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U.K., Transylvania History Professors Chair Yom HaShoah Observance

**Holocaust Memorial
Day Begins Sunday
Evening, April 18**
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History professors from the University of Kentucky and Transylvania University are co chairing the 2004 Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) commemoration. Jeremy Popkin, UK Professor of History, and Ken Slepian, Associate Professor of History at Transylvania University, announced that the emphasis will be on young people and education at the Central Kentucky community-wide observance on Sunday, April 18, at 7:00 p.m. at Ohavay Zion Synagogue, 2048 Edgewater Court, in Lexington.

The observance will include youth groups from Ohavay Zion Synagogue

and Temple Adath Israel, as well as college students who participated in the 2003 March of Remembrance and Hope. The "March" is a project which studies the Holocaust to teach students of different religious and ethnic backgrounds about the dangers of intolerance. A videotape on prejudice as seen through the eyes of two survivors will also be shown.

Middle school and high school students from the youth groups Kadimah at Ohavay Zion Synagogue and TRYB at Temple Adath Israel will participate in the evening program. Shirley Bryan, a member of the 2004 Yom HaShoah planning committee, is coordinating the young people's participation.

Four college students from Transylvania, who participated in the 2003 March of Remembrance and

Hope with their Transylvania faculty members Ken Slepian and Paul Jones, will speak briefly. Brandon Johnson, Amanda Kerley, Craig Strand, and Kristin Quinn were among the more than 40 students from Berea College, Georgetown College, University of Kentucky, and Transylvania University who participated in the project.

The students from Central Kentucky colleges joined over 400 others who went to Poland in May, 2003, to visit once-thriving Jewish cultural centers in Warsaw, Cracow, and Lublin that were ravaged during the Holocaust. Students and faculty walked through the former death camps of Auschwitz-Birkenau and Majdanek.

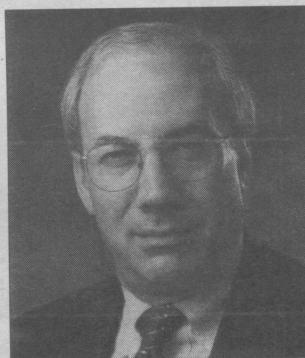
Prior to the trip, students were required to attend five preparatory
see Yom HaShoah, page 8

Rabbi Eric Yoffie, President of Union for Reform Judaism, to Address Congregation Adath Israel

"When the torch was passed, we knew we were embarking on a new era, a new approach to congregation life, and a new commitment to Torah," says Rabbi Marc Kline of Temple Adath Israel. He further stated, "When Rabbi Eric Yoffie became President of the Reform Movement in North America, we knew that the traditions of over 130 years were to be both proudly protected and pushed to evolve." The proud commitment to tradition in the midst of a changing modernity is the character of the

Reform Jewish movement. As President of the movement, Rabbi Yoffie continues in the tradition of leadership that has built a representation of over more than 1.5 million North American Jews, in over 900 Temples and Synagogues. In 1999, the Jewish Forward named Rabbi Yoffie the number one Jewish leader in America, referring to him as a "tribune of the next generation."

In celebrating its 100th Anniversary,
see Rabbi Yoffie page 12



Rabbi Eric H. Yoffie

Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration Fun for One and All

**Come Out and Enjoy
Vendor Booths, Food,
Music and Dancing**
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The Thoroughbred Center, the horse sales barn and horse training facility on Paris Pike, will be the site of the Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israeli Independence Day) celebration from noon to three o'clock on Sunday, April 25, for Israeli Independence Day. Activities will include Israeli music and dance, free inflatable amusements for children, artisan's booths, and Israeli and other food for sale.

Participate in Israeli music, song and dance led by singer and guitarist Vivian Bowling with musicians Harold and Marianne Sherman and Lewis Bowling.

An inflatable obstacle course as well as a Spiderman Moon Bounce will be set up for children's activities. Israeli jewelry and artwork will be available from vendors' booths as well as cosmetics, pottery and ceramics.

Families are invited to bring a picnic lunch or buy Israeli food and Subway sandwiches which will be sold by TRYB, the Temple Adath Israel high school youth group.

The Community Activities Committee of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation urges everyone to make the short drive into beautiful horse country for an enjoyable and exciting afternoon and to meet new people in the community.

Directions to the Thoroughbred Center are: From New Circle Road, turn NE onto North Broadway (Paris Pike). Drive 3.5 miles and turn right onto Johnston Road, and you are there! Look for the blue and white

see Yom Ha'Atzmaut, page 16

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Condolences to...

- Jimmy Mischner on the death of his father, Rod Mischner, on January 11, 2004.
- Irma and Irv Rosenstein, Rob Rosenstein and Ann Rosenstein-Giles, on the death of Irma's brother and Robert and Ann's uncle, Herbert P. Sarett, on March 6, 2004.
- Valentina, Vladimir, Irina and Larissa Goloborodko on the death of their aunt, Riva Bisnovataya on March 9, 2004.
- Alissa Levine, formerly of Lexington, on the death of her father, Carl Herman, on March 12, 2004.

Refuah Shlemah (Get Well Wishes) to...

- Cookie Weneker • Bea Milner

Mazel Tov to...

- Joseph and Yeh-Hsin Auer, on the birth of their twin sons, William and Alexander, on February 20th 2004. Proud grandparents are Stephen and Jane Auer.



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Major Gifts Evening Speaker Announced

2004 UJC/CKJF Community Campaign Event set for May 8

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The Major Gifts evening event for the 2004 UJC/CKJF Community Campaign will have Scott A. Richman of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee as the featured speaker. This evening of food, drink and music will be hosted by Carl Meyers at his home on Saturday, May 8.

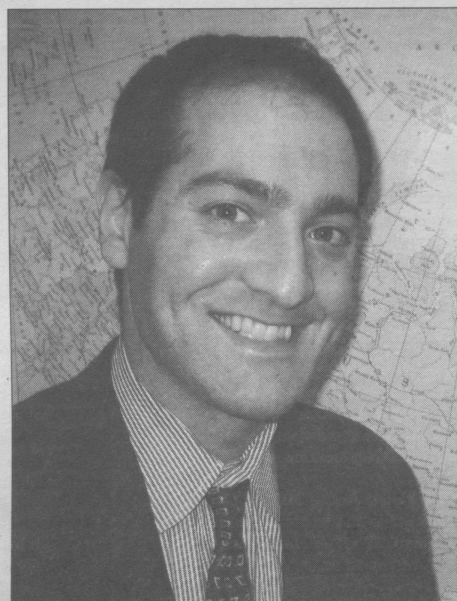
The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc. serves as the overseas arm of the American Jewish community, sponsoring programs of relief, rescue and reconstruction in 59 countries around the world. JDC or the Joint, as it is commonly known, has served in this capacity for 90 years, funded primarily from American Jewry through the United Jewish Appeal campaign, fulfilling American Jewry's commitment to the Talmudic idea that all Jews are responsible one for the other.

As the JDC's Desk Director for the former Soviet Union, Scott Richman acts as the Representative in New York (headquarters) for the field activities of the Joint in the countries of the former Soviet Union. This encompasses an area that stretches across eleven time zones and an estimated 1.5 million Jews. Richman has visited JDC programs in Eastern Europe, Israel and Latin America, making him very familiar with JDC's worldwide efforts.

Prior to joining the Joint, Richman was a practicing attorney at a Manhattan law firm. Richman was born and raised in New York, where he currently lives with his wife and two children.

Providing music for the evening is Aaron Nathaniel Jones, now 19 years old and a senior at the University of Kentucky. A pianist who has been considered a musical child prodigy since he entered UK at age 14, he has been writing his own music and performing for the public since age eight.

Chairpersons Odette Kaplan, Susan Goldstein and Marty Barr said they are looking forward to an exciting evening. The minimum expected pledge to the 2004 UJC/CKJF Community Campaign Major Gifts event is \$ 750 per person or \$ 1,000 per couple.



Scott A. Richman

Wine Tasting Garden Party Scheduled for Early June

Local Connoisseur Opens Home & Cellar for Fund Raiser

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By Ruth Polcy

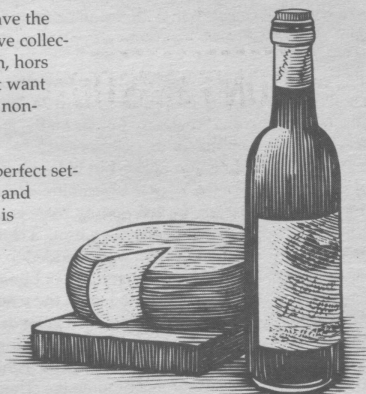
The Jewish community is in for a treat on Sunday, June 6, when a summer wine tasting will take place at the home of David and Pat Shraberg. The Shrabergs are opening their home and thousand-bottle wine cellar to sponsor a fund raiser for the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation.

For a contribution of \$20 per person, you will have the opportunity to taste wines from David's extensive collection, chosen by him for this occasion. In addition, hors d'oeuvres will be served (we promise you won't want dinner afterward) along with soft drinks for the non-oenophiles.

The Shrabergs' lakeside home will provide the perfect setting for this event. Backing up to Jacobson Park and providing a peaceful country ambience, the site is conducive to socializing with old friends and meeting new ones.

Please join us on Sunday, June 6, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. You'll get pleasant company, all the wine you care to taste, and all the hors d'oeuvres you care to eat, for a mere \$20 per person. And, you'll benefit the CKJF and have a great time doing it.

Send your check to the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation at 1050 Chinoe Road, Suite 203, Lexington, 40502 to reserve your place. As Pat and David are underwriting this event, your entire contribution will go to the CKJF. Call Jana Lazur at 268-0672 ext. 4# if you need more information or directions to the Shrabergs' home.



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President's Message

David Feinberg

Making Memories

Though it is early April, once again it is time to start planning the children's summer activities. Talking to almost anyone in our community about summer will elicit a story about Camp Shalom. Immediately they will launch into an amusing story of what they did at Camp or what their children

did there. Naturally, camp experiences are a part of many people's summer memories. Our camp, Camp Shalom, has been around for more than thirty years. It is certainly an institution in our community and part of the annual rite of summer. It is wonderful that we now have the children of former campers attending our camp.

While writing my column I polled two

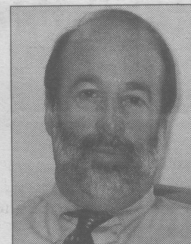
"unbiased" bystanders about their thoughts and feelings about Camp Shalom. Actually, the bystanders are my sons, Jonathan (age 8) and Matthew (age 7). They are both veteran Camp Shalom participants. They had much to say on the topic. To both, having fun with their buddies was at the top of their list. Jonathan told me of the adventures and fun he has with his friends. He thought all children should go to Camp Shalom because it teaches you to have fun and so you don't sit in front of the TV like a lump and rot your brain out. I think I know where he got the rotting brain idea, but I will not digress. Matthew has fun most everywhere and enjoyed interacting with the counselors as much as with the other campers. Although I'm not sure I recall seeing it on the schedule of approved camp activities, Matthew recalled gleefully how he and his buddies declared war on the neighboring cabin and participated in imaginary "battles."

They enjoyed the fact that it is a Jewish camp and they learn Jewish "things." They think it is neat that the camp is out in the country but they are able to come home each night.

They like meeting new campers from the greater

Jewish community. Of course it does not matter to them whether the children are affiliated with the Synagogue or Temple, or even if they are not Jewish. A real premium is put on being a fun person. The sports and crafts are important but swimming on those very hot August days may be equally favored. They enjoyed the storytellers and liked learning to cook. They are looking forward to spending their days having fun at Camp Shalom.

It is clear that the children they meet at Camp Shalom will be part of their best memories of childhood summer. It is not just a week or two of yet another summer camp, but memories that will last them a lifetime. When you make out your list of summer activities for your children, pencil Camp Shalom in at the top of the list. Camp Shalom is a bargain you can't afford to miss, for memories that last a lifetime.



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Julie Silver, Contemporary Jewish Singer, Songwriter to Appear in Lexington

Free Concert Part of TAI 100th Anniversary Celebration

By Corey Kline

"Chazak, chazak v'nitchazek!" That's right — Temple Adath Israel has finished yet another chapter of its story. No differently than we do as we finish a book of the Torah, we wish each other the age old blessing for strength. In honor of its 100th Anniversary, the Temple has invited an entertainer who put the words of this blessing to music. Singer/songwriter, Julie Silver is one of the biggest stars of Jewish contemporary music. At 7:30 p.m. on April 24, 2004, Julie will come to Lexington to share a night of humor, storytelling and, of course, music, music, music. A reception in honor of the artist and the Temple's celebration will follow.

"Few performers engage audiences as quickly or with as much warmth and soul as Julie Silver. Simply put,

Julie's ability to read her audiences, combined with her remarkable comic timing make for an evening audiences talk about for weeks..." (Artist Booking International) Julie has been entertaining audiences for years through her career as a cantorial soloist, her experience as a youth group song leader, and her excellence as an artist-in-residence. She really knows how to touch the souls of all generations. "Julie walks into a community and changes it forever." Temple Adath Israel Rabbi, Marc Kline, has known Julie for nine years. "She walked on to the stage at the Biennial convention in Atlanta and mesmerized a crowd. She was as awed by being on that stage as we were listening to her musical calls for justice, for celebration, and for love."

Julie has a diverse style, consisting of both liturgical-based music and social justice incitement, as well as new American Jewish ballads. Her music is inspiring, engaging, exciting, emotional, and spiritual. As her music has matured through the publication of her first four albums (*Together,*

Chazak: From Strength to Strength, Walk With Me, and Beyond Tomorrow), her humility and engaging charm have remained unchanged. With her latest album, *Notes From Montana*, she firmly demonstrates her lifelong passion for social justice. Judy Hersh, President of TAI said, "It is with honor, pleasure, and excitement that the Temple invites the Lexington community to enjoy an evening of celebration with the amazing Julie Silver."

Please join TAI and the Jewish community on Saturday, April 24, 2004, at the Singletary Center on the U.K. campus for this joyous event. Admission is free, but in keeping with the Temple's commitment to its work in the community, there is a request that attendees bring a children's book that can be added to the Ashland Elementary School Library. Adath Israel has adopted the school, and its members spend a great deal of time mentoring and supporting the great work that happens within the walls of this progressive school. For more information about the con-



Julie Silver
contemporary Jewish singer & songwriter

cert, the volunteer opportunities available at the school, or any other facet of the Temple's 100th Anniversary, please contact the Temple office at (859)269-2979.

Israeli Basketball Player In Hawaii

By Martin Kaplan

There are very few Israeli basketball players on Division I college basketball teams, and for that matter very few Jews. Therefore, I think the following may be of interest.

During a recent visit to Hawaii with my wife, Odette, we learned that there is an Israeli, Haim Shimonovich, who is in his senior year on the University of Hawaii team. He is a 6'-10" center who has been a starting player for three years, and although he probably does not have NBA potential, he has played an important role on the Hawaii team.

Hawaii plays in the Western Athletic Conference against such teams as Nevada, Fresno, Rice, Tulsa, and SMU. There is considerable interest in the team in Honolulu, but nothing like Blue mania. Apparently there are always plenty of seats available in the 12,000 seat arena.

Haim is from Rishon LeTzion, Israel. Prior to enrolling at the University of Hawaii, he was in the Israeli army and is still required to serve six more months after he graduates. He says he has come to love Hawaii and "it was the best thing I could have done." Incidentally, he is a math major doing very well academically.

Join JewLS for Racing and Rafting

JewLS is planning an exciting day at Keeneland on Sunday, April 4, 2004. Lunch will be available in the Phoenix room before the races begin. The JewLS planning committee has been busy organizing singles events for summer and fall 2004. The committee is exploring a whitewater rafting trip and weekend retreat in West Virginia in July. Further information will be available soon. Last summer's retreat at Shaker Village was very successful, and JewLS expects another exciting weekend this summer.

JewLS is a program for single adults sponsored by Jewish Family Services of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation. To get connected with JewLS, call 269-8244 or send an email message to jfs@jewishlexington.org.



JewLS
Day at Keeneland
Sunday, April 4, 2004

Camp Shalom Set for August 2-13

Campers to Enjoy New, Improved Location and A Wide Variety of Activities

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By Kathy Feinberg, Director Camp Shalom

This year, Camp Shalom will be held at the beautiful Blue Grass Christian Camp off Richmond Road. The 40-acre campsite offers campers a wide variety of activities and educational opportunities; our theme this summer is America's Jewish Heritage. Our camp is deeply committed to Jewish values and each day we will explore a different aspect of American Jewish culture. Camp Shalom will provide a unique opportunity for our campers to strengthen their Jewish identity while enjoying a wealth of both outdoor and indoor activities.

Campers can look forward to swimming, soccer, basketball, fishing, storytelling, arts and crafts, boating (for our oldest campers), music, *chugs*, and more. We encourage campers to explore and develop their own abilities and interests by offering a wide

variety of age-appropriate activities. Our camp has three groups: *Ofarim* ages four and five; *Tsofim* ages six and seven; and *Chalutzim* our eight to 12 year-old campers. Each group will have its own counselors and activities. This year we have extended our program by offering activities for campers ages 11 and 12; they will participate in a ropes course, swimming, boating, and more.

As spring is fast approaching, and many of you are busy making summer plans, be sure to reserve August 2 through August 13 for Camp Shalom. I am very excited to be back as director and am looking forward to seeing our 2004 campers and their families. I am delighted to welcome Elissa Brown this year as our new assistant director of Camp Shalom.

Our Camp hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and extended day is available until 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Each Friday we will dismiss at 3:00 p.m.. This year we are offering extended day to all campers. In addition, our staff will be available for early drop off at 8:30 a.m..

Camp Shalom will have an open house on May 16 from 12:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Bluegrass Christian Camp, this new campsite is just 10 minutes south of Jacobson Park off Richmond Road. Pack a picnic lunch and come out and see our beautiful new campsite; our staff will be available to welcome you and answer any questions.

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From the Executive Director

Daniel Chejfec



April Is Coming

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April is the month of April Fool's Day when we play jokes on people and use disinformation as humor. In these days, when disinformation is used to control masses, and lying is used to make a case, April Fool's Day takes a different meaning. Maybe the joke is on us.

April is the month of spring, when nature renews itself and the air seems purer. It is the season of love; the season of flowers. In a world where pollution and economic exploitation are threatening the last refuges of wilderness, we should ask ourselves, "How many springs are left?"

April is the month of remembrance, with Yom HaShoah asking us not to forget. The memory of countless millions of Jews and non-Jews screams to us from the depths of history. Yet it has happened again, and again, and again: Will we ever

learn to remember? Will we ever learn to make sure history does not repeat itself?

April is the month of taxes. It is the time that reminds us that we are living in a society, and we share the burdens of making it work. April reminds us of our responsibilities as citizens, to maintain society with a commitment to make it better.

April is the month of freedom. In Passover we left Egyptian bondage and started the marvelous journey of

At a time when many in the world question Israel's right to exist, we need more than ever to make our voices heard on her behalf.

becoming a nation dedicated to Tikkun Olam.

April is the month of hope. We celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut marking 56 years of Israel's independence. At a time when many in the world question Israel's right to exist, we

need more than ever to make our voices heard on her behalf.

Let us get together as families, as congregations, and as a community to celebrate all the Aprils to come:

For truth: so April Fool's Day remains a trap only for the fools
For the environment: to ensure many springs to come.
For the memory of the Holocaust: lest it happen again
For civic responsibility: so

Democracy will continue to flourish

For the joys of freedom, in the days to come as in the days of old
For the State of Israel: the dawn of our redemption

For family, friends, and community

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A Letter to the Jewish Community

Moms Dream of A Jewish Community Preschool: Care to Join Us?

By Rachel Belin, Debbie Flomenhoft, Judy Levey, and
Michele Rivkin-Fish

It would be hard to say exactly how many times we have heard people in the Lexington Jewish Community say: *Why are there two Jewish preschools in a community of this size?* Some of us have heard this question over and over again. In an effort to answer it, we are actively encouraging a discussion around the idea of a Jewish community preschool in Lexington.

While the history of how in the year 2000 there came to be two Jewish preschools in Lexington is long and, frankly, not very interesting, we would like to put forth a vision of the future, rather than an analysis of the past. Here is what we see:

We envision a unified Jewish Community Preschool that would strengthen the Lexington Jewish Community by bringing together parents of young children. We would like to help young Jewish children discover a larger group of Jewish peers and, consequently, help their parents connect to a wider range of Jewish peers as well. We believe that a unified program would improve the financial stability of Jewish early learning programs in Lexington. And we think it is possible to serve a broad range of families according to their needs.

Both the Temple Adath Israel part-time pre-school and the OZS Gan Shalom full-time early childhood development program hold strong commitments to Jewish-oriented early learning. They both have outstanding reputations. Some of us have sent our children to both programs, depending on our needs, and we have been highly satisfied with both programs. But after four years, it has become clear that the two programs have, in fact, served to further divide the Jewish community in Lexington. Despite the parent satisfaction and the terrific preschool education in which our children are engaged, people continue to ask: *Why are there two preschools here?*

We are writing this letter to the larger Jewish community in an effort to pursue the goal of a Jewish Community Preschool. To this end, we would like to briefly share our stories:

Debbie: I love Temple Adath Israel. My grandfather was a reform rabbi and I attended a Yavneh day school; my family has always been very involved with Temple life. When deciding on a preschool for our son Sam in 2001, I knew that my hours as a resident physician and my husband's job demands would not be sufficiently flexible to allow my middle son, Sam, to attend a part-time program, so I was grateful for Gan Shalom. We loved the Gan Shalom program, though I would have been delighted to have exposed Sam to his Jewish peers at the Temple too. We hope that our third son, Eli, will have the opportunity to attend preschool with a wider group of his Jewish peers.

Judy: When we moved to Lexington in 1999, my son Gideon attended TAI. A friend was able to pick him up every day at 12, but it was stressful. We wanted so much to expose our kids to the value of Jewish community and learning at an early age. The TAI program was wonderful, but we got involved with Gan Shalom

because we needed a full-time program. I later became chair of the Gan Shalom board.

Michele: As an assistant professor in Anthropology at UK, I knew I wanted a high quality program with both Jewish learning and general enrichment that had full time hours. So we worked hard to develop a program that made sense for us and other families with similar needs. I would never have imagined, back in 1999, that my husband, Ziggy, would be directing Gan Shalom four years later. My daughter Sophie will enter Gan Shalom next year. We are big believers in bringing the entire Jewish community together, so the idea of a Jewish community school is very attractive to us.

Rachel: Although I am proud to be a Temple member, I enrolled Sarah at Gan Shalom primarily because it allowed her to begin at 18 months. Recently, I became concerned about this issue because I now work with teenagers from both the Temple and Synagogue who lament the fact that they never got to know each other until high school. With another baby due in a few weeks, I feel I have an especially large stake in ensuring cohesiveness in the Jewish community. As members of a minority, my children's Jewish identities will be strengthened by knowing as many other Jewish children as possible. We adults can and should begin nurturing those connections in early childhood.

What would a unified preschool look like? Is there enough community support to pursue this goal? Where would it be? What would the hours be? Unfortunately, we can't answer any of these questions. But we have devised a mission statement: To provide an outstanding, high-quality Jewish oriented early education program that brings together the Lexington Jewish Community and meets the needs of families with young children.

If you are interested in helping us to pursue this dream, whether or not you have young children, we are forming a task force to explore the possibilities. Please email sandygold@aol.com if you would like to be included in this effort. Thank you for entertaining our idea of a stronger Jewish community in Lexington.

JFS SHABBAT

Friday, March 19, 2004

at The Lexington Havurah

Friday, April 2, 2004

at Temple Adath Israel

Saturday, April 3, 2004

at Ohavay Zion Synagogue

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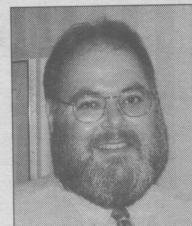
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Rabbi's Corner

Rabbi Marc Kline



**"In every generation,
each must believe
that he was actually
redeemed from
Egypt."
Talmud Pesachim**

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I remember growing up hearing the old adage, "Gratitude has the shortest memory." Sadly, as I grew into adulthood, I came to understand this adage to be too true. I have been on both the offending and forgotten sides of this equation. I have two memories that stand as constant reminders to me that this truth is very real and destructive.

I showed up to Las Vegas Valley High School as a short, pudgy, "black plastic framed glasses" freshman nerd. Coach Overton Curtis watched for a semester, as I made it through PE in lackluster fashion. The only thing I excelled in was weightlifting. Coach took me under his wing and turned me into a State Class discus thrower and a city champion weightlifter. He instilled in me an urgent drive to accomplish, while at the same time building my self esteem. He is directly responsible for both the athletic and non-athletic achievements on my resume. While I

thanked him then, I have had no meaningful contact with him since. Even as I continued to achieve, I did not give him any further attention. He was simply part of the world in which I used to be involved. I cannot say that I really appreciated what he had done for me until much later.

After my father died several years ago, my mother moved back to Las Vegas. With urgency, I asked her to find out where Coach Curtis was. I had a need to contact him. I needed to finally show some real appreciation for the love and attention he gave me. His name was not in the phone book, so I needed a little help. Mom learned that he had passed away.

My search for Coach Curtis came as a result of my having been ignored. I had helped a young man overcome a major drug scandal. I put myself on the line and helped save his career and his relationship with a daughter. Despite promises to me and the court, once he was out of trouble, I never heard from him again. I saw him at the hospital, working – even having been promoted, but he never acknowledged me again.

This is the sad truth about how we live. We take what people are willing to give. We seek them in earnest and

are willing to promise anything to get what we need. After our needs are fulfilled, we have no use for the ones who helped us, stuck by us, nurtured us and, often, genuinely loved us. This is the tale and the lesson for Pesach. We have forgotten the many blessings that are granted to us. We have forgotten the strength given us by others in times of trial and crisis.

through the seder learning to thank God and each other for removing barriers and for the many blessings for which we have previously forgotten to give thanks. By the end of the seder, we should commit to making that understanding part of our every day consciousness.

As we prepare for Passover, we need to remember that it makes no sense to embark on this exercise unless we internalize the message. If we are unwilling to leave the Pesach table in a different

If we are unwilling to leave the Pesach table in a different spiritual place than where we started, then Passover holds no merit or value for us.

The Passover Seder story begins with the words, "Avadim Hayinu L'Pharaoh b'Mitzrayim (we were servants to Pharaoh in Egypt). It does not say that our ancestors were enslaved; rather we were. The story of Pesach is one of freedom. We are supposed to be free from being enslaved to the will of other humans. This holiday should make us look around us and realize that we are still slaves. We are still slaves to our own egos. We are not yet able to reach beyond ourselves in unfettered gratitude. We do not appreciate the blessings of each other or the freedom to celebrate each other. We progress

spiritual place than where we started, then Passover holds no merit or value for us. Once we announce that we have walked through the waters and have embarked on freedom, we need to make sure that we did, in fact, leave baggage behind us, opening our hearts to the blessings available all around us.

May it be an inspiring holiday and may we all learn to appreciate each other and the world around us, as we break the bonds of ingratitude which cloud our lives and relationships.

Yom HaShoah (from page 1)

seminars and read several books about the Holocaust and other documented acts of genocide that occurred throughout the twentieth century. In addition, students were required to prepare a project based on their experiences and related to their particular field of interest.

The students' studies were designed to help prepare them for the intellectual and emotional challenges they would face during their visits to the death camps, as well as for their responsibilities to continue sharing the lessons learned by their experiences.

The community-wide Yom HaShoah observance is coordinated by the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation.

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Ask JFS About...A Prayer for Passover

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This month, Jewish Family Services would like to share a prayer for Passover. It is about social justice, breaking free from oppression, and directing our efforts to integrate those on the fringes of our society into the mainstream. The following is reprinted with permission from the Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies website, and is from writings received from rabbis in the United Jewish Communities Rabbinic Cabinet, for Pesach 2004.

The Matzah of Unity
Passover is so real and tangible, because we not only taste our freedom, but we also resolve to work for the liberation of all people. It is a time to ask ourselves: what are we doing to care for those in need? Can we reach out and assist with our tzedakah, our charitable contributions, or through acts of loving-kindness? Let us now take the middle Matzah and divide it in half. As we break this Matzah and set it aside, we link ourselves symbolically with all Jews throughout the world, especially those who have lived under the heel of the oppressor. Our Seder

meal will not conclude until the missing piece of Matzah is found and returned to the table. The Matzah, when restored, shows the desire of our people to be together as one, at peace. As Jews, we are a people of sacred fragments; we need help from God to bond together in everlasting unity. Today the Star of David rises proudly in the former Soviet Union. Yet hundreds of thousands of elderly Jews struggle to survive. In Argentina, families, schools, community centers, and synagogues face a difficult economic crisis and we provide basic services and supplies for tens of thousands of our fellow Jews.

Jews who left Ethiopia and other devastated countries experienced a modern exodus to live in freedom. They brought their children and grandchildren to Israel, a land sworn to us by our ancestors and God. Now we are committed to helping them to become full participants in all aspects of Israeli society. But our work is not done. We need boundless love for the Jewish people in order to continue our efforts at caring for the most vulnerable, supporting of Jewish education, ingathering of the exiles, and to rebuilding Israel. May this Passover be a time of recommitment to our people and our faith.

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Lexington Memories

MAN O' WAR "HE BROUGHT EXALTATION INTO THEIR HEARTS"

When Man O' War passed away that Saturday in November, Claude Sullivan interrupted play-by-play of the Kentucky-Alabama football game to relay the news. On Monday, 2,500 mourners turned out in the rain - hundreds of them waiting for hours outside locked gates until visitation began. Another 2,000 attended the funeral the next day.

Eight men eulogized him. WLAP broadcast the service live. At race tracks nationwide, people stood for a moment of silence as "Taps" was played. Kentucky-foaled Man O' War never raced in the state. He missed the 1920 Kentucky Derby because his owner thought it was too early for such a rugged test. He would win 20 of 21 career starts, his only loss to a horse named Upset in a controversial race. He won one race by 100 lengths and beat a



Triple Crown champion by seven lengths in a match race.

He was 30 when he died. Local horseman Ira Drymon said: "He touched the imagination of men and they saw different things in him. But one thing they will all

remember that he brought was exaltation into their hearts."

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Man O' War was put to rest in an oak casket measuring 9 1/2 x 6 x 3 1/2 feet and lined in the farm's yellow and black silks. On the road to his gravesite were 30 hornbeams, one for each of the horse's 30 years. "A coincidence," the farm manager told the *Herald's* Ed Ashford. Maybe.

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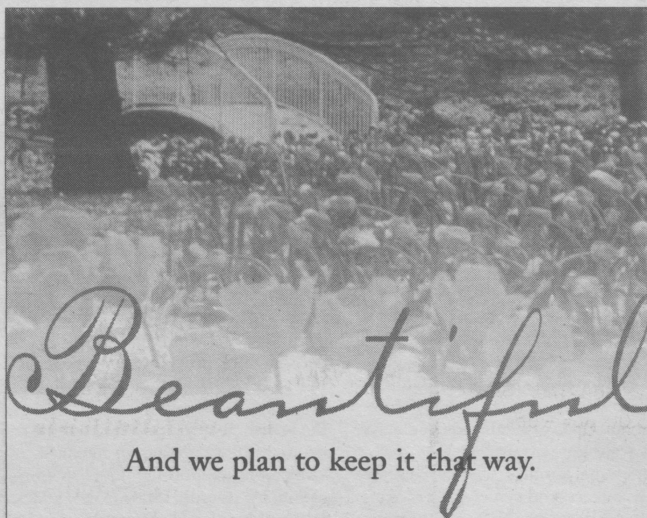
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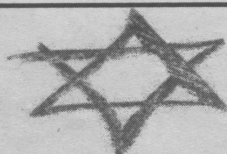
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Odette Kaplan

Moroccan Passover



Back in Morocco, in my childhood, families in the Jewish community conducted Passover in a very traditional way. The preparation began at least one month before the holiday. A fresh coat of paint was applied throughout the house, clean draperies were put up, and Passover linens for the dining table were taken out. The house was cleaned thoroughly, especially to get rid of any bread crumbs (*chametz*); the everyday pots and dishes were stored away, and the Passover pans, dishes and utensils made ready.

The beautiful dining room table was set for the first seder. The special seder plate, which was covered with a holiday napkin, contained matzo, lamb shank bone, bitter herbs, parsley, charoset, and one hard boiled egg. The head of the household, father or grandfather, moved the seder plate over each family member's head in a circular motion chanting a prayer called "Bibhelu." Each participant had a taste of charoset, matzo, and bitter herbs. Only the firstborn of the family ate the hard boiled egg; it made me feel very special because I was the firstborn. The Haggadah service was conducted in Hebrew and explained in French and Arabic; those who could read the Hebrew participated in the Haggadah prayers.

The dinner followed with lima beans, onion, and potato soup. The main course was a chicken dish, served with a variety of delicious salads. This seder was repeated the second night. Matzo and Passover foods were eaten during the eight days of Passover.

The end of Passover was celebrated with special festivities on the eight day, called *memuna*. In the late afternoon, certain Arab markets were open for members of the Jewish community who came to shop for *memuna*. Purchases included flour, fresh whole fish, different kinds of fruits, nuts and honey, and palm branches to decorate the tables. Homemade jams and preserves were made to complement floured *moflayta*, a tortilla like flat bread. This was served with butter and honey to end the Passover. Family and friends would drop in during the festivities,

when hot tea would be served with hot *moflayta* and other sweets. Then people would go from house to house to continue the celebration. The whole fresh fish was prepared the next day.

Passover was always my favorite holiday, and I've included here the recipe for *moflayta*. You may want to start a new tradition in your family and make this treat to celebrate the end of Passover.

Moflayta

2 lbs flour
2 to 3 cups of warm water
1/2 tsp of salt

The object is to make a thin, loose, flat pizza-like dough which can be rolled up with butter and honey or jam, and served with hot tea.

Mix the above ingredients in a bowl, adding the warm water slowly until you have loose consistency (not like bread dough). Cover with a clean cloth and let sit 45 minutes. Take the dough out with a little oil in your hands and work the dough.

Put the dough back on your work area. Divide it into about 12 to 15 portions. Each portion needs to be stretched with oiled hands to flat dough. Place each portion separately on a non-stick small skillet, over a low flame.

Keep spreading the flat dough with the tips of your fingers until it starts to lightly brown. Turn over and brown the other side. You want the dough to be light spotty brown; do not overcook.

Continue until all the dough is browned. Put them in a pile on a large plate. Serve rolled with butter and honey or jam.

Enjoy!

Camp Shalom is a day camp sponsored by the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation. Activities are geared to encourage unity, fun, and learning for children 4 through 12 years of age. Jewish themes are incorporated into the daily program through music, games, drama, arts and crafts. At the end of each fun-filled week we will welcome the Sabbath together with candles, blessings, songs and Shabbat observance. Children of all denominations are invited to attend. Our camp is led by a group of experienced and talented individuals dedicated to Judaism and the care of young people.

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Hillel Happenings

Andrew Grossman

As a campus organization, the Hillel provides many services for its members: social events, service opportunities, and religious camaraderie. However, the Hillel can also serve the greater Jewish community by giving voice to the ideas and opinions of young people, a perspective too often absent from Jewish dialogue.

Last week, eight Hillel students gathered at Pazzo's Pizzeria for a hot meal, a friendly Sabbath, and a lively discussion about Mel Gibson's controversial film, "The Passion of the Christ."

I wanted to take this opportunity to share some of the different opinions Jewish students have about this film, which has been called everything from a monumental triumph to a sadistic, anti-Semitic travesty.

If the Jewish community at large is of one mind about Gibson's film, that certainly was not reflected in our informal "focus group." Student opinions varied about the merits of the film, and the small number who had screened the movie took away different messages and reactions.

While movie critics and columnists have found many details of the movie troubling, to say the least, none of the students at our meeting found any specific objections to the movie's content. The concern shared by most students was not with the movie itself, but the larger debate that it has sparked about the role of Jews in the passion.

As one student put it, "I don't have to see the movie to oppose it. The very fact that Jews have to defend themselves against the old 'Christ killers' argument is what's really damaging about this film."

One student, who had seen the film and liked it, challenged us to find any detail of the movie that was anti-Semitic. Despite the strong opposition of several students who had seen the film, no response was offered.

Much of our discussion focused on the role of passion plays in Western history. These plays have had troubling consequences, from the persecutions of old Europe to the wave of anti-Semitism at the turn of the century. Ominous signs from this latest incarnation of the Passion have already appeared, such as the Missouri church whose roadside sign reads "Jews killed the Lord Jesus."

A younger member of our organization offered a different criticism, focusing on Mel Gibson's controversial religious beliefs and his motives for making the film. "If a director who was known not to be anti-Semitic made this movie, I wouldn't have a problem with it, but there have been questions in the past about whether or not he (Gibson) is a Holocaust denier or worse, so I have to wonder what made him choose to do this film."

On one note there was complete accord. We as Americans, no less than as Jews, have a responsibility to vigilantly oppose anti-Semitism wherever we see it. Our critics may fault us for over-reaching, but Jewish history is rife with evidence of what happens when we let down our guard.

Whether or not the Passion is anti-Semitic will likely be debated for years to come. Our group could not come to a consensus on the movie's merit, or lack thereof. The members were unreceptive to my suggestion that we see the film as a group, with several students refusing to pay money to see the film regardless of the circumstance.

What is most telling about my young generation of Jews, however, is the level of concern each student shared about the spectre of anti-Semitism. Ours is not a generation blind to the

dangers of religious intolerance, and the very fact that each student, whether or not he or she had seen the film, was following the debate demonstrates the identification with this issue as members of the Jewish community.

As the president of JSO/Hillel, it is my hope that the Jewish students on the University of Kentucky campus and those campuses in close surrounding areas understand that this organization offers a place for them to belong with no strings attached. We are Jewish students who join together for social, political, intellectual, and spiritual celebrations.

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Rabbi Yoffie (from page 1)

Temple Adath Israel will welcome Rabbi Yoffie to address the congregation and attendant community at Shabbat worship, Friday, April 23. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m..

The message of social justice and spiritual commitment that has been the core of Rabbi Yoffie's rabbinate has also been the legacy of Adath Israel's first 100 years. The Temple's commitment to its own family and to the greater Lexington community has given it a proud reputation and a hopeful jump into its next hundred years of service. "Having Rabbi Yoffie here will be a testimony to the reputation that our Temple enjoys in the world's Reform movement."

Temple President Judy Hersh, is proud to have served the congregation over the planning and celebration of this anniversary stated, "What a tremendous and awesome privilege it is to be Temple President during this time. I have inherited an office passed through great leaders in our history, and have the blessing to be able to start the next 100 years of leadership tradition." Rabbi Kline added, "In many ways, we represent the proud history of Reform Judaism. To have this legacy affirmed by Rabbi Yoffie on our anniversary provides us with the brightest step into the future."

Installed as president of what is now the Union for Reform Judaism, in June 1996, Rabbi Yoffie has led the Reform movement in an exciting new direction, moving congregational life toward greater attention to Torah study and adult literacy, and giving special emphasis to religious school education and youth.

Rabbi Yoffie has also been deeply involved in issues of social justice and community concern. A prominent spokesperson for sensible gun control, he was the only religious leader to appear at the Million Mom March in May of 2000. He has been a strong voice for new directions and a warming of relations between the Catholic Church and the Jews. As a former executive Director of the Association of Reform Zionists of America, he has also worked tirelessly in Israel on the matters of religious and political pluralism.

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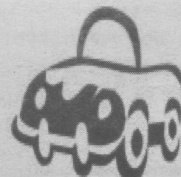
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Tikkun Lexington Honors Volunteers and Seeks Others to Join in the Program

By Jana LaZur

Tikkun Lexington Volunteers gathered in mid-March for a brunch to honor the dedicated service provided to so many worthy programs and people within the community. With such a wide variety of skills, volunteers are able to use their professional training to help others in many ways.

Tikkun Lexington, a program of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, is proud to have delivered meals to people recovering from illness and injuries, bereaved families, those who have had babies, and those who are new to the community.

In addition to these acts, repair services have been provided to the Hospital Hospitality House. Volunteers have rolled up their sleeves to paint, repair, and refurbish a house that offers a free place to stay for family members of those hospitalized in

Fayette County. Many thanks to the volunteers who gave their skills, or even learned new ones in order to participate; and a special thanks to Mark Klar for conducting a cabinet painting 101 course to those not so repair inclined.



Dawn Moore, Barbara Barr, and Rose Rita Wurmser.

Four Miles For Paws to benefit the Lexington Humane Society was another call which our Tikkun Volunteers answered. The water sta-

tions were staffed by over 25 volunteers who enjoyed being at Keeneland Race Track on a beautiful morning in May. The event was so popular with volunteers, CKJF will help sponsor it again this Memorial Day.

December 25 is traditionally the biggest day of the year for Tikkun Lexington volunteers and beneficiaries of Tikkun services include Saint Joseph Hospital, Meals on Wheels, and the Moveable Feast program. This "Day of Giving" (formerly, "Mitzvah Day") has grown so much that it will be expanded next year due to the large volume of calls

received from people who want to help others.

While these are past activities, there are plenty of current tasks that

require an ongoing group of volunteers to carry out. Moveable Feast has been expanded to every second Thursday of the month. The newest involvement for Tikkun is with the Faith in Action program. This inter-faith program, funded through a grant of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, lends its services to elderly in need of non-medical help in order to sustain their quality of life and keep them living independently in their own homes as long as possible. Dr. Gary Stewart has conducted training sessions for our volunteers to provide them with all of the skill and knowledge to go into the homes and be able to handle any situation. Faith in Action is currently helping out with some of the Jewish Family Service calls in the Jewish community.

The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation thanks its volunteers for their time and dedication to Tikkun. Call Jana at 268-0672 ext. 4# or email tikkun@jewishlexington.org for more information or to sign up for any of these tasks.

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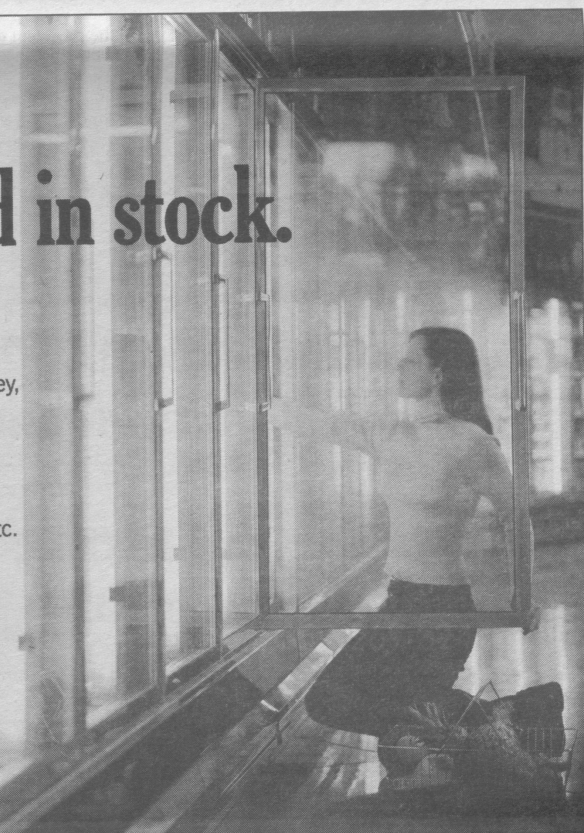
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Spellbinders Founder Energizes Volunteers

Late in February, Germaine Dietsch, the founder of Spellbinders visited Lexington. Her mission was twofold: to meet and help support the volunteers of the newly formed chapter, and to introduce Spellbinders to other interested members of the community. Germaine spoke to a group of interested senior adults, who, having seen the ad for storytellers in the *Herald Leader*, and viewing the television spot on GTV3 about Spellbinders, were curious to learn more.

There is a growing list of volunteers for this program; however, there has been little response from the Jewish community to date. Call JFS for more information regarding our next training session on May 17-18, 2004. Renowned professional storyteller, Renee Brachfeld, from Washington, D.C., will be here to train a new group of volunteers. Renee visited Lexington recently, as part of Temple Adath Israel's Artist-in-Residence

program to celebrate the Temple's 100th anniversary.

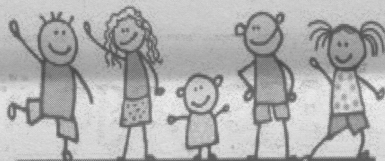
Spellbinders is a joint initiative between Jewish Family Services, the Lexington Senior Citizen's Center, and Adult Services of LFUCG. It began with a single chapter in Denver, Colorado in 1989, and by early 2003, had grown to over 17 chapters in the United States and Canada. Lexington is pleased to be the newest chapter to join the family of Spellbinders. The mission of Spellbinders is to create connections between generations through the art of storytelling in order to pass on the wisdom, values, humor, and sense of community embodied in stories of all cultures and all times.

If you would like to learn more about Spellbinders or are interested in becoming a Spellbinder yourself, please contact JFS at 269-8244 or send an email message to jfs@jewishlexington.org.



Germaine Dietsch, left, answers questions by interested community members at Beaumont Library.

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Paula Mertens

Concert Adds Spice to Leisure Club

In March, Leisure Club members were treated to a concert by the students at the SCAPA school for the performing arts. This was a special music event for all involved because last year's concert was cancelled due to inclement weather. Fortunately, the weather was fine this time, and both students and senior adults enjoyed the afternoon. After a pizza lunch, the students performed. Leisure Club members were amazed by the energy and talent of these fourth through eighth graders. A special thank you goes to Nancy Campbell, SCAPA Orchestra teacher, for bringing the students to Leisure



Nancy Campbell, SCAPA orchestral teacher, leads students in a wonderful rendition of *Fiddler on the Roof*.



Jack Nigoff, Eleanor Benblatt, and Paula Leichtman enjoy the concert.

Club, and to CKJF for organizing such a wonderful program.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the Leisure Club Bingo program on April 15, 2004. The event will be held at Temple Adath Israel at 12:15 p.m. and lunch will be provided. Reminders will be mailed before the event. Leisure Club is a program for older adults sponsored by Jewish Family Services of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation.

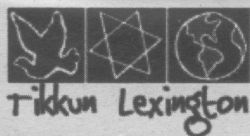
Klezmer Concert at Berea College April 22

A Klezmer clarinetist, Margot Leverett, will appear with her group, the Klezmer Mountain Boys, at the convocation in Phelps-Stokes Chapel on the Berea College campus, Thursday, April 22 at 8:00 p.m.

The Klezmer Mountain Boys bring together musicians from both Klezmer and Bluegrass with Klezmer melodies and Bluegrass music. Leverett and her group have been featured in Hadassah Magazine.

Berea Colleges' Craft Memorial Convocation is in honor of the graduating seniors. The concert is free and open to the public.

Tikkun goes to the Dogs...again!!



100 Volunteers Needed
to work with us at

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An Annual Walk/Run Event
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Memorial Day May 31, 2004
at Keeneland Race Track



Various tasks include:

- * registering runners
- * water stations
- * handing out water
- * walking extra pups
- * setting up
- * clean up
- * poo patrol



The funds raised from the race directly benefit LHS' Foster Care Program allowing us to provide aid to those that are abandoned, orphaned, ill, or injured.



All participating Tikkun volunteers will receive:

- * Lex. Humane Society Volunteer T-Shirt
- * One very cool CKJF Ball Cap
- * Tikkun pin Badge!!

As a big THANK YOU!!



Lexington Humane Society

KET Documentary to Air on Yom Ha'Shoah

A documentary about the March of Remembrance and Hope project, made possible by Columbia Gas of Kentucky, will air on Kentucky Educational Television (KET) on the eve of Yom a'Shoah, Sunday, April 18 at 10:00 p.m.. It will follow the Central Kentucky Yom Ha'Shoah commemoration which begins at 7:00 p.m. that evening at Ohavay Zion Synagogue.

Students from the University of Kentucky, Berea College, Transylvania University, and Georgetown College participated in the March of Remembrance and Hope, a project to teach students of different religious and ethnic back-

grounds about the dangers of intolerance through a study of the Holocaust. The students traveled to Holocaust related sites in Poland, including Auschwitz and the Warsaw Ghetto, and completed independent study projects on what they learned. Shot on location in Warsaw, Krakow, and Lublin, the program includes footage of former death camps, gas chambers, and crematoria, including some disturbing images not suitable for the very young.

It was first broadcast on KET 1 in mid-December, 2003.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut (from page 1)

balloons. Drive around to the right side of the Thoroughbred Center. This event will occur 'Rain or Shine.'

Craftspeople and vendors who want a booth to sell merchandise should telephone or email Jana at 268-0672 extension 4# or activities@jewishlexington.org by the deadline of April 15.



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Moveable Feast is a service which prepares and delivers hot meals to Hospice patients and shut-in AIDS patients, to provide nutrition to sustain a higher quality of life.

- * Sign up now to volunteer for every 2nd Tuesday each month.
- * Delivery only takes about 90 minutes of your time.
- * Meals are prepared and picked up for delivery at St. Augustine Church, 472 Rose St. at 5:15 p.m.
- * Call or email Jana today-tikkun@jewishlexington.org or 859.268.0672 ext 4#.



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Central Kentucky

THE LEXINGTON HAVURAH NEWS

President, Judith Saxe • (859) 269-4493

The annual retreat of the Lexington Havurah will feature as its resident scholar Rabbi Allen Secher of Makom Shalom, a Jewish Renewal congregation in Chicago. The Retreat is Sunday, April 11, and in keeping with the spirit of a retreat, is the only Havurah event limited to members. At every other Havurah activity, everyone is invited to attend and participate.

Rabbi Secher has led congregations in New York, Mexico City, Los Angeles and Montana. He has been active in the civil rights movement.

As a media personality, Rabbi Secher has earned seven Emmys for television productions

including *The Magic Door* and a PBS special. He has created *East of Eden*, a program for American Jewish soldiers and their families all over the world, and hosted the program on Armed Forces radio for 30 years.

His topic will be "Jews in Film" and "Filming the Holocaust," which will include film footage he has taken himself.

As the Retreat is being held during Passover, the venue will be a private residence, the home of Bob and Judy Baumann, to ensure that Kashrut is maintained for Passover.

BAR/BAT MITZVAHS

TAI

Greg & Kathleen Davis invite you to share our great happiness as our daughter

Leslie Corinne

is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah

Saturday, The Sixteenth of April,
Two Thousand Four,
at Ten-Thirty in the Morning

Temple Adath Israel
124 North Ashland Avenue
Lexington, KY

Kiddush luncheon immediately following the morning service

Leslie will also lead the Shabbat evening service on Friday, April 16, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at the Temple

Nancy & Carey Smith invite you to share our great happiness as our son

Tristan Ascher Morris

is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

Tristan will also lead the Shabbat evening service on Friday, April 2, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at the Temple

ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY

YOM HA'ATZMAUT 2004

COMMUNITYWIDE CELEBRATION



NOON - 3:00 P.M.

- * Spiderman Moonbounce
- * Obstacle course
- * Artisans - local & Israeli crafts
- * Music by Lou Bowling & the Shermans
- * Middle Eastern Food & Subway sandwiches
- * Israeli Dancing



call CKJF at 268-0672 ext 4#
for more info



Sunday, April 25, 2004
at the Thoroughbred Center
Paris Pike

Directions: From New Circle Rd., turn NE onto North Broadway (Paris Pike). Drive 3.5 miles. Turn right onto Johnston Rd. and YOU ARE THERE. Look for the blue & white balloons.

TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL NEWS

124 N. Ashland Avenue • President, Judith Hersh • (859) 269-2979

Outreach News

Outreach offers support and learning opportunities for Intermarried couples, Jews-by-Choice, and all others who are seeking information about Judaism. Adopted in 1981 by the UAHC, Outreach provides programs that help participants deal positively with the issues presented by intermarriage and conversion. The program is meant to make everyone feel more comfortable practicing Judaism and participating in the Jewish Community. Be sure to join the Outreach group and learn together. Outreach will meet the 3rd Thursday of each month. Watch the bulletin for any changes in place of meetings.

April 14, 2004, 7 p.m.

You've been taxed long enough? A fun and social activity. (TBA)

May 20, 2004, 7 p.m.

Pentecost/Shavuot: Who's 10?

June 17, 2004, 7 p.m.

Family Night (TBA)

July 15, 2004, 7 p.m.

Family Night (TBA)

Torah Study

Rabbi Kline conducts Torah Study in the TAI library, Saturdays at 9 a.m. on alternate weeks. He is joined by a congenial group that brings together members of TAI and others who, following the ancient tradition of Judaism, love study and matters of the mind. The present study centers on the Book of Deuteronomy. If you enjoy wrestling with problems of life and faith, join this friendly group. April schedule is 4/10 and 4/24.

Kollel Study Group

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

Biblical and traditional injunctions and laws, Jewish history, principles of the Reform movement, the relation of Judaism to Christianity, Islam, and Buddhism. The purpose of the Kollel group's study is not to assert these principals as eternal truth, nor to refute them, but to discover what wisdom there is in them and to expand upon them. Drop in any time and join in the provocative and friendly discussion. April Schedule is 4/3 and 4/17.

Larry Kant Adult Jewish Growth Class

"Finding A Jewish Path While The Ground Shifts Beneath Us" meets on Sunday mornings once a month. The group is going through the texts very carefully to show how close reading (including Midrash) can fundamentally alter the interpretation of stories. Please join us on April 18 at 10 a.m.

in the Temple library.

TAI Cinema of 2004 Presents A Treasury of Jewish Film

The TAI Cinema has compiled a film library including Yiddish and Israeli films with English subtitles. The films range from the 1930s, starring actors from the Yiddish theatre, to contemporary Israeli film.

Donation for nosh and film - \$2.00

★★★★

Join us on April 25, 2004 at 3 p.m. for the next film "The Soloist"

The May 30th film will be A Brivele Der Mamen (A Letter to Mother).

The June 27th film will be Song of the Siren.

THE LEXINGTON CHAPTER OF HADASSAH NEWS

Elise Mandel and Di Sobel, Co-Presidents

This is the Season of Freedom

Freedom: Self-determination, lack of restrictions, independence, autonomy. There are many meanings and each one references a whole collection of thoughts and ideas for every individual. As the season of the re-telling of the story of Exodus approaches and the preparations for the Passover seder are upon us, we are caught up in myriad plans and preparations designed to ensure a meaningful seder with our family and friends.

And so we ask, "Why is this year different from all other years?" This year we will view freedom through another lens as we journey through the Exodus story.

This year, we will interpret freedom from a timely and relevant vantage point. This year, April 25, 2004, marks the *March for Freedom of Choice* in Washington, DC. Hundreds of thousands of women and men from all across our nation will gather to demonstrate overwhelming support for a woman's right to choose and control her own reproductive rights.

Each year, Hadassah acts in advocating for federal legislative and judicial measures that protect women's right to safe, legal, and funded abortion and other reproductive health care services. This year, you can act by contacting your Representatives and Senators to urge their support for legislation defending reproductive rights.

Each year, Hadassah acts by mobilizing thousands to participate in national public action on reproductive rights. This year, you can act by joining Hadassah for the largest pro-choice march in history. Show your support for reproductive freedom and the right to privacy. Stand up and be counted and make your voice heard.

This is the season of freedom. Contact Judy Saxe at 269-4493 if you'd like to join members of our local Hadassah chapter at the March for Freedom of Choice.

Come Celebrate Spring with Kentucky Artists

Join us at the Second Annual Hadassah Spring Arts Fair on Saturday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Susan Goldstein is hosting this event in her home, which is filled with artwork. Beginning with a Havdalah service, we will tour the home, meet five Kentucky artists, have an opportunity to chat, buy art, and enjoy the refreshments.

Featured will be a jewelry-maker with beaded items, ceramics, Derby hats, hand-blown glass, quilts, and silk scarves.

Hadassah has always appreciated many strands of Jewish life: medical missions, Youth Aliyah, hospitals, education — and the arts.

For more information and directions, please call Susan Goldstein at 269-0908. Spouses and friends welcome.

How can **YOU** directly

— and significantly —

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ISRAEL?

Temple Adath Israel Brotherhood is proud to host

Leon Cooper

who will discuss unique ways to help financially support Israel in a BIG way for a small amount of money!

Dale Jarvis

who will discuss the Sar-el volunteer program (he participated in last year)
For a preview of the program, check <http://www.sar-el.org>.

Come find out how to turn your thoughts into actions!
Leon and Dale will speak and answer questions!

Date: Sunday, April 18, 2004

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Temple Adath Israel

For additional information, please call:
Lowell Nigoff 278-522 or Wayne Graff 264-9424
Co-Presidents Brotherhood

OHAVAY ZION SYNAGOGUE NEWS

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

With Pesah taking up the first weeks of the month, April will be a busy one filled with preparation for and celebration of this special holiday. We welcome newcomers to the community and veterans alike to participate and to be a part of the OZS family. Please remember that throughout the holiday of Passover, NO foods may be brought into the synagogue unless they are specifically marked "Kosher for Passover" AND are unopened.

Passover is Here!

This year, Passover begins on Monday evening, April 5th. The OZS Congregational Seder, catered by Dupree Catering, will take place the second night of Passover, Tuesday evening, April 6th, at 6:30 p.m.. The evening will include a delicious seder meal (vegetarian option available, too) with traditional favorites, singing, learning and fun. Reservations are a must. Please call the OZS office for more information.

Siyum B'khoreem – Fast of the Firstborn

On the day prior to Passover, it is a custom for the first-born in every household to fast in commemoration of the 10th plague in which the first-born of the Egyptians were killed. However, there is a custom of engaging in some type of study after which it is considered a mitzva to eat; hence, the firstborn who have studied may then partake of food. Join us on Monday morning, April 5th, as we fulfill this mitzva of studying and eating during our Siyum B'khoreem. We will begin with Shaharit at 7:30 a.m., followed by a study and a light breakfast. This is a perfect way to spiritually prepare for the Passover holiday. It is also your last opportunity to get your fill of bagels and danish before the holiday begins.

Sale of Hamaytz and Ma'ot Hittin

Sell your Hamaytz. On Passover, Jewish Law teaches us not only to clean and put away our Hamaytz (leavened foods), but to "sell" it so that none of it remains even in our possession. If you wish to take part in this mitzva, please come by the OZS office and fill out a form which will designate Rabbi Cohen as the agent who will symbolically "sell" it for you. This mitzva is often done in conjunction with the mitzva, of Ma'ot Hittin, of donating to a Matza Fund to help those in need and to assure that on this holiday of Freedom no one should go hungry. Donations collected in the Matza Fund will be sent to MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger. All forms and donations must be turned in by no later than Friday, April 2nd.

Yom Tov Worship

The Festival morning service for the first two days of Passover will be on Tuesday and Wednesday morning, April 6th and 7th, at 9:45 a.m.. The Festival morning service for the last two days of Passover will be on Monday and Tuesday, April 12th and 13th, at 9:45 a.m.. Yizkor will be recited during the service on April 13th.

Religious School News

As part of their celebration of Pesah, the Religious School students will

take part in their own model seder on Sunday morning, April 11th, at 11:00 a.m.. This year the model seder will be a "circular seder" which means that rather than having one leader, each class will prepare to lead a part of the seder. This innovative approach allows the children to take a leadership role and become well-versed in a part of the seder. The hope is that each year, the students will lead a different section of the seder and eventually will learn the entire order of the seder and be able to lead it. Everyone is welcome to attend the model seder and watch the children shine.

Shabbat programming for our youth continues as our Religious School students lead us in the Friday evening Service on Friday, April 23rd, at 7:30 p.m.. Our Shabbat Morning Jr. Congregation, led by Penina Goldstein, will meet Saturday morning, April 17th, at 10:30 a.m.. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children.

During the past month, Midrasha students, under the guidance of Midrasha coordinator Marilyn Robie, have been learning about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict with Professor Stuart Kaufman. This month, the students will shift their attention from inter-cultural relations to intra-religious exploration as they learn about the different movements within Judaism in a Comparative Judaism module.

Youth Group News

After recovering from the fun and hard work of the Purim Carnival in March, the USY and Kadima youth groups will be very busy the next few months. This month, USYers will be attending the CRUSY Regional Convention during which regional officers are selected. Good luck to our OZS USYers who are running for a regional office. In addition, USY will be making a trip to the UK Children's Hospital. Kadima will be preparing for and participating in the community Yom ha-Sho'a program on April 18th. Next month, will be filled with Maccabiah, chapter elections, and end of the semester fun. For more information call Rick Zimmerman or Shirley and Jared Bryan.

Celebrating Our High School Seniors

Saturday, May 1st, will be a special Shabbat here at OZS. During the Shabbat morning service and lunch, we will celebrate with our OZS graduating high school seniors as they mark this special moment in their lives and in the lives of their families. We are so proud of all of them!

Daily Minyan

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

OZS MEN'S CLUB NEWS



Leon Cooper teaches Bennett Stein how to put on tefillin.

Sunday, February 1, 2004, the OZS men's Club, along with the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC) held World Wide Wrap IV at the synagogue. Men's club members were invited to share the tefillin-laying experience along with other men's clubs throughout the world. OZS men's club coordinated its tefillin laying with Rabbi Fabian Skornik of Lamroth Congregation, a 350 family shul in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Those in attendance at the OZS enjoyed laying tefillin, though some men's club members were a bit rusty. Luckily, Leon Cooper and Rabbi Uriel Smith were there to help get everyone's tefillin donned properly. For Jeff Kaplan and Bennett Stein, it was the first time in many years they had laid tefillin, and both said it was a very good feeling to do it again. "I want to become more observant in Judaism," said Kaplan. "It's easier to put on tefillin with less hair up front," joked Stein.

OZS men's club assists the synagogue with functions such as helping build the sukkah, sponsoring the Hanukah latke party, cleaning the kitchen for Passover, and holding meetings with guest speakers. The men's club is open to OZS men of all ages who wish to share fellowship and provide the synagogue with programs of education, entertainment, and enlightenment.

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Daily Minyan Mon.-Thurs. at 5:45 PM; Kabbalat Services on the 1st and 3rd Friday evenings at 6:00 PM,
on the 2nd and 4th Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. • Shabbat Services Saturday at 9:45 AM

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

HAD - The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah • Elise Mandel & Di Sobel • Co-Presidents

HAV - The Lexington Havurah • 269-4493 • Judith Saxe, President • Shabbat Services monthly. Call for schedule.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Fayette County Schools 'Spring Break'	• Bar Mitzvah - TAI Tristan Ascher Morris Smith • Fayette County Schools 'Spring Break' • JFS Shabbat at TAI	• Bar Mitzvah - TAI Tristan Ascher Morris Smith • JFS Shabbat at TAI
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JewLS goes to Keeneland	• Erev Passover • First Seder • CKJF Office Closed	• Passover • Second Seder • CKJF Office Closed	Passover	• Passover • Tikkun delivers Moveable Feast	Passover	Passover
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• Passover	• Passover • CKJF Office Closed	• Passover • Chabad-Rabbi Litvin Visits	JFS Committee Meeting	Leisure Club Bingo at TAI 12:15 p.m.	• Bat Mitzvah - TAI Leslie Corinne Davis	• Bat Mitzvah - TAI Leslie Corinne Davis • Hadassah Art Fair 6:30 p.m.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Yom HaShoah - Holocaust Memorial Day Commemoration	Yom HaShoah - Holocaust Memorial Day		Rosh Chodesh Iyar	• Rosh Chodesh Iyar • Klezmer Concert at Berea College, 8 p.m.	Rabbi Eric Yoffie Dinner - TAI 100th Celebration	• Community Service Night at Legends Ball Park • Free Julie Silver Concert at Singletary Center - TAI 100th Anniversary
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration noon to 3 p.m. at KY Training Center	Yom HaZikaron - Israeli Memorial Day	Yom Ha'Atzmaut - Israel Independence Day	• CKJF Executive Committee Meeting • CKJF Board Meeting			
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