lots of other fun stuff. Our 4-year-old class explored the rain forest and had a fun Valentine's Day. Those children who

stayed for Extended Day enjoyed Valentine's games and messy art day, and our friend the librarian came to read us stories. We had a great time at our Winter Family Dinner with Cambo the Clown, and the food was delicious.

Don't forget our Yard Sale on Friday, March 11 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. We will have all kinds of children's clothing, toys, and accessories. We will also be selling lots of adult things.

Temple Adath Israel Preschool registration and enrollment for the 2004-2005 school year is now underway. Our wonderful and nurturing teaching staff will return for another exciting and fun-filled year, and we plan to fill out our enrollment to capacity. For more information about our preschool, to schedule a visit, or to enroll your child for the coming year, call Laura Creamer at (859) 269-1915.

Silent Auction on May 1 To Benefit The Religious School

Start thinking of your many talents. On May 1, the Religious School will hold a silent auction. They are looking for donations of services and items. Examples are: trips, classes, UK tickets, restaurant vouchers, services from the many talented people in our congregation. For instance, we have already the following: one hour of one-on-one Talmud study with Rabbi Kline, one session of Hebrew Bar/Bat Mitzvah training from Elissa Brown, and crochet lessons from Cindy Kline. Call the Temple office to let us know what you can contribute to the Silent Auction. Watch your weekly email news and future bulletins for more.

One World Film Festival Presents Paper Clips

The One World Film Festival series will show the Miramax documentary *Paperclips* on Wednesday, March 9 at the Kentucky Theatre. There will be several showings of the film, which runs 90 minutes. The two early showings, 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., are primarily for school children. However, if this is the only time someone can make a showing, feel free to do so. The other showings are at 3:00 p.m., 5:15 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.

Whitwell Middle School, in rural Tennessee, is the setting for this documentary about an extraordinary experiment in Holocaust education.

JUDAISM UNMASKED A Purim Lecture Series

Central Branch
Lexington Public Library

Rabbi Lieb Tropper

Tuesday, March 8

"Beauty: Its Meaning and Message"
7:30 p.m.

"Happiness: A Challenge"

8:15 p.m.

Wednesday, March 9

*"Hebraism vs. Hellenism:
Contrasts & Similarities Part II"*
7:30 p.m.

*"Finding Ethical Meaning in a
World of Mask and Costume"*
8:15 p.m.

Sponsored by Horizons.

For more information:

(845) 425-3863 or info@horizons.edu

Struggling to grasp the concept of six million Jewish Holocaust victims, the students decide to collect six million paper clips to better understand the extent of this crime against humanity. They selected paper clips because the Norwegians wore them during the war as a sign of silent protest. The film details how the students met Holocaust survivors from around the world and how the experience transformed them and their community.

One World Films has received special support from the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, Thomas and King, and an anonymous source to make this film showing.

Teaching Opportunities In China

On November 21, 2004, Dr. David Wachtel was made an honorary citizen of Changsha, Hunan, China. He returned for the ceremony that was conducted in the city's civic center. Changsha is a city larger than Chicago and has only given this award 23 times in its history. The other 22 were all business people. Dr. Wachtel has been bringing American volunteers to the Changsha College of Education to teach conversational English to public school English teachers. If anyone is interested in joining the teaching team, feel free to contact Dr. Wachtel at david.wachtel@kctcs.edu. You need only be a native English speaker and a college graduate.

Parents' Night Out

When: March 12, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Where: TAI

What: Go out and enjoy adult company for the evening and we will enjoy your children

- Open to all children from 2 (potty trained) to 10
- Dinner, crafts, & movies
- Cost: \$15/child; \$10 for second child.
- Registration Must Be Received by March 4

Children's Names & Ages:

Phone: _____

Food Allergies _____

OHAVAY ZION SYNAGOGUE NEWS

2048 Edgewater Court • President, Nancy Hoffman • (859) 266-8050

We look to March with a sense of joy as we conclude the month of Adar and begin the leap month of Adar II, and of course, celebrate Purim. Tradition tells us that with the arrival of Adar, we are to rejoice and "be happy." We wish everyone a very Happy Adar and a Happy Purim filled with fun.

Purim at OZS: Megillah Reading and Purim Carnival

Join us on Thursday night, March 24 at 6:15 p.m., as we read Megillat Esther—the Scroll of Esther—in celebration of this unique and joyful holiday. We will begin with Ma'ariv at 6:00 p.m. leading into the Megillah reading complete with costume parade, singing, and a performance by the "Not-so-Ready-For Prime-Time OZS Players." Of course, a "nosh" of Hamantashen will follow the festivities. Be sure to wear a costume or funny hat or and bring a sense of humor and smile with you. In case you are coming straight from work, school, or other activities, the Social Hall will be open from 5:30 p.m. if you wish to bring your own dairy or veggie dinner to enjoy before the Megillah reading. Drinks will be available.

Our annual Purim Carnival, sponsored by OZS Kadima and USY, will take place prior to the Purim holiday on Sunday, March 20, 12:00-2:00 p.m. in the OZS Social Hall. Food (lunch), games, costume contest, and a special raffle are just some of the Carnival activities scheduled. Proceeds support the USY and Kadima programs, so come help this worthy cause and have fun while doing it.

OZS Sisterhood:

Purim Gift Bags

One of the mitzvot associated with Purim is giving gifts. You can fulfill this special mitzvah by purchasing a Purim Gift Bag sponsored by the OZS Sisterhood. Send your spouse, sibling, teacher, friend, child, or anyone you want to wish a "Happy Purim" a gift bag filled with up to three items. Items (all kosher, please) to choose from include wine, cheese, candy, hamantashen, fresh fruit, cookies, flowers, and challah. The minimum cost for three items is \$20; they will be delivered by a member of the OZS Youth group before Purim. If you wish to include more than three items, each additional item will cost \$5. If you would like to have us send a Purim package out of town (to a college student, parent, grandparent, or the like), the minimum cost will be \$30 for three items (no wine, cheese, or flowers). Your Purim gift will include a small card with your name. If multiple people place a gift order to send to

the same person, the card will list all the names, and additional items will be added. All orders must be received by Tuesday, March 15. Contact Karen Barnes or the OZS office for more information.

Youth Group News: Carnival and Fundraising Raffle

OZS' Kadima and USY has a very busy March planned. Headlining the month is the annual Purim Carnival. The Stewart Home School students will be making their annual OZS Purim Carnival visit at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 7. This is always a wonderful activity for both the Stewart Home and our Youth Group members. We are thankful, once again, for the opportunity to host the Stewart Home School for this special program.

Please help support the Ohavay Zion youth groups by purchasing raffle tickets for some great prizes. Buy a chance to win a new Slim Sony Playstation 2 for only \$5, a new HP ZE4910 laptop for \$15 per ticket, or how about a new 46" Hitachi 46F510 big screen TV for \$25 a ticket? Tickets will be limited to 125 tickets per item raffled. Drawing to be held at the OZS Purim Carnival on March 20 (you do not need to be present to win). For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit <http://www.lexusy.org>, email mike@lexusy.org, or call Mike Mayer at (859) 273-8605.

OZS Goes to the Movies: Paperclips

A special thanks goes to Annette Mayer for helping to bring the documentary *Paperclips* to Lexington under the auspices of the One World Film Festival. The 90-minute movie documents the story of a middle school class in Whitwell, Tenn., studying the Holocaust, who decided to collect six million paperclips—one for every person murdered—as a symbol of the Jewish lives lost during the Shoah. They selected paperclips because paperclips had been worn by Norwegians during the war as a sign of silent protest. Ultimately almost 30 million paper clips made their way to the tiny town of Whitwell, and journalists and Holocaust survivors joined the teens' project, creating a unique connection between the

generations. OZS Youth as well as adults will be joining together to attend this special movie at the 7:30 p.m. screening at the Kentucky Theater on Wednesday, March 9. For more information, call the OZS office, (859) 266-8050.

Adult Education News

The next class session of 350 Years of Jews in America: Our History and Literature facilitated by Professor Sandy Goldberg is scheduled to meet Sunday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m. We will be finishing our discussion of Saul Bellow's novel, *The Adventures of Augie March*. During the evening's class, we will consider how Augie's Jewishness plays itself out in indirect ways, and look at the humor of author Saul Bellow. Everyone is invited to join this exciting opportunity for learning. Even if you haven't made it to previous class meeting, it isn't too late to join. Contact Sandy Goldberg by email at scgold@uky.edu for more information.

The Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class continues in full swing as seven adults continue preparing for their special Adult B'nai Mitzvah Celebration to be held June 3 and 4, 2005. As a part of the learning program, each member of the class will present a d'var Torah during a Shabbat morning service. Last month, Sue Ezrine shared with us her insights on *Parashat Teruma*, focusing on the description of and meaning behind the construction of the Ark in the Tabernacle. This month, Di Sobel will share her d'var Torah on *Parashat Tzav*, on Saturday, March 26. Following that, Jacquelyn Johnson will share her d'var Torah on *Parashat Sh'mini* on Saturday, April 2. Mazal Tov to all of the class members!

Making a Difference: Social Action

We are happy to have established an ongoing relationship with God's Pantry as we and members of Temple Adath Israel join together to visit the God's Pantry facility the third Tuesday of each month to help sort and bag food items for distribution to those in need. Come and join us with the whole family as we work together for this wonderful cause. Our next God's Pantry Night will be Tuesday, March 15 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.. Call Ziggy Rivkin-Fish at (859) 269-3990 to sign up.

OZS Religious School News

In late January, our Religious School students participated in a very special Tu B'Sh'vat Seder organized and conducted by Michelle Rivkin-Fish. We also joined together for a special potluck Shabbat dinner prior to the Religious School Service on February 11. This month, we look forward to the Megillah Reading on March 24 and Purim Carnival on March 20. The next Religious School Service is on Friday evening, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. The students have been working hard on learning their t'filot (prayers) and new songs using both traditional melodies and new ones taught by Sharon Katz.

Our Junior Congregation program continues on March 19 at 10:30 a.m. in the Music Room. The program is coordinated by Steve Davis-Rosenbaum and led by Heidi Zimmerman. We encourage parents to attend with their kids.

Our OZS and TAI Jewish study program for 11th and 12th graders, **Senior Chai**, will meet on March 16 and again on March 30 at 6:30 p.m. In recent months, we have studied *The Real Story of Hanukkah*, *Tu B'Sh'vat: Judaism and the Environment*, and *Kabbalah: Jewish Mysticism*. If you are interested in participating and need more information please contact Rabbi Cohen or Rabbi Kline.

Daily Minyan

Our daily minyan continues to meet each afternoon Monday through Thursday at 5:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please come and help make a minyan.

Shabbat at OZS

Celebrating Shabbat is always the focus of our weekly events here at OZS. We have an alternating Friday evening schedule. On the first and third Fridays of the month, the service is at 6 p.m., while on the second and fourth Fridays the service is at 7:30 p.m. On Friday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m., the service will be led, and d'var Torah presented, by our Religious School students. Stewart Home will be here for their monthly Shabbat at OZS on Friday, March 18, at 6 p.m. Join us for our spirited Shabbat Morning Service each Saturday morning at 9:45 a.m. Kiddush Lunch follows each week.



AROUND THE COMMUNITY



CKJF - Central Kentucky Jewish Federation • 1050 Chinoe Road • Suite 203 • 268-0672 • David Feinberg, President

OZS - Ohavay Zion Synagogue • 2048 Edgewater Court • 266-8050 • Nancy Hoffman, President
Daily Minyan Mon.-Thurs. at 5:45 p.m.; Kabbalat Services on the 1st and 3rd Friday evenings at 6:00 p.m.,
on the 2nd and 4th Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. • Shabbat Services Saturday at 9:45 a.m.

TAI - Temple Adath Israel • 124 N. Ashland Avenue • 269-2979 • Starr Gantz, President
Shabbat Services Friday 7:30 p.m.; Worship Service Saturday 10:30 a.m.

HAD - The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah • Elise Mandel • President

HAV - The Lexington Havurah • 272-1459 • Gail Cohen, President • Shabbat Services monthly. Call for schedule.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		• OZS Board Meeting • TAI Board Meeting	Tikkun Lexington Meeting 7:00 p.m.		Shalom Deadline	Hadassah Fun-Raiser Auction & dinner at TAI, 6:30 p.m.
27	28	March 1	2	3	4	5
		• Chabad-Rabbi Litvin visits • Camp Shalom Meeting 8:00 p.m.	• One World Films - Paperclips • JFS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	Shalom Deadline	Rosh Chodesh Adar II	Parents Night Out - TAI
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
				Leisure Club Purim Party		Purim Masked Ball at TAI
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
OZS Purim Carnival			• CKJF Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. • CKJF Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	• Ta'anit Esther - The Fast of Esther • Tikkun visits Stewart Home	Purim	Emma Simpson Bat Mitzvah - TAI
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Shushan Purim						Ilana Kline Bat Mitzvah - TAI
27	28	29	30	30	April 1	2
		• OZS Board Meeting • TAI Board Meeting			Zack Sharer's Bar Mitzvah - OZS	Zack Shorer's Bar Mitzvah - OZS
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
• Shalom Deadline • Rosh Chodesh Adar II • Spring Concert 2005		Chabad-Rabbi Litvin visits	JFS Meeting 6:30 p.m.			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16