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December 24 and 25 give opportunities to help others

CKJF/Tikkun Lexington's 2007 Day of Giving helps people and animals

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Fran Morris-Mandel writes: "I participate in the day of giving because I enjoy coming together with the Jewish community to help the wider community. Clark and I have delivered meals on wheels together for the past couple of years and it's a nice way for us to spend time together. The participants in the program are so appreciative of our help, and it feels good to do this. I hope more Jewish community members will help out on the day of giving, because it is such a worthwhile experience. Thank you, CKJF, for providing this opportunity for us to give back to the Lexington community."

Top 10 Reasons why YOU should give:

10. If you wish to experience peace, provide peace for another. - Unknown
9. It is every man's (person's) obligation to put back into the world at least the equivalent of what he (she) takes out of it. - Albert Einstein

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The Equine Division of the CKJF/UJC Community Campaign helped the children of Ben Yakir, posing here with Arbel, their new horse.

— CAMPAIGN NEWS —

Equine program helps at-risk Israeli teens

In 2006, building upon our community's relationship with the Net@ program at the Youth Village of Hadassah Neurim, the Equine Division of the CKJF/UJC Community Campaign established a relationship with the Therapeutic Riding Program at the Youth Village of Ben Yakir.

The Therapeutic Riding program at Ben Yakir utilizes the powerful pleasures of horseback riding and caring for horses to help the village's at-risk teens cultivate their self-esteem while helping them develop reasoning skills and coordination. The program was initiated seven years ago.

We are pleased to announce that thanks to our Equine Division support, the village was able to buy a horse suited for therapeutic training and 166 hours of therapeutic instruction. The horse's name is Arbel.

The Youth village serves 148 boys between the ages of 12 and 17 from severely disadvantaged homes. They

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There will be some changes this year to the annual Winter Dinner soiree. The hotel has changed ownership from the Sheraton Suites to the Doubletree Suites, but will be the same warm environment we have always enjoyed. Their new chef is actually an old name in the business who makes incredibly good latkes.

The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with piano and violin music by Lew and Aviva Bowling in the atrium of the hotel. Hors d'oeuvres will accompany the entertainment, and you may purchase drinks at the bar.

Don't forget to bring your menorah, seven candles, and two items of non-perishable food per person to donate to God's Pantry. We will have space on each table for as many chanukiot as you would like to bring. Feel free to share any stories attached to them with people at your

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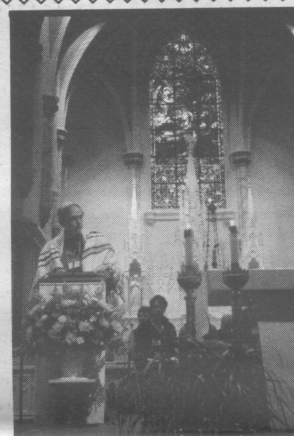
Mr. Haber,

On behalf of the entire cast, crew and staff of "Hana's Suitcase" and Lexington Children's Theatre, I would like to extend the most heartfelt gratitude for your emotional and passionate contribution to our discussion after the show. Your knowledge and experiences about the holocaust had a very deep impact on the audience, and will be sure to stay etched in the minds of all who attended. Thank you.

From Lexington Children's Theatre

Attention proud grandparents, parents, and students

We want to publish any original writing produced by our community's elementary and high-school-age children. If you're proud of something written by one of our kids, either fiction or non-fiction, please email it to DI-IFR@Bardstown.com.



Ned Rosenbaum speaks on Jewish principles of peace and justice at the Nov. 11 Fifth Annual Nelson County Interfaith Service in Bardstown, sponsored jointly by Louisville's Interfaith Paths to Peace and the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth. Photo by Lisa Tolliver, *The Kentucky Standard*

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Deadline for articles for the February *Shalom* is January 10.

Email articles to di-ifr@bardstown.com.

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My First Chanukiah

By Hanna B. Smith

I cannot show you a picture of my first chanukiah because it was a log of wood. Once Hanukkah was over we used the log to heat the kitchen. After all, it was the winter of 1945 and we had to stay warm somehow. The miracle of Hanukkah that year was that all five of us had survived World War II. There we were, a couple with two grown children and one small girl, in a village in northern Germany where we did not know anyone. But we were alive.

I remember sitting at the kitchen table that December evening and eating "bams." Bams, a name coined by my mother, was a dish consisting of elbow macaroni and something we hoped were bouillon cubes. The electricity was off again and the kitchen was lit by a candle. My father entertained me with a shadow game, using his hands, reflected in the candle light on the kitchen wall, for a puppet show.

"Tonight is Hanukkah," my mother said suddenly. She spoke in a wondering tone of voice, a tone that I was to discern frequently in the coming years whenever we heard that a friend or former neighbor had sur-

vived or that a much needed piece of clothing or household equipment was somehow still available. This tone of voice held memories and hope.

Hanukkah, a word I had not heard before! I watched the adults look at each other as my mother asked: "What are we going to do?" We had no candlesticks, no chanukiah, no kiddush cup, just a dinner plate and a cup and a knife and fork and spoon for each member of the family.

The log of wood appeared suddenly on the kitchen table, chosen as the best looking one among a pile of logs in a bucket next to the kitchen stove. The adults were laughing and joking. Candles were stuck on the log and the dark and dreary room suddenly appeared larger and cozy. The adults sang and smiled at me. I grinned back at them. The electricity came back on just then.

The following year my brother designed a chanukiah in the shape of the letter khet, the first letter of the word Hanukkah. A wood worker in the village carved the chanukiah and lined the candleholders with metal. This new chanukiah served our family for many years. My brother's daughter now has it in her home. ☆

Nancy Cox to speak at TAI Sisterhood luncheon

The TAI Sisterhood will hold its December meeting on Wednesday, December 19, at noon in the TAI social hall. Nancy Cox, WLEX 18 news anchor, will be the featured speaker.

Cox is a Kentucky native, having grown up in Taylor County. One of ten children, she is a summa cum laude graduate of Western Kentucky University. She was Taylor County's Junior Miss in 1985 and represented Kentucky in the Miss America Pageant in 1990. Her broadcasting career brought her to WLEX in 1992, where she has remained, ultimately filling the position of anchor for all the evening news broadcasts.

During her career, Cox has received several Associated Press awards for news coverage, and she won an Emmy for anchoring in 1991. She has also topped several local polls over the years as the best news anchor on local television.

We hope you'll join us for this program, which is sure to be interesting and engaging. The cost for lunch is \$8 and reservations are required. Please call Sandee at the Temple, (859) 269-2979, to reserve your place. ☆

Winter Dinner (from page 1)

table. (Maybe you'd like to share them with our *Shalom* readership next year, as well.)

There will be a separate children's room, complete with babysitters who will supervise crafts, games, movies, and all kinds of fun. And, if you promise not to tell the hotel staff, we might even mount another covert mission to the big people's buffet to smuggle hot latkes into the kids' room. It is also fun for the kids to have their own menu of cheese pizza and ice cream sundaes. As always, there is no cost for babysitting; the kids' dinner is only \$5 per child ages

6 to 12, while children under 6 can come free—for a whole night of food, fun, and entertainment!

Our meal this year is going to be excellent. There will be a separate salad bar in the atrium and bread on the tables. After lighting our menorahs and saying a blessing we will go in groups to enjoy the buffet, which will include potato latkes with fixings, salmon, pasta, ratatouille, zucchini casserole, and two types of desserts.

A community Hanukkah dinner is a beautiful experience, from the candlelight of the menorahs to the beautiful music and shared blessings to the feeling of community. We hope to hear from you soon to say that you will be a part. To register, log on to our website at www.jewishlexington.org and pay by credit card or send a check to the office with the form on page 13 of this issue of *Shalom*. Call Jana with any additional questions at (859) 268-0672. Come and celebrate being part of a community! ☆

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President's Message

Linda Ravvin



Imagine this scenario: you are in a room full of people—crowded, noisy, and pumped up—at the start of the General Assembly of the United Jewish Communities, probably the largest and most important annual meeting to take place in the Jewish world. It is the meeting place for all the components of the UJC—the United Jewish Communities—of which CKJF and all of us are members. It is a most amazing feeling to find yourself one of 3,500 people (more than the total number of Jews in Central Kentucky) in a single room, all there for the same cause. As representative of CKJF with Daniel Chefec, I was part of this incredible event in Nashville, from November 11 to 13.

Every day, United Jewish Communities, the Jewish federations of North America, and our partner organizations (the Jewish Agency for Israel, the Joint Distribution Committee, and others) work hard to fund, organize, and run an extraordinary network of essential programs that make Jewish life in North America, Israel, and around the world vibrant, meaningful, and secure. From New Orleans to Kiev to Jerusalem, UJC works to ensure a fundamental Jewish priority: the existence of a caring and supportive community.

Countless deserving individuals, groups, and programs throughout the Jewish world require help from our system—and they get it. This support comes in the way that is consistent with our values: giving to clients who don't know the donor, in a manner that assures dignity and pride. The hungry are fed and cared for; the next generation is educated and empowered; the single parent is given a helping hand; young singles and families are embraced by new communities far from their family and friends; the vulnerable in the former Soviet Union, Ethiopia, and elsewhere in the world are embraced and

comforted; emergency systems are put in place to respond to every challenge, from war in Israel to a hurricane in the United States. And tens of thousands of young people are sent on educational trips to Israel.

As an active participant in UJC, CKJF—and thereby all of us—are part of the network that makes this possible. What an awesome effect we have! Talk about *tikkun olam*, repair of the world! That is what this is all about!

The theme of the GA was "One People, One Destiny" and the ses-

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sions were focused on all the ways we can enable this concept for our local communities. There were concerns about the falling growth in fundraising levels nationally and the effect of the falling U.S. dollar and, therefore, the additional funds necessary to meet international needs, both within the Jewish world and in the world generally.

There were exciting presentations and discussions about new ways to get involved one-on-one with Israelis. Daniel Chefec and I met with representatives from Hadassah Neurim and Ben Yakir, the two projects that we have been funding, providing computer skills and horse therapy programs to disadvantaged youth in Youth Aliyah villages. We are exploring the possibility of setting up computer interaction between our teens and the teens involved in these programs. What a wonderful experience it would be for all involved to be able to connect with their peers and discover the similarities between them, both as Jews and as teens.

We met with the person working to bring *shlichim* (representatives from Israel trained to educate and promote Israel in communities) to federations throughout the United States and discussed the idea of bringing a *shaliach* to Central Kentucky. We had such a

positive response from having a *shaliach* at Camp Shalom this past summer that we would like to explore the idea of having one for a longer period of time.

The PJ Library, a project of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, is an amazing program that works through Jewish federations to bring Jewish bedtime stories and songs for families as an outreach program to young families in the Jewish community. This brings a free gift of a high quality, age-appropriate Jewish book or CD to any subscribed child from age 6 months to 7 years. It is an extraordinary opportunity for CKJF to provide a connection to Judaism free of charge to our young families, and through this means building a connection to our Jewish community locally and throughout the world. The cost to CKJF would be \$5 per month per child. I am actively looking for a sponsor to make this program possible.

Serious discussion took place, in many different forums, regarding the new generation and how to engage and involve them now and for the future. There were presentations from young entrepreneurs about the adaptations we need to make to bring about change in the Jewish establishment approach to "business as usual"; we need to be more open to new approaches and more global in our perspective: to show initiative not only in Jewish arenas but in global arenas of concern (Darfur and conservation issues being two obvious examples).

There were the visible major speakers: Howard Dean, Jonathan Woocher, Israeli Ambassador to the United States Sallai Meridor, Israeli Minister of Welfare, Social Services and Diaspora Services Isaac Herzog, Bruce Pearl (the Jewish basketball coach of University of Tennessee), and Ari Sandel, the maker of the Academy Award winning film, *West Bank Story*. The last keynote speaker was Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, who spoke about the need for a two-state solution to the Middle East conflict and about the upcoming talks in Annapolis, as well as the situation with Iran.

It would be almost impossible to describe the energy and the passion in the air—3,500 people of all ages representing the Jewish world, from the United States, Canada, Israel, and everywhere else that there are Jews. But I will sum it up by relating an interesting conversation I had with my cab driver on the way to the airport. He was an Ethiopian, not Jewish, working in Nashville to help other new immigrants adapt as Americans and still maintain their ethnic roots. He asked if I had been at the "Jewish meeting." Upon my positive reply, he told me that he was incredibly impressed by the Jews; he has enormous problems trying to convince people that it is possible to become American without losing their identities, and we as a people have been adapting to various cultures while maintaining and flourishing as a people for centuries. It is up to each and every one of us to make sure that—through our connections with each other, our federations, and Israel—we not only maintain our Jewish identities but strengthen them. ✪

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World War II Vet remembers comrades

Modern Internet sheds light on old story

By Jerry Wurmser

This is about three of my comrades, Edmund Wright, Harry Wilson, and Jasper Yowell. We were assigned to the same squadron, joining the unit around Sept. 18, 1944. (It was on either Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur, because I can remember thinking, while being flown over the Mediterranean Sea from the replacement center in Naples to Southern France in a slow-flying, unarmed, and unescorted C47 Transport plane, "Wow, what am I doing here; I oughta be in a synagogue somewhere.")

On December 22, 1944, a flight from our squadron ran into some German ME109s. I wasn't on this particular mission, but Edmund Wright and Harry Wilson were, both flying as wingmen. Quoting from the debriefing report: "As flight leader was preparing to make a strafing attack on a train, 12 ME-109's were observed below at approximately 500 ft." The flight leader then rolled over and dove to attack, the other eleven planes following. In the ensuing dogfight, which ranged from near ground level up to 15,000 feet, Lt. Wright was shot down, as were six of the German planes. Edmund bailed out of his spinning P-47, striking the tail and breaking his arm in three places. He was captured when he landed, and became a POW. His arm was taken care of in the POW camp by a British doctor, and Edmund was a POW until the end of the war. I still have the V-mail he sent me upon his release, telling me of his experiences during the approximately four and-a-half months of his imprisonment. In this letter, Wright mentions that another one of the pilots on the mission that day was himself shot down the following February, and how surprised they both were when this newest victim of the Germans joined him in the prison camp. This flyer was credited with shooting down one of the enemy planes in the December 22 fray. Edmund, by the

way, was the other Jewish pilot in our squadron. A few years ago, with Lowell Nigoff's help, I was brought in contact with Wright's daughter Barbara, who lives in New York. She informed me that her dad had passed away in 1990.

Now, here's the story of a really gung ho guy. It's February 14, 1945, and we've now moved up to Lunieville, France, following the rapidly advancing 7th Army. It's early morning, and Lt. H.E. "Harry" Wilson taxis out in preparation for takeoff on the first mission of the day, a dive-bombing mission. One of the engine checks

made before every takeoff is to run that big Pratt and Whitney 18-cylinder engine up to 2000 rpm's, lock the brakes, and do a magneto check. If, in the course of this check, you have an rpm drop of 200 or more, it's no go. You taxi back to your hardstand and the crew chief goes to work. This happened to Harry not once, not twice, but three times that

ambulances, and various jeeps and trucks all start roaring down the field after him, knowing he isn't going to make it. And he doesn't! He becomes airborne, but doesn't have the power to stay there, comes down hard, blows a tire, and one or two of the 500 lb. bombs he was carrying under his wings dislodge and explode. There is a massive fire, and he is helped from the flaming cockpit.

Harry was badly burned about his waist, on his legs, and on his lower face. Luckily, his goggles protected his eyes. Harry never flew again. He was hospitalized for about two years, had many operations, and finally made a near complete recovery. He re-enrolled in college, got his degree, married, fathered six children, became a widower but never remarried. At our reunions, my buddy H. E. Wilson, was thereafter known as "High Explosive" Wilson. Harry drove down from Michigan and visited with Rose Rita and me several times. Unfortunately, he passed away about three years ago.

It's now March 19, 1945. I'm up front on TD (temporary duty) with the



L. to R., Ed Wright, Jasper Yowell, "Smithy," also KIA. The "HellsBelles" logo on the trailer now rests atop a bookcase in Jerry Wurmser's den.

fateful day. At mid afternoon, Harry is assigned to go on the last mission of the day. The fellows from the first two missions are already back on the ground, laughing and drinking at the Officer's Club, rehashing the just-completed missions, and planning to get into their "class A" dress uniforms and go into Lunieville for a little R & R. Harry, very upset, is probably thinking, "I'm not going to miss out on another mission, no matter what! I'll never get my 100 missions in, and at this rate, I'll be here forever!" (Immaturity, foolhardiness, bravery, or what? After all, most of us were just 20 or 21 years old. Our C.O., the "Old Man," was only 24.)

On this third attempt of the day, Harry rolls out on the strip, runs it up to 2,000 rpms for the mag check, and it's the same story again. Disregarding the warning that all is not well in the engine department, he locks the tail wheel, pushes the throttle to the firewall and starts his takeoff roll. As his plane gathers speed, black smoke is pouring out of the exhausts, and at the sound of his engine backfiring, the fire trucks,



45th Infantry Division, having joined them the previous week to take my turn for two weeks or so as forward air control liaison officer. When I returned from the front, I was told that my friend Jack Yowell was MIA, missing in action. It seems that on a mission in the area near Pforzheim, Germany, the flight he was flying with was "bounced" by a superior number of ME 109s, and his plane was hit. It was last seen spinning down, but one or two of the pilots on the mission were sure they saw him bail out, thus the listing of MIA.

Fast forward to May, 2006. I get an email from one William Yowell, a retired attorney living in Chicago. Bill was a 10 year old when his older brother was in France. He wanted to know if I knew his brother, Jack Yowell. He had Googled the 324th Fighter Group and come up with our web site. There was an email contact

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Want to give your kids a great Jewish experience next year but worried about the cost?



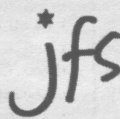
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From the Executive Director

Daniel Chejfec



Making choices and living with them

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When I was in high school, my philosophy professor told us something that I found to be almost an epiphany, and which affected my life in many ways. I don't know whether this was her original thinking or a quote from somebody else, but she said, "Living is making choices, and we make choices every minute of our lives. When we don't have any more choices to make, it is because it doesn't matter any more one way or another"

We do indeed make choices every day of our lives; some of them are small choices, such as whether to wear a tie, while others can be overwhelming, such as whether to move to another country. But all choices, small and big, bear witness to the fact that we are alive.

The only problem is that we must live with the consequences of those choices, for better or for worse. This

is a fact that Jewish tradition highlights in many ways, starting with the very first human story in the Bible: that of Adam and Eve and their choice to eat from the tree.

Jewish tradition insists that we are to take full responsibility for our own actions (and choices), and that such responsibility follows us even to the Heavenly Court, where we are judged for everything we did—and for everything we did not; for everything we were—and for everything we were not.

There is a Hasidic tale of a rabbi in conversation with his students. One of the students asked him what was the best thing to be—like Moses, like Shammai, or like Hillel. The rabbi answered, "None of those." The students, surprised, asked him what he meant. The rabbi, after a pensive pause, answered, "When I will finally face the Creator in the

Heavenly Court, if they asked me why I wasn't like Moses, I'll know what to answer; if they ask me why I wasn't like Shammai or like Hillel, I'll know what to answer, but if they ask me 'Why you weren't yourself,' what will I answer?"

...a growing number—still a minority, but growing—of Jewish college students are siding with the anti-Israel message on college campuses to gain acceptance by their peers.

The story teaches, among other points, that we all need to live our own circumstances, and while having role models is good, blind imitation is bad. Choices represent the core of who we are and who we become through our lives and even the lives of our descendants. We are Jews because our ancestors chose to remain Jewish.

In the same way that our choices determine who we become as individuals, the same is true for groups of individuals, including communities or even societies; as with individuals, collective choices also have a profound impact on what the group becomes down the road, and what happens to it. History is full of such momentous choices, and Jewish history not the least.

Classical German Reform Judaism chose to re-conceptualize Judaism as a faith identity, coining the phrase "Germans of the Mosaic Faith." Years later, at the end of the 19th century, 100,000 German Jews converted to Christianity without feeling any loss, and a generation later German Jews were unable to

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Third Opinion

Stanley Ned Rosenbaum, PhD

Evangelicals and Jews

"Ah, take the Cash and let the Credit go,
Nor heed the rumble of a distant Drum."
Omar Khayyam, *The Rubaiyat*

There is usually a good deal of rumbling in the Jewish community when Evangelical Christians express their support for Israel. They are staunch defenders of Israel's right to occupy even more territory than it presently does, something that not all Jews agree with. But Jewish skeptics are more concerned with their not-so-secret agenda: converting Jews. Moreover evangelicals look forward to the End of Days when this will happen. Thus will Judaism be ultimately discredited, and with friends like that... Admittedly, the Christian agenda is not confined to evangelicals. Anne Coulter, who is the porn princess of political punditry, a sort of gentile Sarah Silverman but not nearly as amusing, recently blurted out to a Jewish radio talk show host that America would be a better place if all Jews were "perfected," that is, made Christian.

This idea has been the stock-in-trade of anti-Semites for centuries, so one might also ask, with enemies like that who needs any Christian "friends"?

One response is that if we honestly examine our own Jewish beliefs about Christianity, we seldom say what many of us think because it is tactless—and sometimes downright unhealthy—for minorities to challenge the foundational beliefs of the majority among whom they live.

In Spain in the 11th to 13th centuries, the monarchy arranged "debates" between Christians and Jews in which the Jewish side could only play "defense." People like Nachmanides (R. Moses ben Nachman) did this remarkably well, but still felt the need to flee afterward. And his rhetorical heroics didn't keep all Jews from being expelled from Spain in 1492. A detailed refutation of Christianity by the Karaite Abraham Troki



(*Chisuk Emunah*, "Faith Strengthened") was published in 1681, long after his death.

In America we have the freedom to express what we really think, though we exercise some care in doing so. For Jews, Christianity is based on the faulty premise that Jesus of Nazareth was something more than a courageous teacher

Christian beliefs have led millions of people to live righteous lives and some to risk and lose those lives in order to save Jews. May God bless them.

within the Jewish tradition. Many Jews think he was a lot less. (Okay, he was a Galilean, but still...)

The best we can honestly say about Christianity is that it is a wrongheaded branch of Judaism. It's like Sabbateanism—the seventeenth century sect that proclaimed one Shabbatai Tzvi as THE Messiah—but infinitely more successful. And if Jesus was only human, then the chances of his coming back are pretty slender, right? So what's to worry about?

Meanwhile, we may expect these Christians to vote in U.S. elections for candidates who share their religious-political views concerning Israel.



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Given this constellation of support, both the Israeli government and Jews here would be crazy not to welcome the help that Evangelicals offer. We have enough enemies without going out of the way to alienate those who would be friends, even on a "temporary" basis. Temporary? I don't look for the coming of any messiah before the sun burns out, which I understand is scheduled for about 5,000,000,000 years from now. That's a very distant drum.

Speaking as the Jewish pragmatist that he was, Jesus said, "By their fruits ye shall know them." In modern parlance, actions speak louder than words. Christian beliefs have led millions of people to live righteous lives and some to risk and lose those lives in order to save Jews. May God bless them.

Finally, if I may be a bit crass, Christian pilgrims infuse a lot of money into Israel's economy; if that's so, then we might indeed take the Cash and let the Credit go. ☆

Stanley Ned Rosenbaum, PhD (Brandeis), is an adjunct professor of Hebrew at UK and professor emeritus of Judaic Studies at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Penn. The title of this recurring column is drawn from the old chestnut, "Two Jews, three opinions."

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Facts About Israel

A group of Israeli scientists from the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, the Weizmann Institute of Science and Teva Pharmaceutical Industries have recently identified genes responsible for the positive response of many multiple sclerosis patients to the drug Copaxone. These findings may contribute to the development of personalized medicine for multiple sclerosis sufferers.

Copaxone was the first original Israeli drug to be approved by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and is today marketed in over 40 countries worldwide, including the US, Europe, Australia, Latin America and Israel.

The drug molecule was the fruit of research by Prof. Michael Sela, Prof. Ruth Arnon and Dr. Dvora Teitelbaum of the Weizmann Institute's Immunology Department. It was developed for the treatment of multiple sclerosis (MS) by Teva, which produces and markets Copaxone today.

From "Gene discovery could lead to personalized medicine for MS sufferers"
By ISRAEL21c staff October 11, 2007

Campaign (from page 1)

are dropouts, or they have been rejected by schools for low academic performance. Many suffer from ADD (Attention-Deficit disorder), ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity disorder), and/or are severely socially dysfunctional. Many are new Ethiopian immigrants or come from the former Soviet Union; many are from single-parent teen households, or are Israeli-born teens from deprived neighborhoods.

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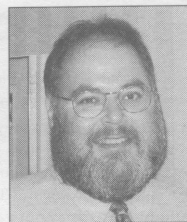
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Ask a Rabbi

Rabbi Marc A. Kline



Q : I have been to the Temple and the Synagogue and notice that when kaddish is recited there are differing customs as to who rises for the prayer. Why is this?

but one is not allowed to sit once it has started.

A We probably should start with the origins of the use of kaddish as a prayer for mourning. There are several uses of the kaddish prayer, thanking God for a variety of blessings. All are essentially the same, but what differences they have illuminate the commands to different ritual practices. Originally, kaddish was a prayer that focused on study. It became associated with mourning, as our sages taught that there is no greater source of education than those we love and from whose lives we learn. In pre-Talmudic times, we learn from a text, "The Testament of Abraham," that Abraham is supposed to be the author of the mourner's kaddish. The earliest use of the text as a prayer for mourners, though, seems to be in 12th century Germany. According to Kaufman Kohler (former president of Hebrew Union College), the mourner actually replaced the hazzan for the recitation of this prayer for the first year of mourning. In this role, the mourner who leads or recites the mourner's kaddish would stand (as hazzan) for the recitation.

The Rambam (in the Mishnah Torah) and the Shulchan Arukh both discuss this question in great detail, as do many other texts, but one finds no unanimity even regarding this concept. In the Kitzur Shulkhan Arukh, there are seemingly conflicting citations on this matter. The best synthesis of the arguments is that one may not have to rise for kaddish,

We also know that Jews all over the world still adhere to differing customs and understandings on this and other matters. In the German Middle Ages, communal standing for kaddish was the norm, while in Poland only the leader stood and chanted the prayer. In the case where several mourners were present, some system of priority would determine who this leader would be. Over time the practice developed for all those in mourning to stand and recite the prayer of memorial. This is the current practice of Ohavay Zion Synagogue.

...we all mourn the loss of six million Jews—all considered our family. Every day that the war continued gave rise to a new premature yahrzeit. We mourn their loss collectively.

As early as 1938, there were specific references to Reform congregations in the United States having everyone rise for kaddish, though not until the conclusion of World War II did it become a mainstream practice. The idea is twofold. First, we all mourn the loss of six million Jews—all considered our family. Every day that the war continued gave rise to a new premature yahrzeit. We mourn their loss collectively. Second, there is a sense, aside from the Holocaust, that those who grieve are comforted by the knowledge that they are not alone. Again, the trend is for Reform Congregations to practice this way (and it is the practice at Temple Adath Israel), but this custom is not uniform across the Reform movement. ✽

Have a question? Ask a rabbi

The rabbis write columns in response to questions submitted by the readers. We encourage you—whether you are a member of the Jewish community or not—to submit your queries on theology, morality, ethics, religious observances, etc. for response by one of our rabbis.

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Jew-by-Choice cements bond to land

By Amanda Veldorale-Brogan

Every year, March brings young Jews from all over the United States to spend spring break in Israel. These college kids aren't just whiling away their hours at the beach in Eilat or taking in the sights around Jerusalem. No, these young men and women are using their vacation to give back to Israel through acts of *tikkun olam*.

In 2005, the Jewish National Fund (JNF) created its Alternative Spring Break (ASB) program. This program sends hundreds of college students to Israel every year to help rebuild the Negev. Since 2006, students in the ASB program have also taken part in the JNF's Operation Northern Renewal, which was launched to help rebuild northern Israel after the Second Lebanon War. Over the past two years, some of the projects students have worked on include planting trees in Modiin, visiting sick children in hospitals throughout northern Israel, and helping with community beautification projects such as restoring parks.

The spring break is not entirely devoted to community service projects, however. According to the JNF's website, about 60 percent of the time will be spent on these projects, 20 percent will be spent learning about the history of the region and the importance of the work to be done, and 20 percent will be allotted to tourism. This seven- to eight-day trip is highly subsidized by the JNF and simply requires that each participant raise \$1,050 for the JNF.

When I learned of this program I was filled with an excitement I could barely contain. I was not born into the Jewish faith. Yet even as a small child I was filled with an enthusiasm for and connection to the Jewish people and the land of Israel. I read all I could about Jewish history and the Jewish people. In 2004 I began studying for my conversion to Judaism. In early May 2005, I met with a *beit din* (rabbinical court) and went to the mikvah, cementing my commitment to Judaism. Though my love and devotion for the Jewish faith has blossomed, it is my connection to the people and the land that is still the strongest. My fondest wish as a child was that one day I would be able to go to Israel to live and work on a kibbutz, to be part of the land that is so much a part of me. That dream has not yet become a reality, but this program brings me and others who share my dream a step closer.

- Shortly after my conversion, in May 2005, I had the opportunity to go to Israel with the Taglit-birthright Israel program. That trip solidified something in my mind that I had long known in my heart—that there is no place in this world for the

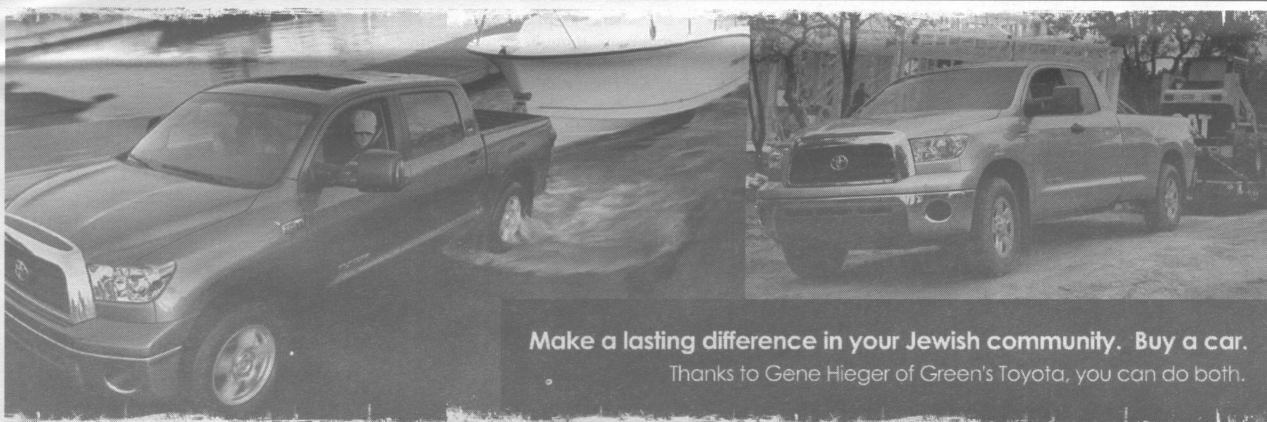


Amanda Veldorale-Brogan (left) and her sister, Jennifer, sifting for archeological artifacts at a dig in Bet Guvrin during her Taglit-birthright Israel trip.

Jewish people like the land of Israel. Every Jew should have the opportunity to visit Israel and the chance to give back to Israel. This opportunity provided by the JNF, to be a part of the land that is a part of all Jews, is one not to be missed. If you are able to participate, I encourage you to do so. If you are not able to go, help someone else go. Lawrence Kushner said of the Israeli desert that when you are there "you see the world for the first time" and that is something worth experiencing.

- Potential Dates for March 2008 are the weeks of March 8 –16, March 16 – 23, and March 23 – 30. Exact flight dates have yet to be determined. Flights will depart from NYC with a possible LA departure.

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Taking a journey through life transitions



Throughout life, we experience many endings and beginnings as natural and innate as night and day, cold and hot, or black and white. In nature we see leaves abruptly turn colorful in the autumn season, then shortly blow to the winter ground leaving the tree's branches empty and bare. This transition in nature is similar to our life transitions. They can be predictable and expected but have a discontinuity with the past and typically have recognizable beginnings and clear-cut endings.

These life transitions can be both challenging and rewarding. We are forced to relinquish the familiar structures that have supported us. On a positive note, life transitions give us opportunities to discover what we truly want and to develop coping strategies.

Life transitions can be intentional and planned, sudden and unexpected, positive and hopeful, negative and tragic, voluntary, involuntary, dramatic, painful, emotional, heartening, inspirational. Some leave us feeling unprepared or overwhelmed. However, other life alterations and transformations can be satisfying, leading to a new life full of happiness.

One interpretation comes from author William Bridges, who states that life transitions are composed of an ending, a neutral zone, and a new beginning. While we are confronted by the process of "letting go," we might still feel that our lives are difficult to manage. Once we do "let go," we feel detached and disengaged from our past but not yet linked to the present: the neutral zone. Eventually, we reach the new beginning stage, which successfully completes our life transition process and helps us grow, learn, and become connected to the world and other people.

Another breakdown of life transitions into stages:

- 1 Experience a spectrum of negative feelings;
- 2 Feel a loss of self-esteem and self-pride;
- 3 Start to accept the change;
- 4 Recognize that we must let go of the past and welcome the future;
- 5 Begin to feel hopeful about the future;
- 6 Genuinely feel enhanced self-esteem; and
- 7 Create a positive and encouraging view of the future.

Our journeys through life transitions might not proceed in these exact stages, depending on our specific situation. Everyone experiences these life transformations differently.

Coping skills will help make our transitions easier. Psychotherapist Garrett Coan recommends the following:

- Identify your values and goals
- Recognize, express, and communicate your feelings and emotions
- Don't be in a rush
- Expect to feel uncomfortable, insecure, anxious, and disoriented at times
- Stay sober (alcohol, drugs, etc.)
- Take good care of yourself physically, emotionally, psychologically, spiritually
- Eat a nutritious, balanced, and healthy diet
- Get plenty of rest

The key to unlocking the door to a new life is to approach the transition in a healthy, appropriate, and rational manner. Although some life-altering changes can be painful, we can turn them into rewarding experiences if we reframe our perceptions. This can be a revitalizing process.

- Exercise
- Build your support system (family, friends, mental health professionals, mentors, and the like)
- Acknowledge and accept what you are leaving behind and relinquish the old while welcoming the new
- Keep some things and routines in your life consistent and regular
- Recognize and accept that you may never fully understand what has happened to you, and then move on in a healthy and appropriate manner
- Take one step at a time
- Write down your thoughts and feelings in a journal or diary.

The key to unlocking the door to a new life is to approach the transition in a healthy, appropriate, and rational manner. Although some life-altering changes can be painful, we can turn them into rewarding experiences if we reframe our perceptions. This can be a revitalizing process. Just remember that our lives are filled with many beginnings and endings, turns and twists, ups and downs—an exhilarating roller coaster ride. ☆

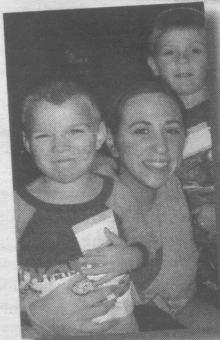
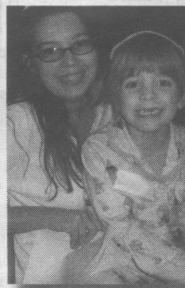
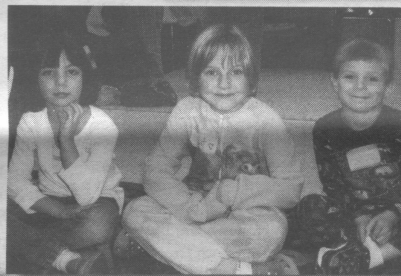
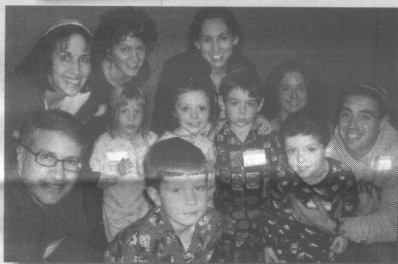
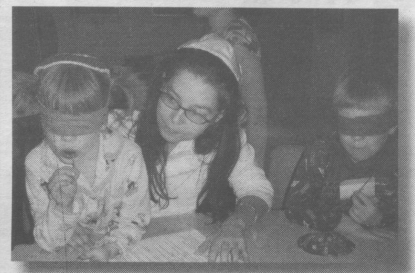
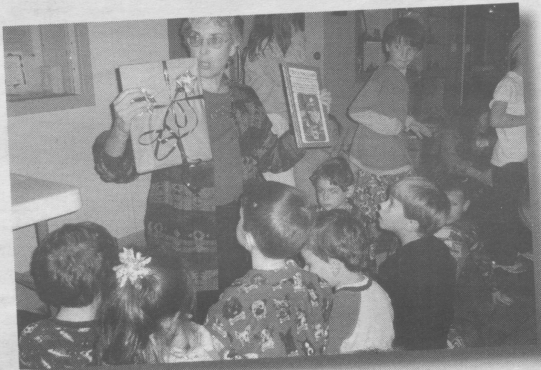
First OZS/TAI Pajama Havdalah

By Rachel Belin

A sleeper hit. That about sums up the success of the first Pajama Havdalah at Ohavay Zion Synagogue. Drawing dozens of families from both the OZS and Temple Adath Israel religious schools on a November Saturday night, the event aimed to engage families of young children in a uniquely Jewish bed-

time experience. Rabbi Sharon Cohen and Rabbi Marc Klein led the discussion for parents on Jewish nighttime rituals, while Jane Gris , Tina Trent and Colby Cohen-Archer led some of the more hands-on activities,

And the icing on the cake? Tired parents left with children already in their pajamas! ☆



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A Poem

By Rachel Kaplan, 10, Picadome Elementary School

("Where I'm From" was selected and published in the *Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans*.)

Where I'm From

I am from Girl Scout patches,
From friendship rings and piggy banks
I am from behind the book shelf
(Dusty, Peaceful, a place to think)
I am from the old rock
Imbedded in my back yard
Whose ridges I remember
As though I can feel them
A place to go in hard times
I am from "good job" stickers and baby teeth
From Maggie and Toby
I am from "You are my monkey"
And "What matters is on the inside"
I am from saying Bahruch Ata Adonai
From going to Yom kippur services
With all the dedicated Jews around me
And a whole prayer I can say myself
I am from fragrant flowers and the weeping willow
That leads to my grandparent's house
From Yoder's mashed potatoes and secret recipe steak
From playing beans with my brother
To the family stories I wish I'd experienced
On my book shelf is a safe box
With lots of coins
Lots of them lucky
To remind me
That everyday you have a pinch of luck
I am reminded of my special life
With lots of special things!

Rachel Kaplan's father, Randy Kaplan, submitted this (and several other compositions by Rachel that will appear in future issues) in response to Shalom's request for original writings of elementary and high school students in the community. Rachel's grandparents are Judy and Ed Kaplan. ☆

Camp Shalom prepares to celebrate 40th Anniversary

By Judy Levine

Camp Shalom will celebrate its 40th birthday this coming summer. So clear your calendars, put on your party hats, pull out those vintage camp T-shirts, scan those old photographs to identify childhood friends, and prepare for a grand weekend to commemorate CKJF's oldest existing program, the program that served as a foundation for our present Federation.

The event will begin on the last day of camp, Friday, August 8 with "A Day at Camp Shalom" and will continue with a dinner honoring Sue Friedman who inspired the camp's creation, former camp directors, and camp committee chairs.



Jan Doctrow, Linda Gerall, Mark Scarr, and Rachael Heller review pictures from early days of Camp Shalom.

The steering committee welcomes your ideas and participation. Tell your friends, send old pictures or brief written accounts of treasured memories to the CKJF office (we will use these in *Shalom*), and—most of all—save the date. ☆

Choices (from page 6)

understand why the German people still saw them as aliens, and why the Fuhrer wanted them dead.

The Zionist Movement faced, at one point in its history, the decision of whether political sovereignty over the land of Israel was necessary to achieve its goals, deciding it did. From that decision, the State of Israel was born, but so was the conflict with the Arabs.

The point I am trying to make is that every choice has negative and positive results, and sometimes is difficult to separate one from the other—that is life.

The American Jewish community chose long ago to focus its institutional development on the idea of full integration in American society, which required that some of the baggage brought by Jews from the old countries had to be shed. On the altar of American integration, the Jewish community sacrificed Yiddish (and Ladino) culture and replaced it with a veneer of ethnic references. Yiddish survived for many years not through the learning of its literature but as the punchlines to jokes by Jewish performers—not as the living legacy of a rich past but as a nostalgic reference to a world long lost.

The same is happening today with Jewish identity at a deeper level.

A recent study by Stephen Cohen and Ari Kelman found that more than half of American Jews under 35 not only do not care about Israel but feel downright alienated from it, to the point of stating that its demise "would not be a personal tragedy," or in other words, life would go on, even if millions are killed or displaced. The study also found that less than six percent of grant money given by private Jewish family foundations goes to Jewish causes, and that a growing number—still a minority, but growing—of Jewish college students are siding with the anti-Israel message on college campuses to gain acceptance by their peers. The prognosis is that maintenance of Jewish communal life is going to get even more difficult in years to come.

The conclusions of the study cited above are hard to dismiss, considering Stephen Cohen's long track record as a reliable source in describing American Jewish life. This being the case, the question is: Where did we go wrong? What decision did we make, as a community, which led to this situation?

The leadership of the American Jewish community has today, as it did in the past, a public trust to enhance Jewish life and maintain Jewish communal institutions. A necessary first step would be to determine what decisions in the past led to the situation we find ourselves in today. More importantly, we should determine what decisions today can help us change the direction in which the community is going and ensure a future for American Jewish life. We could, of course, decide that the direction in which we are headed is right, but in that case I would have to personally bail out and look for a place where I can continue to be who I am—an active modern Jew, proud of my heritage and of who I am, a Jew who feels my people have something important to contribute to the chorus of voices that make up the multicultural global village in which we live, a Jew who feels strongly that my people have the same right to self-determination as all other people in the world. ☆

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Comrades (from page 5)

listed for further information. He emailed this contact, one Marshall Lumsden of California, who didn't reply for quite some time as he was out of the country. Lumsden, since he was from one of the other squadrons, didn't know Jack. He forwarded the email to me, and I immediately contacted Bill. I had often wondered what had happened Jasper, as I knew him, and Bill filled me in. It seems that Jasper's body was found in 1948, and removed to Belgium for reburial. His devastated mother wanted no publicity about this, consequently none of us survivors of the war had any idea of what actually happened; all we knew was, he was MIA.

Here's the rest of his story, as it's told in his Individual Deceased Personnel File that Bill obtained through the Freedom of Information Act. I'll be quoting from the story Bill told me and from the article he recently wrote for our squadron newsletter, *Flight Lines*; I knew none of this until this past year, when Bill and his wife came to Lexington and spent a few days visiting with us.

A French slave laborer and his son, working in a field, saw the plane come down, and saw the falling body hit the ground. The parachute had failed to open, whether because it failed or because Jasper just couldn't pull the rip cord because of broken arms or whatever. They ran over to him; he was still alive, but died in their arms in a few minutes. No German guards were around, so after removing his I.D., fraternity ring, shoes, and pistol, they wrapped him in his 'chute, dug a shallow grave, and buried him. After the war, the Frenchman turned his dogtags in to the authorities, who took no action. Later he contacted some U.S. officials, who ordered a search but failed to turn up the body. Two years later, in 1948, he contacted a French newspaper and told them the story, and that finally got some action. This time the search for the gravesite was successful, and Jasper's remains were found. He was re-interred in a military cemetery in Belgium. In 1949, at his parents' request, Jasper's remains were moved again, this time to Arlington National Cemetery. Again using the Internet, Bill researched German W.W. II aces and found that Hauptman Alfred Hammer

B'tayavon (Hearty Appetite)

Ruth Poley



I guess when it comes to latkes we've got a pretty traditional crowd here in Lexington. Last month I asked if any of you had any new or different recipes for latkes and the query was met with an astounding lack of response. Two of you brave souls, however, met the challenge. Joseph "Mickey" Hernandez sent me a recipe that uses traditional ingredients in a slightly different way, and Elissa Brown offered up a recipe that uses non-standard ingredients.

Mickey's recipe seems pretty standard, but uses frozen shredded potatoes. It looks like a great idea to me and I plan to try it this year. I don't see why you couldn't use the frozen potatoes in whatever your own recipe is. It would certainly eliminate the problem of shredding at the last minute or running the risk of having grey batter. ☆

Potato Pancakes

- 2 1/4 cups frozen shredded hash browns, thawed
- 1/4 cup chopped onions
- 1 egg
- 2 Tbs. flour
- 1 tsp. dried dill weed
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- Dash ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil, divided

Optional toppings:

- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 1/4 cup warmed applesauce

Elissa Brown's recipe is different in that it uses chilies, which would add a very different flavor. If you're looking for a little south of the border flair, this recipe is for you.

Green Chile Latkes

- 7 medium potatoes, shredded
- 1 large onion, shredded
- 1/2 cup matzo meal
- 2 eggs
- salt and pepper to taste
- unflavored cooking oil
- 6 oz. green chilies

Mix potatoes, onions, egg, flour, dill weed, salt, and pepper in medium bowl. Heat 2 tablespoons oil in a non-stick skillet over medium heat. Drop 1/2 cup of potato mixture in hot skillet and flatten into pancake shape with spatula. Cook 3-4 minutes on each side or until golden brown. Repeat with remaining potato mixture and oil. Top with a dollop of sour cream or applesauce, if desired. Makes 6 pancakes.

Drain potatoes and mix with matzo meal in a large bowl. Add eggs and onion, salt and pepper, and chopped green chilies. You may need a little more matzo meal if batter is too moist. Drop spoonfuls in heated oil and flatten. Cook until golden brown on each side. Drain on paper towels. Serves four.

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.

shot down a P47 fighter plane over Pforzheim on the same morning that Jasper went down, within one minute of the time our report says it happened. Further research showed that this was Hammer's 24th victory. (Hammer, incidentally, passed away 1994.) In one of Jasper's letters to his parents, he wrote that he was worried about the "Jewish" pilot who went down in December, and hoped that the Germans wouldn't harm him because of his religion.

At our recent reunion in Washington D.C., I, along with Rose Rita, Bill Yowell, and a French couple (a

youngster too, the same age as Bill Yowell) who used to hang out as kids at our airdrome in Lunieville, visited the Arlington gravesite of Jack "Jasper" Yowell. While there, I was honored, along with one member from each of the other two squadrons, by being allowed to take part in the placing of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns, a solemn and touching ceremony.

So now, after all these years, I finally learned the rest of the story concerning my friend and comrade, Jasper, through the wonders of the Internet! ☆

United Jewish Communities

2007 Resolution on Israel: Confronting Today's Challenges

WE ACKNOWLEDGE that Israel is approaching the 60th anniversary of its establishment. We note with joy and gratitude the forthcoming 60th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel. During those 60 years as well as in the pre-state era, the people of Israel have created a remarkable record of achievement in the face of adversity. They have built and continue to build their lives and country with boundless energy and indomitable optimism. Through it all, Israelis have faced the challenges of the day with the fortitude and resilience that have been the hallmark of life in that country despite the ups and downs that have regularly come its way. As virtually anybody who visits Israel knows, with energy and indomitable optimism the people of Israel have built and continue to build their lives and their country.

BACKGROUND

The past year has been a particularly difficult one in Israel. When the United Jewish Communities and the Federations of North America came together at the annual General Assembly one year ago, the people of Israel were recovering from a war initiated by the Lebanon-based Hezbollah terror army that had put Israeli civilians under ongoing missile attacks. Through its Israel Emergency Campaign, solidarity missions, rallies, and by other means, UJC and its member Federations had responded with strong support and had demonstrated solidarity with the people of Israel. Over the past year that support and solidarity have continued, as our system has provided important assistance for rebuilding and recovery in the North of Israel. At the same time, our system has mobilized to address the escalating human service needs created by the incessant firing of kassam rockets from Gaza at the southern town of Sderot and its surroundings. With Hezbollah rearming; with Israel targeted by the bellicose declarations of the president of Iran, a country developing nuclear capability; and with a "new anti-Semitism" grounded in anti-Israel animosity spreading globally, a threatening and uncertain climate has hovered

over Israel. Meanwhile, even as Hamas terrorists supported by Iran have taken over Gaza, new talks between Israel and the Palestinian Authority have unfolded, with significant American involvement.

In the United States, charges that a nefarious "Israel lobby" aims to stifle debate on U.S. policy regarding Israel have increased, led by a former U.S. President and by two university professors, all of whom, in fact, themselves have no problem getting air time to make such charges. Their claim, echoed in a recent television special and elsewhere, is that this "Israel lobby" works to advance Israel's interests to the detriment of America's well-being.

In this overall framework, the Israel Advocacy Initiative of UJC and the Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA) has advanced a comprehensive advocacy agenda carried out throughout the communities served by the UJC system, on the nation's campuses, and in the interfaith arena. At the local level the IAI has delivered its services with an increasingly sophisticated, multi-faceted, and far-reaching set of programs. UJC and JCPA have also come together to help spearhead "Brand Israel" efforts in North America aimed at replacing the prevailing image of Israel as harshly militaristic with an image more reflective of the energy, creativity, and humanity of Israel's people.

ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, in light of these matters, at this time United Jewish Communities hereby commits itself to the following actions, to be carried out in concert with other community organizations:

In the coming year, UJC and the Federations of North America will organize and promote celebration of the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel. As part of that effort, we will draw upon "Brand Israel" concepts to project positive images of the Israeli reality into the broader community and to advance the connection of the North American Jewish community — especially its younger generations — with the people of Israel;

That we will continue to stand in solidarity with the people of Israel as they face the uncertainty

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of the future and the unfolding challenges of today's world.

Through our fundraising efforts and the disbursement of funds raised by the Israel Emergency Campaign as well as annual Federation campaigns, we will continue to advance services and programs needed in Israel and provided primarily through our major beneficiary agencies, the Jewish Agency for Israel and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee;

Through the UJC Missions program and in other frameworks, we will travel to Israel as a physical statement of our solidarity and as a means of connecting ourselves with the people of Israel and of deepening our ties to the State of Israel. A culmination of this effort will be in one year, when thousands of us will come to Israel for the 2008 General Assembly;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, despite attacks upon our motivation and slurs upon our very loyalty to America, we will stand undeterred in our efforts to advance an effective advocacy agenda spearheaded nationally by the IAI and conducted locally by Federations and Jewish Community Relations Councils. That agenda is aimed at sustaining a strong Israel-United States and Israel-Canada relationship that is in United States' and Canada's interests; at ensuring the security and well being of the people of Israel; at countering the new anti-Semitism; and at advancing the prospects for a peaceful resolution of the Israel-Palestinian conflict.

This resolution was passed by the delegates' assembly at the General Assembly in Nashville, TN, November 12, 2007. ☆



STEWART HOME SCHOOL VISITATION SCHEDULE:

December 6 and February 12

The Stewart Home, located in Frankfort, Kentucky is a residential school for individuals with disabilities. It is renowned throughout the country for the high quality of care given to the students, and attracts people from all across the country. Tikkun Lexington brings celebration to the Stewart Home's Jewish students by honoring Shabbat and Jewish holidays. It is a very special evening for all who participate, volunteers and students alike. Caravan leaves the CKJF offices by 5:20 p.m. and returns by 8:00 p.m.



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History of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict — Part XXIV

1956-1962 From Sinai to Yemen

By Daniel Cheifec

Strange as it might sound, both sides emerged from the 1956 war with substantial gains. Israel emerged from the war with a newfound confidence in its armed forces; with guaranteed free passage for its ships bringing Iranian oil through the Straits of Tiran, and for a couple of months even through the Suez Canal; and with a stop of almost all terrorist activity from Gaza and American guarantees of protecting Israel in case of a new blockade. Because of the newfound relationship with France, Israel also benefited by acquiring modern planes of French manufacture, strengthening its air force with Mirages.

Nasser, boosted by the diplomatic victory, stepped up Egypt's propaganda efforts, painting Israel as an imperialistic puppet and mobilizing world opinion against it. More to the point, Nasser also gained control over the Suez Canal and a significant boost to his image in the Arab street, making him a powerful player in inter-Arab politics while also pitting him against Saudi Arabia in a contest for the leadership in the Arab world. This confrontation

would play itself out in more than one way in decades to come.

America managed to come out of the crisis with significant diplomatic advantages, including a closer relationship with Arab moderate regimes and the prestige of having dismantled the UK-France-Israel alliance, seen by some as a challenge to U.S. control. The American administration continued to look at Israel as a weak unreliable ally, although one

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which had now proved effective on the battlefield. America was, though, still uncomfortable with what it saw as Israeli unpredictability.

The Soviets were the big winners of the war. In years to come, Nasser would build upon a closer relationship with Moscow, and the USSR would gain great influence in other Arab countries ruled by secular regimes—chiefly Syria

and Iraq. Their new relationship with Egypt would also allow the Soviets to interfere in Yemen without triggering a global war, which they were unwilling to face.

Nasser knew that in spite of his own propaganda, Egypt and the Arab world were in no position to settle the Palestine issue by military means, so he wanted to bide his time to build up Arab strength, effectively putting the Palestine issue "in the icebox." Since 1948 and the ignominious defeat by Jewish forces, Palestine had become symbolic of Arab honor, and redressing the issue was seen as a top element in the common Arab agenda. Nasser's feeling, however, that Arabs needed time, was the reason for Egyptian crackdown on terrorist activity from Gaza as well as their quiet acceptance of the UNEF presence—a presence largely hidden from the Egyptian public and the Arab street in general.

The Egyptian leader turned his efforts into developing a new blend of socialism and Arab nationalism, dubbed by the masses "Nasserism," an ideological force that would give Nasser great influence in Arab affairs for years to come. Nasser became a Soviet ally of great importance, promoting regime changes in several Arab states in what some historians refer to as "the Arab Cold War." In a series of revolts, the regimes of Iraq, Jordan, and Lebanon faced internal insurrection. While the revolution was successful in Iraq, replacing the Hashemite monarchy with a republic, the revolutionary attempts

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in Jordan and Lebanon failed, to a great extent, because of American intervention in Lebanon in 1958.

Despite the setback represented by Eisenhower's intervention in Lebanon, 1958 was a very positive year for Egypt, since it was in that year that Syria and Egypt formed the United Arab Republic (UAR), and also the year that Iraq withdrew from the pro-Western Baghdad Pact. Nasser's political prestige was on the rise. At home, however, the Egyptian president was still facing growing poverty, economic problems, and growing support for the Islamist movement represented by the Egyptian brotherhood. Also, as a consequence of the settlement of the 1956 war, Nasser stopped terrorist incursion from Gaza into Israeli territory to prevent a new flare up of violence, and kept the news about the UNEF presence in Sharm-el-Sheikh hidden from his own people to prevent its use by the Muslim Brotherhood against him. Nasser appointed his old friend Abd al-Hakim Amer as head of the regional government in Damascus. Amer had been a general during the 1956 war, and he proved as incompetent in Damascus as he was on the battlefields of Sinai. This ineptitude would foster deep resentment among Syrian leadership and would be one of the leading causes of the collapse of the UAR in 1961.

In 1959, Nasser formed a "Palestinian entity" for self-government in Gaza, what amounted to a puppet Palestinian government and a justification for the military closure of Gaza and the border requirement he imposed on Palestinian workers.

In February of 1960, Israel asserted its presence on the Syrian DMZ (De-Militarized Zone) by initiating its cultivation. The Syrians responded by bombarding Jewish communities in the Hula Valley, and the IDF responded by firing on the Syrian positions. As the tensions rose, the Soviets informed Nasser that the Israelis were getting ready to invade Syria on February 22, UAR day.

Nasser needed to respond to the exchange of fire in the north without embroiling the Arab world in a war he did not believe it could win. He needed to assert his position to maintain his prestige, but he was unwilling actually to engage the Israelis in battle at that time. He mobilized two Egyptian armored divisions

into Sinai and warned UNEF to be ready for evacuation in a show of force that caught Israel unprepared, triggering frantic consultation by Israeli diplomats seeking support from Western powers and assuring them that Israel was not planning any invasion. A couple of weeks later, the Egyptian army left Sinai, Nasser got his prestige booster, war was averted, and Israel learned a painful lesson it would put to use in 1967.

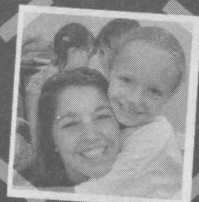
Also in 1960, the USSR announced its intention to provide the funding for the much-delayed construction of the Aswan Dam, which was hailed by Nasser as a boon for Egyptian economy that would bring electricity to every Egyptian household. This news, coming at a time of deep economic depression, boosted Nasser's image with the Egyptian street.

In the meantime, Israel was experiencing an economic slowdown. When waves of refugees from Arab lands and from Europe came in, Ben Gurion developed public works and housing constructions as ways of employing the new immigrants while at the same time building the country's infrastructure. The slowdown in immigration at the beginning of the 1960s impacted the economy and raised the levels of unemployment. Israel was faced with its first serious economic crisis. The relative calm that followed the Sinai war, and the prevailing feeling among Israelis that the country had bought itself a decade of calm, also opened the door for fierce political debate about the future of the State and its economic structure, while the crisis on the Syrian border brought home the fact that Israel needed to build up its military.

The year 1961 was a fateful one in the history of the region, and precipitated significant political changes with ramifications that would become determining factor years later during the Six Day War. The formation of the UAR had given Nasser the image of a new Saladin who was able to galvanize and unify the Arab world. In September of 1961, however, a group of military leaders in Syria, fed up at Amer's incompetence and Cairo's indifference, staged a coup expelling Amer and declaring Syria's renunciation of the UAR. The *Infisal* (Secession) created serious problems for Nasser. His shaky relationship with the USSR suffered a further blow when the Soviets approached the Syrians and began building an alternative alli-

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ance, a situation which was going to become even more difficult after the ascent of the Baath party to power in Syria with a radical socialist agenda that the Soviets found more useful than the Arab-Socialist blend represented by Nasserism. Nasser's star began to decline.

The change in American administration in 1962, with Kennedy replacing Eisenhower, had significant impact on global as well as Middle Eastern geopolitics. The Cuban missile crisis left Khrushchev seething and looking for a way to redress the setback to the Soviet image. At

the same time, Kennedy started to use the hidden weapon that is economic aid to sway Nasser away from the Soviets. Nasser was faced with serious economic problems at home: high levels of unemployment, and spreading hunger in the street. America's offer of wheat and other commodities allowed Nasser to contain domestic discontent at the price of moving away from center stage in inter-Arab politics while concentrating on domestic issues. The Soviets, aware of the gradual distancing of the Egyptian

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Book Review

By Daniel Chejfec

Born to Kvetch

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Kvetching is the Jewish national sport, yet kvetching—as any Yiddish purist would tell you—does not mean “complaining,” just “straining,” yet popular usage enshrined the more negative meaning. So what is so special about a book dealing with Yiddish culture and talking about kvetching? Other than the obvious joy of reading in how many ways Yiddish can be creative with complaints and especially with curses, it is that the author of *Born to Kvetch* (NY: St. Martin's Press, 2005), Michael Wex, put all these gems into a social and historical context.

Wex shows us that one source of many elaborate Yiddish sayings is the Jewish fear of spirits, such as dybbuks and the like. Every compliment in Yiddish had to be disguised to keep disasters away, because when a Jew was doing well, it couldn't last. So, for example, we say *kein-ahorah*, a Yiddish contraction of the Hebrew phrase *kain ayin harah*, “no

evil eye”; if your business is doing well, remember to say, “*Keinahorah*.”

There are sophisticated Yiddish curses disguised as blessings: for instance, “You should not have to spend your money in remedies,” which of course means the speaker hopes you will; or the creative ones like “I hope you lose all your teeth but one—so you can have a toothache,” or “You should grow like an onion with your head in the ground.”

Michael Wex describes and puts in context a large number of sayings, blessings, and curses for every aspect of daily life, and every one of them is born of the uniqueness of Jewish culture and Jewish poverty and powerlessness. If you've never read anything about Yiddish culture and Eastern Europe, this is a great intro; and if you have, this is a very enjoyable book. Either way: Read it, you will not have a reason to kvetch (much). ☆

Lexington Havurah to celebrate 30th anniversary

Calling all present and former members of The Lexington Havurah! A gala celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Havurah will take place the weekend of April 11-13, 2008 here in Lexington. Rabbi Neal Katz of Tyler, TX, will be our guest for the weekend. He will serve as a very musical Scholar in Residence.

All former members are cordially invited to participate in the festivities. A number of former members who no longer live in Lexington have already expressed their intention to attend. To receive information and an invitation to the events, please send your address, phone numbers, and email address to Gail Cohen, 3379 Sutherland Drive, Lexington, KY (gail.cohen@insightbb.com). Home addresses and email addresses would be appreciated. ☆

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regime and unable to counterbalance American aid, looked for an opportunity to disrupt the new Egyptian-American connection while redressing the embarrassment of Cuba.

The opportunity sought by the Soviets presented itself when a group of military leaders overthrew Imam Badr in Yemen. In Egypt, the decline of Nasser's political stature did not go unnoticed. Nasser's friend Amer, the same one who lost the Sinai Campaign and provoked the Syrians into withdrawal of the UAR, had been named chief of the army and had started a process of naming his cronies to key positions in the military structure. Nasser, aware of these maneuvers, but unable or unwilling to stop Amer, started to distrust his military leaders. When Imam Badr was thrown out of Yemen, he went to the Saudis for help, while elements in the Egyptian military offered help to the Yemenite military led by Gen Abdallah al-Sallal. Faced with the fact of Egyptian military already aiding the rebels, Nasser was forced to get involved in the crisis, rekindling his confrontation with the Saudis and the moderate Arab regimes. Egypt's involvement in Yemen effectively disrupted U.S.-Egypt relations, reasserting Soviet control over Nasser, and thrust Nasser back into the inter-Arab political arena.

Kennedy, aware of the geopolitical problems posed by the Yemenite crisis, attempted to defuse it by hammering out an agreement by which all external agents—namely the Saudis and the Egyptians—were

to withdraw from Yemenite territory and refrain from offering help to either side. The Saudis abided by it, the Egyptians sent more troops to help the insurgents.

The Yemenite crisis became, over the years, a thorn in Nasser's side, but one he could not eliminate. The Soviets had prevailed with a political strategy very similar to the one that was about to ignite Vietnam.

This new political scenario was happening at a time when Israel was focused on developing the irrigation system known as *Mobil HaArtzi*, bringing water from the Kinneret to the Negev, and struggling to develop a new economic foundation to shake the country out of a recession.

The next four years would be full of confrontations and political maneuvers by both superpowers, creating a climate of growing tension that would eventually lead to the crisis of June 1967. The process leading from Yemen to the Six Day War will be the subject of the next article. ☆

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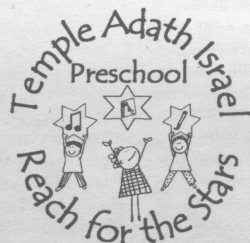


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Around the Community

Mazel Tov to...

Lowell and Betty Nigoff on Lowell's Bluegrass Automotive winning the Lexington Herald-Leader's 2007 Readers' Choice Poll for Favorite Auto Repair Shop.

Edward and Alison Hirschowitz on the birth of their daughter, Sophie Harper Hirschowitz, on October 26. Mazel Tov as well to new big brother Max.

Merle and David Wekstein on the marriage of their daughter, Karen, to Chris Pict, on November 10, in Marietta, Georgia.

Brad and Jamie Fine on the birth of Seth Bramalage Fine, November 14, 2007; brother of Laine Fine, nephew of Sidney and Shawn Blumenthal, grandson of Bob and Libby Scher, and great-grandson of Stan and Phyllis Scher.

B'nai Mitzvah.....

Josh Archer, son of Sandy and Sandra Archer, December 14 at OZS.

Samantha Kaplan, daughter of Carol and Jeff Kaplan, December 21 at OZS.

Nate Schattner, son of David and Kathy Schattner, December 28 at OZS.

Corinna Miriam Svarlien, December 8 at TAI. Corinna is the daughter of Diane Arnson Svarlien and John Svarlien.



Corinna Svarlien

Haley Stein, daughter of Linda Dwoskin, January 5, 2008 at TAI.

Owing to technical difficulties, we are not publishing bios of our B'nai Mitzvah in this issue. You'll be able to read them in our February issue.

Day of Giving (from page 1)

8. Think of giving not as a duty but as a privilege. - John D. Rockefeller Jr.

7. There is a wonderful mythical law of nature that the three things we crave most in life—happiness, freedom, and peace of mind—are always attained by giving them to someone else. - Peyton Conway March

6. Money is like manure; it's not worth a thing unless it's spread around encouraging young things to grow. - Thornton Wilder

5. If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one. - Mother Teresa

4. Charity begins at home and justice begins next door. - Charles Dickens

3. We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. - Winston Churchill

2. I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver. - Maya Angelou
And the #1 reason to give is: What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and IS immortal. - Albert Pike

Reaching out and helping others is the foundation of being human; it is written in the Torah as our obligation. If you were inspired by the above quotes and want to help, please call our offices at (859) 268-0672, email jana@jewishlexington.org, or mail your form from page 8 of this issue of Shalom to the attention of Jana LaZur at CKJF, 1060 Chinoe Road Suite 302, Lexington, KY 40502. ✡

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Sisterhood News

Our December program will feature LEX 18 news anchor Nancy Cox, who will be speaking about the many facets of her job. This meeting will be a luncheon, on Wednesday, December 19 at noon in the Temple Social Hall. Please call Sandee at (859) 269-2979 to reserve your place.

Saturday, March 1, will be our fund raiser. The Bats, a great group of professional entertainers, will present a show that's sure to amuse and delight. We'll be sending out more information but for now just remember to Save the Date.

It's never too late to join Sisterhood. Call Eileen Keplinger if you'd like membership information—we're looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Torah Study

Rabbi Kline conducts the study of the Tanakh (the Bible) from the Book of Joshua and beyond using the new *Jewish Study Bible* on alternate Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Library. **December & January dates:** Dec. 8 & 22 and Jan. 5 & 19.

Chavurat-Chochma (A Friendly Gathering of Wisdom)

We will not meet in December, but please join the congregation at the Hanukkah Dinner on December 7 at 6:30 p.m., then join us at the Family Shabbat at 7:30 p.m. On January 25, 2008, Dianne Bazell will be our guest speaker.

While invitations are sent to members of the congregation 60 years-old and better—all are welcome! We meet most months to schmooze, nosh (lunch), and share our wisdom.

Sim Shalom News

Jesse Weil writes: After a very busy High Holiday season, our main activity seems to be hosting groups of visiting Americans. Such visits give people some sense of the present day life of Jews in Europe, and the way in which it is coming back from the depths after the Holocaust and from the repressions of the Communist era in Eastern Europe. It also gives people a chance to reconnect to their

own roots as they visit the historic Jewish places in the community.

In November, Rabbi Uri Regev, president of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, was expected to bring a group of 20 Reform rabbis from the U.S. as part of a tour of Berlin, Budapest, and Prague. The plan was to meet privately with Regev to discuss local issues on which WUPJ might give us assistance, and also for him to speak to the whole group, telling them something about the Reform movement in Budapest, and how it relates to the other parts of the Jewish community here. We're hoping that some of the rabbis will convince their congregations to form a sister congregation relationship with us. Look for a report on the visit in the next issue of *Shalom*.

TAI Book Discussion Group Check Out These Books!

Temple Adath Israel's library now has a dedicated shelf on its rolling cart, usually housed by the door, to display the books that our Temple book discussion group is reading. The book group meets once a month on Thursday, usually the last Thursday of the month, 7:30—9:00 p.m. More information is available on the Temple website.

You could have been one of the frozen chosen!
Imagine Alaska as the site of the Jewish homeland. It is in an ice-laden, Yiddish-speaking Sitka District, where Jews have been resettled during the 1940s, that Michael Chabon sets his novel, *The Yiddish Policeman's Union*. An appealing aspect of this book is the success Chabon has in creating a distinct feel for this invented Jewish Homeland. Chabon's Federal District of Sitka is inhabited by Jews of all beliefs and practices. Yiddish is the spoken language (Chabon's use of Yiddish idioms as well as invented Yiddish slang give the reader a sense of eavesdropping on a conversation in another country. *Sholem* means gun and *latke* is a beat patrolman). What all these diverse Jews share is the knowledge that Reversion is about to occur and they will be tossed out of their homeland into a world that will not accept them. The tension of this impending doom of their Jewish Homeland and the consequences of

deportation informs the decisions of the characters. Against this backdrop, a multitude of themes are explored: issues of relationships, questions of identity and loyalty, tales of religious extremism and political ambitions. On Thursday, January 31, at 7:30 p.m., the TAI book group will meet to discuss Michael Chabon's *The Yiddish Policeman's Union*.

Temple Adath Israel "Mini University"

Courses, Winter 2008

Temple Adath Israel's "Mini University" is now enrolling for classes beginning January 2008! Classes emphasize discussion or hands-on activity, with short readings to be done in class. No prior knowledge of the subject matter is necessary—just a willingness to participate in conversation about a subject that interests you. You may take as many Mini U. courses as you like. The one-time registration fee of \$18.00 for the term covers all courses (though some courses may charge additional fees for class materials). Enrollment is open to the entire Jewish community. Here are the courses for the Winter 2008 term.

"Jewish Medical Ethics" with Greg Davis, M.D.

Classes scheduled for January 7, 14, 21; Mondays, 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Dictates regarding ways of living our lives are at the heart of Judaism, and a large part of Jewish law is about ethical behavior. Our history, our present, and our future as a people are constructed around adapting to the times and cultures in which we live. Jewish medical ethics are no different. During the course, we will begin class by reading a brief piece on topics of great debate within the Jewish medical community and then engage in lively and respectful discussion. Topics may include, but will not be limited to, access to health care, treatment of marginalized patients such as children and the very elderly, elective termination of pregnancy, euthanasia in all its forms, and paternalism versus autonomy in patient care.

"A Look at Some Jewish Artists" with Pat Lawrence
Classes scheduled for February 6, 13, 20, March 5, 12, 19;
Wed., 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

This course will cover some of the known Jewish artists and their work. Some work that is located in Temple Adath Israel will be discussed, and we will look at the artists' lives and inspirations if the information is available. Each class member will have the opportunity of picking an artist and giving that information to the rest of the class. (Enrollment limit: 20)

What is An Organization Anyway?" with Daniel Chefec March 20, 27, April 10, 17; Thursdays, evenings, time TBA

The course will be based on discussions around substantial questions to promote a basic understanding of organizations and their structure. The questions for the course will be:

- 1) Why do people form organizations?
- 2) What defines an organization?
- 3) Governance
- 4) Communications
- 5) Mission and vision
- 6) Mission and structure
- 7) Form and function
- 8) Professionals and volunteers (Enrollment limit: 20)

"Learn to Play Mah Jongg!" with Starr Gantz and Bonnie Sobel April 6, 13, 27, May 4; Sundays 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

1 Bam! 2 Bam! This is not your grandmother's maah game! Mah Jongg started in China, dating back to the time of Confucius. Obviously the language and the rules have changed since then. The National Mah Jongg League started in 1937 and standardized the game. Since then, hundreds of thousands of people have learned the game. With a little time and effort, you can learn the elementary principles of the game. Your patience in mastering the fine points of Mah Jongg will be repaid many times by the fun you will have. (Enrollment: 8, additional cost of \$8.00 to pay for the card.)

To enroll, or if you have any questions, please contact Ken Slepyan at kslepyan@transy.edu or call at (859) 226-9145. You may enroll at any time, but the sooner the better to guarantee your place! Please make checks out to "Temple Adath Israel" and write on the memo line "Mini U."

The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah

Evalyn Block, President

Lighting Our Way

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The light of the Hanukkah menorah is more than a reminder of ancient miracles. It is intended to illuminate and inspire our lives today. At Hadassah, we have been kindling the light of hope for decades.

The flickering lights remind us of our awesome opportunities and responsibilities as partners with the people of Israel and as partners in our communities. It is a reaffirmation of the power within each of us to make a difference in our own lives and in our work in Hadassah. As the chanukiah sits high atop Hadassah Hospital at Ein Kerem, we are reminded of our mission of healing, research, and unparalleled patient care. We acknowledge the inspiring light of educational opportunity at the Hadassah College in Jerusalem as our graduates contribute to a vibrant Israeli society. And at this time of year, we think of children and we remember those in Youth Aliyah who need a second chance. We are reminded how the work of our hands changes lives.

We model through word and deed, and know that mitzvots great and small make a difference. In our communities, our members are involved in a kaleidoscope of activities and programs. We help children learn to read, we bring joy to the elderly in local nursing homes and senior residents, we bring gifts and hope to women and children in protective shelters, we knit for babies in hospitals and bring books to clinics, we educate our communities on issues of importance to us all. We let people know that they are not forgotten and that Hadassah cares. We remember that life is fragile.

The light of the Hanukkah menorah illuminates our world for eight days. It serves to remind us of the power of caring and the capacity within each of us to perform acts of kindness that change people's lives. We see the flames of the chanukiah and are reminded of the enormous potential from that light. Join us for our Hadassah Hanukkah party on December 12. ✧

Do you...

- Have an interesting story or memoir you'd like to tell the community about?
- Have a burning desire to interview someone in the community and then write about it in *Shalom*?
- Have a secret interest in writing an occasional story for *Shalom* (don't wait for us to ask you—we won't know you're interested if you don't tell us)?
- Know someone in the community with an interesting story (even if you don't feel up to writing it yourself)?

If you recognize yourself (or someone you know—go ahead, rat on him) here, please email Ruth Poley at rgp@insightbb.com.

The Lexington Havurah

David R. Wekstein, President

The Lexington Havurah, founded in 1978, is a network of diverse people dedicated to Jewish learning and renewal, community building, and Tikkun Olam (repairing the world). A havurah is defined as a gathering or community of friends. The Lexington Havurah is affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the National Havurah Committee. Members plan, conduct, and share responsibilities for all services. For additional information about services or membership in the Havurah, please contact me at (859) 269-4454, mwdrwek@insightbb.com, or the co-chairs of the Membership Committee, Evelyn Geller (859) 278-3609, evelynkadimah@aol.com, or David Feinberg (859) 223-1304, kdfjm@insightbb.com.

Religious Services

Saturday, December 8, 6:00 p.m.

Havdalah and Hanukkah Party at the home of Kathy and David Feinberg. Services will be led by Gail Cohen and Judy Saxe. The hosts for the evening are Beth Goldstein and Raphi Finkel, and Phil Berger.

Friday, January 18, 7:00 p.m.

Annual Tu B'Shvat Seder. The Kabbalat Shabbat and the seder will be held at the Lexington Theological Seminary. Co-leaders for the program are Francie-Chassen Lopez and Eve Podet. Hosts are Judy Worrell and Judy Goldsmith.

Saturday, February 23, 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat morning service. Place, leaders, and hosts to be determined.

Education Program

In November, the Havurah heard an excellent presentation by Jeremy Popkin on anti-Semitism in present-day France. Two additional education programs are planned for the coming year. One will be a presentation by Dr. Larry Kant. The other will be a movie. Details will be provided in later issues of *Shalom*.

Thirtieth Anniversary Celebration

Plans now are well underway for the Havurah's 30th anniversary weekend, April 11 and 12, 2008. Invitations will be extended to all present and past members of the Havurah, whether or not they still reside in Central Kentucky.

If you, or people you know, were members of the Havurah, please contact either Lynn Furness, mamanewbs@yahoo.com or (859) 873-0593, or Gail Cohen, gail.cohen@insightbb.com or (859) 272-1459.

We are making a special effort to contact the children who grew up in the Havurah and arrange for them to attend the anniversary celebration. Rabbi Neal Katz of Congregation Beth El, a renowned performer of Jewish music, will be our guest for the weekend. Details of the retreat weekend are still being worked on by the planning committee. For additional information please contact either Judy Baumann, jkb-shasta@gmail.com or (859) 223-1299, chair of the committee, or David R. Wekstein, president, at (859) 269-4454 or mwdrwek@insightbb.com. ✧

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We look to December and January with a sense of anticipation and joy as we celebrate Hanukkah and the New Year. We wish everyone a very happy Hanukkah and a very happy 2008.

Havdalah and Hanukkah at OZS

Join us for our annual OZS Congregational Hanukkah Party on Saturday evening, December 8 as we welcome in the fifth night of Hanukkah. We begin by saying farewell to Shabbat with a special havdalah service followed by a communal Hanukkah candle lighting. Bring your own menorah and candles to light. Singing, dessert, fun, and a dreidel tournament are in store as we celebrate the Festival of Lights. Call the office for more information or to let us know you are coming.

Machon OZS: Adult Education

Conversations with Biblical Women

Join us as we encounter some remarkable biblical women from different time periods and walks of life. Using the text *Praise Her Works*, edited by Penina Adelman, we will look at their stories through the original text and commentaries and learn how their experiences touch us as Jews today. This five-session mini-course began in October, but everyone is welcome to join the class for this month's sessions on Sunday morning, December 2 and again on December 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at OZS.

Guidance from Jewish Tradition: Caring for Our Aging Parents and For Ourselves

In October, Machon OZS began a once-a-month discussion group for those enduring the challenges of taking care of sick parents as well as for those who have recently gone through this difficult life cycle challenge and wish to offer their insights. Using the Jewish text *That You May Live Long: Caring for Our Aging Parents, Caring for Ourselves*, we will discuss some of the issues involved with caring for aging parents and for our own spiritual, psychological, and physical health. In December, the group will meet on Sunday evening, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. at OZS. If you are interested in participating, please leave a message for Rabbi Cohen in the OZS office.

Social Time!

Tuesdays are D'Vine Minyan Days at OZS. Join your friends for a glass of wine after work each Tuesday. The brief afternoon/evening minyan follows at 5:45 p.m. This is a great way to see friends and to end the day.

All are welcome to attend the **Natives and Newcomers Coffee** at 11:00 a.m. at Panera's on Richmond Road on the second Tuesday of the month, December 11. Come buy a

cup of coffee or your lunch and take a break from the regular routine of your day with old and new friends.

These social activities are coordinated by the OZS Membership Committee. If you have any questions please call the OZS office. We hope you will participate in these opportunities to get together.

Social Action

Give Blood, Get Bagels! Help the Central Kentucky Blood Center increase their much needed blood supply by joining the OZS Blood Drive. The Annual Blood Drive will be held at OZS on Sunday, December 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Call the OZS office for more information.

OZS Religious School

Our Shabbat Morning Jr. Congregation for Religious School children, led by Miriam Davis-Rosenbaum and Kayla Bryan, will meet Saturday morning, December 1 and again on January 12 at 10:45 a.m. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children.

The OZS/TAI program for 11th and 12th graders, Senior Chai, will meet again on December 12 and on January 16 at 6:30 p.m. For more information call Rabbi Cohen in the OZS office.

Havdalah and Gift Shop Hanukkah at OZS

*Hanukkah's near, but do not fear
The stock we have, will make you cheer.
Come by on Sunday (10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.), or give us a call.
Do your shopping here, not at the mall!*

The OZS Sisterhood Gift Shop is well stocked with some fantastic and unique Judaica items, including Hanukkah candles, menorah, and other related gifts. Why shop online or in other cities for Jewish gifts? Call Harriet Cooper, Susan Caller, or the OZS office for more information.

Daily Minyan

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

Youth Group

In November, USY participated in a special Shabbat during which they led the various parts of the service, read Torah, and delivered a D'var Torah during the Shabbat Morning Service at OZS. A *yasher koach* goes to Miriam Davis-Rosenbaum, religious education vice president, for organizing the participants. Also in November, USYers traveled to Pittsburgh for the annual Fall Kinnus. This month, USY will host their Second Annual Dreidel Tournament during the OZS Congregational Hanukkah Party on Saturday evening, December 8. During Winter Break, USYers will be attending the USY International Convention in Anaheim, California. In January, USY will again host a lunch following Religious School on Sunday, January 6 at 12:00 p.m. Plans are also in the works for our youth to join the Jewish community in the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day march in January.

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Community Calendar

CKJF - Central Kentucky Jewish Federation - www.jewishlexington.org
1050 Chinoe Road • Suite 302 • 268-0672 • Linda Ravvin, President

OZS - Ohavay Zion Synagogue - www.ozs.org

2048 Edgewater Court • 266-8050 • Art Shechet, President
Daily Minyan Mon.-Thurs. at 5:45 p.m.; Kabbalat Shabbat Service, Friday Evenings at 5:45 p.m.; on the last Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. with Oneg and program following • Shabbat Services Saturday at 9:45 a.m.

TAI - Temple Adath Israel - www.lextai.org

124 N. Ashland Avenue • 269-2979 • David Shraberg, President
Shabbat Services Friday 7:30 p.m.; Worship Service Saturday 10:30 a.m.

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

Evalyn Block, President • eblock3375@windstream.net

HAV - The Lexington Havurah - www.lexhavurah.uscjhost.net

269-4454 • David Wekstein, President • mwdrewek@insightbb.com • Shabbat Services monthly, call for schedule

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Hadassah Board Meeting	Yiddish Club at CKJF	OZS Board Meeting TAI Board Meeting Erev Hanukkah Chabad-Rabbi Litvin visits	Hanukkah JFS Leisure Club Hanukkah Party	Hanukkah CKJF Tikkun Stewart Home Visit AIPAC Annual Reception & Briefing	Hanukkah TAI Bat Mitzvah Corinna Svarlein	Hanukkah TAI Bat Mitzvah Corinna Svarlein
December 2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Hanukkah CKJF Winter Dinner 6:00 p.m. Gan Shalom Preschool Hanukkah Party	Hanukkah	Hanukkah CKJF CRC Meeting	Hanukkah Hadassah Hanukkah Party		OZS Bar Mitzvah Josh Archer	OZS Bar Mitzvah Josh Archer
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Yiddish Club at CKJF		TAI Sisterhood Lunch at noon guest speaker is Nancy Cox CKJF Executive Meeting 6:00 p.m. CKJF Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.		OZS Bat Mitzvah Samantha Kaplan	OZS Bat Mitzvah Samantha Kaplan
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Tikkun Lexington's 2007 Day of Giving	Day of Giving (CKJF office open)			OZS Bar Mitzvah Nate Schattner	OZS Bar Mitzvah Nate Schattner
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		CKJF office closed			TAI Bat Mitzvah Haley Stein	TAI Bat Mitzvah Haley Stein
30	31	January 1	2	3	4	5
Hadassah Board Meeting	Yiddish Club at CKJF	Chabad-Rabbi Litvin visits CKJF CRC Meeting OZS Board Meeting TAI Board Meeting		Shalom Deadline for February issue		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			TAI Sisterhood Dinner 7:00 p.m. speaker from Spouse Abuse Center			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Yiddish Club at CKJF ML King Observance (CKJF office closed)		CKJF Executive Meeting 6:00 p.m. CKJF Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. Program TAI Book Discussion Group			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	February 1	2