



Shalom



August 1997

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Evelyn Dantzic Geller elected president of CKJF

At its June 25 Board of Directors meeting, the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation elected new officers to a two-year term. Elected President was Evelyn Dantzic Geller (see her first President's column on page 2). The balance of the Executive committee includes Merle Wekstein, First Vice President; Judy Levine, Second Vice President; Ken Mayer, Treasurer; Bob Baumann, Secretary; and Tomas Milch H., Immediate Past President.

Also at this meeting, six newly elected Board members were seated. They are Alan Bernard, Bret Callier, Ralph Crystal, Vinnie Dubilier, Ellie Goldman, and Ruth Poley. Bob Baumann was reappointed to a second three-year term by Lexington Havurah. Continuing Board members include Michael Adelstein, Michael Ades, Susan Cantor, David Feinberg, Joan Flashman, Susan Goldstein, Michael Grossman, Renee Hymson, and Boris Shur.



Evelyn Dantzic Geller

Super Sunday campaign tops goal

by Joan Flashman

The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation's 1997 Super Sunday campaign exceeded its goal and raised over \$7500. Gall's Incorporated was the site of the June 1 event. Thanks and appreciation go to Alan Bloomfield for so generously providing us with a comfortable and desirable workspace to hold this significant Jewish community fund raiser.

A group of enthusiastic phone volunteers enabled us to exceed our anticipated goal of between five and six thousand dollars and end up with a final pledge figure of \$7601. Thanks to Mike Ades, Austin Cantor, Susan Cantor, Evelyn Geller,



Joan Flashman, Chair of Super Sunday

Tomas Milch H., Aida Fine, Ruth Moser, Renee Hymson, Bennett Bayer, Rick Zimmerman, Matt

Cordova, Diane Friedman, Michael Grossman, and Bruce Broudy for such super work on the phones!

Thanks also to the group of hard working individuals who participated in a variety of capacities enabling the day to run smoothly. Sharon Wainshilbaum and assistants Marian Jonas and Deborah Sogin ensured that food was prompt, plentiful, and delicious. Michael Ades conducted training for volunteers prior to the two calling sessions. Harriet Ades and Annette Milch helped out with registration. Garry Hoover's computer expertise enabled pledges to be tallied

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Kesher Kentucky reaches out to central Kentucky youth

The Louisville-based Kesher Kentucky Youth Leadership program is actively seeking applicants from the central Kentucky area. Kesher Kentucky is a year long program providing Jewish youth the opportunity to explore important issues locally, nationally, and internationally.

Monthly meetings enable students to meet with experts in a variety of fields. At Panim el Panim students get an inside view of the issues and responsibilities from a Jewish perspective on a national level. The Israel experience allows participants to explore their heritage and Jewish identity.

Rising high school juniors are eligible to apply each summer. The current fee is \$1000, plus a \$350 supplement from the student's congregation. Unfortunately, the deadline for this year's program has already passed, however, Sam McDonald of Danville did participate in last year's Kesher Kentucky. An article about his experiences appears on page 13.

For further information on Kesher Kentucky, contact Carol Heideman, 502/451-8840.



Sam McDonald (front) and friends take the camels (not the car) out for a ride in Israel



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MILESTONES

Mazel Tov to:

Judy & Abe Levine on the birth of their first granddaughter, **Maya Levine Danzig**, May 16, 1997.
The proud parents are **Beth Levine & Jay Danzig**.

Joseph & Evelyn Krislov on the birth of their second grandchild, **Jesse Harris Krislov**, May 31, 1997.
The proud parents are **Marvin Krislov & Amy Sheen**.

Stephen Miller, son of **Joe & Suzanne Miller**, who graduated first in his class at the Northwestern School of Law.

David Kaplan, son of **Martin & Odette Kaplan**, who graduated Magna Cum Laude from Harvard Law School.

Marc & Pamela Silverman on the marriage (August 2) of their daughter, **Nicole** to **Daniel Patrick**.

Austin & Susan Cantor on the marriage of their son, **Joshua** to **Penny Tchakirides** (June 21).

Bea Milner on the graduation of her grandson, **Adam Bovilsky** from Yale University. Adam has accepted a fellowship with the Hillel Chapter at MIT and is the son of **Jay & Deborah Milner Bovilsky**.

To the following seventh graders who were honored in the Duke University Talented Student Program:

Jonathan Kaplan
(son of David & Chela Kaplan)

Allison Plavin
(daughter of Marc Plavin & Toni Reiss)

Michael Spiegel
(son of Charles & Jane Spiegel)

Benjamin Ezrine
(son of Barry & Sue Ezrine)

Eli Zimmerman
(son of Rick & Leanne Zimmerman)

Benjamin Schumacher
(son of Scott & Beth Schumacher)

Irv Rosenstein, who was inducted into the Bluegrass Business Hall of Fame by the Junior Achievement.

Ben Elitzur, son of **Moshe & Shlomit Elitzur**, who was chosen as a Governor's Scholar for 1997.

Joseph Broudy, son of **Bruce & Liz Broudy**, who was chosen as a Governor's Scholar for 1997.

Dr. Howard Eldot, who retired from Eastern Kentucky University. The Board of Regents officially awarded him Professor Emeritus status.

Condolences to:

Warren & Karla Frank on the death of Warren's mother, **Mildred Emily Frank**, May 21, 1997.

Michael & Tonya Sommer on the death of Michael's grandmother, **Ruth Sommer**, June 9, 1997.

Marian & Bruce Jonas on the death of Marian's nephew and Bruce's cousin, **Randy Jonas**.



The President's Message

by

Evelyn Dantzic Geller

One of the first things I did upon my arrival in Lexington in 1968 was to reach out to the Jewish community for friendship and support and, in a word, family. I was fortunate. You reached back and offered me all I needed to make the years since then exciting and rewarding and comfortable. I am truly grateful to all of you who have moved through time with me, and who have contributed to the richness of my life here.

Now you have asked me, through your representatives on the Board of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, to take on the responsibilities of its president. In truth, I would rather have seen this honor--and it is a great honor--bestowed on a younger member of this community. Youth is so much better able to deal with the challenges and rigors of community service. But when one who has received so much from a group is asked to take on one more task in its behalf, there is no way one can refuse. So, very simply, and with a great deal of trepidation, I thank you for giving me another opportunity to serve you. I hope sincerely that I live up to your expectations. I hope, even more earnestly, that I can continue to count on you for your support and assistance.

For anyone else, those previous paragraphs would have sufficed as the first "President's Message." Knowing me, you know that if something can be said in two paragraphs, I'll take two pages--well almost. The point is that I'd like to share with you some of my beliefs about the Central Kentucky Jewish community and about where we might consider going in the next few years.

When I think about the Jewish people, or any subgroup within our people, I think of us as if we were a vibrant mosaic; a mosaic created for the purpose of telling a wondrous and ever evolving story. There are different colors, each complimentary to the whole. There are seemingly distinct scenes or depictions. Different groupings are represented; each depicted doing something distinct. But every aspect of a living mosaic appears to be aware of the impact its activity has on the harmony the total picture is supposed to represent. If one part of the mosaic is damaged, if even one tile is missing, the entire illustration is affected.

I know that perfect and eternal accord within any group is unrealistic and constitutes a utopian dream. Some differences are necessary to stimulate thought, discussion, and growth. I believe that our Jewish community--with its inherent and very human difference--is, and can continue to be, an essentially cohesive and collaborative group. Every one of us needs to respect the ideas and ideologies of the rest of us. Then we can look to those aspects of our Judaism which make us a people, and deal effectively and productively with matters that could lead to tension or threaten our harmony. I believe that we can do this if we look at ourselves as a mosaic. If we can accept the notion that every component of our community is essential to the well-being, even the survival, of the entire community, then we can more readily work for the well-being and the survival of both each component and the entire community.

To this end, I plan to meet regularly with the leaders of our community to receive additional input about the activities and needs of the groups you represent as well as to look for ways of improving participation of community members in community-wide activities and events. We want input from those of you who are interested and able

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COMMUNITY

Author talks about her hidden past at Women's Division event

by Sue Ezrine

When the news revealed that Madeleine Albright's parents had been born Jewish and that at least two of her grandparents died in concentration camps, Trudi Alexy's phone began to ring incessantly. Trudi Alexy lived in Prague until the age of ten, when her family abruptly left for Paris in 1938, in response to the Anschluss (Hitler's annexation of Austria).

In 1939, her father suddenly announced that they were going to Spain. He also added that they would be baptized as Catholics because it was not safe for them to remain Jews. Until that moment, Ms. Alexy never

knew they were Jewish.

"Religion was a non-issue in their thoroughly assimilated family." When the Alexy family entered Spain, she felt it would be "a magical place where they would be safe...Later, when reality set in and the magic wore off, my guilt over surviving by fraud while so many others perished as Jews pursued me into my adult life."

On Tuesday evening, June 17, at the home of Nancy Hoffman, eighteen women had the privilege of listening to Trudi Alexy. The author of *The Mezuzah in the Madonna's Foot* fascinated us with the story of her family and her quest and discovery of her spiritual heritage.

She also spoke about the history of the Jews in Spain. We were all aware of the forced conversions and persecution of the Jews during the Inquisition, and finally, the expulsion in 1492. However, we were surprised to learn about how helpful Spain and the Spaniards were to the Jews during World War II.

During Franco's rule, thousands of Jews survived because they were given asylum in Spain and in Spanish embassies in occupied countries. Ms. Alexy told us stories of both the rescued and the rescuers.

We were all very curious to learn about the Crypto-Jews of

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CKJF campaign event rocks and rolls with Mah Tovv

by Kim Slaton

The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation campaign event featuring Jewish Rock duo Mah Tovv brought Lexington's Jewish community to its feet. Featuring Steve Brodsky and Josh Zweiback, Mah Tovv brought together young and old for a dynamic evening of good music and good food. CKJF Executive Director Joel Eizenstat spoke about the importance of the Campaign to raise funds and the need for the entire Jewish community to work together.

Mah Tovv was chosen for this campaign event because they bring to the contemporary Jewish music scene a diverse blend of styles, from rock to reggae, soul to jazz, and folk to gospel. Just as Mah Tovv has something to offer for a wide



Steve Brodsky & Josh Zweiback of Mah Tovv

spectrum of tastes, the Federation also strives to address a wide spectrum of needs for our Jewish community. The name of the group "Mah Tovv" means "How Good." They were!

CKJF co-sponsors Rabbi Kushner visit in November

Rabbi Harold Kushner, author of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People* will speak in Lexington on Thursday, November 6 at the Singletary Center for the Arts. The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation and the First Presbyterian Church are co-sponsors of the event.

If you are interested in helping with this program, please contact Kim Slaton at the CKJF office (606) 268-0672. Watch for more details in upcoming issues of *Shalom*.

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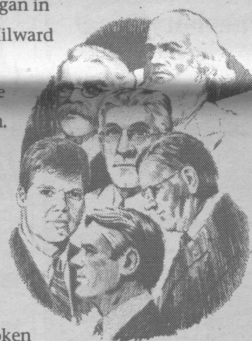
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Editorial

A f r i e n d i n d e e d

A voice from my past recently called. No, not an old flame, someone more important, an old friend.

My old friend called to say "thank you." It seems something I said to one of her family members had encouraged a long overdue reunion between the two of them.

This long lost friend then proceeded to reminisce about the past. She remembered details that had long since been filed in the archives of my brain. As she spoke, the cobwebs cleared and vivid images of many years ago came to mind.

My friend also kindly pointed out what a good friend I had been to her. She continued to boost my self esteem with even more positive comments.

As for my friend, she had taken a new turn on the road of life, but one that turned out to be the right direction for her. She

was thriving and very happy, and I'm glad to say, the same funny, off the wall friend I remembered.

An hour later, after we hung up, I felt rejuvenated. The phone call meant more to me than just knowing an old friend was faring well. It meant I had a friend for life.

As Jews, we follow the edicts of the Ten Commandments to be good and observant Jews. These Commandments direct us to be good people. "Good people" make for good friends.

This made me think of ten desirable qualities in a friend. The following list was written with a bit of sarcasm and humor, and from a female point of view. No disrespect is intended, so please read on with that in mind.

1. I am your friend through thick and thin, good hair days and bad hair days.
2. You may have other friends, but hopefully, none that are thinner or richer than me.

3. Do not discredit me, even when we have opposite viewpoints, let's agree to disagree.

4. Remember my birthday, NOT my birth year.

5. It's your responsibility to always put in a good word for me with my in-laws and parents.

6. Never shoot me one of those looks, you know, the ones that could kill.

7. Your love interests shall not be my love interests, at least not at the same time.

8. Don't be like me, be with me.

9. Never tell me the born again 60's clothes look good on me, because they don't.

10. Don't envy my life, be in my life.

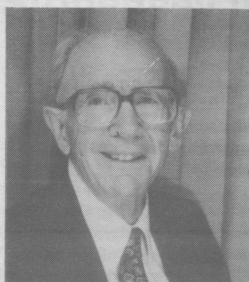
To my friend on the other end of the phone--for you I'd even wear white vinyl (again)! Thank you for always accepting and never expecting.

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FEATURE



The Uproar Over the Silence

by Michael E. Adelstein

For years there have been whispers. Now the controversy rages in public. It started with an article in a recent *New Yorker* by James Carroll, a former Catholic priest. In it he condemns the silence of the Catholic Church during the Holocaust and to this day about its failure to denounce the Nazis.

Carroll also attacks the doctrine of infallibility. He points out that because the Pope is considered to be infallible, there is no mechanism for admitting error. Consequently, Carroll contends that the current Pope, John Paul II, has no apparent theological way of admitting that his predecessor, Pius XII, was guilty of faulty moral judgement during World War II.

Although Carroll blames John Paul II for his silence, the former priest does mention many positive things that the present Pope has done. Carroll points out that John Paul II was the first Pope ever to enter a Jewish synagogue (Rome, 1986), to regularly denounce anti-Semitism, to establish diplomatic relations with the State of Israel (1993), and to sponsor at the Vatican a Jewish concert (Gilbert Levine commemorating the Shoah, 1994).

Carroll describes how the young Polish Karol Wojtyla (the present John Paul II) grew up living among many Jews, free of any anti-Semitism although surrounded by it. He studied at Krakow University where he defied the Nazis by attending meetings of a secret theater group. Later he studied in a clandestine seminary and organized the Living Rosary group, young men meeting in cells to pray and discuss the faith, a dangerous activity.

Wojtyla was once arrested by the Gestapo, but let go. Later, he was run down by a German military vehicle and hos-

pitalized. Once he narrowly escaped being rounded up along with thousands of other young men in Krakow. In addition to these brushes with the Nazis, he must have been aware of the thousands of individual priests and nuns who were being hauled off to suppress the Polish Church. Wojtyla evidently knew about the brutality of the Nazis and what was occurring at Auschwitz.

It may well have been his horror at the killing of Jews at Auschwitz that caused him to settle the controversy that arose in 1984 when a group of Carmelite nuns established a convent there. John Paul II intervened on behalf of the Jews, persuading the nuns to move to another building, financed by the Holy See and away from the walls of Auschwitz.

Although John Paul II has done much to improve the relationships between Catholics and Jews, Carroll states that he could do more.

Besides breaking the silence about the Church's culpability, the Pope could order the release of records about "the Hidden Jews," those estimated ten thousand sons and daughters of Jews, like Madeleine Albright, who were saved by "rescue baptisms." Their parents converted to Christianity and lived through the Holocaust.

But many of the parents died. The children were then reared by foster parents who pretended to be their birth parents. Despite pleas by Jewish organizations, the Pope and other Church officials have been unwilling to allow their records to be searched for the names of Jewish children saved by Catholics during the war.

In response to Carroll's polemic, George Sim Johnson, a contributing editor to a Catholic monthly, claims in *The Wall Street Journal* that the Church went to "extraordinary lengths to save Jewish lives during World War II." As evidence he cites a papal encyclical written by

Cardinal Pacelli before he became Pius XII. This document, denouncing Nazi paganism and racism, was read widely in German Catholic churches in 1937, according to Johnson.

Johnson also states that Jewish scholars, such as Joseph Lichten, Pinchas Lapide, and Leni Yahil, have documented the considerable efforts made by the Pope to save Jewish lives. In addition, a published photograph of Jewish refugees hidden at the Pope's residence at Castel Gondolfo has recently been published.

Added to the testimony of the Jewish scholars are the tributes by Jewish leaders. The Chief Rabbi of Rome praised the Pope for his aid to Jews. And on Pius' death, Dr. Nahum Goldmann praised him "with special gratitude" for his assistance to "persecuted Jews."

Johnson also chides Carroll about his references to the doctrine of infallibility, stating that Carroll should know from his seminary days that this doctrine has nothing to do with "prudential situations judgments made by a Pope in a situation as difficult as Pius'."

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Leisure Club reports an exciting and successful year

by Ruth Moser

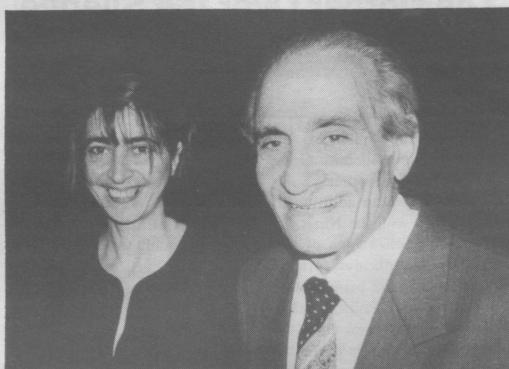
The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation Leisure Club has been very active this year. We took a trip to Pilder's Kosher Deli in Cincinnati for lunch and some Passover shopping. While there we enjoyed a personal greeting from Kim Slaton's dad. It was such a successful trip that we plan to make it an annual event.

Last year the Leisure Club had the pleasure of visiting its Louisville counterpart, so this past June we hosted the Louisville group with a luncheon, compliments of CKJF. The luncheon was followed by a fabulous musical gala featuring two of Lexington's new Americans,

Svetlana Alkhasov on the piano and her father Yuriy Khanukayev as vocalist.

In May we went to Smokey Joe's Cafe, and in the fall we visited Garrett's Orchard. December was our annual Channukah White Elephant Latke Party. We also met for lunch at the Coach House, had a cheese-cake sampling party, and visited Ashland for a walk through the gardens and lunch at the Ginko Tree Cafe.

This month, on August 21, we will meet at Belle Notte for a paid-up membership luncheon. An afternoon of racing (and lunch) will be held at the Red Mile this fall and we will close the year with our Annual



Svetlana Alkhasov & Yuriy Khanukayev performed for the Leisure Club

Latke Party/White Elephant Sale. Then we shall start all over again.

We also meet once or twice during the year for a brown

bag lunch and planning session. A \$10 yearly dues fee is collected, and this year's dues will go toward the paid-up membership luncheon.

So, if you are over 50, come to the Leisure Club. We meet during the day, usually the second Thursday of the month. All meetings and events are announced in *Shalom*. There is also a monthly mailing, so call the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation at 268-0672 and give Doreen (CKJF secretary) your name, address, and phone number and she will add you to the list.

Annette Milch and Ruth Moser are advisors to the Leisure Club. Remember, come to the Leisure Club where we always have a good time.



Lexington's Leisure Club hosts a luncheon for the Louisville Leisure Club

Volunteer to be a Mentor

by Cindy Derer

Last year volunteers from Ohavay Zion Synagogue participated in a mentoring program at Harrison Elementary. The mentors included Ricki Rosenberg, Kathie Kroot, Cindy Derer, Simone Salomon, Nancy Hoffman, Ben Hoffman, Rhoda Kay, Sue Ezrine, and Charlotte Levy.

Each of these adults spent about an hour a week interacting with one to three children in a primary (first and second grade) classroom. A GREAT time was had by all reading together, playing games, working puzzles, doing arts and crafts, and simply talking.

The children benefited with improved reading, social

skills, and self esteem. The adults received a warm and heartfelt weekly welcome.

This program has been such an unqualified success that it's being expanded to include more classrooms. Volunteers from all over the community are encouraged to join the fun. Can you spare an hour a week? No teaching experience is required, just the ability to consistently be there for a few kids who need a positive adult role model. You don't need to know what to do in advance - either the teacher or the kids will guide you.

Please contact Cindy Derer at 266-0622 or any of the other mentors mentioned for more info. Be prepared for a surprisingly enthusiastic testimonial from these people! Join us!

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In addition, Johnson upholds the Pope's public silence by referring to the fate of Amsterdam Catholics. In 1942, the Church in Amsterdam denounced the Nazi treatment of the Jews. The result was a redoubling of roundups and deportations.

In view of this reaction, Johnson states that the Pope's decision to avoid speaking out publicly, for fear it would endanger the lives of thousands of Jews while having little effect on Hitler, was a prudent one.

Other voices have been raised in the debate about the silence of the Catholic Church. Jack Ben Ezra of Albuquerque, New Mexico, tells about how the Jewish community in Rome was ordered to contribute 50 kilograms of gold to the Nazis or face deportation. The Chief Jewish Rabbi requested help from the Vatican but was offered only a loan of 15 kilos plus interest, with the provision that it would be repaid four years after the war ended. The loan was turned down but Jews, Catholics, and other Christians donated wedding rings, watches, and gold objects to raise the 50 kilos.

Alan Nathanson of Middletown, Connecticut, suggests that the Church, through its Vatican Radio, could have influ-

enced many Catholic SS men and others by denouncing the Holocaust and excommunicating its perpetrators. And these broadcast would have warned Jews of their impending fate.

Nathanson, and Carroll before him, blame the Catholic Church not only for its silence now but for its centuries of teaching about the Jews. They state that Nazi anti-Semitism would not have existed if there had not been Christian anti-Judaism.

The loudest and best documented condemnation of the Catholic and other churches can be found in Harvard Professor Daniel Jonah Goldhagen's brilliant book, *Hitler's Willing Executioners*. This work, a prize-winning revision of his doctoral dissertation, is thoroughly documented with its 100 plus pages of end notes. In it he condemns the Catholic Church for its failure "to officially protest the April 1933 boycott, the Nuremberg Laws, the depredations of Kristallnacht, or even the Nazis' deportation of German Jews to their death." Goldhagen goes much further in blaming most of the German clergy not only for their sins of omission but also for actively aiding the Nazis by furnishing them with records to identify and locate Jews.

Can we assort these charges and counter-charges and come to some conclusions about the role of the Catholic Church and present and past Popes?

Perhaps one way is to ask ourselves whether we would have hidden Jews and spoken up against their deportation if we had not been Jewish. And if we had been the Pope at the time, would we have spoken out in fulfilling our moral obligation or would we have remained silent for fear of reprisal to our people and to the Jews?

Finally, in view of the doctrine of infallibility, can the present Pope find fault with the actions of the previous Pope?

While I would hope to act heroically in a crisis situation, I am not certain whether I would. The odds against my doing so would increase if I were not a senior person, but were young with a wife, a family, and so much to live for. However, if I were the Pope, I believe I might have spoken out, hoping that more lives would have been saved than lost and feeling compelled to take a moral stand.

How do you feel about these matters? We'd like to hear from you and would be glad to publish your letters.

FEATURE

Stones from the River reviewed by Etta Pollan

The novelist, Ursula Hegi, lived the first eighteen years of her life in post-World War II Germany. She remembers questioning her mother about the war, and always got the same response--how the Germans had suffered from bombings, food shortages, and the occupation troops. But Ursula knew, even as a child, that there had to be more.

Ms. Hegi immigrated to California and became a successful writer of fiction, winning many prestigious awards. But still the questions plagued her. She wanted to plumb the psyche of the average German during the war, and ran into a conspiracy of silence. Finally, she found some courageous people (among them her own godmother), who opened their hearts and their diaries to her. What she learned became the setting for this remarkable novel, *Stones From the River*.

Ms. Hegi created, as her protagonist, a dwarf named Trudi. Trudi was born in 1915, after her father returned from a World War I battle. Although deprived of normal shape and size, she was gifted with a superb intelligence and a loving father. Her mother, who had a history of instability, retreated into madness, after Trudi's birth. She died, institutionalized, when Trudi was four. Long after Trudi accepted that neither prayer nor stretching would have any effect on her misshapen body, she still bore the burden of assuming the guilt for her mother's descent into madness.

Trudi's father, Leo Montag, owned a pay library and walked with the limp and pain that was his life long legacy from his military service. But his gentle ways and unstinting kindness covered his daughter with a mantle that afforded her some protection from the other children's cruelty.

As she grew older, Trudi found she had a penchant for story telling that attracted people to her. She could weave fascinating tales, part truth, part fantasy, that held the other children spellbound. She also had an

uncanny sense of intuition about people and what went on "behind their eyes." At least for the periods of story telling, Trudi was not rejected by her classmates. But her yearning for a real friend remained, as did her pain at being different.

There were Jews in Burgdorf and a synagogue. When Trudi was taught in school that the Jews killed Jesus and drank Christian Blood, she tried to reconcile that concept with the Jews she knew--Herr and Frau Abramowitz, who lived across the street, and kindly Frau Doktor

ging to be hidden, and whose life is forever changed by this act; and Trudi, who comes to accept her misshapen body but cannot accept Nazism, who finds love, loses it, and risks her life for an even greater kind of love.

The Nazis came upon Burgdorf "like a thief on sneaky paths." Some people ignored them, some welcomed them. The people of the town were drawn in gradually, almost imperceptibly. They didn't know the destination. Times were hard, and they were promised work, food, and glorification of what it meant to be German. It would all be possible if they would get rid of the Jews--other competition, their drive for education and success.

The townspeople would not have voted (at that point in time) to exterminate the Jews, but they felt justified in resenting them. Then insidiously, as the cancer spread, the idea of doing away with the Jews seemed not so big a stretch. The Jews, after all, were really a political problem, not a human one. As the German mentality fell to the ravages of the disease, more and more Germans turned their backs on what was happening. They gave away hiding places and Jewish sympathizers, be they parents, children, wives, husbands.

Trudi's friends, the Abramowitzes, could not agree. Frau Abramowitz counseled her husband to have patience and things would get better. After all, hadn't Jews survived many oppressors? "Your ability to adapt," said her husband, "is more dangerous to you than they are. You'll keep adapting and adapting until nothing is left." As if to prove his judgement, their passports were confiscated, cutting off the possibility of escape.

Jewish families disappeared. Their homes and businesses were given to party members. The synagogue burned. Twenty-five year old Trudi watched the fire spewing yellow sparks into the night. But mostly she watched the townspeople.

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President's Message

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to participate in groups which will revise the CKJF Bylaws, look for a more permanent site for Camp Shalom, develop personnel policies for our staff, and find foundation and grant sources to help fund our programming and services. In addition, the Community Relations and the Community Activities Committees need active membership. Our Social Services Committee, soon, I hope, to become our Jewish Family Services Advisory Committee, also needs members. The acculturation program of the Resettlement committee needs input for both its secular/political and its Judaic components. We have been directed to hold an outstanding celebration of modern Israel's 50th year of existence; help is essential in planning and implementing the activities that will constitute these celebratory events. As is indicated elsewhere in this paper, Rabbi Harold Kushner will be here in November. The success of his appearance will depend upon the response of our community in both planning and attending the event.

I apologize. I got carried away, once again, with our need for help on the community level. I know many of you are busy with personal matters and the needs of other organizations. All I'm asking is that you also consider the entire mosaic. I anticipate lots of work by the CKJF staff and Board and committees. That means that all of us will have to do some work.

Thank you again for allowing me the honor of serving this outstanding Jewish community.

FEATURE

Leon Sperling: the gentleman and his prose

Born in Lodz, Poland in 1908, Leon Sperling, his mother, and brother joined his father in New York in 1911. He married his wife Beverly in 1947 ("the year of the big blizzard," according to Leon). He worked for a manufacturing factory of swim wear, often working 17 hour days. Beverly worked in the airline industry. They have a daughter, Robin who lives in Lexington with her husband Harold and their two daughters, Alexis and Danielle. Leon came to live at Tanbark Health Care Center to be near his daughter and her family a little over a year ago.

Leon has proven to bring pleasure to those who have come to know him; the Tanbark staff, Hospice staff and volunteers, and many other friends he has made this past year in Lexington. He is a very humorous, intelligent and creative man. Not too long ago, Leon's granddaughter asked her "papa" to write a story for her to help her feel better. From "his little girl's" plea to her papa, Leon began writing wonderful short stories which he has agreed to share with the readers of *Shalom*.

Moral #1: Romana/Pomona

Our tale begins—it concerns a lady of ill repute—Romana or Pomona was her name. One day or night, when hardly matters, she sat down filled with remorse. She itemized the shady doings of her past. The sheep she fleeced, the innocent she cheated. Now she said, "I must change. No more must I cheat." So bravely she began to change her ways. Soon the jewelry and objects of great value disappeared. She had to change her grand apartment. She finally found a job paying a pittance. This went on for some time. Then one day Romana (or was it Pomona) sat herself down and pondered. Next day saw our heroine resume her shifty ways. *Moral: it was worth a try, but caviar is better than cornflakes any day.*

Moral #2: Shopping Discourse

Shopping, the ladies are exhausted. They cannot move. Someone whispers "shopping," and off they go. Hours later they returned. "How did you do?" we stupidly asked. "What did you buy?" "They didn't have my size." "There were buttons missing they couldn't find." "Everything was so expensive." "The sales start next week." *Moral: When she returns, say "What's for dinner?" and nothing more.*

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people she had known all her life, and it was as if, in a world gone berserk, they'd "come to take the horrible for granted, mistaking it for the ordinary."

And then, Herr Blau, next door, turned away the young Jew who had come to his door begging to be hidden, because he feared for his own life. But his decision haunted him. He became obsessed with the desire to help the victims and regain his humanity.

Fate intervened, in the form of a young Jewish mother and her son, whom Trudi found hiding under her home. The Montags took them in, but knew that was just a temporary measure. The S.S. troops were searching homes and becoming very sophisticated finding their prey. They calculated the number of dishes used in a meal and measured clothing to see if it fit the occupants.

Trudi, her father, and Herr Blau devised a plan. They both created living space behind

partitions in their basements and then dug a tunnel from one house to the other. They lined the tunnel with stones from the river. A signal was devised to alert the mother and son to get into the tunnel and then transfer to the other house while one was being searched. Thus their station on the underground railroad was born.

While forged papers were being obtained and transportation arranged, the Montags and Blaus kept hundreds of Jews for a night or two or for several weeks. In a world consumed with hate, Trudi, her father, and the Blaus discovered the true meaning of love.

Ms. Hegi does not spare the guilty. The about face of the Nazi sympathizers after the war is detailed in length. Suddenly, the party members denied ever having been Nazis, but under the surface, the old hates still smoldered. Some Germans claimed the Americans treated them like dogs, and treated the surviving Jews like royalty. The seeds deep,

twisted roots still lived.

Trudi was amazed at the depth of denial that humans are capable of achieving. Even those who lived in Dachau, where they had breathed the smoke from burned bodies, insisted the death camp had merely been a work camp. But Trudi knew that everything that happened would be with her forever, and that no one could escape the responsibility for "having lived in this time."

Wading through the pain and revelations of the aftermath, Trudi sustained the loss of her father, the only constant in her life. She emerged with humility and courage to live as a human being, among a generation, many of whom had forgotten what it meant to be human.

Ms. Hegi's writing compels us forward through the novel's winding roads. It is recommended on two levels—as a story that begs us to keep reading, and as the chronicle of a time that must not be forgotten.

FEATURE



The Financial Advisor

by Ben C. Kaufmann

By the time you read this article, hopefully, the new Tax Act will have passed. It is very difficult to predict exactly what is going to happen. The major items, such as an exemption, or a partial exemption, in capital gains tax on a primary residence should be included. The lowering of the capital gains tax, and the \$500 child credit will also probably be a part of this new act. In addition, the increase credit for estate taxes will be included.

All of us get excited about tax reduction Acts, but in reality it has very little affect on any of us. Unless you are involved with the stock market on a daily basis, or an active trader, the reduction of the capital gains tax for many of us is not important. The removal of capital gains from the sale of a primary residence will be a major factor. All the other items may or may not be of importance to you. The situation is that we pay so many hidden taxes, such as social security, unemployment insurance, sales tax, and occupational tax that the reduction of other taxes benefits us very little.

Once again, let me emphasize that the only way individuals and families can come out

ahead in our economic system is to be smart. Being smart means taking advantage of all the investment and tax laws available. The first item is to take advantage of retirement benefits, and make sure that you are investing the total amount which is available to you in a retirement plan.

The second is to be able to take advantage of all tax deductions allowable to you, and this usually requires a knowledgeable person in the tax field, such as a CPA.

For example, under new IRS regulations, the cost of long term care insurance is now a total or partial deduction for your income taxes. A knowledgeable entity would be able to offer advice on how you could best use this. This Act will alter estate planning a bit, so a review should take place with your favorite attorney.

What constantly amazes me is the proliferation of financial advice that is offered via television and newspaper ads; or a radio ad that advises you to call an 800 number to gain knowledge on a specific item. If you had to have open heart surgery, would you go to a seminar to learn which physician you should use?!

You should be surrounded by a group of professionals who can provide the knowledge and financial results which you

desire.

I am quite cognizant that this is suppose to be a financial article, and it seems that I have become more philosophical as I continue to provide works for this publication. Making money in any form of investment for a short period of time is a "crap shoot." To make real money, it has to be accomplished on a long term steady basis of making contributions at periodic intervals.

So, by now you should be asking yourself, what is the point of all this. The point is that tax acts come and go. Stock market, real estate prices, commodity prices, etc., will continue to fluctuate. The best investment is, first, to surround yourself with knowledgeable and trustworthy individuals. Second, is to make investments on a periodic basis under the most favorable tax advantages.

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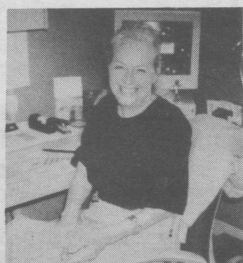
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FEATURE

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quickly and efficiently. Outdoor signs and assistance with site set-up were provided by Irv Trachtenberg. Bob Flashman handled clean up. Rabbi and Kim Slaton and Sue Westerman helped out as needed throughout the morning. Bruce Broudy captured the morning's activities on camera.

Thanks must also be extended to Joel Eizenstat, Ruth Moser, and Austin & Susan Cantor who gave generously of their time in the planning stages of Super Sunday. The support of these individuals has given the members of the central Kentucky Jewish community an opportunity to reaffirm their commitment to Jewish life and accounted for the success of Super Sunday 1997. Thanks to all!



Renee Hymson



Susan & Austin Cantor

Women's Division

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the American Southwest. These are present-day descendants of the secret Jews who followed Columbus to the New World. Now, over 500 year later, they "maintain a Christian cover while hiding their Jewish identities and Jewish rituals." Their traditions are strong, and their secret Jewish identities are sacred to them.

Ms. Alexy stressed to us the importance of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), an agency our UJA donations support. The JDC's goal remains "to help sustain, rescue, and rehabilitate Jews wherever they are in need or in danger." The JDC was crucial to the survival of the Jews in Spain, just as it is so crucial to the survival of Jews around the world today.

Trudi Alexy's talk highlighted the stories told in her book, *The Mezuzah in the Madonna's Foot*. (The meaning of the title becomes apparent when reading the book.) The book fills in the details and answers a lot of questions. The women present agreed on two things--we should reconvene for a book discussion after reading the novel, and we wish more women had been present to hear Ms. Alexy's interesting story.

Believe it or not, Madeleine Albright, Trudi Alexy, and I all have something in common. The names of our grandparents and other relatives are on the wall of the Pinkas Synagogue in Prague, among those of over 77,000 Czech and Slovak Jewish people who died in the Holocaust. I have been fortunate to always know that I am a Jew; unlike Ms. Alexy and Ms. Albright who found out at different times and under very different circumstances. Our on-going support of UJA is equally important for all of us.

Jewish Family Services Commentary

by Mollye Schwab



The Jewish Family Services column is for informational purposes to the readers of *Shalom*. For other personal and confidential requests for services, contact the JFS office, 340 Romany Road, Lexington, or call (606) 269-8244.

Dear JFS,

My child is ready for school and I am a nervous wreck! He is excited about going, but also becomes quite fearful about some of the things that he knows will be new to him. I certainly understand his fears, but I don't know how to help him deal with those fears and maintain a positive attitude. Can you help?

Sincerely,
Mom

Dear Mom,

Whether your child is a younger child beginning school for the first time or is preparing for attendance in a new school, there may be some adjustment issues you as a parent may want to prepare for. Many children, as well as some adults, fear the unknown, especially when it is a new situation or new school. "Many of these fears will surface at or shortly after the beginning of the school year."*

For younger children, separation anxiety is normal when planning to attend a new school or new grade. You may be able to help your child prepare for the new situation by "together visiting the new school or meeting the teacher prior to the first day,"* making the unknown a bit familiar.

Often parents too, feel fear for their children when they must enter a new situation in their young life. Parents may worry whether or not their child can cope with the new situation. Parents often worry if their child will make friends, make good grades, make good decisions, etc...

The best thing parents can do is be aware of their own fears and be aware of what their child fears. Try to help your child as much as possible to feel good about themselves, instilling self-confidence, self-esteem, and trust in their ability to take risks and cope with and make a success of their new school year.

Most importantly, allow your child to experience fear and then learn to let it go. You can help your child learn different strategies to the challenges ahead, but you cannot do it for them! Listen to your child, talk with your child. You may find that just doing that can make him ready for the wonderful new adventures that lay ahead. Good Luck!!!

*Practical Parenting: A Jewish Perspective by Gail Josephson Lipsitz

A special thanks to Judy Foner from the Resettlement program

by Mollye Schwab

Judy Foner, visiting here from Israel with her husband (who is on sabbatical), has been providing English as a Second Language (ESL) lessons to many of the new Americans twice weekly on three different levels. Judy has initiated making the classes individualized to meet the needs of each student.

Though ESL with Judy has been especially enjoyable to all, it is hoped that ESL will continue with the new Americans through Operation Read. Judy and I met with the tutor coordinator at Operation Read and it is possible that they will be able to provide ESL tutorials on a weekly basis at CKJF.

Judy will be missed as she provides more than education to her students. She takes a very personal interest in each of her students. If you know Judy, you are aware of the graciousness of her personality and the interest and sincere concern she shows to all she meets.

Judy is returning to Jerusalem in September. Needless to say, she will be truly missed, not only by her students but by the many friends she made along the way. For Judy, the Lexington new American group has purchased three trees to plant in Israel in honor of their teacher and friend.

Thank you Judy. Thank you for everything, especially your friendship!

FEATURE

Renown Israeli sculptor Frank Meisler offers special Cincinnati show and sale

by Jane Eisen

Yavneh Day School welcomes Frank Meisler, world renowned Israeli sculptor and creator of Judaica sculpture and Art to Wear, for a special midwestern show and sale in Cincinnati, September 20-22, 1997. The school's sponsoring committee will host a reception for Mr. Meisler on Saturday, September 20 from 9:00 to 11:00 PM.

Mr. Meisler will share his experiences as a participant in worldwide projects of Jewish interest, including his current involvement in creating sculpture for the first synagogue to be built in Russia since the 1917 revolution.

The exhibition and sale continue Sunday, September 21 and Monday, September 22 from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM both days. All established and potential collectors of Judaica are invited to attend the three day event.

A presale preview party with Mr. Meisler is planned for Thursday evening, September 18. Invitations will be extended to individuals who commit to purchase artwork valued at \$1,000 or more prior to the event. All sculpture and Art to Wear is specially priced for this sale.

Frank Meisler lives and works in the Artists' Quarter of Old Jaffa outside Tel Aviv. He is considered one of Israel's international ambassadors because he is frequently commissioned by Israel's prime ministers and presidents to create presentation gifts for State visits.

Among his international commissions are large sculptures for public venues including muse-

ums and theaters. One notable sculpture which provokes thought and emotion is the Holocaust Memorial in Miami, Florida.

The unique pieces in bronze, silver, and gold-plating that Meisler creates for private collections are shaped as Jerusalem spheres, biblical-themed boxes and plaques. They feature intricately carved detail, often comprising doors that open to reveal surprises that evoke wonder and pleasure.

Mr. Meisler also captures themes of Jewish lifecycle events such as Shabbat, holidays, weddings and Bar/Bat Mitzvahs. The Judaica collection includes mezuzot, Kiddush cups, candlesticks and menorahs, many characterized by uniquely interchangeable components.

Esther Feuerberg, Yavneh Day School principal says, "The timing of Frank Meisler's visit is exciting for our student body since they will be fortunate to meet him and hear him speak about his encounters in Russia so soon after returning from his exceptional mission there."

Bill Friedman, Yavneh Fund Raising Vice President and member of the planning committee, emphasizes, "This is a rare opportunity to meet one of Israel's most outstanding artists and discuss our purchases with him in Cincinnati. Otherwise, we would have to go to Israel to see this extensive collection."

According to Friedman, "Because the collection is specially priced to the Cincinnati show, we hope that everyone will take advantage of the opportunity to view it over the weekend of September 20th through the 22nd."

For additional information about the Meisler collection or to request a preview invitation, please call Yavneh Day School at (513) 984-3770 or Miriam Bernstein at (513) 731-6741.

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If you want to keep in touch with Esther, you can contact her at her daughter Peggy's address, who will forward it on to her:

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FEATURE

Lexington's new Americans host the Louisville Russian Club

by Mollye Schwab

Last month, the Louisville Russian Club, consisting of about 30 people, got on their Jewish Community Center bus and headed to Lexington. They joined their Lexington based Russian friends for an afternoon of food, fun and music.

This was the first time Louisville had joined us in Lexington, but it was the third time the Louisville and Lexington groups had met. The last two get-togethers were held in Louisville, so Lexington was very pleased to have Louisville visit here.

The day started at the UK Art Museum for the Louisville group, while the Lexington group was working hard at Temple Adath Israel preparing for the visit by Louisville. Once the Art Museum

tour was finished, Yefim Tselniker, a Lexington new American, hopped on the Louisville bus and pointed out some local highlights of

Lexington on the way to the Temple.

Once at the Temple, Yefim welcomed everyone officially. I did the *motzi* and lunch was served. After lunch and the wonderful, delicious desserts made by the Lexington group, the beautiful music began.

Svetlana Alkhasov played the piano while her father, Yuriy Khanukayev, performed the vocals. Both are members of Lexington's new American community. The music was beautiful Russian melodies, obviously very meaningful and heartfelt, making for a very moving afternoon.

The day proved to be one filled with the blossoming of



Yelena Patskan



(Left to Right) Yefim Tselniker, Revekka Alkhasov, Judy Foner, Lyudmila Shur, Rachel Bashikes, Julius Shur

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The Louisville Russian Club

Photo by Pavel Sheftel



Rachel Bashikes and her granddaughters



Revekka & Solomon Alkhasov

beginning friendships and the hope for long lasting relationships between people that share something very special. I think I can speak for all who attended when I say that we hope there will be many more opportunities to get together and nurture the friendships that exist.

The Lexington new

American group helped make the day a great success by coordinating much of the event themselves and helping Rose Rita Wurmser set up. Special thanks go to Elena Domatov, Rose Rita Wurmser, Yefim Tselniker and Ruth Moser. Thanks also go to John McDonald and Alonzo at the Temple.



The Lexington Russian Club

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AIPAC-The American Israel
Public Affairs Committee
www.aipac.org/

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FEATURE

In Search of the Trees: A Year of Opportunity with Keshet Kentucky

by Sam McDonald

Okay, I admit it. When I received my application for Keshet Kentucky what attracted me most was the opportunity to go to Israel for two weeks for only \$750. Over the course of the past year, however, I realized that an inexpensive ticket to the Holy Land was not all the program had to offer me.

Keshet Kentucky, sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Louisville, is a year-long program designed to encourage Jewish teenagers to continue their Jewish education beyond Confirmation in

Washington, D.C. for Panim el Panim, a four day excursion to our nation's capital to meet with other Jewish teens from around the country and to see the sights. As luck would have it, our trip coincided with President Clinton's inauguration which we attended along with thousands and thousands of others.

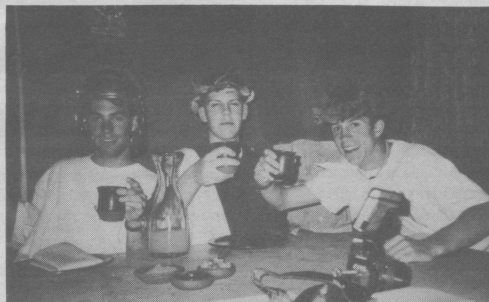
We spoke with senators, representatives and lobbyists. We listened to lectures on poverty and homelessness, and we donated warm clothing to an area shelter. Encouraged to explore what Washington has to offer, we were given Metro passes, and I headed out to view the capital's famous monuments and to broaden my

political interests at the Capitol and the Supreme Court. I made some great friends and I had an incredible time.

The culmination of Keshet Kentucky, of course, was our fifteen day trip to Israel. At first I was slightly nervous. What if my passport photo looks nothing like me?

What if I can't sit still on an airplane for 11 hours? What if I really can't get along with the other kids in our group, and what if I can't find all those trees that I planted in Israel?

We left Louisville on June 8, and after a long day of travel we arrived at Israel's Ben Gurion Airport where we breathed in that hot, dry air (so different from Kentucky) and squinted under a middle eastern sun. Heading for Jerusalem, we stopped at a point overlooking the city. Jet-lagged and exhausted, we struggled from our bus and in the instant that we sang the



"Caesar" (Josh Bornstein) and his following, Josh Phelps & Sam McDonald (far right) at the Carda Culinerium, home of the only Kosher Roman food in Jerusalem

Shehechianu I realized that we had embarked on the trip of a lifetime.

From climbing Masada at sunrise to floating in the Dead Sea (and then covering ourselves in mud), there was never a dull moment. And none of us allowed cold showers or bad stomachaches to diminish our enthusiasm as we visited Safed and Tel Aviv, participated in an archaeological dig at Tel Maresha, rafted down the Jordan River, visited Yad Vashem and the Knesset, and toured the Golan Heights by jeep.

So close to my Israel experience, images crowd my mind, and while I can't choose one favorite, I do have favorites. Religiously and spiritually I came alive praying at the Western Wall

in the Old City on Shavuot.

We had just walked through Mea Shearim, an ultra Orthodox neighborhood, where we saw families readying themselves for a night of study. When we finally reached the Wall, I touched it with my hand and nearly forgot the words to the *Shema*. As I kissed the Wall and walked away, I promised I'd be back.

In Israel I had the opportunity to see Judaism practiced on all levels, and although I don't feel any more Jewish now than I did before my visit, I do feel a greater sense of pride in my Jewishness.

My favorite day was surely the time we spent at Ein Gedi. You see, Israel is a desert (that's why we keep planting

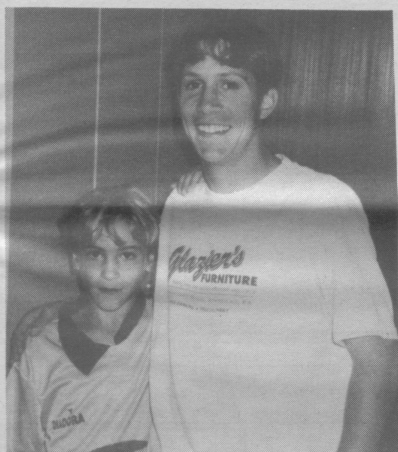
those trees), and in some places rocky sand dunes are all that can be seen for miles. Even though this is true in Ein Gedi, there is also a fresh water spring that sends a creek slicing through the middle of the desert. We had the chance to hike through this creek, and I would rank this as one of the three coolest things that I have ever done. The scenery was the most beautiful that I have ever been privileged to see and the water was crystal clear.

I can tell you that we packed a lifetime of experiences into two weeks. We had discussions on the pluralism issue and on Judaism in general. We met with Israeli teens and Druze villagers. We spent one night in a Bedouin camp and took a camel ride, albeit an extremely uncomfortable one, into the desert. We walked through what seemed to be every neighborhood in Jerusalem and we swam in the Mediterranean Sea while we were in Tel Aviv. I even had the chance to play soccer with some Israeli kids at Kfar Blum.

My year in Keshet Kentucky has ended. I urge all you rising juniors to think about applying. I made great friends and I learned and saw more than I ever expected. And...if I could offer one more remark about Israel, it would be: go! And if you've been, go again. I know that I will.

Sam McDonald is the son of John McDonald and Beth Glazer McDonald, and brother of Ben McDonald. The family resides in Danville.

For more information on Keshet Kentucky, contact Carol Heideman (502) 451-8840 or write: Keshet Kentucky, 3630 Dutchmans Lane, Louisville, KY 40205.



Sam with new soccer pal Leo at Kibbutz Kfar Blum

a setting other than a synagogue.

Instead of studying the past in a classroom, during our monthly meetings, the curriculum centered around Jews in today's world and in modern society. A session on Jews in medicine took us to Jewish Hospital of Louisville; a session on Jews in the media sent us to Louisville television station WHAS where we spoke with Jewish radio, TV and newspaper personalities; while a venture into Jews in politics led to a question and answer session with Louisville mayor Jerry Abramson.

We also traveled to



(L to R) Josh Phelps, Justin Schuster, & Sam McDonald covered in Dead Sea mud

COMMUNITY

HADASSAH...

The "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer" are finally here after an incredibly long, dull spring. Summer for Hadassah, though, is anything but lazy. It is a very busy time for calendar planning and programming for the 1997-98 year. Many of our members spent a week in mid-July in Chicago at the National Conference learning about new and interesting projects both here in the United States and in Israel.

This year must be a year of growth and development for our chapter here in Lexington. We plan to reach out to the many new women who have recently moved to our city, as well as those who have never been involved in Hadassah before. This is a chapter with numerous things to offer all ages and interests. If you are interested in knowing more about becoming a member, please call either Rhoda Kay at 263-8427 or Shirley Bryan at 272-1851.

MARK your calendar for **Wednesday, September 3 at 7:30 PM** for the opening meeting. More information and your invitation will be mailed in mid-August.

Meanwhile, as you travel and enjoy your summer, please remember to collect the travel-sized toiletries from your hotel. We continue to supply the Spousal Abuse Center year round with these items, and they are eternally grateful.

HADASSAH FACTS:

- Hadassah provides expert treatment to 400 new breast cancer patients each year at the Moshe Sharett Institute of Oncology at Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem.
 - Hadassah supports ongoing research at the Sharett Institute of Oncology in the most effective treatment, both physical and psychological, for the disease.
 - Hadassah shares potentially life-saving information with medical communities around the world under a grant from the NIH. Their collaboration led to the discovery of the mutation on the BRCA1 gene.
- For all of these efforts, Hadassah desperately needs your support in funding our HMO (Hadassah Medical Organization). Without the support from donations in the USA, this research will have difficulty continuing.*

4. Hadassah's College of Technology, established in 1970 in Jerusalem, trains highly skilled scientific and technical workers in Israel. Its most recent accreditation comes in the newly established Optometry Department. Other technological and para-medical departments include Applied Photography, Television and Video Productions, Industrial Design, Printing Technology, Dental Technology, X-Ray Technology and Medical and Laboratory Technology. One of the college's main characteristics is the flexibility of its curriculum to include retraining and special needs courses for the recent influx of newcomers from Russia and Ethiopia.

For these efforts, Hadassah needs your support in funding our HIES (Hadassah-Israel Educational Services). Without this support, the many scholarships available for deserving students will drastically decrease, as well as lead to an eventual reduction in programs.

5. Hadassah acts in opposing all legislative and court efforts to reintroduce religion into the public schools, including the so-called "Religious Equality Amendment" in the USA.

6. Hadassah organizes "watchdog" groups to monitor Radical Right Activities.

7. Hadassah advocates for legislative and judicial measures that protect women's rights to reproductive choice.

For these efforts, Hadassah needs your support by belonging; by being part of the LARGEST women's and LARGEST Jewish organization, of over 300,000 strong, in the USA. When we act on an important issue, we get results.

Take another look - or come for the first time... to Lexington's smallest Jewish congregation!

The Lexington Havurah was founded in 1978, and is currently affiliated with both the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and The National Havurah Committee. Our members come from diverse religious backgrounds - from the unaffiliated, to Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist and Orthodox. We are families with young children and teens, couples and singles. Many of our members also belong to one of the other Jewish congregations, and participate in both groups. We have no building or professional staff. We do have tremendous energy, creativity and the desire to live a meaningful and spiritual Jewish life. Our services are egalitarian, and our educational programs take full advantage of the wealth of knowledge of people both inside and outside the Lexington community. So, whether you are new to Lexington or have been here for a while, we invite you to attend our services. They are announced monthly in *Shalom* along with phone numbers for more information. Our August service is listed below, and the September issue of *Shalom* will list our complete High Holiday schedule.

Lexington Havurah Service Schedule

Monday, August 11	Tisah B'Av Services (held in conjunction with Ohavay Zion Synagogue) Ohavay Zion Synagogue 8:30 PM
Friday, August 22	Kabbalat Shabbat Services Lexington Hearing & Speech Center Services will be led by Judy & Bob Baumann 162 N. Ashland Ave. (entrance is in the back) 8:00 PM

Everyone in the Jewish community is welcome to attend our services.

For more information about the Lexington Havurah call Judy Baumann 223-1299 or Ernie Cohen 272-1459.

Lexington Chapter of Hadassah 1997-98 Board Members

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Rabbi Litvin
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study session
**Tuesday,
August 12**
at the
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12:00 Noon.
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TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL

SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, August 1

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6 PM
Torah Portion: Matot Mas'ey
Numbers 30:2-36:13
NO Child Care Available

Saturday, August 2

Kollel Study Group 9:30-11:30 AM

Friday, August 8

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6 PM
Torah Portion: Devarim
Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22
NO Child Care Available

Saturday, August 9

Kollel Study Group 9:30-11:30 AM

Friday, August 15

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6 PM
Torah Portion: Va'etchanan
Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11
Ben Schumacher Bar Mitzvah
NO Child Care Available

Saturday, August 16

Torah Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Ben Schumacher Bar Mitzvah

Friday, August 22

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6 PM
Torah Portion: Ekev
Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25
Mark Konrad Bar Mitzvah
NO Child Care Available

Saturday, August 23

Torah Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Mark Konrad Bar Mitzvah

Friday, August 29

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6 PM
Torah Portion: Re'eh
Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17
NO Child Care Available

Saturday, August 30

Kollel Study Group 9:30-11:30 AM

TORAH STUDY & SHABBAT MORNING WORSHIP



August 16
September 6 & 27
Study at 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM

KOLLEL: A Dialogue on meaning, purpose, and cosmic vision.



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Study 9:30-11:30 AM

Upcoming Dates:

August 23 & 30

September 13 & 20



Rosh Chodesh

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will meet at

T.A.I., at 7:30 PM

September 10

All women are invited to attend

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Executive Committee

Thursday, August 28, 7:30 PM

Board of Trustees

Tuesday, September 2, 7:30 PM

SISTERHOOD...

BOOK REVIEW & DISCUSSION GROUP TO DEBUT

Next year Sisterhood will initiate a book review and discussion group featuring books of Jewish interest. Contact Etta Pollan at 266-1099 to be put on the mailing list for this new venture.

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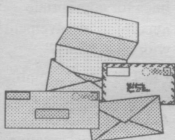
Sisterhood would like to thank you for donating your items to Nearly New. The money received from the store goes to Sisterhood, which is then used here at Temple for various functions.

Nearly New is located at South Limestone (near Joe Bologna's). You can take your items there yourself or leave them in the box in the right corner of the coat room and Elayne Crystal, chairperson, will pick them up.

Call Elayne at 273-6680 if you would like a receipt for income tax purposes. The store accepts clothing (no holes), linens, purses, wallets, craft items, small electrical items, etc.

Once again, thanks for your donations and we look forward to your continued support.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS



Parents, please call the Temple office or mail the form below with your college student's current address so they won't miss out on our college outreach. They will receive the Temple Bulletin every two weeks plus extra goodies on special holidays throughout the year. Call or mail the form before August 30.

E-Mail addresses are also desired, so send that along with the college address, or E-Mail Rabbi Adland at JADLAND@aol.com

NAME: _____

COLLEGE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

August 18

TAI Preschool begins at 9:00 AM

September 7

TAI Religious School begins at 9:45 AM

Brotherhood opening picnic following Religious School

September 22

TAI Adult education classes begin 7 - 9 PM

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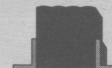
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UAHC BIENNIAL

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations will hold its Biennial convention October 29 through November 2, 1997 in Dallas, Texas.

The theme of this year's convention is "Renewing the Covenant: Our Reform Jewish Future." If you are interested in attending the Biennial as a representative of the Temple please contact Ben Baker or John McDonald for information.

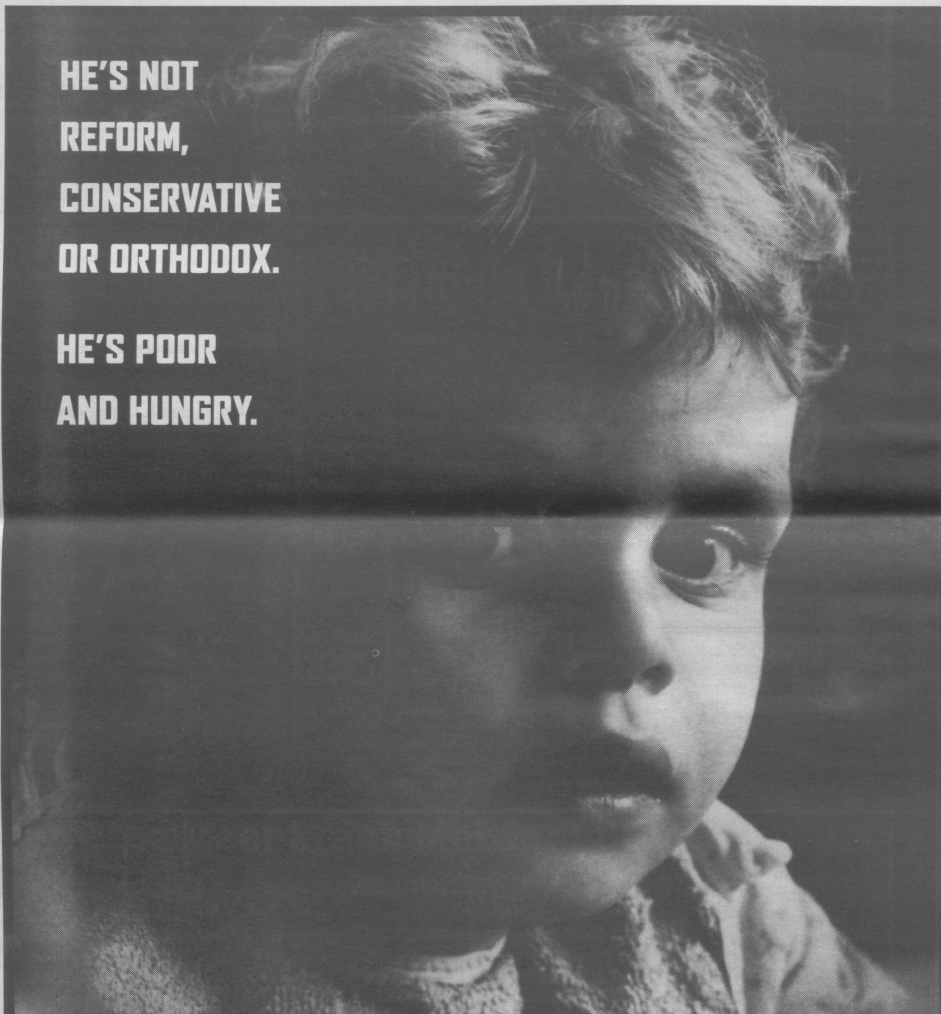
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☆ THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR ISRAEL (JAFI), through its Program Grants and Allocations, is the single largest source of financial support for programs sponsored in Israel by Judaism's religious streams.

☆ Since 1987 JAFI has provided \$25,000,000 in support

of activities sponsored by the religious streams.

☆ In 1997, JEWISH AGENCY program grants will allocate \$2,565,000 to 40 projects sponsored under Conservative (\$1,070,000), Orthodox (\$420,000), and Reform (\$1,075,000) auspices.

☆ JAFI's 1997 grants totalling

\$2,565,000 to programs of the religious streams represent an overall increase of five percent, compared with \$2,445,000 in 1996. This increased commitment to supporting religious pluralism in Israel was affirmed in the face of a decline of 4.4 percent in JAFI's budgeted expenditures (\$502,500,000 in 1997 v. \$525,396,000 in 1996).

☆ JEWISH AGENCY support for programs sponsored by Judaism's streams is based upon Jewish Agency Assembly resolutions.

The Assembly, which meets annually, is the policy making body of the Jewish Agency. THE UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL designates 30 percent of the Assembly's 518 delegates. UJA delegates are chosen by their respective organizations, which represent a cross-section of federations, the United Jewish Appeal, and mainstream Zionist movements, including Mercaz (Conservative), the Religious Zionists of America (Orthodox), and the Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA).

• In 1986, the Assembly resolved that the Jewish Agency "develop guidelines for appropriate maximum involvement with all streams."

• In 1987 the Assembly called upon the Jewish Agency to support "funding [for] creative and innovative program services in Israel which are in keeping with the mission of the Jewish Agency." JAFI support for activities of the streams in Israel is provided under this 1987 mandate.

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Pluralism...

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In 1996, the Assembly approved two resolutions addressing the Unity of the Jewish People:

- The Jewish Agency called upon the Government of Israel "to abstain from amending any legislation, or passing new legislation which would redefine the subject of conversions, or other issues, in such a way which may estrange major parts of the Jewish people from their linkage to the nation, to their culture and the Jewish State--the State of Israel."

- The Assembly also mandated that "JAFI shall...allocate appropriate funding to the educational activity of each of the streams, and community and educational institutions."

This report was prepared by
Adam Simms

UIA Communications
July 10, 1997

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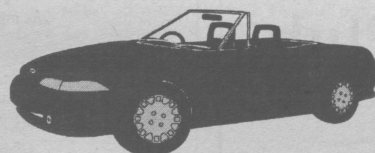
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Tammuz - Av 5757

August 1-2, Tammuz 28 Shabbat Mattot Masei	
Friday Evening 8:00 pm	Shabbat Morning
Bima: Sue Westerman	Preliminary Service 9:30 am
Org: Beth Goldstein & Rafi Finkel	Shacharit 10:00 am
Sue & Jack Westerman	Bima: Rida Rosenberg
Lisa & Michael Weinstein	Gabbai: David Marvil
	Torah Reader: Uriel Smith English Reader: Cindy Derer
August 3-4, Av 6 Shabbat Devarim	
ELI ZIMMERMAN BAR MITZVAH	
Friday Evening 8:00 pm	Shabbat Morning
Bima: Erez Caller	Preliminary Service 9:30 am
Org: Leanne & Rick Zimmerman	Shacharit 10:00 am
in honor of Eli's Bar Mitzvah	Bima: Bennett Bayer
	English Reader: none
August 15-16, Av 13 Shabbat Va-Etchannan	
Friday Evening 8:00 pm	Shabbat Morning
Bima: Judy Levine	Preliminary Service 9:30 am
Org: Lisa & Jonathan Satin	Shacharit 10:00 am
Jane Crane	Bima: Herb Perig
	Gabbai: Harold Roth
	Torah Reader: Rafi Finkel English Reader: Nancy Hoffman
August 22-23, Av 20 Shabbat Ekev	
MICHAEL SPIEGEL BAR MITZVAH	
Friday Evening 8:00 pm	Shabbat Morning
Bima: Rick Zimmerman	Preliminary Service 9:30 am
Org: Jane & Charles Spiegel, in honor of	Shacharit 10:00 am
Michael's Bar Mitzvah	Bima: Rick Zimmerman
	English Reader: none
August 29-30, Av 27 Shabbat Re'eh	
Friday Evening 8:00 pm	Shabbat Morning
Bima: Kathy Grossman	Preliminary Service 9:30 am
Org: Ginger & Mary Knight	Shacharit 10:00 am
Kathie & David Schattner	Bima: Mike Adas
Judy & David Marvil	Gabbai: Sue Lurie
	Torah Reader: Uriel Smith English Reader: Debi Gali

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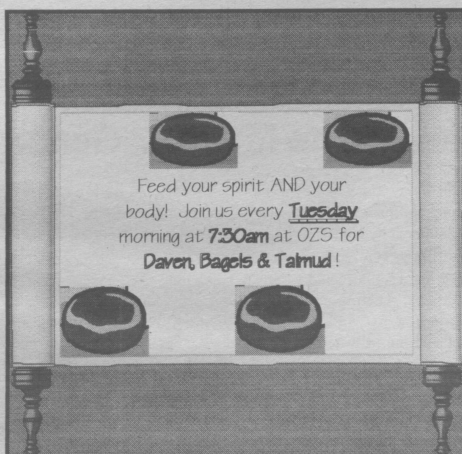
Mischner at 269-3783



Join Rabbi Slaton for a lively discussion every Tuesday morning at 10:30 am at Ohavay Zion Synagogue's weekly Torah Study!

OZS CALENDAR OF EVENTS AUGUST

August 5	Daven, Bagels & Talmud 7:30 am OZS Board Meeting 8pm
August 7	Social Action Committee at HOPE Center 5:30pm Educ Comm Mtg 7 pm
August 9	Eli Zimmerman Bar Mitzvah
August 11	BULLETIN DEADLINE
August 12	Erev Tisha B'Av Service 8:30pm Daven, Bagels & Talmud 7:30 am Tisha B'Av Fast Day - Shacharit 7:30am
August 13	Camp CRUSY Begins
August 14	Social Action Mtg 8pm at OZS
August 17	Bar-B-Que at the Caller's 2pm
August 19	Daven, Bagels & Talmud 7:30 am Camp CRUSY Ends
August 23	Michael Spiegel Bar Mitzvah
August 24	Swim Party
August 26	Daven, Bagels & Talmud 7:30 am
August 31	Jake Green Unveiling 11 am



COMMUNITY

B a r M i t z v a h s . . .

CKJF Leisure Club

Paid-Up Membership Luncheon

Thursday,
August 21

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11:45 AM

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Eli Ephraim

*our son, will be called to the Torah
as a Bar Mitzvah
Saturday, August 9, 1997 at 10:00 am
Ohavay Zion Synagogue
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Lexington, Kentucky*

*We would be honored to have you worship with us
and join us for a luncheon
following the service*

Leanne and Rick Zimmerman

*Eli will also lead Friday evening service
at 8:00 pm*

*We would be honored
to have you join us in celebrating
the Bar Mitzvah of our son
Benjamin Mark Lawrence
on Saturday, August 16, 1997
at ten-thirty in the morning
Temple Adath Israel
124 North Ashland Avenue
Lexington, Kentucky*

Beth and Scott Schumacher

*Kiddush luncheon following the service
Benjamin will also lead the Kabbalat Shabbat service,
Friday evening at six o'clock*

*It would be a pleasure
to have you celebrate with us
at the Bar Mitzvah
of our son*

Mark Konrad

*on Saturday, the twenty-third of August,
Nineteen hundred and ninety seven
at ten thirty in the morning.*

*Temple Adath Israel
124 North Ashland Avenue
Lexington, Kentucky*

Please join us for Kiddush following service

Bruce and Irene Konrad

*We invite you to share
a special day in our lives
when we celebrate with pride,
joy and love
the Bar Mitzvah of our son
Michael Scott*

*on Saturday, August 23, 1997
at ten o'clock in the morning
Ohavay Zion Synagogue
2048 Edgewater Court
Lexington, Kentucky*

*Kiddush luncheon following services
Mike will also conduct services
Friday night at eight o'clock*

Charles and Jane Spiegel



Excitement builds as CJF unveils plans for 1997 General Assembly

NEW YORK, NY—Get on track in Indianapolis and join thousands of leaders of Jewish communities in North America and Israel at the premier event on North American Jewry's communal calendar, the Council of Jewish Federations' 66th annual General Assembly. Scheduled to take place November 14-19, 1997, the General Assembly, or GA, is the place to address cur-

rent challenges, share mutual needs and concerns, meet new colleagues and renew friendships.

For the first time, candle-lighting will signal the opening of the conference, with participants having the opportunity to begin their GA experience with an exhilarating celebration of Shabbat. Highlights include presentations by scholars-in-residence Dennis Prager, Rabbi

Joseph Telushkin, Joy Levitt and Donniel Hartman and world-class entertainment by Noa.

The GA will feature a myriad of issue-directed forums, workshops, meeting and plenaries, including addresses by Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu; U.S. Special Envoy to the Middle East, Dennis Ross; and the leader of Israel's opposition Labor Party Ehud Barak.

Also making a special appearance will be Hollywood legend Kirk Douglas, as well as Artist-in-residence Debbie Friedman.

Another exciting addition will be a series of skill training sessions. Programming themes are "Volunteerism and a Civic Society" and "Jewish Peoplehood."

The Council of Jewish

Federations is the continental association of 184 Jewish Federations, the central community organizations which serve nearly 800 localities embracing a Jewish population more than 6.1 million in the United States and Canada.

For further information contact Joel Eizenstat at the CKJF office, (606) 268-0672

COMMUNITY

Join us!

On the 1997 Central Kentucky Community Winter Family Mission!

December 22, 1997 - January 1, 1998

FAMILY is the bond that ties generation to generation...the bond that has kept the flame of Judaism burning for thousands of years...the bond that deserves to be celebrated in Israel! Strengthen family ties and give your children the priceless gift of sharing their heritage with them in Israel.

The 1997 Central Kentucky Community Winter Family Mission, which marks the opening celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the State of Israel, is being organized in conjunction

with the UJA National Winter Family Mission. This allows us to offer a great deal more for fewer dollars. As a special incentive, children of Bar/Bat Mitzvah age will TRAVEL FREE provided they stay in the room of paying participants. In addition, each central Kentucky family joining us on the Mission will receive a subsidy of \$500 from the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation.

A UJA Mission to Israel provides a wonderful opportunity to explore our connection to Israel, to her people and to her

land. The first step in joining the 1997 Central Kentucky Community Winter Family Mission will be to complete a UJA National Mission Application and return it to the CKJF office with a \$500 per person deposit.

For further information or for answers to your questions, contact the Central Kentucky Community Winter Family Mission Manager, Joel Eizenstat at (606) 268-0672.

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TEACHERS NEEDED

Ohavay Zion Religious School is in need of several Religious School teachers for the 1997-98 school year. If you love children and Judaism, this is a great opportunity to be part of a very special program.

Sunday School teachers must be available from 9:45-12 noon Sunday mornings. Hebrew teachers must be available from 4:45-6:15 on Tuesday afternoons and from 9:00-9:45 Sunday mornings.

For more information, call Simone Salomon, Principal
(606) 266-8050 or 269-1585

August 1997 Community Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 OZS Board Meeting 7:30 pm TAI Board Meeting 7:30 pm	6 Hadassah General Meeting 7:30 pm	7	8	9 Eli Zimmerman Bar Mitzvah
10	11	12 Chabad Study 12:00 noon Hadassah Board Meeting 8:00 pm Night of Mardian Soviet Jewish Poets Fast of Tisha B'Av	13	14	15 Deadline for Shalom	16 Ben Schumacher Bar Mitzvah
17	18	19	20 CKJF Executive Committee 7:30 pm	21 Leisure Club Members Luncheon Bella Notte 11:45 am	22	23 Mark Konrad Bar Mitzvah Michael Spiegel Bar Mitzvah
24 OZS New Membership Gathering 2:00 pm Hillel Social Gathering Student Center 5:00 pm	25 Lexington Havurah Board Meeting 8:00 pm	26 CKJF Social Services Committee 5:30 pm CKJF Resettlement Committee 7:00 pm	27 CKJF Board Meeting 7:30 pm	28	29	30
31 Hillel Hiking @ Raven Run 12:00 noon	July SMTWTFSS 12345 6789101112 13141516171819 20212223242526 2728293031 September SMTWTFSS 123456 78910111213 14151617181920 21222324252627 282930					



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