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Volunteer trip: Israel 2011-2012

By Betty and Lowell Nigoff

We volunteered on an army base through Volunteers for Israel (Sar-el is the Israeli equivalent), December 2011, for 3 weeks. This was our 5th volunteer trip to Israel. All volunteers met at Ben Gurion airport were divided into 5 groups, and each group was

taken to their assigned base. Our group was small, 9 volunteers from Michigan, Canada, England, Pennsylvania, and Lexington. Two in our group were a Pittsburgh couple we had served with twice before. Of the 9 volunteers, two were non-Jews, and one of those is a friend of ours from Lexington. Her name is Maureen Tarpey, and she is acquainted with many members of our local Jewish community. She supports Israel with both her time and her activities.

She does not just say she believes in and wants Israel to exist, but she physically does something about what she believes. The percentage of non-Jews who volunteer on an Israeli army base is between 30 to 50%.

We were based 5 miles north of Tzfat in northern Israel, about 5 miles south of Lebanon. We were only the second volunteer group to be on this base, and our accommodations were a bit sparse, but we managed. The women bunked in one barrack, and the men were in a separate barrack about 50 feet away.

Ours was a logistics base where tanks, trucks, jeeps, weapons, and ammunition were stored in readiness. Our work varied from cleaning M16's and 50mm machine guns to cleaning, folding, and packing uniforms for duffle bags. We spent an afternoon emptying armored personnel carriers in preparation to renovate them. We quickly became friends with many soldiers, officers, and civilian personnel

who worked on the base. After dinner each evening, our madrichot (female guides) conducted programs for us, such as Israel geography, Israel Defense Force history, basic Hebrew les-

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CAMPAIGN NEWS

For Women Only – A night of fun, food, friendship, and fashion (and wine!)

Please come and join your friends for the second annual Women's Happy Hour to be held on Wednesday, March 14th at 5:30 to 7:00 pm at Baan Isaan Thai Gourmet Restaurant located at 115 North Locust Hill Drive, the site of the former Portobello's. We will enjoy a buffet supper of vegetarian dishes and desserts from Northern Thailand and a selection of wines. As a special treat, we will enjoy a fashion show sponsored by Chico's. Our glamorous models are Lori Bernard, Jane Chaput, Lynn Furness, Susan Goldstein, Ruth Poley, Anat Rubinstein, Judy Saxe and

Kathy Stein, and our fantastic chairperson and emcee is again Janice Newman.

The cost of the evening is \$18. Bring your mother-in-law, and you will get a \$3.00 discount. All participants will have the opportunity to contribute a minimum pledge of \$18.00 to the 2012 Women's Philanthropy Campaign.

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

Autobiography: Jerry Wurmser

I was born on March 16, 1923 in Louisville, Kentucky. My parents were immigrants, my mom having come to America in 1906 from Lithuania and my dad arriving in February 1913, shortly after his release from the German Army. They both came to Louisville, Mom because she had cousins there and my dad because his older brother had previously come there to link up with Cousin Leopold. Shortly after Pop's arrival, he and two other men were invited to Mom's cousin's house for tea. The plan was for Mom to look them over and pick out the one she thought would make the best husband. Mom picked the one she thought was the most handsome. This was only after being assured that he was Jewish (as a little test, she handed him a Siddur upside down and to her happiness, he turned it around so it opened correctly). A match was made and they were married on Pop's birthday, November 20, 1913. My brother Sol (who served in the Navy on the USS Stoddard DD-566 in the Pacific

during WW II) was born November 1 of the following year, my sister Sylvia in August of 1918 and then me, 5 years later. As a youngster, Popa often spoke to me in German; hence I picked up the language at a very young age. My folks were married for 57 years, not bad for an "almost" arranged marriage. They operated a "mom and pop" grocery (we lived over the store) and ran it until finally losing the business during the height of the Great Depression in 1936. After Mom's death in 1970, Pop moved in with my wife, Rose Rita, and me, and our youngest daughter, Linda, for the remaining four years of his life.

During the summer of 1940, I spent a month attending the CMTC (Citizens Military Training Camp) at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. The program was for young men who wanted to explore the idea of a military career and consisted of one month's training

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The PJ Library is a national program offered locally which mails free, high-quality and age appropriate Jewish children's literature

and music to families on a monthly basis.

All families raising Jewish children ages six months to eight years are welcome to enroll. JFB is proud to offer your family, through our partnership with local donors and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, this opportunity to explore the timeless core values of Judaism through books and music.

Enroll your children or grandchildren today! Call us at 859.268.0672 or visit www.pjlibrary.com and visit our Lexington community page.



Want to give your children a cherished Jewish experience? Looking for your next adventure in Israel? Worried about the cost?

JFB's Jewish Family Services is now accepting confidential applications for camperships to not-for-profit Jewish summer camps in the region (including our local Camp Shalom and Camp Gesher) and scholarships toward not-for-profit Israel educational programs. Income is one of the criteria used to evaluate eligibility for camperships.

Deadline for applications is April 1, 2012.

They can be requested from JFS or downloaded from the Jewish Family Services page at www.jewishlexington.org. For more information, contact Talia Smolkin, Director of Jewish Family Services, at (859) 269-3244 or via email at jfs@jewishlexington.org.



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Shalom Deadline

Deadline for articles for the April *Shalom* is March 10.
Email articles to shalom@jewishlexington.org

Editorial

By David Wortman

Recently, Judy and I returned from a trip to Chicago. While there, we visited a number of my relatives. My mother came from a family of 10 children. Of the 10, only two are left-one uncle and one aunt.

By the end of the weekend, we had seen not only this aunt and his uncle, but also a number of cousins. Between Shabbat and Sunday, we visited 9 members of the family. It was heartening to be able to celebrate with them.

We do not get to Chicago often. However, this weekend underscored the need to go more often. My aunt and uncles are not getting younger. They are the last living members of an almost lost generation.

Nothing can replace a family. When it's gone, it's gone. While we accept the platitudes that life continues through our descendants, little can substitute for sitting around the Shabbat table and hearing stories of the early days. On my next visit, if able, I intend to videotape my family telling its saga. It is important to preserve family history in order that subsequent generations can know our origins.

It is important to maintain a connection with members of our extended

families. In my case, it is difficult since I have 36 1st cousins. However, I have been derelict in my responsibility to strengthen contacts. As I enter my mid-60s, I have become increasingly aware of the losses I feel in not having closer relationships with at least some of my cousins.

We brought our son, Noah, and his girlfriend along with us on our visit. This was not only so they could spend time with these particular family members, but also to reinforce the need to establish a sense of family and its importance. In today's society, it is easy for children, grandchildren, and other relatives to spread out geographically. For many, this becomes an excuse for not seeing each other. Now, however, with modern technology, it is possible to maintain links over continents.

In Judaism, the concept of family is paramount. We celebrate holidays together; we observe Shabbat together; we come together for weddings and funerals.

May we each commit ourselves to come up with no more excuses for denying an extended family. And, finally, may we each become part of each other's extended family, especially for those who have none. ☆

From the Director

Judy B. Wortman, JFB Director

A time to reflect

Several weeks ago I turned 65 - not a momentous occasion - but one that has caused me to think about the past and the future. I certainly don't feel like what I thought 65 would feel like. In fact, I don't feel any different than I did when I was 35. When my mother was in her eighties, she used to tell me that she hadn't yet reached middle age. Now I completely understand what she was saying. The only thing that convinces me that I have reached this "golden age" is the Medicare card that now resides in my wallet. Perhaps my bubbe title fits a little better now - although I became a bubbe for the first time at age 51.

I am beginning to look at my life in a manner similar to the way I did when I turned 30. At that time, I looked at where I was, where I had expected to be at 30, and where I needed to go. As a result of that introspection, I went back to graduate school to get my masters in social work and resumed swimming - the first consistent exercise I had done since I had my second child at age 27. Both these pursuits secured a better future for me. So now at 65, I ask, "How can my remaining years become most meaningful?" What is clear to me now is that I am not at all ready to retire. I thrive on work and still have much to contribute. With this as a parameter, how can I better serve our Jewish community?

It has become evident in the Jewish communal service field that in order to continue being relevant, Jewish organizations like federations and congregations need to be shaken out of their complacency and learn how to engage younger people while still serving those who are older. Our incredible system of Jewish agencies and organizations was created in the 20th century and reached its greatest strength through the 80's and 90's. Most of our volunteers and major contributors are now over 50 and participated in the growth and development of this system which supported the birth of Israel,

rescued and resettled Jews from Nazi-ravaged Europe, Arab lands and the former Soviet Union, and developed centers of Jewish life, learning and celebration in North America and throughout the world. Most of our younger generation didn't live through these events that shaped our Jewish world. I worry about the future of our Jewish community and whether we will continue to be able to provide life-giving and life-enhancing services to our brothers and sisters here and overseas. If we want to continue to be a vibrant federation, we need to look to the future and determine what we can learn from our younger members and, at the same time, continue to impart to them the importance of tzedakah and community. We need their ideas, their creativity, their leadership and yes, we need their philanthropy. In order to do my job better for the next number of years, I need to get out from behind my desk and go talk to people. I need to talk to those in their 20's, 30's and 40's about how they might want to become involved. I also need to understand their visions of the future. I need to talk to those who are my age and older about the legacies they may wish to leave the community to which they have been so dedicated. If I call you and ask you to meet for coffee and conversation, please say yes. If you don't hear from me and would like to talk, please call me at 268-0627 or send an email to jfb@jewishlexington.org.

I would like to be able serve the community by helping the Federation remain vibrant and responsive even long after my eventual retirement. And, while I haven't been swimming in a number of years, I did join a gym and have a personal trainer to make sure that I have many more years to give. ☆



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 shalom@jewishlexington.org

SAVE THESE DATES

Yom HaShoah Commemoration
(Holocaust Remembrance Day)

Sunday, April 22, 2012

Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration
(Israel Independence Day)

Sunday, May 6, 2012



JFS: At Your Service

Talia Smolkin, JFS Director

Taxes

It's time again. It may seem as if you just filed your taxes, but another year has indeed passed. Filing can be confusing as laws change over the years. There may be a deduction you can take that you have not yet heard of. And in this election year, thinking about taxes may bring up extra emotional reactions to the process. There are options however for completing this task:

- Keep your computer company and file your taxes online. Be sure to get tips from www.irs.gov or www.revenue.ky.gov to stay up to date on any changes that may affect you.
- Find out if you actually need to file. The 2011 Pathways resource book explains that if your income is below a certain level and you are 65 or older, you may not need to file. Call the IRS at 800-829-1040 to find out. (If you are a senior and you do not have a Pathways book, be in touch with me so we can get you this great resource.)
- Make use of the tax services that are available. The Central Kentucky

Economic Empowerment Project (CKEEP) offers free tax preparation and filing for those who are eligible. You can go to <http://bit.ly/yvOzHp> or call 2-1-1 on your phone to find out if you are eligible and make an appointment. Also AARP (1-888-AARP-NOW or www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide) offers information and local tax counseling services. They focus on seniors, but do not limit their services to this age group.

- Finally, if you are reading this article because you are knowledgeable about the subject, consider volunteering through one of the above agencies to provide your expertise and relief to other hardworking volunteers this tax season. ☆

To contact Talia Smolkin, JFS Director, for information, referrals or other needs, e-mail jfs@jewishlexington.org or call (859) 269-8244.



Rosenbaum scholarship donations

Memorial donations to the Stanley Ned Rosenbaum scholarship may be made via mail or Dickinson's online giving site. Please be sure to include a note with your check or in the "notes" section online stating that the gift is designated to the Dr. S. Ned Rosenbaum Research Award for Judaic Studies and in memory of Dr. Rosenbaum.

Gifts may be made online by visiting <https://secure.imodules.com/s/1224/index.aspx?sid=1224&gid=1&pgid=565&cid=1285>. (This is a direct link to our online gift form. You can also access the site by visiting www.dickinson.edu/gift and then clicking "make a one-time gift".) A designation category will need to be selected for the gift

to be processed, so the gift amount should be entered under "academic programming" and then specify that the gift should be directed to the Rosenbaum Research Award for Judaic Studies within the "notes" section.

Gifts may also be made via mail. Checks should be made payable to Dickinson College with a note in the memo line that the gift is intended for the Rosenbaum Research Award for Judaic Studies. All gifts should be mailed to the address below.

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Stewart Home

By Talia Smolkin, MSW, JFS Director

As you may know, we have a special relationship with Stewart Home School, an organization in Frankfort that serves individuals who have intellectual disabilities. This organization serves residents' physical, educational, social, vocational, and spiritual needs. Over the years, Stewart Home and our Lexington Jewish community have remained committed to providing Jewish residents a connection with their religious and cultural identities. Through the Jewish Federation, our Jewish community has made trips to Stewart Home to spend time together, connect, and celebrate holidays. And, importantly, Stewart Home has made trips both to Ohavay Zion Synagogue

and Temple Adath Israel to connect with the congregations. A number of us went to Stewart Home this December as part of Tzeason of Tzedakah. Some of us who went have gone to Stewart Home for years, and others went for the first time. We carpooled to Frankfort, getting to know each other and the residents better. We learned about and connected with residents, and found meaning in the relationships we created. Now we are in the process of planning future visits to Stewart Home. If you are interested in learning more and being part of this tremendous partnership, please contact Talia at 269-8244, so we can be sure to inform you of future visits.

JFS Jewish Family Services

Upcoming Programs

Leisure Club Purim Party!

**Let's celebrate Purim together
at Ohavay Zion Synagogue
on Friday, March 9, 2012
at 12:00 noon**

For more information about these events, to RSVP, or to arrange transportation to the event location, please contact Talia Smolkin at (859) 269-8244 or jfs@jewishlexington.org.



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Letters to the Editor

Will Israel Ever Learn?

By Marty Solomon

Once again, Benjamin Netanyahu and his Likud ultra-right-wing party are placing additional impediments in the path of peace with the Palestinians. This is because the right-wing strategy is to permanently prevent the relinquishing of any land that was acquired, fair and square. So they need more time to develop more settlements. This is why Netanyahu keeps stalling. He now has a new excuse: Fatah and Hamas are developing an integrated Palestinian government, so Netanyahu says that in this case, he cannot negotiate with this new government.

If he would threaten to settle on a peace agreement today, with the present demographics of the West Bank, his party would throw him under the bus. Likud really wants to regain the entire West Bank and, perhaps, leave the Palestinians with only Gaza as its territory in a two-state solution.

As quoted from the newspaper *Ha'aretz*, there is news about a new Israeli legislative initiative:

"Coalition Chairman Zeev Elkin and his Likud colleague Zion Pinyan have proposed an amendment to the law governing [35%] tax breaks on contributions to foster the growth of communities [including new settlements]. The proposed amendment, like declaring the settlements a preferred development area and promoting the legalization of outposts, is a crude breach of Israel's international obligations. Ariel Sharon's government, in which Netanyahu served as finance minister, pledged in 2004 to U.S. President George W. Bush to stop allocating resources to encourage settlement in the occupied territories. This move was designed to stop [making] it difficult to implement a two-state solution." Everybody knows that new settlements in the West Bank and in East Jerusalem heavily damage chances for peace from two points of view: First, they inflame the Palestinians because it goes against Sharon's commitment of 2004. But even more important, as the number of settlements grows, if a peace agreement is ever attempted, the resolution of how to partition all of the legal settlements will likely be such a

difficult issue that no agreement will be possible.

So what is Israel's future? It is moving to a tipping point when a two-state solution is impossible. What then? When it becomes apparent that Israel will not ever agree to a mutually agreeable two-state solution, what will be the reaction of the Arab world? Will it say, that's ok, Israel is a good guy and we will give it a pass? Or will it say that Israel is intransigent, impossible and we will have to settle this our way?

The Arab world will not stand by and allow an indefinite blockade of Gaza and an ever-increasing number of new settlements in what Palestinians believe is their promised land. Israel is like a lobster in a pot of cold water. Everything seems ok with the status quo. But as the Arab world slowly raises the temperature, those with heads in the sand will abruptly realize that they are embroiled in an explosion of irreconcilable viewpoints, which will be catastrophic for Israel.

American Jews think that the present status quo is acceptable, but it is not. Israel has its own problems, partially due to its huge investment in the military. Without peace, military investments will likely need to increase further.

Child poverty is 30%, even greater than in the United States and almost all of the other 28 OECD countries. In addition, the level of inequality between rich and poor now exceeds that in the United States.

Since Israel is near the point of no return for every being able to fashion a mutually agreeable two-state solution, I ask you to look out several years and envision Israel's future. What will make it better? How can the passage of time help Israel? Can you see brightness or darkness? Without an agreeable two-state solution very soon, it's hard to see. Is this the culmination of a Messianic society being ushered in by catastrophic events?

Marty Solomon is a retired University of Kentucky Professor and can be reached at mbsolomon@aol.com.

Stand against corporate influence in elections

By Joy Arnold, Founder, Central Kentucky Move To Amend, <http://www.ckymta.org>

Central Kentucky Move to Amend declares, "Corporations are NOT people, my friend." Have you heard the shouts yet? The volume will get louder as the people demand reversal of the U.S. Supreme Court's two-year old decision in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*.

This decision allows corporations to invest their corporate coffers in super PACS and control the airwaves during elections. It gives them First Amendment rights — rights intended for people — to use money as speech, yet another legal fiction of the court.

And, if anyone doubts the court would make such a decision, it is repeated loudly and clearly by the likes of front-running GOP candidate, Mitt Romney: "Corporations are people, my friend!" I'm sure you've heard the adage, "Repeat a lie often enough and people believe it." Don't let it happen. We must drown out the puppets of the richest 1 percent.

Long before *Citizens United*, other decisions had whittled away at our democracy. The promise of "one person, one vote" determining the outcome of elections has become a farce. The concept of politicians making decisions in the public interest is a fiction.

The fairly even playing field a democracy can provide has become a crater-filled obstacle course, with access to elected leaders determined by the size of financial contributions and the number of highly paid lobbyists. This has resulted in very few people trusting those who are elected by the fewer than 50 percent of citizens who still bother to vote. Let's be clear: Corporations are not people; money is not speech. People need clean air, clean water, food and, ideally, love to

survive; not so for corporations. A human being thinks, tries to make ethical decisions, and is motivated by obligations to family and community. A corporation has no mind, no conscience, and no motive but to amass money.

Yes, corporations pay workers, but not enough to hurt their very high bottom lines and in many cases not a living wage. Capital has long since been assumed more valuable than labor.

Corporations were created to serve the public, not for the public to serve them. They worked well in building our country, long before they were given the rights the Constitution intended for people. They had limited charters voted on by state legislatures; when their public purpose was accomplished, they ceased to exist.

Now corporations can exist forever and in many places at once. People, absent theological considerations, live for a little while and, even with technology working wonders, exist in only one place at a time.

How could we say that people and corporations should have an equal voice?

Citizens of yesteryear talked to neighbors; union members walked door-to-door; loyal party members made phone calls sharing opinions about issues and candidates. Many still try. But how many one-on-one contacts can a person make?

Corporations, on the other hand, can bombard us with costly commercials and "robo" calls. Citizens can write letters to their elected representatives, but compare that influence with the constant presence of lobbyists on Capitol Hill pressing the opinions of companies who financed the officials' campaigns.

A democracy this is not; it is a plutocracy. The 99 percent are beginning to understand their democracy is slipping away. They want it back.

The Stanley Rose Lodge #289 of Bnai Brith

will hold its next breakfast meeting on Sunday, March 25, 10:00 AM to Noon at the Ohavay Zion Synagogue. Members of the community are welcome to attend.

After a bagel, lox, and all the trimmings breakfast, there will be a brief business session followed by Lodge member and state Senator Kathy Stein, who will give a report on "the 2012 Legislative Session: the good, the bad, and the bizarre."

The cost is \$15 for members and guests. Our chef needs to know how many to prepare for, so please RSVP to bbrunch@comcast.net or phone Abe Rabiner at 859-263-0039.

Jewish Federations support protection of charitable giving incentives

The Jewish Federations of North America appreciates the Obama Administration's acknowledgement of the importance of retaining charitable giving incentives. As one of the most vocal leaders in the effort to oppose White House attempts to reduce the tax deductibility of charitable contributions, JFNA is gratified that the Administration has changed its position on the issue. JFNA recently sent a letter to White House Chief of Staff Jack Lew commending President Obama for recognizing the importance of tax incentives for charitable giving.

"We are especially gratified that the Obama Administration now agrees that any fundamental tax reform should not create disincentives to charitable giving by reducing the tax deductibility of charitable contributions," said William Daroff, vice president for public policy and director of the Washington office of JFNA, in the letter.

In the aftermath of President Obama's State of the Union address, when outlining the President's proposal to raise taxes on those making more than \$1 million per year, the Administration announced that the deductibility of charitable contributions would be maintained.

The announcement represents a change in the administration's previous proposals over the past three

years that would have limited the tax benefits for itemized deductions, including charitable contributions, for wealthy taxpayers. In these proposals, the tax benefit of all itemized deductions, including charitable contributions, would be capped at 28 percent. This would increase the after-tax-cost of a \$10,000 donation by almost \$1,200, or about 30 percent, if the top statutory tax rate returns to 39.6 percent.

The charitable contribution deduction in the Federal income tax code has fostered private philanthropy for nearly 100 years, and is an indispensable source of funding for charities that provide vital and viable alternatives to direct government programs. Unlike other tax incentives, the charitable deduction is unique in that it promotes behavior that provides no direct benefit to the donor. JFNA advocates that tax policy should encourage charitable giving, especially during times of economic recovery and when charitable resources are under great stress.

"One of the principal public policy priorities of JFNA is maximizing incentives for charitable giving," said Daroff in the letter, "especially at a time when America's charities are being asked to provide more social services with diminishing resources." ✱

For more information, please contact Steven Woolf, Senior Tax Policy Counsel at 202-736-5863.

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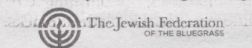
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Cabaret Night
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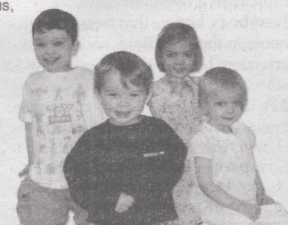
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Reflections on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., some facets of Kentucky's civil rights history, and facets of some Jewish references

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By Michael Aides

This Week's Parsha tells the story of Moses, smiting (killing) an Egyptian overseer who was mistreating an Israelite slave. Fearful of retribution by the Pharaoh, Moses flees to Midian. Later, Moses will return to Egypt to lead the Israelites on the Exodus from Egypt, crossing the Red Sea, wandering in the Sinai for 40 years before entering the Promised Land.

I do not presume to compare Moses to Martin Luther King, Jr., nor the Exodus to the Civil Rights Revolution. However, both Moses and Dr. King were legendary leaders and both led their people from oppression to much greater freedom. So as we celebrate the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., here are some facets of Kentucky's civil rights history and of recent Jewish history.

1792: Kentucky is admitted to the Union and the first State Constitution establishes the legality of slavery.

1794: A Kentucky statute gives free or freed Negroes legal equality to Whites.

1798-1799: A Law concerning "Slaves, Free Negroes, Mulattos, and Indians" and the second Kentucky Constitution change the status of free people of color by placing limitations on their rights, including voting and self-defense. Some cities and counties impose additional limitations.

1855: Berea College is founded by abolitionist Rev. John G. Fee to provide interracial education.

1859: Rev. Fee is forced to close Berea College and leave Kentucky following John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry, Virginia.

January 1, 1863: President Abraham Lincoln issues the Emancipation Proclamation, but his native state of Kentucky is unaffected because the Proclamation frees slaves only in those states that have seceded from the Union.

1864: Camp Nelson, south of Nicholasville, becomes the most important Union recruiting station and training camp for African Americans in Kentucky. Dependents of the soldiers also come to the Camp seeking freedom. Rev. Fee returns as a voluntary

missionary and founds a school.

1865: Slavery ends nationwide, including in Kentucky, after the critical number of States ratify the 13th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution; however, Kentucky would not itself ratify the Amendment until 1976.

The first great African American migration begins.

1866: Berea College is reestablished by Rev. Fee and others, including African Americans from the Camp Nelson refugee camp.

1870: Members of Quinn Chapel A.M.E. Church in Louisville organize Kentucky's first known protest of racial discrimination, challenging segregation on local streetcars. This action and other early Black protests would spark other actions demanding the rights of Blacks to testify in court against Whites, to serve on juries, and to vote. It also established a precedent for the involvement of Black Churches in civil rights issues.

1896: In *Plessy v. Ferguson*, the U.S. Supreme Court rules that "separate but equal" treatment for Blacks and Whites under the Law is constitutional, thus institutionalizing Jim Crow Laws, which keep the races apart in public facilities. Justice John Marshall Harlan, a native of Boyle County, Kentucky, dissents.

1904: The Day Law takes effect, which mandates segregation in both public and private schools across Kentucky. The Law is a direct response to the integrated education provided by Berea College.

1908: The U.S. Supreme Court upholds Kentucky's Day Law. Justice John Marshall Harlan again dissents, protesting that the ruling puts racial prejudice ahead of civil liberties.

1914: The NAACP opens a branch in Louisville to protest lynching and mob violence against Blacks and to fight a new Housing Ordinance reinforcing racial segregation. Under the Ordinance, only members of the same race previously living in a house or apartment could move into it.

1917: The U.S. Supreme Court declares the 1914 Louisville residential segregation Ordinance unconstitutional in *Buchanan v. Warley*; however, the ruling does allow cities wide latitude in protecting "racial purity," preserving racial peace, and maintaining property values.

January 15, 1929: Martin Luther King, Jr. is born in Atlanta, Georgia.

1935: Charles W. Anderson, an attorney from Louisville, is the first African American elected to the Kentucky House of Representatives since Reconstruction. He would go on to sponsor bills to fund out-of-state tuition for Black students denied higher education in Kentucky and to repeal the public hanging law.

1930s: Hitler takes power in Germany.

November 9-10, 1938: Kristallnacht riots in Germany against the Jews are a precursor of the Holocaust.

1941: Louisville sit-in protests segregated library.

Charles Eubanks files suit to attend the University of Kentucky College of Engineering, which leads to the creation of a "separate but equal" engineering school at Kentucky State College to prevent the integration of UK.

1942-1945: The Holocaust overwhelms European Jewry and millions are murdered.

1945: Branch Rickey, co-owner and president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, visits the home of Baseball Commissioner (and former Kentucky Governor and U.S. Senator) A.B. "Happy" Chandler to ask him to overrule the baseball owners and allow the Dodgers to sign Jackie Robinson as the first African American to play in the modern major leagues. Commissioner Chandler agrees.

Eugene S. Clayton is the first African American elected to the Louisville Board of Aldermen.

1948: Lyman T. Johnson, a Black man, successfully files suit against the University of Kentucky, for admission as a graduate student at the age of 43.

Martin Luther King, Jr. graduates Morehouse College with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology.

Training opportunities for physicians and nurses are desegregated and Louisville hospitals begin desegregating. The main branch of the Louisville Public Library is integrated.

May 14, 1948: The State of Israel is created.

1949: The University of Kentucky admits the first Black students to its graduate and professional schools.

1950: The Kentucky Day Law is amended to allow individual colleges to decide whether to admit African Americans if no comparable course is taught at Kentucky State College. Berea College, the University of Louisville, Bellarmine, Ursuline, and Nazareth admit Blacks.

Three young African Americans are refused treatment at a Hardinsburg, Kentucky hospital and one dies on the waiting-room floor. The death leads to a new State Law prohibiting the licensing of hospitals that deny anyone emergency care.

1951: Martin Luther King, Jr. receives the honorary degree of Bachelor of Divinity from Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pennsylvania, and also studies at the University of Pennsylvania.

1954: The U.S. Supreme Court, in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*, abolishes segregated public schools. The University of Kentucky opens undergraduate admission to Black students.

Anne and Carl Braden, a White couple, purchase a house in the Louisville suburb of Shively in order to sell it to a Black man, Andrew Wade. The Wade family is harassed, the Bradens are put on trial for sedition amid charges of a Communist conspiracy, and the house is bombed.

1955: The remaining Kentucky state colleges are opened to all applicants. Russellville, Prestonsburg, Owensboro, Wayne County, and Lexington public schools end legal segregation. Martin Luther King, Jr. receives a Doctorate in Philosophy in Systematic Theology from Boston University and also studies at Harvard University.

A suit by the NAACP results in a federal court ban against segregation in Louisville municipal housing.

1955-56: Martin Luther King, Jr. leads the 381-day Alabama bus boycott in Montgomery.

1956: Legal integration of Louisville public schools begins peacefully. In Union County, Kentucky eight Black students enroll in Sturgis High School and a mob of Whites prevents them from entering. Governor Chandler, serving a second term as Governor, sends the State Police and the National Guard to prevent violence.

1957: The Kentucky High School Athletics Association allows accredited African-American High Schools to become members and to participate in State tournaments.

1959: The NAACP Youth Council pickets Louisville's Brown Theater when its management refuses to admit African Americans to see Porgy and Bess.

1960: African Americans in Louisville see *Reflections*, page 13

A lesson in history

Marcel Marceau was a Holocaust Hero. He was born Marcel Mangel on March 22, 1923, in Strasbourg, Alsace. His father, Charles, was a kosher butcher who loved the arts. Marcel's mother Anne, nee Werzberger, took him to a Chaplin movie when was five. He was entranced.

At the beginning of WWII, he and his brother, Alain, hid their Jewish origins, and changed their name from Mangel to Marceau.

His father died in Auschwitz. His mother survived the war.

The French Resistance was headed by many Jews. Marcel and Alain joined the Resistance in Limoges. The Jewish children had to be protected from both the French police and the Germans.

Although he was trilingual, Marcel taught hundreds of Jewish children the art of communicating in mime

because it was important for the children to converse silently. The children were brought to safety by Marceau in Switzerland. In 1944, he joined the Free French Forces under General Charles de Gaulle, acting as liaison officer to General Patton's army. Marceau entertained thousands of US troops after the liberation of Paris.

Marceau was "discovered" by Laurel and Hardy. He spoke only once in a performance. In Mel Brooks' film "Silent Movie," Marceau said the word, "Non."

His career lasted over 60 years as an actor, director, teacher, interpreter, and public multilingual speaker on five continents. He died on Yom Kippur in 2007. ☆

"Do not the most moving moments of our lives find us without words?"
- Marcel Marceau



Lowell inside an armored personnel vehicle.

Volunteer trip (from page 1)

sons, and lighting the Chanukiah. We got to know and enjoy our roommates, our work, and our time on the base. The food was especially tasty – the cooks took pride in what they made, and it showed. We had omelets for breakfast, along with cottage cheese, sour cream, tomatoes, cucumbers, and avocados. Lunch was always the main meal of the day, and was a hot, meat meal. Some dinners had warmed food, but were always dairy, like breakfast.

We were taken on a daylong tour on our second week, and a half-day tour as part of our third week. The daylong tour was to Tzfat, the Golan Heights Winery, Golan Heights Brewery, and the Hula Valley reserve. The Hula Valley is a major stopover for birds migrating along the Syrian-African Rift Valley between Africa, Europe, and Asia. An estimated 500 million migrating birds now pass through the Hula Lake Park every year. The half-day tour was to Atlit detainee camp. The Atlit detainee camp was a detention camp established by the British at the end of the 1930s on what is now Israel's northern coast, about 12 miles south of Haifa. The camp was established to prevent Jewish refugees from entering then-Palestine. While being processed at Atlit camp, the men were sent to one side, women to the other. They were sprayed with DDT, told to undress, and enter the showers. In 1939-1948, tens of thousands of Jewish immigrants were interned here, men and women separated by barbed wire. Some interns stayed as long as 23 months. The Holocaust survivors must have thought they were back under Nazi control. Atlit was declared a National Heritage Site in 1987. Today the camp is a museum.

Because volunteers had to leave the base for Shabbat, we spent one weekend in Haifa and one in Tiberias. We visited Kibbutz Naot Mordechai where we bought some Naot shoes, and saw that kibbutz life is alive and well. We

went to a spa at Hamat Gader that soothed us with warm, flowing water, ate some perfect falafel in Kfar Yarka, and witnessed miles of fire devastated Carmel forest. We traveled completely around the Kinneret on this memorable day.

After our army service, we visited our friends on their moshav in Kfar Aviv for Shabbat, and spent 2 weeks in Jerusalem. While in Jerusalem, we took a daylong tour of the settlements and outposts near Ramallah in a bullet-proof bus. The young men and women building these outposts are modern day Mayabbees – they have a great love for Israel, and want to raise their families there. We also took classes at Aish HaTorah, an organization headquartered in Jerusalem near the Western Wall.

Shabbat is always special, but it becomes even more special in Israel. On Friday morning, while shopping at the market, it's so nice to hear people say "Shabbat Shalom" to each other. By mid-Friday afternoon, all the shops are closed, and everyone is preparing to celebrate Shabbat. Chanukah is also a special time to be in Israel, and to see all the different Chanukiah displayed and lighted.

The Sar-El experience is not for the fainthearted but it certainly is for those who have strong feelings about doing something concrete to serve Israel and the willingness to "put your money where your mouth is" and come to Israel to help. One of our volunteers put it this way: "A lot of people say they are a friend to Israel, but REAL friends SHOW UP to help!"

If you have any questions about Sar-El and Volunteers for Israel, please see www.vfi-usa.org and www.sar-el.org. Some of our groups' pictures are on the second site. Also, please contact us, and we will be glad to tell you all about volunteering in Israel. ☆

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The Atkinstein Diet in Yiddish

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If you get this and you are not Jewish, I cannot even begin to explain it to you!

This goes back 2 generations, 3 if you are over 50. It also explains why many Jewish men died in their early 60's with a non-functional cardiovascular system and looked like today's men at 89.

Before we start, there are some variations in ingredients because of the various types of Jewish taste (Pilische, Litvack, Deitch and Gallicianer).

Just as we Jews have six seasons of the year (winter, spring, summer, autumn, the slack season, and the busy season), we all focus on a main ingredient, which, unfortunately and undeservedly, has disappeared, from our diet. I'm talking, of course, about SCHMALTZ (chicken fat).

SCHMALTZ has, for centuries, been the prime ingredient in almost every Jewish dish, and I feel it's time to revive it to its rightful place in our homes. (I have plans to distribute it in a green glass Gucci bottle with a label clearly saying: "low fat, no cholesterol, Newman's Choice, extra virgin SCHMALTZ." It can't miss!) Then there are grebenes - pieces of chicken skin, deep-fried in SCHMALTZ, onions and salt until crispy brown (Jewish bacon). This makes a great appetizer for the next cardiologist's convention.

There's also a nice chicken fricassee (stew) using the heart, gorgle (neck), pipick (a great delicacy, given to the favorite child, usually me), a fleegle (wing) or two, some ayelech (little premature eggs) and other various chicken innards, in a broth of SCHMALTZ, water, paprika, etc. We also have knishes (filled dough) and the eternal question, "Will that be liver, beef or potatoes, or all three?"

Other time-tested favorites are kishkeh, and its poor cousin, helzel (chicken or goose neck). Kishkeh is the gut of the cow, bought by the foot at the Kosher butcher. It is turned inside out, scalded and scraped. One end is sewn up and a mixture of flour, SCHMALTZ, onions, eggs, salt, pep-

per, etc., is spooned into the open end and squished down until it is full. The other end is sewn and the whole thing is boiled. Yummy!

My personal all-time favorite is watching my Zaida (grandpa) munch on boiled chicken feet.

For our next course we always had chicken soup with pieces of yellow-white, rubbery chicken skin floating in a greasy sea of lokshen (noodles), farfel (broken bits of matzah), tzibbeles (onions), mondlech (soup nuts), kneidlach (dumplings), kasha (groats), kliskelech and marech (marrow bones).

The main course, as I recall, was either boiled chicken, flanken, kackletten, hockfleish (chopped meat), and sometimes rib steaks, which were served either well done, burned or cremated. Occasionally we had barbecued liver done to a burned and hardened perfection in our own coal furnace.

Since we couldn't have milk with our meat meals, beverages consisted of cheap soda (Kik, Dominion Dry, seltzer in the spritz bottles).

Growing up Jewish

If you are Jewish, and grew up in city with a large Jewish population, or are gentle with Jewish friends or associates, the following will invoke heartfelt memories.

The Yiddish word for today is PULKES (PUHL-kees). Translation: THIGHS. Please note: this word has been traced back to the language of one of the original Tribes of Israel, the Cellulites.

The only good advice that your Jewish mother gave you was: "Go! You might meet somebody!"

You grew up thinking it was normal for someone to shout "Are you okay?" through the bathroom door when you were in there longer than 3 minutes.

Your family dog responded to commands in Yiddish. Every Saturday morning your father went to the neighborhood deli (called an "appetitizing store") for whitefish salad, whitefish "chubs", lox (nova if you were rich!), herring, corned beef roast beef, cole slaw, potato salad, a

1/2-dozen huge barrel pickles which you reached into the brine for, a dozen assorted bagels, cream cheese and rye bread (sliced while he waited). All of which would be strictly off-limits until Sunday morning.

Every Sunday afternoon was spent visiting your grandparents and/or other relatives.

You experienced the phenomenon of 50 people fitting into a 10-foot-wide dining room hitting each other with plastic plates trying to get to a deli tray.

You had at least one female relative who penciled on eyebrows, which were always asymmetrical.

You thought pasta was stuff used exclusively for Kugel and kasha with bowties.

You were as tall as your grandmother by the age of seven.

You were as tall as your grandfather by age seven and a half.

You never knew anyone whose last name didn't end in one of 5 standard suffixes (berg, baum, man, stein and witz).

You were surprised to discover that wine doesn't always taste like cranberry sauce.

You can look at gefilte fish and not turn green.

When your mother smacked you really hard, she continued to make you feel bad for hurting her hand.

You can understand Yiddish, but you can't speak it.

You know how to pronounce numerous Yiddish words and use them correctly in context, yet you don't know

exactly what they mean. Kaynahurra.

You're still angry at your parents for not speaking both Yiddish and English to you when you were a baby.

You have at least one ancestor who is somehow related to your spouse's ancestor.

You thought speaking loud was normal.

You considered your Bar or Bat Mitzvah a "Get Out of Hebrew School Free" card.

You think eating half a jar of dill pickles is a wholesome snack.

You're compelled to mention your grandmother's "steel cannonballs" upon seeing fluffy matzo balls served at restaurants.

You buy 3 shopping bags worth of hot bagels on every trip to Stamford Hill or Edgware and carefully schlep them home like glassware. (Or, if you live near Chigwell, Manchester or another Jewish city hub, you drive 2 or 3 hours just to buy a dozen "real" bagels.)

Your mother or grandmother took personal pride when a Jew was noted for some accomplishment (showbiz, medicine, politics, etc.) and was ashamed and embarrassed when a Jew was accused of a crime as if they were relatives.

You thought only non-Jews went to sleep-away colleges. Jews went to city schools... unless they had scholarships or made an Ivy League school.

And finally, you knew that Sunday night and the night after any Jewish holiday was designated for Chinese food.

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at a military base for four consecutive years while taking correspondence courses in the interim. Those successfully completing the program would receive an officer's commission in the infantry. I served my first month in a machine gun company, and received enough of a taste of the infantry to realize it was not for me.

I spent three years in the ROTC at Louisville Male High; after graduating in January 1941, I enrolled at the University of Louisville. I completed two years there, and dropped out in mid-1942, after passing the test to qualify for the Army Air Corp's flight training program. Between my dropping out of U of L and being called to active duty as an aviation cadet in March of '43 (I enlisted September 18, 1942), I worked in a defense plant. I was a volumetric scale operator in Charlestown, Indiana filling bags with a measured amount of black powder to make the igniter used in the shells of a naval 5-inch gun. This DuPont Chemical Co. plant was an extremely dangerous place to work due to the volatility of the black powder. The tools we used in the plant were made of copper to eliminate the chance of a spark during the operation. Upon reporting for work, we undressed, leaving our clothing in one room and proceeded to the next room clad only in our underwear and clogs, and then donned our freshly laundered white coveralls and rubber-soled shoes. This routine was for our safety as it prevented anyone from to avoid anyone sneaking in cigarettes, match-

es, or other contraband for our safety. Our work station was surrounded by a high berm of earth and the individual work rooms were constructed of heavy concrete walls while the ceiling was made of lighter material. In the event of an explosion, you'd go through the roof, instead of the wall thus injuring the worker in the next room. They used to say that anyone who worked there must have had a death wish, but it was a job that had to be done and we did it!

In March 1943, I was sent to the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center (SAA-CC) for about 10 weeks of pre-flight training, thence to Corsicana, Texas for Primary Flight School. The plane in use there was a Fairchild PT-19, a 125-horsepowered, open cockpit trainer. After several hours of training with a flight instructor in the back seat, I soloed on June 16, 1943. The next step was Basic Training at Majors Field, Greenville, Texas. There I flew the larger 450 hp Vultee BT-13, a plane with an enclosed canopy, radio, variable pitch propeller, etc. This plane, nicknamed the "Vultee Vibrator" because it shook like crazy at slower speeds, had the same tendency as all airplanes with a propeller that rotated clockwise. That is, due to the torque effect, the plane tends to turn to the left as you accelerate. To teach the fledgling aviators about this effect, the BT-13 had the rudder purposefully offset a couple of degrees to make it veer even more to the left than normal. This was to give us the feeling of what was to come as we flew planes with

larger and larger engines. To keep on a straight path required extra effort pushing on the right rudder. In the P-47, to which I eventually progressed, it took all this extra rudder effort, plus a locking the swiveling tail wheel, to keep the plane rolling in a straight line on take-off.

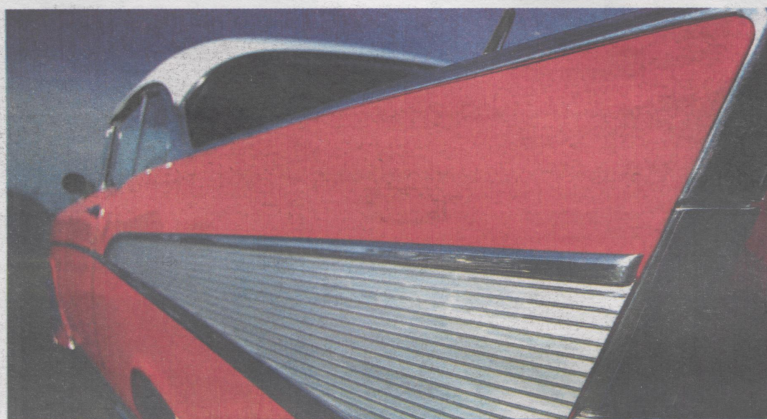
At Basic, I got my first taste of night flying. It was well after midnight when I went up for my first night flight. My instructor had already checked out three cadets before my turn came, and I guess he was pretty tired. Following his verbal instructions from the rear cockpit, I took off, flew around the area for a bit, and got somewhat accustomed to the eeriness of flying in the dark sky. Going in to land, I could feel him on the controls with me, correcting my mistakes with the stick and rudder. I made a terrible landing, bounced two or three times, but finally got it under control. In what sounded to me like a harsh voice, he instructed me to taxi in to the flight line. My first thought was that I had really messed up, and that my flying career was about to come to a screeching halt. I taxied in, set the parking brake, and was about to shutdown when "keep it running" came through my headset. Lt. Huber climbed out, leaned over and shouted "you did great, go on up, fly around about thirty minutes, and then shoot three or four take-offs and landings and I'll see you in the morning". With that he hopped down and was gone! After calming down and getting my wits together, and wondering who had actually landed the plane,

I proceeded to follow his instructions and passed the next hour or so without any incident. Shortly after this scare, I flew my first solo, cross-country night flight: Greenville, Texas to Shreveport, Louisiana.

The last stage of cadet flight training was at the Advanced Training School at Eagle Pass, Texas where we flew the AT-6 Texan. It had 650 "horses" and all the previous upgrades plus retractable landing gear and a .30 caliber machine gun in the wing for gunnery practice as well as more handles and switches and gauges with which to contend. We received more training in night, formation and cross-country flying; added to this was the thrill and fun of aerial gunnery (shooting at both ground targets and at a long sleeve which was towed behind a twin-engine tow plane).

On January 7, 1944, I graduated and had the Silver Wings of a U.S. Army Air Corps pilot pinned on my tunic and was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the U.S. Army Air Corps. My next posting was at Randolph Field Flight Instructors School, flying the BT-13 again, and then back to Majors Field as a Basic flight instructor. After a few months, I was checked out in the Curtiss P-40, a real "fighter" plane, with a 1250 hp liquid-cooled engine. This was the airplane made famous by the Flying Tiger's in their campaign in China. Next, I was sent to Dover, Delaware, the last stop before going overseas. In Dover, I was checked out in the

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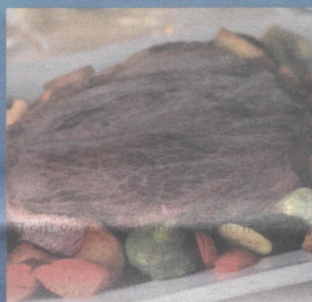


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2012 Budget marks progress as 2011 campaign exceeds expectations; challenges remain for upcoming year

By Bill Lucas, JFB Treasurer

The JFB Board approved the 2012 budget on January 29, 2012, capping a slight improvement from previous years and creating some cautious optimism. Despite the positive progress made in 2011, there were several one-time benefits enjoyed in 2011, emphasizing the need to focus on increasing contributions in 2012.

The best news in 2011 was that the campaign exceeded expectations by approximately 7%, allowing the JFB to avoid any further reductions in programming and staff. This is a significant accomplishment in today's economic climate and demonstrates the excellent work by the professional staff to keep a tight rein on expenses while keeping the mission of the Federation alive. It is also a testament to the enduring generosity of our community.

JFB ended 2011 with Campaign income of approximately \$317,000, which was better than the \$296,500 forecasted during last year's budget process. The 2011 campaign was essentially flat vs. the 2010 campaign of \$313,000. Although showing even this small increase is positive, the needs of the community remain high. One of the largest reasons for the 2011 campaign exceeding expectations is the success of the event honoring Susan & Steve Caller. Their impact and value to the

community was clearly demonstrated by their many friends who contributed to their tribute book. As many of these friends are from out of town, we are not counting on this income in the 2012 campaign.

The JFB Board is maintaining the prudent and responsible approach of budgeting the upcoming year's expenses based on the results of last year's income. Therefore, the approved balanced budget for 2012 is \$324,900. The good news is that the approved budget does not involve any reductions in staff or programming vs. last year and allows the Federation to make some much needed improvements, such as replacing outdated and antiquated computers and software. Avoiding reductions in programming is only possible by continuing a watchful eye over administrative expenses and keeping those low—which is quite an accomplishment as healthcare and insurance costs continue to rise. Also quite positive is that the JFB was able to use the better-than-expected campaign income to reserve for unexpected emergencies and expenses. For example, in 2011, the JFB was forced to move and downsize offices within the same building.

One area that did not have a financially successful 2011 is the Shalom Newspaper. As many of you know, Shalom is free to any and all members of the community, with the cost subsidized by the JFB. As a result, we are very de-

pendent on advertising income, which, in 2011, was a fraction of the expense of publishing and distributing Shalom. Therefore, we ask everyone to think of local businesses that would benefit from advertising to our community members and then convincing them to buy advertising.

Of course, a budget report would not be complete without a sincere plea to do more for the campaign.

Without a doubt, the difficult and uncertain economy makes increasing charitable donations challenging. However, the needs of the community remain great and the JFB made a significant step in 2011 to improve the efficiencies of contributing to campaign. This past year the JFB established a relationship with the Bluegrass Community Foundation, which is a tax-exempt nonprofit that enables individuals, families, businesses and other non-profits (such as the JFB) to establish charitable funds to meet current and future community needs. The Bluegrass Community Foundation is overseen by a board of community leaders, including members of the Jewish community, and run by professionals who are experts in local philanthropy, investing and managing charitable funds. The benefit for the JFB is that we can leverage the scale of the Bluegrass Community Foundation to manage a portion of our funds in a more efficient manner, while earning higher returns.

Furthermore, current and future donors of the Bluegrass Community Foundation can direct their gifts to the JFB. Please contact Judy Wortman if you would like to learn more.

As a reminder, the JFB does not provide funds to the State of Israel or other government organizations. All of your gifts go directly to non-governmental organizations that help those in need and enrich Jewish culture. For example, once again funds were allocated to increase the amount for "camperships" or scholarships for children to attend Camp Shalom and Geshet. The popular the PJ Library initiative continues to receive support and JFB makes it a priority to maintain its allocations to special initiatives such as the Ben Yakir Equine programs.

As always, it is only appropriate to close with a sincere request for additional support. In previous years, the campaign approached the \$400,000 level and our recent results, although improving, show that we have much work remaining. Tzedakah is one of the tenets of our lives as Jews and the JFB is an excellent way to ensure that your Tzedakah is distributed efficiently. Therefore, when approached to give to the 2012 campaign, please pause and think of all the good that can be done by increasing your gift. ☆

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organize a voter registration campaign to replace city officials, capped by a rally where Martin Luther King Jr. of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference speaks to thousands. Young people in Louisville form a chapter of the Congress on Racial Equality and begin demonstrations at downtown businesses. The Kentucky General Assembly establishes the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights and prohibits discrimination in State employment.

1957 - 68: Martin Luther King, Jr. becomes a founding member and President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. He is arrested 30 times for participating in civil rights demonstrations.

1961: The "Nothing New for Easter" boycott targets segregated downtown businesses in Louisville and

sparks other acts of nonviolent resistance around Kentucky.

Kentuckian Whitney Young Jr. becomes Executive Director of the National Urban League.

1962: Governor Bert Combs and the General Assembly empower Kentucky cities to create local Commissions on Human Rights in order to prohibit discrimination in public accommodations and teacher employment.

1963: Governor Bert Combs issues a Governor's Code of Fair Practice against segregation in State government and State contracts. He also issues the Fair Service Executive Order to discourage discrimination in public accommodations, but the Order is later suspended.

The Lexington Commission on Human Rights is created in June, 1963. Over the ensuing years, a number

of Lexington Jews serve as commission members, including three who served as chairpersons: Samye Miller Stith, Gloria Rie and Rabbi Marc Kline.

Harry N. Sykes and Luska J. Twyman are the first African-Americans elected to the City Councils of Lexington and Glasgow, respectively. Twyman would become Mayor of Glasgow in 1969.

August 28, 1963: Martin Luther King, Jr. gives the principal speech at the March on Washington attended by over 200,000 people. ("I have a Dream ... " and "Free at Last ... "). The use of scare tactics to force African Americans out of newly integrated neighborhoods is banned by the Kentucky Real Estate Commission. A group of Louisville women form the West End Community Council to encourage peaceful integration of

residential neighborhoods.

1964: Martin Luther King, Jr. is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. He is the youngest man, the second American and the third Black man to receive the Prize.

At the urging of President Lyndon Baines Johnson, the U.S. Congress passes the Federal Civil Rights Act. Lack of support in the Kentucky Legislature for a strong public accommodations bill leads to a mass march on Frankfort. More than 10,000 people, led by Martin Luther King, Jr., Jackie Robinson, gospel singer Mahalia Jackson, and folk singers Peter, Paul, and Mary, demonstrate in support of civil rights legislation. Later, 32 people hold a hunger strike in the House gallery to persuade legislators to pass the Bill, but it never comes out of Committee.

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B'tayavon (Hearty Appetite)

By Ruth Poley

A dish for the last gasp of winter

I love cabbage—green, red, I don't much care. Cooked long and slow, with the right seasonings, it's ambrosia to me. The following recipe was given to me by a friend from Minnesota, whose background is Scandinavian. I've seen similar recipes in German cookbooks as well. It's a great side dish for any kind of braised meat (I'm not so sure about fish) and I've been known to eat it all by itself for lunch.

Red cabbage with apples

- 3 tbsp. butter
- 1 large red cabbage, thinly sliced
- ½ cup white vinegar
- ¼ cup each white and brown sugar
- 2 tbsp. salt, or to taste
- 1 small onion, thinly sliced
- 1-2 granny smith apples, shredded

Sauté the onion in butter, add cabbage and stir well. Add vinegar, sugar, and salt. Cover and simmer 2-3 hours over low heat stirring occasionally. Add the apple about halfway through.

This can also be cooked in a 325° oven for 2 hours. Bring it to a boil on top of the stove before putting it in the oven.

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Republic Thunderbolt P-47, or "Jug" as it was affectionately called, prior to being transferred to the ETO (European Theater of Operations). This was a 2,000 horse powered juggernaut, capable of reaching altitudes up to 40,000 feet and of obtaining speed of about 400 mph. The Jug had the capability of being able to out dive (speed wise) any other aircraft in production at the time. I found this to be true after about 2 weeks and only 22 hours of flying it under my belt (more about this later!).

In August, I sailed to Europe aboard an old World War I ship that the French had captured from the Germans during that war. The zigzag trip across the Atlantic took 14 days. Upon arrival, we were moved to a replacement center in Caserta, Italy. After a short stay, I, along with 13 other new pilots fresh from the States, was assigned to the 324th Fighter Group, which was in the process of providing air cover for the invasion of Southern France, near Cannes and Nice. We arrived there on September 18, 1944 (two years to the date y after my enlistment!). We 14 replacement pilots were divided up among the Group's three squadrons: six going to the 314th, four to the 315th, and four to the 316th. As EeEach squadron was further divided into four flights (A, B, C, and D); I was: A, B, C, or D, with me being assigned to "A" Flight A-squadron of the 316th, led by Lt. Al Munro. The first one of us the fourteen to get the required 60-90 minute hour or so orientation flight completed and been allowed to go on a mission was Norman Robida of the 314th. Unbelievably, N. Norman was killed on his very first mission. Needless to say, this was a shock to the rest of us as, but we all had the "it won't happen to me" attitude, I guess. The four of us assigned to the 316th, were Harry E. Wilson, Edmund Wright, (also Jewish) me, (Jerome Wurmser), and Jasper Yowell. The fol-

lowing, excerpts info is taken from my logbook and mission documentation, is what fate dealt to us within weeks of our arrival:

• November 25, 1944: My 5th Mission; I flew as wingman for Lt. Al Munro (later killed while ferrying a new plane back from England) who led this flight of 16 on a dive-bombing mission. Target was a pontoon bridge at V-997765 (map coordinates). We were directed to the Colmar area (across the Rhine from where my Dad was born) where we bombed and strafed the marshalling yards and railroad station.

• December 16, 1944: My 8th Mission; flew wing for Bob Jubin in 2nd section, target #1 was troops at V795610 and target #2 at V827628. Then road recon (reconnaissance) from Breisach (my Dad's birthplace) to Offenburg observed several Red Cross rail cars. Flak, heavy but inaccurate.

• On take-off from Lunéville, I drifted a bit as I became airborne, and my wingtip struck a tractor parked alongside the airstrip (tractors were needed to drag us thru the mud to the hardstand runway). The gash in the wing missed the 500 lb. bomb by a foot or so, and I flew the mission without problems from the damaged wing.

• December 17: My 9th Mission; dive bomb trains S.E. Landau. Bounced by 5 or 6 ME 109's. Lost one each. Pierce was shot down. Prussia (his wingman) downed the ME 109 that got Pierce.

• December 22, 1944: A flight of 12 of our planes attacked 12 German ME 109 fighter planes and in the ensuing dogfight Edmund Wright was shot down. Fortunately, he was able to bail out but he became a prisoner of war. His only injury was a broken arm caused by him striking the tail. British

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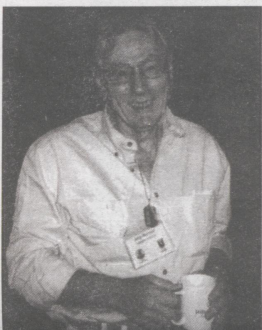
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Jerry Wurmser Then



Jerry Wurmser Now

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doctors in the POW camp patched him up, as he related to me in a letter written a week after his release from the camp (I still have the letter).

- January 5, 1945: My 14th mission; I was wingman for Dick Trietz. Wasp was leading the 12-man flight on an armed recce in the Saarbrücken area. (Tretz, also from Louisville, completed his 100 mission tour, returned home, and was killed after being attacked by a horde of bumble bees). Wasp's wingman, Capt. Kantz, was killed when his aircraft crashed on take-off. Ten of us were lined up behind him waiting to go. The controller was urging the #3 man to "go go go", to keep our 17-second take-off interval, as if nothing had happened. I remember hearing someone call over the radio to Trietz as he approached the line, "Hey Dick, think you'll make it?" Through his chattering teeth he replied, "Old 77'll make it." I rolled out behind him and took off 17 seconds later. Eleven planes completed the mission and returned safely. This was my 14th mission. This was also the day my now-former flight leader, Al Munroe, was killed. He was the flight leader of "A" flight (my flight) and had completed his tour of 100 missions. Having completed 100 missions and while waiting for orders to return to the States, he volunteered to go

to England to ferry a new plane back to our squadron. He was caught in a snowstorm and crashed about twenty miles from Lunéville.

- February 14, 1945: Harry Wilson ("C" Flight) got airborne for a moment on take-off, came back down hard, and one or both of the 500 lb. bombs he was carrying exploded, injuring him so severely that he never flew again. After being hospitalized and operated on in France, "High Explosive" (as we nicknamed him for his initials H.E.) was sent back to the States, where he was hospitalized for well over a year.
- February 18, 1945: While on a strafing run east of the Rhine, Bart Slack, (a seasoned flight leader when the 14 of us arrived not one of the new replacements) joins Ed Wright in Stalag, after being hit by ground fire on a strafing run East of the Rhine. He was hit by ground fire. He didn't have quite enough altitude to make it back to OUR side of the Rhine, and crash-landed on the German side. German troops immediately captured him, and he spent the rest of the war in the same stalag (POW camp) where Edmund Wright was being held. Coincidentally, Bart was the flight leader on the mission that tangled with the Germans previously on Dec. 22 when Wright was shot down, and also now, and was

credited with downing one of those enemy fighters in that fight. Wright and Slack were both released about a week after hostilities ceased. (I also still have a letter from Slack, telling me of his trials adventure as a POW).

- March 5, 1945: My 39th Mission, Eight-man flight, flew as wingman for O'Neil. Target was ammo dump. Seven of us carried three 500 lb. bombs, the extra one instead of a belly gas tank, and one under each wing and an extra one instead of a belly gas tank. All bombs reported landed in target area.
- March 19, 1945: Jasper Yowell ("B" Flight), was shot down over Phorzheim, Germany; he bailed out, and was killed when his chute failed to open. During this period in March, I was on detached service with the 45th Infantry Division in preparation for the Siegfried Line, returning to my unit about the end of March. As Yowell had gone down while I was "up front", (we all had to take a turn up front), all I was told when rejoining my outfit was that he was "Missing in Action." Others in the flight had seen him leap from his falling plane, but they reported no parachute was seen. About five or six years ago, Jasper's brother, a retired attorney living in Chicago, found me through the internet.

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That's when I found out the "rest of the story." Two French slave laborers saw his body come down and attempted to help him but he was mortally injured. Seeking to prevent mistreatment of his body by the Germans, they compassionately wrapped him in his parachute and buried him. They turned in his personal effects to the French authorities after the war. It took two searches to find his gravesite and, following his parents' request, they removed his I.D., shoes, pistol, and college ring. They wrapped him in his chute, and buried him. After the War, the Frenchmen reported the story to the authorities, and after a second search, about two years later, the grave site was found. His parents requested their son be returned to the States and he, and Jasper now rests in Arlington National Cemetery.

- April 4, 1945: I flew three missions today (#43, #44, #45). The first one was to strafe three different German airfields. Flying at 12,000 ft., we spotted an AR 234 (German Jet) at 10,000 ft. We dived down, and Mort Thompson got him with a short burst. The pilot popped out as if he were on springs as the jet went down. They had ejection seats, we didn't. Two ME 262's (jets) were spotted at 14,000 ft. SE of Gunzburg, no contact made. Up at 0745, down at 1000 hours. Up again on 8-man flight with 250 lb. fragmentation bombs at 1200 hours on road recce. Dive-bombed and strafed 15 MT (motor trucks) heading south, results not noticeable due to cloud cover. TOT (time over target) 1310 hours. Time down 1425 hours. Up for third mission of the day at 1730 hours. Seven man flight. Target, airdrome at Schwabisch Hall. Target closed in, weather. Found a locomotive at X-0687 with 25 boxcars moving North, strafed; loco stopped and damaged. Time down, 19:55 hours.

- April 5, 1945: Flew two missions today, still as a wingman. This was my 46th and 47th.

- April 8, 1945: Two missions today, my 50th and 51st.

- April 9, 1945: Two today again 52nd and 53rd. On the first one, ran into 4 ME 262's; I attacked and fired at one, missed,

no claims.

- April 10, 1945: Two missions again today. I had another chance, attacked an ME 262, again I missed, no claims.

- April 29, 1945: A big day for me. For the first time I was to be the leader of a section (a section consists of two two-man elements, each a lead man and his wingman) instead of flying as a "wing man" covering whoever's wing I was assigned to that day. On that mission, we dive bombed and strafed German planes that were using the autobahn southeast of Munich for their runway. On this particular flight, we had to land at Kassel, Germany as we were running low on fuel. After refueling, we flew back to our base in Lunéville, France. This was a four-hour mission, the longest one of my entire tour. I must have done okay, as I was assigned to lead a section again on the next day, the 30th.

- April 30, 1945: On this flight (my 65th mission, again I was the section leader) we dive bombed and strafed a truck convoy south of Munich. Bad weather.

A week later, we were to move to our new airstrip near Stuttgart, Germany. About half of our ground crew had previously relocated there as the Germans retreated. Upon landing at the new field, taxiing in and shutting down, my crew chief, Sgt. Heitz, climbed up on the wing and told me the good news, "IT'S OVER", he shouted. "THE WAR IS OVER!"

When the war ended on May 7, 1945, I had flown 65 combat missions, mostly dive bombing, road reconnaissance, and close support for the front line infantry. The next day, I flew a patrol mission, and this was credited as my 66th mission. Of us 14 replacements, only 2 survived the 8 months of fighting. The other 12 were either shot down in aerial combat, or by anti-aircraft flak, or were the victims of accidents.

For the next five months, I was stationed at a small village near Stuttgart, for the next five months, as part of the occupational army. My intentions had been to remain in the service, but decided to go for my discharge. I was highly disappointed that my Captaincy

hadn't come through before the war's end. With promotions frozen, advancement would have been very slow in peacetime. I had accumulated enough points for transfer back to the States, and this took place in late September, 1945. I was sent to Southampton, England, given the paperwork and records for a group of about 300 ground crewmembers, with orders to deliver them (and me) to Camp Atterbury, Indiana, for separation. I was honorably discharged in November, 1945.

While on active duty, I was awarded the Air Medal with 9 Oak Leaf Clusters, the African-Middle East-European service medal with four Battle Stars, and recently, in November 2011, the French Legion of Honor Medal. The only serious accident I had in my flying career was on June 9, 1944, while transitioning to the P 47 at Dover. On a high altitude aerobatic training flight, I suddenly found myself in an uncontrollable high-speed vertical dive, almost reaching the speed of sound, and was forced to bail out, thus becoming a member of the then-famous "Caterpillar Club." At this time, I had only about 20 hours of flying time in the "Jug." After a four-day hospital stay, I was flying again, and by the end of July, having added another 60 hours of time in this single-engine behemoth, was deemed ready for the real thing. At last, in August of '44, I was finally en route to the ETO to join the war.

I was a member of the Air Force Reserves from the time of my discharge until 1953, flying on week ends, first out of Godman Field, Ft. Knox, Kentucky, and later out of the newly built Standiford Field in Louisville. I had returned to U of L in January, 1946, where I met my future wife, Rose Rita Levens, an incoming freshman. We were married in June, 1947. We had 4 children, and after several unsuccessful business ventures, moved to Lexington in June, 1962. Here, I along with my wife, I started a wholesale toy distributing company. After more than 20 years of exciting and interesting work, my health problems and the growth of the big discount stores prompted us to sell the business and retire.

In 1981, I discovered that my

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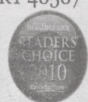


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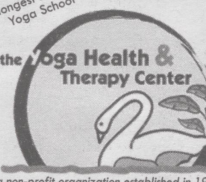
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Autobiography (from page 17)

squadron was having reunions every two years, and attended for the first time. Rose Rita and I hosted the 1983 reunion here in Lexington, and again in 2001. We attended reunions back in France also, the last being in September, 2009, when we were invited back to Lunéville for the celebration of the town's 65th anniversary of their liberation. Rose Rita was ill and not up to par at the time, but had her heart set on going, which we did. We were accompanied on this trip by Bill Yowell and his wife Sheila (. Bill is the younger brother of Jasper Yowell, a fellow pilot in my squadron), mention previously. Upon our return to the states, Rosie's health began a rapid decline and, after several months in a local nursing home, my dear wife of over 63 years passed away in November, 2010. I missed our last two reunions, but have hopes for attending our next one, which is set to be in May 2012, in San Antonio, Texas.

I never regretted my service in the Army, and am of the firm belief that a couple of years of Military service to our country, service in the Peace Corps,

or to other worthy causes, is the duty of all the youth of our country. We must remember, Freedom certainly wasn't, or isn't free! It's been paid for in blood by the thousands of casualties of countless young men and women. I'm proud to say that my grandson, Jared Noffsinger, recently completed 2½ years of service in the US Air Force; he's now contemplating his return to college and completion of his education. ☆

Note: details in this article were taken from my logbook and also from official copies of my missions that I obtained through the Freedom of Information Act from the archives at Maxwell Army Air Base. The official report of my crash while training at Dover listed my accident as "25% Pilot error, 75% Mechanical failure". One more thought, a sad note - about ten days after our move to Germany, a nervous sentry shot and killed our Bird Colonel Group Commander, who late one night drove out onto our airstrip and failed to halt when challenged. An officer who was inspecting the guard at the time also fired at the car with his pistol, but the sentry's machine gun bullet hit the Colonel fatally wounding him.

Reflections (from page 13)

Martin Luther King, Jr. receives an honorary Doctorate of Law Degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary.

1965: At a major conference on civil rights in Louisville, Governor Edward Breathitt pledges support for a strong Civil Rights Bill addressing employment as well as public accommodations.

1966: The General Assembly passes the Kentucky Civil Rights Act. Martin Luther King, Jr. calls it "the strongest and most comprehensive Civil Rights Bill passed by a Southern state."

The Law prohibits discrimination in employment and public accommodations and empowers cities to enact local laws against housing discrimination. The Legislature also repeals all "deadletter" segregation laws, such as the 62-year-old Day Law, on the recommendation of Rep. Jesse Warders, a Louisville Republican and the only Black member of the General Assembly.

Bardstown adopts a comprehensive model ordinance prohibiting discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodations.

1967: Mae Street Kidd, a Black woman of Louisville, is elected to the Kentucky House of Representatives.

Open housing ordinances are passed in

Covington and Kenton County. The Fayette County Fiscal Court bans discrimination in housing in Fayette County. One of the first acts of Louisville's new Board of Aldermen is to pass a strong ordinance against housing discrimination, replacing the weaker, voluntary one.

1968: Georgia Powers, a Black woman of Louisville, is elected to the Kentucky Senate. The General Assembly adds housing discrimination to the enforcement section of the State Civil Rights Act.

A protest against police mistreatment in Louisville turns violent and a week of disturbances ends in the arrests of six African-Americans - dubbed the "Black Six" - on charges they conspired to blow up Ohio River oil refineries. After more than two years of demonstrations and Court hearings, all charges against the six are dismissed.

April 4, 1968: Martin Luther King, Jr. is shot to death at age 39 on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel while in Memphis to participate in civil rights demonstrations.

1969: The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights opens centers in Louisville and Lexington to help African-Americans moving into new neighborhoods. A group of Black students, inspired by the Black Power movement, takes over a building at the University of Louisville to

The Lexington Havurah

Jeremy D. Popkin, 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 responsibility for all services. For additional information about services or membership in the Havurah, please contact me at popkin@email.uky.edu, or the co-chairs of the Membership Committee, Evelyn Geller (859) 278-3609, evelynkadimah@aol.com, or David Feinberg, (859) 223-1304, kdffm@insightbb.com.

By Judy Goldsmith

Every year at Purim, I think about whether to tell the story of Esther to myself as a feminist parable. Growing up, Esther was no hero of mine. She was chosen for her beauty, and I was casually and uninterestedly convinced that I was not a beauty; I could stop listening right there. Yes, she braved possible death to confront her husband, the king, but only after her uncle pushed her to do so. It wasn't her idea. She was scared.

When I was in college, I had the privilege of seeing Lynn Gottlieb perform / tell the story of Esther through words and interpretive dance. Any of you who know me will understand that there is no more powerful modality for me. I was entranced, and tried for years to mimic that story presentation. (Sadly, all I remember of it now is the part about the king seeing Esther in his receiving chambers, and his mighty rod extending....) I began to think about Esther again.

I have seen Vashti's refusal to exhibit herself to a hall of drunken warlords portrayed as a feminist act. Maybe. Maybe it was a brave and courageous stand against the patriarchy. Or a simple act of self-preservation. A story, told by Ahasuerus to excuse his queen, or excuse his desire for a new queen—or a scene in a larger piece of fiction.

force changes on campus.

1960-1970: A Decade of American Violence: the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, former Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr.; the Vietnam War; race riots in numerous cities.

1970: The Jefferson County Fiscal Court extends enforcement of Louisville's local housing law to Jefferson County.

1975: Cross-district busing to equalize the racial makeup of Louisville's public schools sparks some violent reactions, which eventually subside after two years.

1976: Correcting a historical oversight, the Kentucky General Assembly, after a campaign led by State Senator

Esther, Ishtar, the star, is a Nice Jewish Girl raised by her uncle. A beauty, taken in by the chief eunuch to live in Ahasuerus' harem, trained in the arts of loving. Did she make friends or enemies in the harem? We don't hear of that. She rises in the harem hierarchy far enough to be recognized in public as having the right to speak. High enough that Ahasuerus promises her anything, even until half his kingdom. High enough that he countermands the order Haman dictated—as best he can, by allowing the Jews to fight back.

Esther doesn't fit my definition of a feminist hero. She had no career, per se. She won power on the basis of her beauty, her skills in bed, and only thirdly through her mind. We don't know if her presence in the palace made society, either in the palace or more broadly, a better place for women.

What we take from the story depends on so much: what we know of her context, and how the story is told. It's too easy to condense: "We were almost killed. We survived. Pass the hamantaschen and the slivovitz." Better we should tell the story, act it out, dance it. Try to find something new, some way it speaks to us now.

Esther clearly made Persia better for the Jews—we survived the edict. I wonder what she did after that. ☆

Kidd, ratifies the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution more than 100 years after they became Law.

1996: The State Constitution is amended to remove provisions for a poll tax and segregated schools.

And from my Jewish youth group days, I end with the final words of a song I often sing to my grandchildren:

"Now I've got a Bell, and I've got a Hammer, and I've got a Song to sing. It's the Bell of Freedom; It's the Hammer of Justice; It's the Song about love between my Brothers and my Sisters all over this Land." ☆

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OZS MARCH EVENTS

Megillah Reading: March 7th 7:00-9:00PM
Purim Carnival and Potluck Brunch: March 11th time TBA

FRIDAY NIGHTS

Youth Shabbat with Stewart Home
Join us as we welcome our friends from Stewart Home for dinner and support our students as they help lead services. This is a wonderful evening of welcoming and warmth. The next Youth Shabbat is March 2nd.

Young OZS-ers' Shabbat
Folks in their 20's and 30's get together monthly for Fabulous Friday Nights with Food, Fun and Festivities. Please join us and feel free to bring friends. In March the Young OZS-ers' will be meeting on March 23rd.

Kids' Shabbat and PJ Library
A monthly Friday evening Shabbat Service for children ages 4-9, with pizza and play, song and stories. We read amazing PJ Library books (available for free through the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass). Please join us and feel free to bring friends. Kids' Shabbat in March is scheduled for March 16th.

OZS CLASSES

Introduction to Judaism
This class is open for anyone seeking a greater connection to Judaism, and it is essential for all considering conversion to Judaism through OZS. The class will generally meet every other week on Sunday afternoons from 4:00PM to 5:30PM. Please email Rabbi Smolkin (Rabbi.Smolkin@gmail.com) for more information or if you know someone who might be interested.

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

The Figure of Jesus in the Christian Bible
As part of the Moosnick Lecture Series, Rabbi David Sandmel, a scholar on the relationship of Judaism and Christianity, will be speaking about Jewish

views of Jesus at Transylvania University on Thursday, March 29th at 7pm in the Strickland Auditorium in the L.A. Brown Science Center, and then, on Friday, March 30th at 6pm at Temple Adath Israel.

To prepare for his visit, OZS will have two classes on the figure of Jesus in the Christian Bible. We will primarily explore the views of Jesus expressed in the writings of Paul and the Gospels. This learning will not only help prepare us for Rabbi David Sandmel's visit, but will help us better understand the religious underpinnings of many of our neighbors here in Kentucky. We will meet at OZS on Tuesday, March 13th and Tuesday, March 20th from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Please RSVP by March 12th to the OZS office: 266-8050 or office@ozs.org.

SERVICES

Weekday Minyan
A Minyan is held Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 5:45pm, and Friday mornings at 7:30am. Please come and help make a minyan!

SHABBAT SERVICES

Come Celebrate Shabbat! The Friday night schedule for March is:

March 2nd - Youth Shabbat at 5:45PM. Stewart Home visit
March 9th - Family & Friends Shabbat at Home; No service at OZS.
March 16th - Kids' Shabbat at 5:15PM
March 23rd - Young OZS-ers' at 6:00 PM
March 30th - Family & Friends Shabbat at Home; No service at OZS.

We hope you will join us for our spirited Shabbat Morning Service each Saturday morning at 9:30am with Kiddush Lunch following in the Social Hall.

MEMBERSHIP

If you know someone new to the Lexington area interested in learning more about Ohavay Zion, please call Membership Chairs Ricki Rosenberg at 221-2121 or Harriet Cooper at 269-1136.

The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah

Jane Chaput, President

The Methuselah Seed

By Jane Chaput, President

On November 24, 2011, a ceremony was held on Kibbutz Ketura to plant the famous date palm, "Methuselah." The ceremony was attended by distinguished guests from Israel and abroad, including Lord David Wolfson and Marcie Natan, the National President of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America. The tree was planted in the Arava Institute's Daniel Fischel and Sylvia Neil Family Sustainable Agriculture and Renewable Energy Research and Visitor's Park.

During Yigal Yadin's excavations of Masada in the mid-1960s, ancient date seeds (*Phoenix dactylifera* L.) were discovered beneath rubble at the Northern Palace approach. The Judean Date, prized in antiquity of its taste, size and medicinal properties had been extinct for centuries.

In 2005, in a unique experiment to reintroduce extinct medicinal plants and trees once found in ancient Israel, Dr. Sara Sallon, Director and Founder

of Hadassah's Natural Medicine Research Center, and Dr. Elaine Soloway, Director of the Center for Sustainable Agriculture at the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies succeeded in germinating one of these ancient date seeds. Radiocarbon dating indicates that the seed was at least 2,000 years old. So far as has been determined, this is the oldest seed that has been successfully germinated, surpassing a 1,300 year old sacred lotus (*Nelumbo nucifera*) seed.

This remarkable achievement created great interest world-wide, and the experiment was written up in the prestigious journal, *Science* in 2008. For the past few years, "Methuselah" has been kept in a quarantine site by Dr. Soloway's Center for Sustainable Agriculture at the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies to protect it from possible infection from modern plants. This year, the tree was determined healthy, strong, and ready to be moved to a permanent place in the Research and Visitors' Park where the public can view it. ☆



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Chavurat Chochma program

We will meet again on March 30 at 11:30 AM in the social hall for an interesting program following lunch. Cost is \$6 per person. While this program was designed for those sixty and over, anyone may attend. RSVP to Sandee by March 28 at 269-2979.

Kollel study group

Kollel meets at 9 AM every two weeks in the TAI Library. The group explores cultural, ethical, and historical aspects of our 4000-year tradition. Its emphasis is on dialog and exploration. We are in the midst of a survey of "Reform" beginning with Abraham's move to Canaan and the Israelite exodus from Egypt, and sweeping through the establishment of Israelite centers of learning in Babylon, the Pharisaic reforms, Jesus and the rise of Christianity, Mohammed and the rise of Islam, the Jewish Enlightenment in Germany and Eastern Europe, thus, the oneness of the Jewish-Christian-Islamic Civilization. If you enjoy matters of the mind, please join us any time. March 10 & 24

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 AM in the Library. March 3, 17, & 31.

Parsha

Join us each Saturday morning at 11 AM to take a look at the Torah portion for each week. Rabbi will lead some, and everyone will take turns. Join us on March 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31. We will have parsha with worship study on March 17. See you in the library!

Adult Jewish growth

Larry Kant will discuss "The Arab Israeli Conflict in the American Religious Imagination" Sunday, March 18th 1-2pm in the TAI Library

Books and Bagels

Look high, look low and bring all your old books to Temple in support of the

Books & Bagels event. Bring them to the stage in the social hall. Thanks in advance for helping get us off to a great start. Also, please save the date for the Books & Bagels Event: March 4th from 10 AM to 1 PM.

Sisterhood news

Rebecca Young, President
Upcoming Sisterhood Programs

An evening of entertainment with The Kentuckians Chorus
Saturday, March 17 at 7:30 PM.

The Kentuckians Chorus is a group of men drawn together by singing and preserving the style of music known as Barbershop. Once again, they took first place in their division at a recent competition with songs "A Long, Slow Train," "Chattanooga Choo Choo," "Pennsylvania," and "Good Bye Medley." This will be an event for the entire family. Please watch for your invitation to arrive by mail this month. Proceeds will benefit the Religious School.

Please note: The Sisterhood Shabbat scheduled for April has been rescheduled to May 18.

Sisterhood programs are open to all Temple congregants and friends.

March means... Mitzvah Crib!

During the month of March, Sisterhood will be accepting donations for The Nest - Center for Women, Children and Families. The Nest provides high quality, comprehensive services to women and families in crisis while working to prevent child abuse and neglect. Resources at The Nest have long included childcare, counseling services, parenting classes and crisis case management.

The Nest depends on the generosity of its donors to sustain and build its programming and are accepting the following:

- * diapers
- * lightly used baby equipment
- * baby wipes
- * lightly used children's clothing (birth to size 12)

- * formula
- * lightly used children's toys (small ones only)
- * baby toiletries
- * nonperishable food items
- * general toiletries

Please help us support this important organization by placing your donations into the pack n play located in the Temple main hallway.

Any questions, please contact Eileen Keplinger at 494-4261 or eileen.keplinger14@gmail.com

Congregational Passover Seder
Temple Adath Israel
6 p.m. Saturday, April 7, 2012

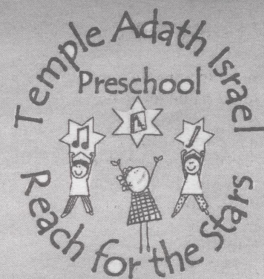
Reservations required by Monday, April 2, and must be accompanied by a check. There will be a late charge of \$5 a person after Monday, April 2.

TAI on Rye to be open again on March 18

Watch for it Lexington, your New York deli in the Bluegrass will be open for the next-to-last time this season on Sunday, March 18. In addition to all that wonderful pastrami, corned beef, and chopped liver (not to mention the fabulous coleslaw, potato salad, and gen-yoo-ine Russian dressing) we'll have not one, but two, specials this month.

You've been asking for it since we opened so one of our specials will be (drum roll here) matzo ball soup. The second will be your ever-favorite brisket pot roast, this time with brown rice. Our special dessert will be hamentaschen. We know, Purim will be over, but we'll bet you won't have had your fill and will be glad for a few more.

Come join us at Temple Adath Israel on Sunday, March 18. We'll be open from noon until 2:00 p.m. See you there!



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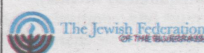
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Lexington community rabbis

Tuesday, March 27
with Rabbi Sharon Cohen

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Sim Shalom news

By Jesse Weil, from Budapest, Hungary

It's the dog days of winter and not much excitement is happening. The weather has gotten extremely cold, with snow on the ground. In spite of that, attendance at services and programs is holding up surprisingly well.

But there is the happy holiday of Tu B'shvat to bring a little extra joy into our lives. Last Sunday, the Talmud Torah celebrated Tu B'shvat instead of having the usual classes. To carry out the theme of plants and trees, the children had a great time planting narcissus and crocus bulbs to take home. Kati's student helper, Julia, introduced the children to the craft of making trees and flowers by twisting together bits of copper wire. When the kids had made enough trees, they started making people to walk in the forest! And there was a giant drawing of a tree on wrapping paper for the kids to decorate with birds and squirrels that they made up from simply shaped bits of paper. The conclusion of the teachers and their helpers from the morning session was that the more freedom to be creative, the more the children enjoyed it! So it was a learning session for the teacher's helpers too.

A week before, a person from the Religious Affairs section of the American Embassy was our guest at the Friday night service. During the usual potluck supper following services, she told us something about the way in which the Embassy keeps track of what is going on in the religious communities in Hungary. This included being aware of our problems with losing our registration last summer, and the government's attempts to change the policies for the distribution of the restitution money for Jewish property confiscated during WWII. Though the ambassador's office doesn't try to directly influence what the Hungarian government does, it does state clearly what principles of equality and freedom it feels all governments ought to follow.

The ambassador clearly has to walk a fine line, especially in a place like Hungary, which has some questionable practices at this time.

No more hard news about our progress toward getting our registration back. But the rumors are that things are going favorably. There is supposed to be a decision at the end of February. Wish us Success! ☆

Around the Community

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

Mazal tov to:

Tara Kash and family on the birth of her son Kainan.

The Ostreich family on the death of Leonard Ostreich.

Rabbi Marc Kline, Lori Bernard and family, on the death of Rabbi Kline's brother, David Kline.

Condolences to:

The family of Sylvia Dardik Plutchok, on her death.

Holly Barnhill and daughter, on the death of Holly's father, Arnold G. Pessin.

The Lakes family on the death of Shirley Lakes.

Dan & Lisa Taulbee and daughter, on the death of Dan's mother, Ella Jean Talbee.

The Gohmann/Derer family on the death of Mary Gohmann.

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Judy and Rabbi David Wortman in memory of Larry Kant's mother, Charlotte

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Linda and Leon Ravvin in memory of Larry Kant's mother, Charlotte, Holly Barnhill's father, Arnold, and John Lake's wife, Shirley

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See your friends model a fashion show by *Chico's*.
Evening will include a buffet dinner with wine and soft drinks included.

You will be asked to make a minimum gift of **\$18.00** in your own name to the 2012 Women's Philanthropy Campaign

RSVP by Friday, March 9. Contact Judy for more information at 859.268.0672 or jfb@jewishlexington.org.



The Jewish Federation
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The estimated value of the dinner is \$18 and is not tax deductible.

Do you have the winter blahs?

Do you wish spring was here?

Hadassah has the answer...

Flower Power is coming!

Certificates on Sale Soon

You will be able to buy cash certificates to be redeemed at Proper Plants on Military Pike.

You will find a beautiful selection of hanging baskets, patio plants, flowers, herbs, and vegetables.

Members of the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah will have certificates shortly to help you with your gardening needs.

Start planning now! Contact Hanna Smith at 859-223-9682 or hannab.smith@qx.net for additional information.



Community Calendar

- **JFB - Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass - www.jewishlexington.org**
1050 Chinoe Road, Suite 112 • 268-0672 • Robert Grossman, President
- **OZS - Ohavay Zion Synagogue - www.ozs.org**
2048 Edgewater Court • 266-8050 • Jonathan Glixon, President
Minyan Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:45 p.m. Tuesdays are D'vine Minyan: wine at 5:00 p.m., service follows. Friday evening rotating Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 p.m., Kids' Shabbat 5:15 p.m., Shabbat dinners 6:00 p.m., Young OZS-ers' Shabbat dinners 6:00 p.m. Check OZS Google calendar for monthly schedules. Shabbat Services Saturdays 9:30 a.m.
- **TAI - Temple Adath Israel - www.lextai.org**
124 N. Ashland Avenue • 269-2979 • Ken Slepyan, President
Shabbat Services first & second Friday at 6:30 p.m., remaining Fridays 7:30 p.m.; Worship Service Saturday 10:30 a.m.
- **HAD - The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah - www.centralstates.hadassah.org**
Jane Chaput, President • chaput1@windstream.net
- **HAV - The Lexington Havurah - www.lexhavurah.uscjhst.net**
338-5725 • Jeremy Popkin, President • popkin@uky.edu • Shabbat Services monthly, call for schedule.
- **BB - B'nai B'rith Mid-America Region, Stanley Rose Lodge #0289**
1050 Chinoe Road, Suite 112 • Bruce Broudy, President • bbrou@lexclin.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JFB Super Sunday Hadassah Book Club		Lunch and Learn with our local rabbis				
26	27	28	29	March 1	2	3
JFB Yiddish Class Hadassah New Member Reception Camp Reunion & Rally		JFS Advisory Committee Meeting (Members only)			JFS Leisure Club	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Chabad-Rabbi Litvin visits	JFB Women's Event			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
JFB Yiddish Class TAI on Rye						Havurah Education Retreat
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Havurah Education Retreat B'nai B'rith Brunch Hadassah Cabaret Night		Lunch and Learn with our local rabbis	JFB Board Mtg			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
JFB Yiddish Class Hadassah Book Club		JFS Advisory Committee Meeting (Members only)		JFB Office Closed		
April 1	2	3	4	5	6	7