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A message from our new CKJF Executive Director

By Judy Wortman

Dear Chaverim,

This is the first of many letters I hope to be writing to you during my tenure as the executive director of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation. I am writing from my home in suburban Philadelphia and tomorrow my husband, David, and I will leave for Bloomington, Indiana to spend Pesach with one of our daughters, our son-in-law, and four delicious grandsons. Once we return, I will have less than two weeks to prepare for the move to Lexington. This personal Exodus comes at a most appropriate time of the year. The Philadelphia area has been my home for more than half of my life and, like our ancestors, I am filled with both the joy of beginning a new life and some

trepidation about leaving what is familiar and comfortable.

Lexington is not completely new to me. Because my twin sister has lived here for more than thirty years, I have visited here often. Neither of us ever expected to be living in the same city again—and this is a blessing for us both. When I was asked a few months ago what I would like to be doing with the rest of my life, I said that I would like to be a Jewish Federation director in a small Jewish community living near my family. Having met the search committee,

most of the members of the board and the CKJF staff, I am delighted that my wish was fulfilled.

For those of you whom I have not yet met, let me tell you a bit about myself. I have a BA in Speech and Theater, a Masters in Social Work with a concentration in Administration, and a Certificate in Non-Profit Management. I have had more than 30 years of experience in Jewish Communal Service and have directed both Federations and Jewish Community Centers. I have worked in Maryland, Michigan, New York, New Jersey,



Judy Wortman

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— CAMPAIGN NEWS —

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Thursday, May 14 to provide another Campaign opportunity

While the current economic climate is challenging for each of us, it takes the greatest toll on those most vulnerable. As a direct result of these economic problems, members of our community need your support more than ever.

Contributing to our Jewish Federation/UJC annual campaign assures that each gift, regardless of amount, will be used for the utmost benefit of our community and Jews in need here, in Israel, and around the world. We have trimmed our budget and are very carefully monitoring any expenses to make sure that your efforts and contributions are used as effectively and responsibly as possible.

On Super Sunday, our volunteers were not able to reach everyone by phone, so some people in the community missed the opportunity to help all of us reach our goals: to provide the best programs, services, and education to our Central Kentucky Jewish community, with outreach to the community at large.

We plan a "Reach Out To Call" event on Thursday, May 14 to offer another opportunity for giving to our CKJF/UJC 2009 Campaign. Please call the CKJF office at (859) 268-0672 or email

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Camp Shalom and Camp Gesher build memories

By Kathy Feinberg, Camp Director

Spring is finally here, summer is not too far away, and I am looking forward to another amazing summer at Camp Shalom and Camp Gesher. Jewish camping is a wonderful experience in the lives of Jewish children and teens; I am proud that Camp Shalom has now been a part of the lives of three generations of campers and staff right here in the Bluegrass for 41 years.

This year's camp will be held from July 27 to August 7. Our theme is "Camp Shalom and Camp Gesher Go Green" and our daily programming will focus on the ways we can all be responsible users and protectors of the earth's many resources.

We have a new site for week one. Camp Shalom and Camp Gesher will have exclusive use of Camp Kearney (located in the back of Jacobson Park off Richmond Road). This beautiful campsite offers paddleboating, a hiking trail, archery, picnic tables for projects, and many fields for sports and activities. We will also continue to offer storytelling, *chugim*, *shuir* (Jewish learning), *teva* (nature study), and arts and crafts. Jewish music and drama will also play a daily part. Camp Kearney has a large building on site, so we will be prepared for all weather conditions.

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Lexington Life

The three-story house

By Jerry Wurmser

Some 48 years ago, shortly after moving to Lexington, Rose Rita and I bought a lot in the Lansdowne subdivision and started poring over plans for our soon-to-be-built new house. We pondered one story or two, ranch or Colonial style, corner lot or not, advantages and disadvantages, and so on.

After much study, and changing lot locations three times within a three- or four-block radius of the one we finally settled on, we agreed on a lot three doors from the corner of a busy street, in a quiet cul de sac. Our first view of this lot was a sight to behold: a field full of growing corn with a three-rail horse fence at one end and thoroughbred horses grazing in the next field. Our plans were now finalized—a two-story traditional with a garage opening in the back.

Years went by, and I, in all my innocence not having to do too much in the way of helping Rose Rita with the housework, appeared fat, dumb, and happy, as the old saying goes. I took care of the outdoors—lawn, garden, maintenance, and the like—and her job was all that went on indoors: planning menus, grocery shopping, cooking, cleaning, sewing, tending our four children, helping with their homework, PTA, and so on. In addition, she had me to contend with, her ever-loving husband, who also desired a certain amount of attention outside of the time we spent together running our business.

Our newly formed business was prospering. I was in charge of sales and handling the sales staff; Rose Rita was the major factor “in house,” running the office, managing the warehouse, overseeing the new showroom, handling the accounts payable and, most important, the accounts receivable. Many times we salesmen (three others besides me) would beg her to ship orders to customers who were delinquent or “slow pay,” but she was always firm in denying this. These particular customers were what our sales force called “easy sells,” much beloved by the salesmen, but made to toe the line by Rosie, our comptroller. Just recently (many, many years after we retired), with her latest surgery

staring me in the face, the realization of what she had accomplished on a day-by-day basis all those years was brought home to me.

Since 1999, Rose has been in and out of the hospital, having had major surgery on her neck and back three times. It was during these times, when I had to step up and take over the in-house chores, the realization came that we lived not in a two-story house but, in reality, a three-story house. The washer, dryer, ironing board (ugh), spare refrigerator, and storage freezer were all in the bottom story of the house, often called the basement. So, from the upstairs bathroom to the laundry room, from the kitchen to the freezer, from the dryer back up to the bedroom closets, from ironing the pillow cases (thank goodness I learned to iron and sew as a child from my father, who was a tailor from the old country), then back to the bedrooms, all involved numerous trips up and down the stairs. I soon realized that I no longer needed to belong to the Y; I was getting a better workout just trying to keep up with the daily chores of running our house. I run from the bottom floor to the top floor and back a minimum of fifteen times a day, and that's on a good day.

Oh, and one other thing almost slipped my mind—the effort expended on grocery shopping, meal planning, and cooking! I'm now well informed on fiber, and how important it is to know how many grams of it need to be consumed each day, if you want to be a “regular fellow.” No sooner is breakfast over than I'm planning on what I'll fix for dinner. In just the past week, I've cooked a brisket, veal picatta, and corned beef and cabbage, baked a mess of northern beans (you have to soak them overnight to begin with; this should be enough to discourage anyone from trying this), and am now considered an expert in Cream of Wheat and oatmeal—not just the instant kind, but the king of oats, steel cut (which requires 40 to 45 minutes of you watching them cook), the rugged Irish type, and of course old fashioned Quaker Oats, the kind that requires you to stay by the stove and stir every so often while they cook and absorb the water. I can even do “over easy eggs” and have this and the toast or slightly toasted bagel and cereal and orange juice all be ready at nearly the same time: no easy accomplishment, I must say.

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Anita Roos Baker Mother's Day Concert

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President's Message

Linda Ravvin



Judy Wortman is a name that you will hear a lot in the coming months—and, I hope, years—as the new executive director of CKJF joins our community on May 1 and leads the way toward new goals and accomplishments. She is an accomplished and experienced person in Jewish community work, having been a consultant with EHL Consulting Group, Inc., director of the Gershman Y of the JCCs of Greater Philadelphia, assistant executive vice president of the Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey, and executive vice president of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

I want to extend my sincere thanks to the Search Committee, consisting of Ronit Eres, Ray Archer, Mike Grossman, Carole Wilson, and Janice

Newman, under the chairmanship of David Feinberg. The committee has been hard at work since last summer reviewing applications, interviewing candidates by phone, and following up with in-person day-long interviews in Lexington. The Executive Committee and the Board of CKJF have been actively involved throughout the process, as have been the presidents of the other Jewish organizations, the pulpit rabbis, and many individuals in the community, particularly the past presidents of CKJF.

We have used the services of the Mandel Center for Leadership Excellence of United Jewish Communities with Ricki Wasserman as our consultant from start to finish. Ricki came to Lexington last June and met with the Executive Committee

and the Search Committee to put together a profile of the "ideal candidate" and of our community. The search then began: ads were placed on the UJC website (a major source of job listings in Jewish community service) among other places, and applications were directed to Ricki as our consultant. This was the first time that CKJF had embarked on a national search for an executive director. Ricki received, reviewed, and vetted many applications, and screened them all for appropriateness for our community.

Judy came to Lexington at the end of February for a full day of interviews and discussions, meeting with about 40 people representing all segments of the community. The choice was unanimous: we offered Judy the

position of executive director and, we are happy to say, she accepted.

Please join me in making her feel welcome in our community. She will be at our Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration at Temple Adath Israel on Sunday, May 3. Come and say hi to her, introduce yourself, and share your thoughts about our community with her. She is excited about starting and looking forward to guiding us on our way to a stronger and more involved community. By working together with her we can and will accomplish wonderful things over the next years. ☆

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Wortman (from page 1)

and Delaware. It was my love of Jewish camping that brought me into the field and I am delighted that I will arrive in Lexington just before the camp season begins. I have led many missions to Israel and I hope that we can schedule a mission to Israel soon. It is so important that as many of our donors as possible can personally witness the miracle that is Israel and see firsthand the programs that are funded by our contributions.

Judaism is central in my life both personally and professionally. I have been very involved in synagogue life as a board member, volunteer cantor, storyteller, and *rebbeztin*. It is my hope that the Federation, the synagogues, the Havurah, and Hadassah work together to bring quality programs to the Jewish community of Lexington and to meet the needs of its members. ☆

Judy was asked what she hoped to accomplish in her first 100 days. She replied:

- That we see improvement in the economy that will allow us to raise enough dollars to meet the needs of our community and those overseas.
- That we can serve those in our community who have lost jobs.
- That we can have record enrollment for camp this season.
- That we can reach out to members of the community who have not been involved in the Federation before.
- That we can begin planning a community mission to Israel.
- That we can work with the synagogues and organizations cooperatively to sponsor the best quality programs in adult Jewish education and the arts.
- That we remember to celebrate this wonderful community every day and look forward to finding creative ways to meet the challenges that face us.
- That I personally have the opportunity to meet as many members of the community as possible.

Third Opinion

Stanley Ned Rosenbaum, PhD

Kulanu yehudim b'yahad

♦ ♦ ♦

I'm not a big fan of Chabad. A Chabad house opened in Oxford only a few blocks from our flat shortly after we went there on sabbatical in 1992, but I gave it a wide berth. Admittedly, the stories told by or about the early Hasidic leaders are inspiring, as is their infusion of joy into services that were apparently pretty deadly before the mid-18th century when the movement got started. But like so many religious movements, it has become something that, when we see it among gentiles, we call a cult.

Consider: the Bratzlaver Hasidim brought the chair in which Reb Nachman of Bratislava used to sit to Jerusalem and there it sits, empty, in a place of honor next to the ark in their synagogue in Meah Shearim. How different is this from relics of Christian saints embedded in altars, or venerated hairs from the Prophet's beard?

The joy of Hasidic worship now strikes me as both forced and choreographed—and how not, with all the men wearing their prescribed uniforms like the Ohio State University marching band? I cannot sympathize with a movement that has deified dynasties of leaders. And their leaders are men only. Half of their population is thus

been boiling hot, and that had screwed up the decay of Carbon-14 to Carbon-12.

My first thought was, "Wow, there must have been boiled sea-food covering the entire surface of the world." And then, "I suppose Noah took some aquariums with him to preserve all the species of fish, otherwise the seas would have been eternally sterile. I wonder why he bothered with shrimp and lobster, two of the favorites at the Reform country clubs my grandparents belonged to."

On the fourth hand, when we of the more liberal persuasions expand the rules so that we can drive to shul or allow girls to become bat mitzvah, our out-sourced Orthodox conscience (mine lives in New Jersey) can be counted upon to offer objections.

All of these musings were set in motion by the tragic death of the Chabad Rabbi Gabriel Holtzberg and his wife in the recent Mumbai massacre. I mourn those two young people almost as if they were my family. In Israel

we learned to say, *Kulanu Yehudim b'yahad*, "We are all Jews together." And we are. The fact that at no time during the last two millennia have we lacked for people who would kill any one of us without distinction simply because of our religion means that, in fact, we are one family.

Note: Ned is recovering nicely from his heart surgery and the complications that followed. He is grateful for the thoughts and good wishes of the community.

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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subordinated to the other, despite Orthodox protestations concerning time-bound mitzvot. (I understand that using "Orthodox" and "Hasidic" as interchangeable terms does no justice to the differences between them and among the various Hasidic groups.)

On the other hand, during the long centuries in which persecution so grievously reduced our numbers and more recent times when conversion or quiet assimilation have claimed so many Jews, who has stood fast and resisted tyrant and temptation alike? The Orthodoxers, that's who—Hasidim among them. They've also taken it upon themselves to replenish our numbers by having large families. This may be ecologically unsound, but as a non-Orthodox friend once said to me, "Jews have already [unwillingly] made a significant contribution to population control."

On the third hand, the extremely religious cling to a view of the world that was shaped when people thought that world was the center of the universe and their accommodation to modern science is still a mixture of grudging and fudging. One Orthodox friend assured me that the great age of the earth as indicated by radiocarbon dating was inaccurate because the waters of Noah's Flood had

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A Reflection

I will never realize it nor will I grasp it. I will never feel it nor will I sense it. I cannot understand it nor can I comprehend it. To wrap my mind around that which is so vast and, to me, untouchable. The destruction of a world, of a people, of a life.

I listened, and the class listened, to the narrative of Elie Wiesel's life in Auschwitz. As I shifted in my seat, I heard the beatings retold. I heard the whispers of a long lost pain. A boy's silent yet booming torment, a mere youth, watching as blow after blow struck the helpless man who was his father. The sorrow of one soul, the hurt of one boy, raised to the nth degree. To isolate the hurt of the people who suffered is injustice but to paint the full picture is sheer heartbreak. I snapped out of my silent torture to hear the voice of a fellow classmate, still reading the verses of darkness so well articulated—too painfully uttered. Elie Wiesel's eternal and replaying agony, told through his book, *Night*.

More than two years after first studying the Holocaust, the "complete burning" and "sacrifice by fire," the same words strike the same nerves, the same scars reopen, the same questions arise. I will not attempt to pretend that my intellect can grasp the immensity of this gash in history, nor will I try to articulate that which I cannot even summon into my thoughts. Nonetheless, my heart and mind wander hand-in-hand into an abyss of the largely untold and the humanly inconceivable.

This search for answers remains almost entirely inconclusive. The void which was created in my mind after exposure to such atrocities remains empty. The questions that rage within me and all those who contemplate on the Holocaust challenge our preconceived notions of what a human being is capable of thinking and acting upon. The power of human evil manifest also challenges these notions. How are some human beings able to subjugate and oppress a people? That question is answerable and can be summed up to the effectiveness of brain washing and desensitization. The confounding nature and potential one human has to harm another remains undefined. How is it that a human being, who is at one point in time an innocent and helpless infant, completely dependent on the love and compassion of one who is more powerful and capable, becomes a sadistic killing machine? Albeit that the only inquiry in which the wise and experienced survivors of this destruction stand at the same leveled playing field in thought and misunderstanding as I am on this very question.

To ponder on such questions is, in my eyes, useless. To drive oneself mad over a question whose answer remains beyond human perception and grasp only acts counterproductively. What one must understand is the unimaginable strength of human potential. Of course, this frightens and leaves those who fear future destruction of human life wary but, for every force there is an equal and opposite reaction, as observed by Sir Isaac Newton. This law of motion is applicable in the realm of human behavior and capability as well as physics. For every degree of evil man is capable of reaching, man is equally capable of good. For every act of wickedness and violence man can commit, there is an act of goodness and mercy in equal measure available to him. In the same respect, that which is appealing to the natural good nature of man outlasts that which is contrary to his nature.

We should take these realities into perspective. Though we cannot completely understand the bounds of human potential for goodness and evil, we have the ability to harbor this power. These powers come from small actions and small feelings which seem insignificant to the common man. Those who have honorable wisdom share insight into the true power of every small deed of man and the intentions and ideologies present in their hearts and minds. From the atrocities of the Holocaust and from the murder in Israel and Palestine, from the savannas of central Africa and from the deserts of Arabia, from the mountains of Pakistan to the jungles of India, one message is echoed from the dead and gone in these places: Do not forget, do not cease to remember, and do not allow this once again to occur. After my analysis of what causes humans to act in evil ways, I have found that there are two elements I can pinpoint as the root cause of premeditated slaughter of a whole people: arrogance in ideology, and desensitization to suffering. For those who are gone, let them live on as our references to these lessons. The memories and stories of the individuals whose trek here on Earth ended in camps live on and shine as a comforting light for all of mankind; the legacy of those who harbored hate and practiced iniquity are forever tarnished and lost. They are forever gone, blown away with the ashes of the crematorium...

Winner: Middle School Category

Student: Barrett Block, 8th grade, Edythe J. Hayes School
Teacher: Deanne Dulaney

"Holocaust Survivor Speech"

The Holocaust was one of the darkest moments in the History of Mankind. Eleven million human beings were annihilated off the face of the Earth. Jews, gypsies, homosexuals and the diseased were all rounded up to endure the most brutal persecution imaginable. There treatment was inferior to that of animals. They were sent to concentration camps, forced to walked death marches, and went into hiding. They were starved to death, executed in gas chambers, shot or incinerated. Men, women and children faced this fate. And only you all the lucky few survived. I know after surviving such a terrible ordeal, you fear with every fiber of your soul such that the Holocaust and its invaluable lessons will be lost, plunging the world into a dark abyss of ignorance and blind hate, which started the Holocaust itself. I assure you that this isn't the case, over the past few weeks of study of the Holocaust; I myself, a thirteen year old, have learned lessons of the utmost importance and valuability. I have learned that hate is blind, consuming and dangerous. I have learned to love and care for your neighbor. And most importantly, I have learned to fear anything like the Holocaust ever happening again. These values are eternal and I promise I'll never forget them. Most importantly I thank you, the brave men and women of the Holocaust, with the most sincere gratitude for fighting to preserve these lessons.

Hate is strong; it is able to grow to new more dangerous levels and leave a wake of detriment and despair. Hate is consuming. There was no better displayed than the in the Holocaust when a single man harnessed the hate of an entire nation for his own political agenda. At first the hate was used to deny people of petty things like bicycles and cars. Then the hate grew, denying people of entrance to public places. Eventually, it spiraled out of control, and the originally small, petty hate grew to commit genocide on an entire race. Through this I have learned it is wrong to accept stereotypes, however

seemingly harmless, because it could eventually become dangerous and volatile.

People should protest any stereotype even if they don't belong to that group. People should love their neighbors and accept their differences. If a person doesn't protest the persecution of a group then eventually there will be no one left to stand for them. This is reflected through the Holocaust. At first the Holocaust only targeted a single group, but slowly and eventually they targeted more and more groups. No one from another group protested this. And eventually when the Nazis targeted them there was no one left to stand for them. In order for this endless cycle of hate to be stopped, some one should've stood up for there [sic] neighbor.

I have learned to fear the Holocaust. The word Holocaust strikes fear in my heart. I honestly couldn't imagine the sheer, absolute terror of living in such a time, where people are killed due to their race, religion, or creed. I have learned to fear anything like the Holocaust ever happening again. It is an old adage that we learn through our mistakes. I look at the Holocaust as the greatest mistake of mankind. And we, the inhabitants of this planet, should make it our responsibility to never repeat this horrendous disaster. Hate is the spawn of ignorance. So to stop hate as great as that of the Holocaust we should educate ourselves and stop the ignorance.

I promise you all I will never forget these invaluable lessons. As long as I live I will do all I can in my power to preserve the lessons you risked your life for. I know you worry these lessons will be forgotten and this mistake will be repeated, plunging the world into death and despair. However, I ensure you the world won't forget your story. We humans all have the mutual concerns of preventing another Holocaust. It is my generations' duty to educate ourselves and rid ourselves of hate and ignorance. Thank you.

Honorable Mention — High School Category

Student: Julie Arseneau, 11th Grade, Tates Creek High School
Teacher: Mr. Marty Mills

Contemporary Lessons of the Holocaust

The Contemporary Lessons of the Holocaust focus on the consequences of racism, discrimination, and anti-Semitism. The 1930s and 1940s were a time of extreme violence and revulsion toward the Jewish people. Forces

of violence and discrimination led to the mass murders and extinction of Jews, but how can we identify and influence our own actions with violence in the world?

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Ask a Rabbi

Rabbi Audrey R. Korotkin



Q : With Yom Ha'atzmaut coming, I'm wondering: What is the appropriate way to celebrate Israel Independence Day? Is it a festival day—*chag*—in the traditional sense? What prayers do we say?

A : One of my most vivid memories of my year in Jerusalem is of Israel Independence Day. It began with a wild evening of fireworks and non-stop street parties, with tens of thousands of people in the streets, music coming from every corner, and such inane customs as dousing each other with Silly String and shaving cream and pounding your friends on the head with orange plastic mallets. It was the craziest thing I've ever seen—and I loved every minute of it!

It also was in stark contrast to the previous day, Yom HaZikaron (Day of Remembrance), when Israel remembers its war dead and its victims of terror. It seemed rather eerie to me, as an American, that Israelis could compartmentalize their grief, setting it aside the next day for this nationwide celebration. But maybe that's how they cope with the daily threats to their borders, cities, and people.

Certainly the street parties were, and are, in keeping with the spirit of unbridled joy that accompanied the proclamation of the State of Israel's independence on the 5th of Iyyar, 5708 (May 14, 1948)—though I'm guessing Silly String is a more recent innovation. That's why our Jewish community here in Central Kentucky, like so many others around the world, celebrates with Israeli food, music, and dancing.

Not all Jews celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut. Many are ultra-Orthodox, anti-Zionist Jews such as those in *Neturei Karta* (Aramaic for "Guardians of the City"), who believe the modern "secular" state of Israel is a desecration of Torah and actually impedes the coming of the Messiah. To them, the State of Israel is illegitimate and they consider Yom Ha'atzmaut a day of mourning, not a day of celebration.

But even some pro-Zionist Orthodox Jews are uncomfortable with liturgical innovations that have been made, innovations that allow us to celebrate Israel Independence Day as both a religious festival and as a national holiday for Israel. Keep in mind that, for traditional Jews, the celebration of a *chag* is founded on the mitzvot of Torah (such as the three pilgrimage festivals—Passover, Sukkot,

and Shavuot—Yom Kippur; and Rosh Hashanah) or on occasions that point to divine intervention and salvation in our history (such as Purim and Hanukkah). If people do not see the founding of the modern State of Israel as such a miracle, a sign of divine intervention, then celebrating with the religious rites of a *chag* would not be appropriate.

Even if they do see the founding of the state in that light, many traditional Jews who have used essentially the same liturgy for generations are uncomfortable with such liturgical innovations. You will not find men-

the mid-1970s through the mid-1990s (and which is still in use in many Reform congregations), Yom Ha'atzmaut is celebrated as a true *chag*, to be marked by public, festival worship. *Gates of Prayer* (pp. 590-611) includes a full *yom tov* service for Yom Ha'atzmaut complete with the recitation of the Hallel Psalms and the reading of Torah. The service includes many excerpts from the psalms and the prophetic literature of the Bible that speak of the ingathering or resurrection of the People Israel to their land, including the "dry bones" of Ezekiel 37.

Interestingly, in the new Reform *siddur*, *Mishkan Tefillah*, Yom Ha'atzmaut is still referred to as a modern "miracle"—yet the full festival service has been removed. In

its place (pp. 538-553) is a special candle-lighting ceremony using a traditional seven-branched menorah and choices of traditional or contemporary readings for each of the seven lights, celebrating seven special aspects of Israel's renewal as a people and a land. It is clearly designed to be an add-

on to a regular Shabbat or weekday service. The editors also included a newly written Yom Ha'atzmaut insertion (p. 555) into the *Hoda'ah* (Thanksgiving) prayer of the weekday Amidah, thanking God for the miracle of Israel's rebirth; this reading is liturgically akin to the *Hoda'ah* insertions traditionally made on Purim and Hanukkah, our two non-Torah holidays. The recitation of Hallel is not indicated.

In conclusion, even though Israel is already 61 years old, the liturgical models for celebrating Israel Independence Day are relatively new and definitely in flux. The one thing that we who mark this day with joy can agree on is that Yom Ha'atzmaut is definitely a day for community celebration—and that the Israeli food, dancing, and music we enjoy on this day here in Lexington reflect the meritment of Jews throughout the world. ☆

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tion of Yom Ha'atzmaut, for example, in the traditional prayer book edited by Philip Birnbaum that is considered a standard for English-speaking Jews; what you will find is prayers for the welfare of the State of Israel (pp. 789-792). The same is true of the Ashkenazic prayer book edited by David De Sola Pool and authorized by the Orthodox movement's Rabbinic Council of America: the reading for "Zion and Israel" at the back of the *siddur* (pp. 861-862) is an amalgamation of verses from the Psalms and the prophets exalting the rebuilding of Zion and Jerusalem but not attached to a particular day or observance. The North American Conservative movement follows this model in *Siddur Sim Shalom* of the Rabbinical Assembly and the United Synagogue of America, with English readings about Israel and Jerusalem at the back of the book (pp. 816-818). Though editor Rabbi Jules Harlow's introduction takes note of the formal community observance of Holocaust Remembrance Day and points the reader to the supplementary readings for this occasion, he does not do so for Israel Independence Day.

Yet even for those of us who do believe that Yom Ha'atzmaut is a religious festival, notions of how to celebrate the day have changed over the years. In *Gates of Prayer*, which was the standard *siddur* for North American Reform Jewry from

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Camp (from page 1)

Our second week of camp will be at the Bluegrass Christian Camp and our activities will include daily swimming, low and high ropes challenge course, disc golf, and—on August 4—our fantastically energetic Macabbiah, when campers and staff will show their exceptional *ruach* (spirit) during the day-long competition.

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We have an excellent staff serving as mentors, role models, and counselors to your children. I am happy to announce that Rachel Heller is our new assistant director. This will be Rachel's tenth year working at Camp Shalom; she also served for many years as the Ofarim group leader. Rachel, who is currently studying in Italy for a semester abroad and will be returning to Lexington in May, looks forward to meeting all of our campers and their families this summer. Our group leaders this summer are Lizzie Engel in Ofarim (ages 4-5), Nora Simon in Tsofim (ages 6-8), Josh Kline in Chalutzim (ages 9-10), and Alex Shapiro in Camp Gesher (ages 11-13).

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Campaign (from page 1)

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“Nahal Perazim is a beautiful narrow gorge with high walls. Obviously this gorge was formed by flowing water eroding into the rather soft sedimentary rocks during the last 18,000 to 20,000 years. The water was flowing from a lake, which once covered the area, to the dead sea. The floor of this gorge is horizontal and covered with sand, which makes it rather easy to walk through.

After a 15 minute walk through the gorge, you will reach Flour Cave, dubbed so because of the flour-like substance you will have on your clothing when emerging from it. The rocks are chalk, which is white, soft, and crumbling. If you did not forget your torch, you can safely follow the cave. It is always high enough to walk upright and the floor is level. It takes only a few minutes to reach the other end, where you leave the gorge by ascending a series of steps of white rock to the top of the gorge.

The visit to Flour Cave is easy and much fun for the whole family. Nevertheless, in an arid climate very rare rainfalls appear, especially in winter, which might cause the gorge to flood in seconds. So take a little care about the weather and have a nice visit.”

[from <http://www.showcaves.com/english/il/caves/Flour.html>]

JFS: At Your Service

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



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Little mitzvot could make a big difference

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Since becoming involved with Jewish Family Services in the past several months, I have begun to understand more about the needs in our local Jewish community. I have also been impressed with the dedication, warmth, and caring I have found.

Often hands and hearts working together can have a synergistic effect. A group can accomplish more than could ever be accomplished by individuals.

An example of this is a group of working women who wanted to help a lonely older homebound woman who just needed someone to have lunch with her once a week. Because of their busy work schedules none of the women could commit to bringing four lunches each month. However, when they discussed this together, they found that each could volunteer for one Tuesday per month. The elderly woman shared lunch with a different volunteer each week, and five people each had four new friends.

Some of the smartest people one could ever meet are volunteers who have found a way to be essential. The match between community need and a potential volunteer's time and skills is a very delicate balance.

Finding the right volunteer job is a genuine quest. Often people would like to help others but they don't know how to connect with where the help is needed and they are also afraid of being overcommitted. In today's world people want to help with volunteer tasks that have a beginning and an end.

Since joining the staff here at CKJF I have encountered a number of situations where another life could be made a little happier with the short-term help of Jewish volunteers once or a few times. These situations are

not about taking on the responsibility of another person's life. Instead, they could be done as occasional mitzvot or to add a little sunshine to a community member that day.

Following are some of the ways you could make a difference:

- 1) There are a few seniors who enjoy socializing with the Leisure Club at noon once each month and need a ride to and from our event.
- 2) There are several homebound elderly people who are lonely and might enjoy a short friendly visit or phone call once or twice each month. Bring some magazines you would like to give away or a few flowers from your garden, play some records, or just bring a smile and a little conversation for 20 or 30 minutes.
- 3) There are a couple of young adults without a lot of family support who are at loose ends. They might appreciate an occasional call of encouragement, a milkshake, or just knowing that a friend from the Jewish community is in their corner.

All of these commitments have a beginning and an end. I am sure there are many quiet kindnesses done by many of our readers for others all the time. If you are reading this and feel inspired to add a little brightness to life in the Jewish community please give me a call at (859) 269-8244. ☆

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Congregation Sim Shalom representatives attend WUPJ conference

By Jesse Weil

Rabbi Katalin Kelemen and I attended the conference of the World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ) in Israel in the latter part of March. WUPJ is an 80-year-old international association of Reform/Liberal/Progressive Jews formed in Europe to promote the growth of Progressive Judaism worldwide. It is active on every continent and in many countries. Though its main efforts are in the former Soviet Union, Israel, and Europe, they are also active in South and Central America.

They paid some of the costs for Rabbi Kelemen to attend the Leo Baeck College in London, and provided substantial financial support to the congregation in its early years. Our congregation (in Budapest) is now a member of WUPJ, to help in the building of other congregations.

The WUPJ conference, held every other year, this year had 600 attendees—rabbis, congregational leaders, WUPJ officers and staff, and financial supporters—from 26 countries. Israeli President Shimon Peres and members of the Israeli parliament and British House of Lords were keynote speakers. There were two days of workshops on all imaginable subjects from Jewish status questions, to congregational finance in a financial crisis, to reports on efforts to improve Israeli/Palestinian relations. A half day was devoted to visits to Israeli Progressive congregations in various towns and cities, with opportunities to attend services, have home hospitality, and to learn about the joys and problems of building Progressive Judaism in a country where the official religious establishment is very opposed to reform. We visited one of the newest and poorest, which meets in a former kindergarten, and one of the richest with a beautiful synagogue building.

An important part of this conference was the attendance of about 50 very energetic and lively teenagers who are active in the *Netzer Olami* youth program of WUPJ. They were celebrating the 30th anniversary of the founding of *Netzer*. In recent years, NFTY has become affiliated with *Netzer*. We are hoping that our own Sim Shalom youth group will soon become affiliated also, because it looks like a great way for our kids to meet like-minded youngsters from all across Europe.

It was great to meet old friends from Europe, the U.S., and other parts of the world at the conference. It was good to learn that our problems are not so different from those faced elsewhere, and we got many good ideas on how to solve them. It was good to be in Jerusalem with all its history and in Tel Aviv, with its modernity. In Jerusalem, Kati could buy the Midrash books in Hebrew that she needs, and we could learn the history of the building of present-day Israel on the walking tours in Tel Aviv. In short, it was a great conference. ☆

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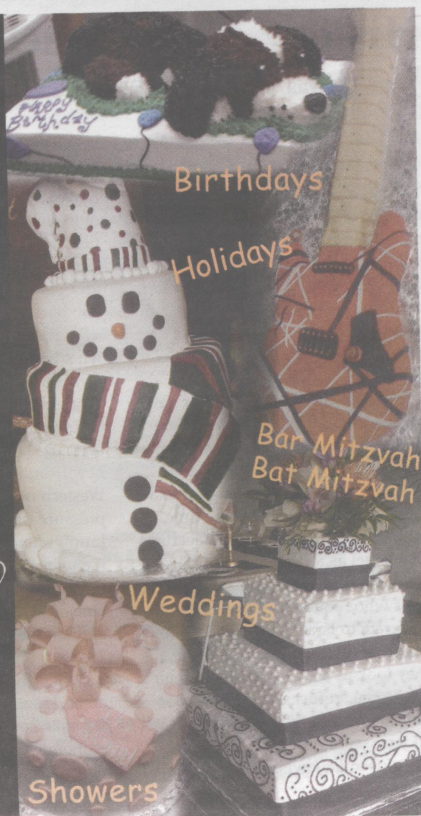
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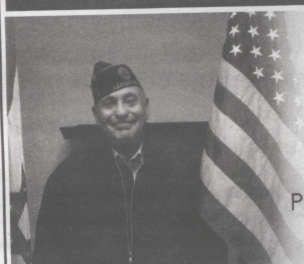
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History of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict — Part XXXVII

The fall of the USSR, Kuwait, and the Middle East

By Daniel Chejfec

The fall of the Soviet empire marked the end of the Cold War and a significant rearrangement of world geopolitics. It also had a great impact on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and it is from that perspective that we will look at it.

After Israel's victory in 1967, the USSR became even more uncompromising toward Zionism and in support of its Arab clients, but among Soviet Jews this victory awakened a newfound sense of belonging to a larger tradition. At the same time, many non-Jewish Soviet intellectuals saw Israel as a good cause to rally for in their own search for freedom. Jews who requested permission to emigrate to Israel were almost summarily refused—hence the name they took as a group to reflect their condition, “refuseniks.” It is important to understand, however, that not all Jews were refuseniks nor were all refuseniks Jewish. The refusenik

movement became a symbol not only of Jewish demand for free emigration, but a symbol of the fight against the Soviet regime. In 1970 a group of refuseniks (all but two of them Jewish) hijacked a Soviet plane to Sweden in what became known as the Dymshits-Kuznetsov affair. While the hijacking failed and the perpetrators were put on trial, the affair opened a new front in the Cold War. Western countries began to pressure the USSR to liberalize their immigration policies and allow people to leave.

One of the factors increasing pressure on the Soviets was the 1974 Trade Act of the United States, which included the Jackson-Vanik amendment denying most favored nation status to countries with non-market economies that restricted emigration rights. It is in this political context

that the cause of the Jewish refuseniks became politicized and used as a political weapon against the USSR, and it is in this context that American Jews began to consider the plight of their Soviet brethren. It would take a long and complicated analysis to understand the Jewish reasons

But starting in the mid-80s, the pace of Jewish emigration picked up after Gorbachev agreed to comply with the protocols of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. Under Gorbachev, the USSR witnessed a liberalization of policies popularly known as “glasnost.”

behind the beginnings of the Free Soviet Jewry movement, one probably best left to those who have analyzed the subject in detail. From our perspective—that is, how it affected the Middle East conflict—the cause of the Jewish refuseniks linked the U.S. government to Jewish aliyah in ways that would have been unthinkable before or outside of the context of the Cold War.

Contrary to the hopes of American Jews, the passing of the Jackson-Vanik amendment in fact had a negative effect on Jewish emigration from the USSR because the Soviet government made a point of approving even fewer applications as a way to confront the U.S. But starting in the mid-80s, the pace of Jewish emigration picked up after Gorbachev agreed to comply with the protocols of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. Under Gorbachev, the USSR witnessed a liberalization of policies popularly known as “glasnost.” The reason

for this change in policy was internal. The financial and economic difficulties of the Soviet state strained the relationships of Moscow with the leadership of the Soviet republics that were pressing for decentralization. The growing trade gap of the USSR led to virtual bankruptcy of the state; in 1991 the USSR formally collapsed and Boris Yeltsin took over

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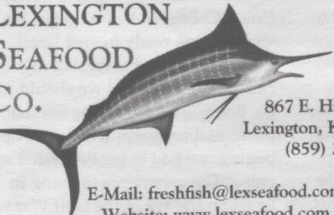
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Israel 21c: Google's new Suggest service developed in Israel

Google's Israel R&D center has launched a new international service, Google Suggest, which was developed in Israel. The service, which is available in all local Google websites, works by completing words typed into the search box and offers suggestions in real time. Each local service takes cultural factors into account. For example, while the British and Australian websites both operate in English, a user will get different results when using the Suggest feature. Another advantage to the service is that it automatically corrects spelling mistakes. This can protect children from websites that lure them in by operating addresses which are likely to be misspelled by children. The service was launched in over 150 local

Google websites and in 51 languages, including Hebrew and Arabic. Miki Herkovitz, and Dr. Yoel Mark, heads of Google R&D center in Haifa, led the Israeli team that developed of the product. The Israeli team is in charge of the service in all countries in which Google operates. Google Suggest is also available at YouTube.com, which is owned by Google, and the team plans to install the service in all Google search boxes, including Google News, Google Images and more. ☆

Essays (from page 6)

Discrimination from the world, primarily the German people, has caused one of the cruelest times in history—The Holocaust. This destructive action by the German people betrayed generations of people, damaged the German democracy, and ultimately killed millions of people for their beliefs. The Holocaust has affected me because I have grown to realize what just a little discrimination and racism can cause, what anti-Semitism can cause, and how violence has affected others. The kinds of actions we take everyday either make a positive or negative difference toward others in our schools, community, and world. What kinds of actions are we taking to stop violence and discrimination toward others?

We also have to realize that the Holocaust wasn't the action of just the Germans or Nazi party, it happened because of the choices of thousands of people. The combination of these people to stand there and let it happen, including the president, led to the Holocaust. They were simply targeted because of their religion, which led to many misunderstandings and stereotypes. Is it worth it to just sit around and wait for someone else to stop the violence when millions are suffering and dying?

Among the many lessons of the Holocaust, "The world has, to its shame, failed more than once to prevent or halt genocide—for instance in Cambodia, in Rwanda, and in the former Yugoslavia," Kofi Annan said. The lessons we have learned from genocide and the Holocaust influence what our world has become and what it will be in years to come. The actions we take today will affect our future and every generation after us. What kinds of actions are you going to take to prevent the discrimination of others in your school, community, and world?

Honorable Mention: Middle School Category

Student: Nicole Funk, 6th Grade, Bryan Station Middle School

Teacher: Kathryn Raitiere

"What the Holocaust Means to Me"

Brea twirled her long blond curls in between each finger and blew a pink bubble of gum, as I listened intently to the speech Ms. Marroway was giving. The Holocaust wasn't a bright subject, but it was an important one, to me anyway. My grandfather had lived through the Holocaust as a Jew, and always had stories to tell about his life.

"Now flip to page 40 in your textbook. See this picture? This is a picture of Adolf Hitler, the leader of the Nazis during the Holocaust. Does anyone know anything about him?" said Ms. Marroway, eager to find at least one kid with their hand up. To my surprise, Brea shot her manicured hand into the air.

"Yes, Brea?" said Ms. Marroway.

"He killed tons of people, I think," said Brea. I smiled and lifted my hand into the air, happy that Brea was engaging in the lecture instead of her usual texting.

"Yes, Abby?" said Ms. Marroway.

"Brea's right. Hitler told Jews he was going to let them take a shower, and put them into poisonous gas tanks, killing them," I said, remembering my grandfather's horrific stories of death among Jews.

"Great, Abby! Does another other than Miss Abby know anything about the Holocaust?" said Ms. Marroway, intently searching the class, eyeing students one by one.

"Well, I think I heard that the Jews had to go to camps where they were tortured," said Brea.

"Yes, those were called concentration camps," said Ms. Marroway, smiling at Brea. "Does anyone else know anything about the Holocaust?"

"I know that the Nazis gave all the Jews identification cards so they could track them down easily!" said a boy named Ben, sitting in the corner of the classroom.

"Yes, Ben! Correct! Now, could anyone tell me what you think about the Holocaust?" said Ms. Marroway.

Fantasia, sitting next to me, raised her hand. "I think it was all really stupid. Why did Hitler have to go and take away people's rights? I can't even imagine that kind of treatment towards people," she said.

"I agree, Fantasia. Hitler was wrong to only accept blue-eyed, blond-haired people," said Ms. Marroway. And soon enough, the whole class was sharing thoughts and facts about the Holocaust. I smiled to myself.

I was proud that a simple topic like the Holocaust could get a whole class participating. Brea hadn't even once pulled out her phone. Ben, the shy little kid, was sharing his thoughts at any chance he could get. And then I realized something.

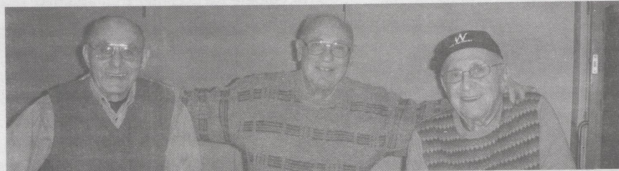
We, as children, could make a difference in the world, no matter what. And a time of tragedy and prejudice is what brings people together the most, making people willing to fight together. Of course, we couldn't time-travel, but we could educate each other and be ready to fight in the future for whatever challenge we may face. That's what the Holocaust means to me.

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- Licensed graphic art software for Mac Leopard or Microsoft Windows XP or newer. (Photoshop, InDesign, Macromedia Studio Suite, Microsoft Publisher, etc.)
- A small desk or computer armoire for our new bookkeeper. Something that is no more than 48" wide and 30" deep.

Thank You to all who have offered their time to assist the staff. We are very appreciative!

Contact Tamara at the CKJF office if you have questions or are able to help.
(859) 268-0672 or
tamara@jewishlexington.org



History (from page 10)

power in Russia after the failure of a coup against Gorbachev by some of the Communist Party apparatchiks. Starting at the end of 1991, Soviet republics, one by one, began opting for independence. While most of the Soviet republics would remain united under the fiction of the "Commonwealth of Independent States," for all intents and purposes 1991 marks the end of the USSR's power and the end of the Cold War.

These changes in the USSR deeply affected the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in many ways. When a minor bureaucrat at the offices of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem noticed a sharp increase in aliyah from the USSR, American Jewry was galvanized and began the organization of what would be known as "Operation Exodus" in cooperation with the Jewish Agency. The American Jewish community raised many millions of dollars in an emergency campaign to facilitate the immigration of Soviet Jews to Israel, and through HIAS (Hebrew Immigrants Aid Society) it provided for the resettlement of a limited number of Soviet Jews in the U.S. as refugees. From an American Jewish perspective, Operation Exodus became an important part of their self image as a community and an opportunity to sustain the momentum initiated by the 1967 war.

The massive influx of Soviet *olim* (Jewish immigrants to Israel) changed, of course, the rules of the game in the conflict. The Arabs became fearful that the massive influx of Jews would consolidate Israel's grip on the occupied territories; Yasser Arafat started to come to terms with the fact that he could not defeat Israel by military confrontation, especially with the loss of his Soviet patrons, and began to look for ways to ensure his political survival. Segments of Israeli society that supported the irredentist attitude of the Settlers' movement saw an opportunity in the massive aliyah from the USSR, while those on the left of the Israeli spectrum failed to understand the full implications of this aliyah.

The fall of the USSR caught some of the Arab leaders by surprise; they suddenly felt orphaned and scrambled for new support to keep themselves in power. While Syria remained aligned with the post-USSR Russian Republic the longest, others began to look for new patrons,

and Iran increased its role as a major player in the Arab-Islamic world and as a sponsor of Islamic-inspired terrorist organizations, particularly Hezbollah in Lebanon.

While glasnost was being implemented in the USSR and the bankruptcy of the Soviet State was becoming apparent, Saddam Hussein decided to probe the strength of the new order by claiming what he believed was his right to "reincorporate" Kuwait into Iraq. The reasons for this move were very complex and involved the need to confront the Shiite opposition, the need to reassert his role in the post-Soviet era, and the need for economic resources. The annexation of Kuwait in 1990 provoked American intervention in what is today known as the "First Gulf War," "Operation Desert Storm," which ended with the liberation of Kuwait but—most important—with a realignment of the Arab world that would make it possible to convene an international peace conference in Madrid in 1991.

Immediately following the invasion of Kuwait by Saddam Hussein, President George H. W. Bush, understanding the historical opportunity to transform relationships in the Middle East, went about cementing a broad coalition of European and Arab countries, with UN support, to oust Saddam from Kuwait and contain him behind his borders. This kind of approach demanded that Israel stay out of it, a difficult proposition considering Saddam's threats against the Jewish State. The situation was indeed difficult and affected the Israeli psyche and self image.

In 1990 I was studying at the Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles. We were getting ready to visit Israel that summer, and several of my classmates suggested we should not go. Because a group of us felt that, precisely because of what was happening, we had to go. We ended up going. The experience of being in Israel on the eve of the Gulf War was illuminating in many ways: empty hotels, conversations about gas masks and sealed rooms, and a pervasive undercurrent of fear. For the first time in its short but strong history, Israel was being asked to trust its security to others—Arabs among them—and sit the war out. This situation brought home to the Israelis that the rules were changing and that accommodation with the Arab world was becoming a real probability

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Camp Shalom and Camp Gesher 2009

Are you sending your kids to Camp this year?

CAMP SHALOM

Camp Shalom, established in 1968, is a day camp sponsored by the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation. Activities are geared to encourage unity, fun, and learning for children 4 through 10 years of age. Each week of camp has a unique theme to which activities are related.

Our days are filled with sports, art, music, *teva* (nature), storytelling, swimming, *shiur* (learning), games, and special projects. At the end of each fun-filled week, we welcome the Sabbath together with candles, blessings, songs and *Shabbat* traditions. Children of all denominations are invited to attend.

Camp Shalom offers our children an opportunity to be with other Jewish children. Bringing our youth together for Camp Shalom creates a unique experience where friendships and memories will last a lifetime, and offers a summertime experience which cannot be duplicated elsewhere.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Additional activities aside from the daily routine often vary at camp. Each year we try to add something amusing and different for the campers. Some of our special activities have included guest storytellers, reptile shows, astronomy shows, visits by community personalities, and local and national children's singers. On Fridays all of camp participates in a big program, usually a *maccabiah* (similar to olympics) or talent show and a carnival.

CAMP GESHER

Camp Gesher (meaning bridge), established in 2005, is for campers ages 11-13. At this age, campers need to express their individuality and also relate to a strong peer-group experience. This program works to build a sense of mutual responsibility and cooperation and strengthen their Jewish identity.

Camp Gesher campers also have an overnight experience.* Campers will help set up tents, enjoy a campfire, storytelling and special overnight activities.

*Gesher goes on the road for 3 day Shabbat weekend

The overnights for both weeks are combined this year into one Shabbat experience at Camp Livingston, a JCC overnight camp in Bennington, Indiana. Gesher will join their daily routine from Friday, July 31 through Sunday, August 2. All food, lodging, and transportation will be provided for only \$60 for week 1 campers, or \$75 for campers attending ONLY week 2. Give your child this incredible experience.

Contact Jana LaZur for more information at (859) 268-0672 or campshalom@jewishlexington.org.

EXTENDED DAY

- 5:45 p.m. pick-up Monday through Thursday only. No extended day on Fridays as we leave early for *Shabbat*.

- Includes staffing for extra swim time, snack, and special activities. Extended day is open to Camp Shalom and Camp Gesher campers.

- Fee: \$40 per week due with completed camp payment on July 15, 2009. Unless there is an emergency, day-by-day extended day payments are STRONGLY discouraged.

CARPOOL OPTION

If you feel that carpooling would make your life easier this year, please check the box below to have your information put down in a carpool directory. This will be shared with other parents to help everyone coordinate their commutes.

CAMPERSHIPS

We know that times are tough this year. If you were not able to submit a Campership application to Jewish Family Services by April 1, please let us know. We will do our best to help you find funds so your children can attend camp this summer. Contact

Please note that Week 1 of Camp will be held at Camp Kearney in Jacobson Park this year (off Richmond Rd., drop off and pick up at shelter #6). The second week of Camp will be held at BlueGrass Christian Camp, on the lower level or first entrance.



Jana at (859)268-0672 or campshalom@jewishlexington.org. You may also contact Paula Clancy with Jewish Family Services (also in the CKJF office) for additional assistance. (859) 269-8244 or jfs@jewishlexington.org.

CAMP IS GOING GREEN THIS YEAR!

To help reduce spending and paper waste in the office we will not be printing forms and parent packs this year. Please use this registration form or download it from our website and mail it in with your deposit or full payment. Greener yet, sign up online through the CKJF website and pay for Camp with a credit card. This year the form will be even easier to use, and you also have the option to pay in installments, as long as your last payment goes through by July 15, 2009.

Visit <http://www.jewishlexington.org> and find our Camp Shalom page for more info, the forms, and access to on-line registration. Contact Tamara Ohayon at (859) 268-0672 or by email to tamara@jewishlexington.org for assistance.

Parent's Name(s): _____
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Email: _____

Camper(s) Information:

1. Name: _____ Age: _____ Birthday: _____ T-shirt size _____
2. Name: _____ Age: _____ Birthday: _____ T-shirt size _____
3. Name: _____ Age: _____ Birthday: _____ T-shirt size _____

Shalom
(ages 4-10)

Gesher
(ages 11-13)

Carpool option.
☐ Yes. Put me on the list.
☐ No, thank you.

Week 1: 7/27 - 7/31

Campers (9:00 - 3:00) _____ x \$150 = _____
Extended Day M-TH (3:00 - 5:45) _____ x \$40 = _____
Early Registration discount
(if paid in full by June 2) deduct \$15 = _____
Total Week 1 = _____

Week 2: 8/3 - 8/7

Campers (9:00 - 3:00) _____ x \$150 = _____
Extended Day M-TH (3:00 - 5:45) _____ x \$40 = _____
Early Registration discount
(if paid in full by June 2) deduct \$15 = _____
Total Week 2 = _____

Additional Options:

Gesher Field Trip _____ x \$60 (if Wk 1 camper) = _____
_____ x \$75 (if Wk 2 camper) = _____
Camp slideshow DVDs _____ x \$5.00 = _____
All-Camp pictures _____ x \$3.00 = _____

Total due to Camp = _____

Additional discount options. Check all that apply.

First-time camper (subtract) _____ x \$10 = _____
Referral (subtract) _____ x \$10 = _____
Call Jana LaZur for more information. (859) 268-0672

Adjusted Camp Total = _____

(if you qualify for discounts above)

A non-refundable \$50 registration fee, per camper, must accompany the completed application. This deposit is applied toward tuition. Balance due by July 15, 2009, or before June 2 for \$15 discount.

Make checks payable to "CKJF" or pay on-line with a Visa, MasterCard, or American Express by going to www.jewishlexington.org and following the links for Camp Shalom. You can also pay in installments through the website, if balance is paid in full by June 2 (\$15 early reg. discount) or July 15.

☐ I would like to volunteer at Camp this summer. Yes No, thank you.

Can't help at Camp this year? Consider another form of *tzedakah*...

Help current and future campers enjoy the benefits of a friendly, caring, and fun Jewish environment. Consider a donation to Camp Shalom and Camp Gesher. All donations are tax deductible.

☐ I will show my Camp *ruach* (spirit) by donating to the:
Dill Darlington Fund (Program and activity supplies) \$18 \$36 Other

☐ I would like to make Camp possible for another child by supporting:
Camperships \$18 \$36 Other

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B'tayavon (Hearty Appetite)

By Ruth Poley

Savory Palmiers

♦ ♦ ♦

This month's recipe is for an hors d'oeuvre that's extremely easy to make and will garner you lots of praise. When you serve these and tell your guests you've made them yourself they will be very impressed (and you never have to tell them how easy they are). Palmiers are generally made as sweets; you may have seen cookies called elephant ears—these are palmiers. Rather than calling for sweet filling, the following recipe is savory. ☆

Cheese Palmiers

- 1 sheet of frozen puff pastry (available in the freezer section of the supermarket), thawed according to package directions
- 1 1/2 cups freshly grated pecorino or parmesan cheese (not from the shiny green can)
- 3/4 cup fresh goat cheese or cream cheese, at room temperature
- Olive oil, for brushing

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. On a lightly floured surface, roll out puff pastry into about a 10" by 12" rectangle.

Using a fork, blend the two cheeses together in a bowl. You may add a bit of milk or water to make it easier to blend, but be careful not to add too much liquid.

Brush puff pastry lightly with olive oil. Spread cheese mixture lightly over the entire sheet, taking care not to rip the pastry.

Starting at one long side, roll the puff pastry halfway to the center. Repeat with the other side until the two rolls meet at the center.

If you have time, cover and chill for about one hour or longer; this will make it easier to slice. Slice the log into 1/4-inch pieces. Place pieces 2 inches apart on a baking sheet, and bake for about 12-15 minutes, or until puffy and starting to brown. Serve immediately or allow to cool to room temperature.

Makes about two dozen palmiers. Recipe can easily be doubled, tripled, quadrupled... you get the picture.

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.



History (from page 12)

rather than a dream, but at the same time it bore the price of a trust they didn't feel quite ready to give. Israel counted on the U.S. to protect Israel; Israel received batteries of U.S. Patriot anti-missile protection. By contrast, the Palestinians and their leaders openly supported Saddam Hussein and celebrated when Iraqi missiles flew over the West Bank toward Tel-Aviv. While the cost in property and human lives for Israel was minimal, the psychological cost was very high.

As we know, Saddam lost. A window of opportunity opened for a comprehensive settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, a window that the U.S. was determined to utilize to reinforce its grip on the Middle East in the new world order that followed the fall of the USSR, in the hope of containing the dangers of Islam emanating from Iran and the hope of modernizing the Arab world.

The formula for the Madrid conference was supposed to be emblematic of the new world order envisioned by Bush, with the U.S. as the only remaining superpower and in a position to serve as the arbiter of world affairs. From that perspective, Bush felt he could be magnanimous in the use of multilateralism as a way to build consensus under U.S. leadership.

The Madrid conference was hosted by Spain and co-sponsored by the U.S. and the USSR. Its opening session on October 30, 1991 lasted three days. The Israeli government of Yitzhak Shamir initially objected to the presence of a Palestinian delegation, so the fiction was adopted of making the Palestinian delegation a part of the Jordanian delegation. Palestinian negotiators Saeb Erekat and Haidar Abdel-Shaffi were, however, in constant contact with PLO headquarters in Tunis, and Israel was forced to accept an unofficial "advisory group" of the PLO headed by Feisal Hussein of Jerusalem.

In the spirit of the new world order envisioned by the U.S., the conference was not intended to impose any solution to the conflict but only to serve as the opening session of bilateral and multilateral negotiations to integrate Israel into the regional economy of the Middle East and the Arab countries in the new world economic order. The framework agreed upon for these negotiations was aimed at achieving peace treaties between Israel and individual Arab countries.

The framework also aimed at achieving a settlement between Israel and the Palestinians based on a two-stage formula: in the initial phase Palestinians would achieve self-government; in the second, Israelis and Palestinians would negotiate a final status agreement. This same general framework would later be used in the bilateral negotiation that took place in Oslo and produced the Declaration of Principles signed by Rabin and Arafat on September 13, 1993. Syria, with USSR support, refused to engage in multilateral negotiations with Israel before a resolution of the bilateral issues.

The immediate aftermath of the Madrid conference gave Israel significant benefits, including the opening of diplomatic relations with a number of countries that had, to that point, refused to open them—among them China, India, Qatar, Morocco, Tunis, and Mauritania. It also helped in relaxing the Arab boycott of Israel.

While Israel was, by all accounts, dragged to Madrid screaming and kicking, it came out of it with significant gains and an historical opportunity to achieve peace. In the shadow of the Madrid conference, Israeli society began to divide itself in two clear camps: those in favor and those against a final settlement with the Palestinians. The composition of these camps changed over time, but it also became increasingly clear that Israeli society was in the process of polarizing, a polarization that would be enhanced by the situation in Lebanon and the Israel-PLO Declaration of Principles in 1993 and would eventually lead to the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin in 1995. ☆

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Lexington life (from page 3)

At long last, after almost 62 years of marriage and the loss of nearly ten pounds in the past several weeks, I have finally realized in no uncertain terms: women who take care of their homes really do work. Housewives of the world, I salute you! ☆

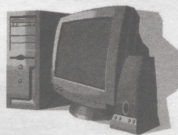
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The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah

Evalyn Block, President

A fond farewell

♦ ♦ ♦

I remember the day well... I received an innocent phone call from Odette Kaplan asking if I would like to have lunch later in the week with her and Judy Baumann. It was summer; I wasn't working because I teach, so I thought, "How lovely," and accepted her invitation. Little did I realize that they had an ulterior motive. So, on the appointed day off I went to Joseph Beth Booksellers to meet two friends for a casual luncheon date.

Half way through lunch Judy B. pops the question: "So, what do you think about being the president of the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah?" I almost dropped my fork and was speechless, a state in which you rarely find me. Needless to say, I proceeded to give them my best argument as to why I wasn't the person for the job and told them that surely there were many more women more qualified for the position than I. Odette and Judy weren't about to be deterred. You have to understand that once a Hadassah woman makes up her mind to accomplish something, nothing stands in the way of her achieving the goal. Besides, both Odette and Judy are skilled negotiators and possess remarkable powers of persuasion.

How could I say no to them? So I became president of the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah.

It seems hard to believe, but that scenario took place almost two years ago and now I am writing my last column for *Shalom* as president. I confess I approached the position with a great deal of trepidation. The Lexington Chapter has an amazing legacy when it comes to its presidents and I did not want to disappoint the people who had put so much faith in my ability to run the chapter. I wanted to succeed at the challenge that lay ahead. Looking back, I would like to think that under my tenure there have been more accomplishments than failures and that I have served the chapter well. I can truly say I have tried my best.

I am not the same person I was two years ago and I have Hadassah to

thank for that. I have experienced so many wonderful moments in the course of my presidency. I have grown as a person and have acquired many skills I otherwise would not have developed. I am confident and resolute in my ability to set goals and meet them. I now know and appreciate that with the help of others great things can be accomplished.

But more than all these things Hadassah has given me the gift of friendship, and that's a gift whose worth can only be measured by the heart.

As with any presidency, I cannot take credit without first giving credit where it is truly due—to the phenomenal women who have been on my board and on various committees. I owe them a debt of gratitude for their commitment and dedication. Without them standing beside me giving 110 percent, I would not have been successful.

I now step aside knowing a remarkable woman will take my place, one who will accomplish great things: Lynn Furness. Her work ethic is extraordinary, as is her dedication to Hadassah. I am proud to pass the torch to her. ☆

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, mwdrovek@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

Friday, May 22 - A Kabbalat Shabbat program will begin with candle lighting and kiddush at 6:30 p.m. at the Lexington Theological Seminary. A potluck supper and Shabbat service will follow.

Friday, June 6 - Havdalah and potluck under the stars. Time and place to be announced.

Friday, July 17 - Kabbalat Shabbat service. There will be a discussion of Jewish fast days and the 9th of Av.

Education Committee

May 30-31

The annual Education Retreat of the Havurah, May 30 and 31, will focus on Israeli films, with Jan Huttner as our visiting scholar. Jan has a B.A. from St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland and masters degrees in psychology from Harvard University and the University of Chicago. After more than 20 years as a computer consultant serving the healthcare industry, Jan is now is a film critic based in Chicago who devotes herself fulltime to Films For Two: The Online Guide for Busy Couples (www.films42.com)—an organization founded by Jan and

her husband, Richard Miller—plus related freelance speaking and writing projects.

The theme of the retreat is Israeli films. The program will focus on a historic survey, current descriptions and critiques of this art form. Plans include a full-length film presentation on Saturday night, with an introduction by our scholar. Sunday will comprise discussion accompanied by film clip illustrations, and perhaps a second full-length film. The program on Sunday will include continental breakfast and luncheon.

August 15 - Beth Glazier-MacDonald, Professor of Religion and the Sturgill Chair of Social Sciences at Centre College, will speak to the Havurah. Her topic will be Abraham (*A Blessing... are you kidding?*). The time and place will be announced. ☆

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"Faculty" Members Wanted

The Adult Jewish Growth Committee seeks congregants interested in teaching courses for the Mini University's 2009-2010 academic year. The Mini-U offers courses on Jewish experiences in all walks of life, including culture, business, history, science, arts and crafts, cooking, film, health and medicine, current events, travel, issues in everyday living, and more. In fact, all topics/subjects related to a Jewish theme are welcome! Some past courses have been Jewish medical ethics, Jewish artists, lamb cookery, understanding the Friday prayer service, the environment, physical well-being, Holocaust rescuers, and learning to play Mah Jongg. Each course will run from one to six weeks (one class per week, usually on a weekday evening). The ideal class format would emphasize discussion or hands-on activity, with short readings to be done in class. No prior teaching experience needed—just a willingness to facilitate conversation and learning about a subject that interests you!

If you are interested in becoming a TAI Mini University faculty member, or have questions about the program, please contact Ken Slepyan at kslepyan@transy.edu or (859) 226-9145.

TAI Book Discussion Club

We will meet at Temple on May 21 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss *Call It Sleep* by Henry Roth. All are invited to attend the book discussion group. For any questions, contact Toni Reiss at coordinator@extai.org.

Members Wanted

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 a.m. in the library. May 9 & 23

Kollel Study Group

Joe Engelberg leads this study of fundamental ideas of Jewish life and thought. Among these are spirituality, the nature of God, biblical and traditional injunctions

and laws, Jewish history, principles of the Reform movement, and the relation of Judaism to Christianity, Islam, and Buddhism. Drop in to the library on alternate Saturdays at 9 a.m. and join in the provocative and friendly discussion. May 2, 16, & 30.

Chavurat-Chochma (A Friendly Gathering of Wisdom)

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.

God's Pantry Night on Tuesday

Please join representatives from the entire Jewish community at God's Pantry on the third Tuesday of each month, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. We will sort food to be distributed to the homeless and assist God's Pantry in fulfilling the needs of the hungry in Kentucky. For more information and directions, please contact Karen

Petrone at (859) 226-9145 or Petrone@uky.edu.

Sisterhood

Our Sisterhood Shabbat will be May 1, 2009. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Sisterhood to worship and connect with one another. Our closing program before summer will be dinner at Joseph Beth Cafe on Wednesday, May 20. Please join us at both of these events as we say thanks for another great year together. ☆

Let Us Know...

What's going on with you? Send announcements and pictures of special birthdays, weddings, honors, celebrations, happy and sorrowful occasions to di-ifr@bardstown.com.



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Contact Tamara at (859) 268-0672 or tamara@jewishlexington.org

Around the Community

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

Mazel Tov to...

Temple Adath Israel 2009 Confirmation Class, which will graduate on May 29, 2009.

Brian Adam Gerson, son of Larry and Ida Gerson
Justin Tyler Graff, son of Wayne and Anne Graff
Joshua Min-Chul Grisé, son of William and Jane Grisé
Joshua Alan Hoffman, son of Lee and Anne Hoffman
John Benjamin Liebman, son of Dan Liebman and Beth Liebman
Cameron Evan Miller, son of Craig and Sherry Miller
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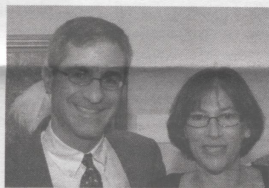
Linda and Doug Katz on the birth of their daughter, Madeline Rose, on March 23, 2009.

Elisa Klein and Seth Noar on the birth of Eva Danielle Klein Noar on March 26, 2009. Big brother Jonah is completely enamored of his new sister.

Nancy and Phil Hoffman on the birth of their grandchildren, Eli and Sophie, in March. The proud parents are Kristen and Mark Hoffman.

Harold and Kaye Frankel on the marriage of their son, William, to Hagit Polatov on March 27, 2009 in Israel.

David Wekstein, whose daughter Lauren Gabovitch and her husband, Bill, will receive the K'Lal Yisrael Award from the Synagogue Council of Massachusetts at a reception in Boston on May 14.



Bill and Lauren Gabovitch.

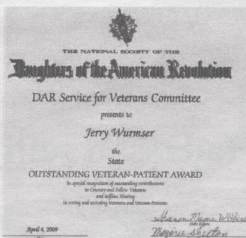
Dr. Randall Roorda, associate professor of English and director of the Writing Program at UK, on being awarded a Fulbright to teach in the Czech Republic this fall semester.

Jared Noffsinger, who left on April 13, 2009 to join the air force. Jared is the son of Linda and Jeff Noffsinger and the grandson of Jerry and Rose Rita Wurmser.

Jerry Wurmser on receiving the Outstanding Veteran-Patient Award from the Kentucky State Daughters of the American Revolution.



Jerry Wurmser receives Outstanding Veteran-Patient Award from Kentucky State Daughters of the American Revolution (KSDAR) Regent Sharon Withers (right) and State Chairman Mayorie Shelton (left).



B'nai Mitzvah...

Abigail Julia Miller

Abigail Julia Miller, daughter of Jonathan and Lisa Miller, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on May 9 at Temple Adath Israel. Abigail Miller attends Montessori Middle School of Kentucky where she is in the seventh grade. Her favorite subjects are humanities, math, and science, because "They're interesting." She also enjoys the book club, and outdoor projects such as "getting the new school property ready for new school building this year. We keep bees, and clear the land for weeds, etc."



Abigail Miller

Abby's activities outside of school include Camp GUCI, fencing, skateboarding, basketball, Junior Company with the Lexington Children's Theatre, writing, and art. She says about her Mitzvah Project, "I saw an article about the Florence Crittenton Home. It was about the need for support of teen moms living there, and it inspired me to help out. After talking to the house director and finding out what they needed, I started making different styles of bracelets and my sister and mom helped too—and we started to fill orders for them. I sold them to raise enough money to buy an education activity playpen for the babies that live at the house." Her advice to others: "Keep participating in activities you really like because they make your life fulfilling."

Aaron Karp

Aaron Karp, son of Benjamin and Margie Karp and younger brother of Jonathan Karp, will enter the ranks of Jews who are responsible for religious obligations when he is called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah at Ohavay Zion Synagogue on May 23, 2009.

Aaron is an eighth grade student at SCAPA. He says that his favorite subject is "science because it is fun and an experimental subject that I like." He participates in a variety of activities at school. He plays violin in the school orchestra, carries a drama minor, and is on the school speech team. Outside of school, Aaron plays violin in the Central Kentucky Youth Orchestra and plays soccer and basketball. He is still looking for a Mitzvah Project. Aaron would like to see us all recycle and compost for the good of the community.

Condolences to...

The family of Stanley Schwartz, a long-standing member and strong supporter of the Havurah, who died recently in Lexington.

Michelle Freed on the death of her brother, Mark Magilow, in Dallas, Texas.

STEWART HOME SCHOOL VISITATION SCHEDULE:

Thursday, June 11th at 6:30



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.

Please call Jana at (859) 268-0672
or email jana@jewishlexington.org for more information

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Spring has sprung and with the warmer weather and May comes the culmination of many of our regular school and youth programs. We look forward to the late summer and fall as we begin anew.

OZS Religious School

It has been a year of fun and learning for our Hebrew and Religious School students. Our children and youth had a fantastic educational experience thanks to the hard work of Director of Education Ilona Szekeley and her dedicated group of teachers. We will celebrate the culmination of the school year and give thanks to our teachers and aides during a special program on Sunday morning, May 17, in conjunction with the last day of Religious School, also known as "Fun Day."

Our Shabbat morning **Junior Congregation** program has been a wonderful part of our Religious Education Program here at OZS. We thank Miriam Davis-Rosenbaum and Kayla Bryan for their dedication and enthusiasm in helping to facilitate this meaningful opportunity for our youth during the past year. We will miss Miriam as she graduates and leaves for college!

Our **Midrasha** concluded another very successful and meaningful year. Our students have discussed a variety of topics including Jewish identity, Jewish law with Bennett Bayer, and a unit on social action with students from TAI led by Jonathan Miller. A big *todah raba* goes to Kathy Feinberg, who served as the coordinator for Midrasha this year.

Gan Shalom Preschool

Gan Shalom Preschool, now completing its ninth year, will hold its ninth annual Preschool Graduation Program on Wednesday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m. at OZS. It is always a bittersweet occasion as we say goodbye to those moving up to kindergarten and welcome in those moving up from the toddler program into the preschool rooms. Mazal tov to all our young graduates!

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Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Cohen

Rabbi Cohen will continue her Lunch and Learn series this month on Thursday, May 7 and May 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at OZS. Call the OZS office for more information. All are welcome.

Friday Morning Talmud Study

The Talmud Study group continues to meet each Friday morning for prayer, food, and study. The morning begins with the brief morning service at 7:30 a.m. followed by a light breakfast and study. Using Skype on the computer, Rafi Finkel continues to guide the group even while away in Ireland. Newcomers are always welcome!

D'Vine Minyan on Tuesdays

Tuesday is D'Vine Minyan Day at OZS! Join your friends for a relaxing glass of wine and socializing each Tuesday afternoon beginning at 5 p.m., in the OZS Social Hall. The brief evening minyan follows in the sanctuary from 5:45 p.m., to 6:15 p.m. A great way to end your day!

Graduating High School Seniors' Shabbat

The Shabbat morning service on May 16 will be a special one as we celebrate with our high school seniors as they prepare to graduate. The seniors will be leading various parts of the service, reading Torah and sharing memories of growing up at OZS. All are welcome to join us in the special celebration. As always, the service begins at 9:45 a.m.

Shabbat at OZS

Shabbat each week at OZS is joyful; however, this month we will have several special events on Shabbat. As always, we welcome in Shabbat during the Kabbalat Shabbat service on Friday evenings. The Friday night schedule for May is:

- May 1 – Kabbalat Shabbat service begins at 5:45 p.m. at OZS.
- May 8 – Family and Friends Shabbat at Home. No scheduled OZS service.
- May 15 – Kabbalat Shabbat service begins at 5:45 p.m. Stewart Home will be in attendance.
- May 22 – Kabbalat Shabbat service begins at 5:45 p.m. Aaron Karp Bar Mitzvah
- May 29 – Family and Friends Shabbat (and Shavuot) at Home. No scheduled OZS service.

We hope you will join us for our spirited Shabbat Morning Service each Saturday morning at 9:45 a.m. with Kiddush Lunch following in the Social Hall. May 16 will be High School Senior Shabbat. On May 30, we will celebrate both Shabbat and Shavuot, as we will read the Ten Commandments from the Torah and renew our Covenant with God made at Sinai.

Shavuot is Coming!

Shavuot, the holiday of Torah and study, begins this year on Thursday evening, May 28. Plans are in the works for special Shavuot study sessions during the holiday. Please call the OZS office for details. Our Festival morning service for the Second day of Shavuot will be on Shabbat morning, May 30 at 9:45 a.m. Yizkor will be recited during the service. ☆

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Yom Ha'atzmaut Yom Ha'atzmaut Dinner & Concert at Natasha's Café	Israeli Movie Night and panel discussion at U.K. Goodbarn	TAI Sisterhood Shabbat 6:30 p.m.	
26 Yom Ha'atzmaut Community Celebration at TAI 1:00 p.m.	27	28 TAI Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. OZS Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. Hadassah Board Meeting	29 Hadassah Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	30	May 1 TAI Bat Mitzvah Abigail Miller 6:30 p.m.	2 TAI Bat Mitzvah Abigail Miller
3 Shalom Deadline Anita Roos Baker Concert at Singletary Center, 7:30 p.m.	4 AIPAC meeting at 6:00 p.m.	5 Lag b'Omer Chabad Rabbi Litvin visits 12 noon	6	7 CKJF "Reach Out to Call" Campaign Event	8	9
10 Hadassah Closing Meeting TAI 12:30 p.m.	11	12	13 TAI Sisterhood Dinner at Saul Good	14 Leisure Club 11:45 a.m. at CKJF	15 OZS Bar Mitzvah Aaron Karp Yom Yerushalayim	16 OZS Bar Mitzvah Aaron Karp
17 Rosh Chodesh Sivan	18 Memorial Day CKJF Office Closed	19 Yom HaZikaron	20 CKJF Executive Committee Meeting 6:45 p.m. CKJF Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	21	22 Shavuot TAI confirmation	23 Shavuot
24	25	26 TAI Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. OZS Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	27	28	29 TAI Services at 6:30 p.m.	30
31	June 1	2	3	4	5	6

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