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Locally produced Holocaust video now on DVD

And I Was There video available to schools

By David R. Wekstein

A number of years ago a history teacher at Tates Creek High School was informing his students that he had serious doubts about the Holocaust. In response, the Community Relations Committee (CRC) identified a number of people of the CKJF in Lexington, both Jewish and non-Jewish, who had personal experiences of the Holocaust, and with the support of WLEX-TV produced a one-hour documentary, *And I Was There* which was shown in prime time

one Saturday evening. Otis Singletary, then president of the University of Kentucky, moderated the program. One of the participants was Colonel Bruce Coleman, a history teacher at Henry Clay High School for many years. *And I Was There* received excellent reviews and was awarded a "Louie" from the association of advertising agencies as the best public service program in the Commonwealth of Kentucky for that year. The program also received the Public Relations Award for the year from the Council of Jewish Federations.

Given the recent statements of some public figures that the Holocaust never occurred, the CRC wishes to remind people that there is documented evidence to the contrary. The CRC has recently converted the program into a DVD format. We would like your help in distributing copies of the DVD to libraries in the public and private schools in the Bluegrass. Please contact the CKJF office if you have a school to which you would like to give one of the DVDs. It is extremely important that the youth of the community learn, and learn again, about the Holocaust. ☆



Neither rain nor wind could stop the March for Freedom on Martin Luther King Day in downtown Lexington—nor our participation as a community in it.

— CAMPAIGN NEWS —

Jewish Agency mobilization during the second Lebanon War

The first days of war

The Jewish Agency's immediate response

On Wednesday, July 12, 2006 the Hizbullah terrorist organization entered sovereign Israeli territory and kidnapped two soldiers on the border of Lebanon. Eight IDF soldiers were killed. At the same time, Hizbullah simultaneously launched Katyusha rockets against Israeli communities near the border. The IDF responded with Operation Change of Direction.

On Thursday, July 13th, Members of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Israel, sent a letter to the world Jewish community saying, "The State of Israel awoke this morning to a harsh and worrisome reality; an intensive, non-stop attack whereupon rockets are landing in densely populated civilian centers

in our cities and towns along the northern border."

Without delay, The Jewish Agency for Israel responded with an emergency plan to bring the children

in the North out of the line of fire and to secure the safety of new immigrants in northern absorption centers. The decision was made to establish summer sleep away camps in the center of the country to bring the children to safety.



A 24/7 Jewish Agency "Situation Room" was immediately activated, providing information to the families of Jews from all over the world whose sons and daughters were participating in programs or were traveling in Israel as tourists. The Situation Room helped them contact their loved ones throughout the country. Zeev Bielski

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YOU Make a Difference

Campaign (from page 1)

gave out his personal mobile phone number on the web, vowing to do everything in his power to provide aid and assistance to anxious parents. Throughout the entire war, he kept this promise to the Jewish people.

The world Jewish community responded. Within 24 hours The United Jewish Communities (UJC) committed \$1 million toward the Jewish Agency's effort to evacuate children to the center of the country. Nearly a dozen North American federations, and Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal, committed immediate funds.

"Moving Our Children to Safety" An unprecedented operation

The "Moving our Children to Safety" Campaign was launched. The tremendous undertaking now needed to be transformed into an operative strategy. Logistics, programming and budgets needed to be identified, defined and approved.

On Saturday night, July 15th, an emergency meeting of all Jewish Agency senior staff was called; from the three department directors-general to the directors of logistics, budget and planning, resource development, public relations, social services, and regional directors with direct access to the field.

Jewish Agency Director-General Moshe Vigdor paved the way for intensive, ongoing interdepartmental cooperation and an immediate decision-making process that allowed the emergency plans to move quickly

forward. A management committee was set up and responsibilities for implementation defined. The Jewish Agency set the wheels in motion to mobilize a major national emergency mission to protect Israel's children. It was agreed that a conference call, led by Vigdor, would be held every morning at 9:00 a.m. to coordinate accordingly. Over 23 Jewish Agency senior staff, from all departments, participated in this daily call for the duration of the crisis; giving reports, continually updating and reassessing the Jewish Agency's response to the crisis and responding swiftly to the urgent needs in the field as they arose.

Throughout the duration of the war, this management committee ran like a well oiled machine. There were real-time financial updates; how much money was raised, expenses

accrued and swift budgetary approval for every activity undertaken. Each day a summary report was issued detailing how many children were participating in summer camps, a list of operating summer camps, how many calls were received by the Global Center,

how many air conditioning units were installed and bomb shelter kits delivered. This real-time reporting allowed the Jewish Agency to play a leading role in serving the citizens of the North during the war.



On Sunday morning, July 16th, the Jewish Agency emergency summer sleep away camps began. Children from absorption centers up North were brought to Jewish Agency Youth Aliyah villages near Hadera, Netanya and Jerusalem - Ben Yakir, Hadassah-Neurim and Kiryat Yearim respectively. Jewish Agency regional staff began registering children from hard-hit northern cities, including Kiryat Shmona and Nahariya. Logistics in organizing buses, finding camp staff and renting facilities were done simultaneously with budgetary approval. The

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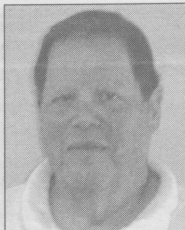
President's Message

Marty Barr

It seems as though we have barely finished 2006 and plans for 2007 are in full swing. Last year closed on a true high note with the Leisure Club Hanukkah party, the Winter Dinner, the Day of Giving and the completion of the Campaign.

One of the most important events that will occur this year is the election of a new CKJF president and of approximately one-third of the Board membership. For those unfamiliar with the process, the Board consists of a mix of appointed and elected people. The appointees are named by the presidents of the constituent organizations: three from the Temple, three from the Synagogue, one from Hadassah, and one from the Havurah. Board officers, such as treasurer and secretary, are elected by current Board members. The president serves for a period of two years and then becomes a member of the executive committee for one more year to help advise the new president. All other terms are for three years; a Board member may serve for a total of six years. The election of the new Board members and president takes place at the annual meeting in June.

By the time this column appears, a nominating committee will have been appointed and assumed the task of recommending people for election to the Board.



We will make sure that the makeup of and contact information for this committee are known to the general membership, so that you may contact them with names of potential board members. The qualifications are simple: that you be a member of the Federation and sincerely interested in the future of the Jewish people.

The Federation is yours and we can never forget that basic fact. Please call, fax, or email if you feel that we are coming up short in any way. Let me thank you for your continued support over the past years and rest assured that we will continue to strive for excellence in all facets of our operation. ✧

Judaic Studies Program public events announced

Spring Semester 2007 brings talks of interest to Lexington Jewish community

By Oliver Leaman, Ph.D.

There will be two public lectures this spring, and everyone is very welcome to attend them. They both take place at 8:00 p.m. in the President's Room, Singletary Center, University of Kentucky.

On Monday March 26, 2007, Dr. Benjamin Hary from Emory University will be talking on Jewish languages and how they differ from languages spoken by gentiles. He will be illustrating his talk with examples from many languages such as Yiddish, Ladino, Jewish American English, and so on. I am sure he would welcome contributions from the audience on differences of which they are aware in a variety of languages.

On Monday April 23, Arie Dubnow from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the winner of the 2007 Luckens Prize, will be coming to give a talk based on his essay on Isaiah Berlin and Zionism. The Luckens Prize committee consisted of Rafi Finkel, Jonathan Glixon, Oliver Leaman, and Jenn Lewin. The committee read a large number of essays in English, Hebrew, German and Spanish, and it

was difficult to choose a winner, but we all thought highly of this essay, and we felt also that it would make an interesting talk. We hope you will join us in welcoming Arie to Lexington and congratulating him on his splendid piece of scholarship.

The talk by Dr. Hary is financially supported by the Zantker Trust and the Dean of Arts and Sciences as part of this year's program on migration. The talk by Arie Dubnow is supported by the generous contribution made on behalf of the Mark and Ruth Luckens International Prize in Jewish Thought. ✧



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Our community supports programs which enhance Jewish life in Central Kentucky and around the world such as Camp Shalom, Tikkun Lexington, Jewish Family Services, the Jewish Community Day of Giving, the JSO/Hillel at the University of Kentucky and more. We provide for the disadvantaged in Israel, the elderly in the Former Soviet Union, the rebuilding of Jewish life in Eastern Europe and the welfare of the Falas Mura in Ethiopia. With your help, we are making a difference in the Global Jewish Community.

Locally, we also participate in the Emergency Food and Shelter Program as part of a social service national coalition in partnership with the Federal government, providing \$148,000 for social services in Fayette County, as well as 15,000 in Montgomery County and 12,000 in Bourbon County; all of it distributed to local agencies caring for those in need.

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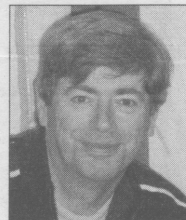
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From the Executive Director

Daniel Chejfec



Some of you might know that I like *Star Trek*. I do not define myself as a Trekkie, however, but rather as a Trekker. While this seems like mere semantics, there is a substantive difference. Trekkies get hung up on the sci-fi aspect of *Star Trek*. A Trekker is somebody who likes the series for the themes it handles using sci-fi, even when sometimes—especially in the original series—that treatment is very naive. I mention this because I find myself thinking lately of an episode of the original series called “The Enemy Within.” In that episode, a transporter malfunction—a never-before-used plot device—divides Captain Kirk in two: one self who is full of all the “positive” traits of his personality, and one who is full of all the “negative” qualities. While the “negative” Kirk appears to be aware of the existence of the other, the “positive” one apparently is not. But the important message was that neither Kirk was fit for command on its own. Only after Kirk is reintegrated does he become again the great captain we all grew to love.

In our tradition, there is a similar insight: that of the *yetzer hatov* and the *yetzer harah*, the inclination to do good and the one to do evil. We are, however, instructed “*Veahavtah et Adonay Elohecha bechol levavcha ubechol nafshecha ubechol meodecha*.” This is commonly translated as “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might” (or

sometimes “your being”). This does not account, however, for the subtle plural in *levavcha* “your hearts.” Over the centuries, rabbis explained that we are supposed to serve God not only with our *yetzer*

The message of our tradition, like the message of the *Star Trek* episode I described, is that we need to integrate the different and often contradictory aspects of our being if we hope to be effective in what we do, but how do we integrate them?

hatov, but even with our *yetzer harah*, because both of them define us.

In the same vein, every one of us wears many hats in our lives. We are parents and children, teachers and students, victims and perpetrators. Yet the parent also defines the child, as the victim defines the perpetrator. One without the other is meaningless, as is the *yetzer*

hatov without the *yetzer harah* or the positive Kirk without the negative. We also have complex loyalties—we are Jews, Americans, Democrats or Republicans, and so on.

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Star Trek creator Gene Rodenberry and episode author Richard Matheson showed us the need to integrate both Kirks through their ability to command a starship. Our tradition asks us to integrate the two sides of our natures by loving our God with all we are. The society in which we live tells us to integrate them through action.

Our Jewish concept of *Tikkun Olam*, our American values of fairness and equality, the shared value of improving the world: all of it integrates in our way of doing things as American Jews, and one example of that effort is our annual CKJF Jewish Community Day of Giving ✡



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Third Opinion

Stanley Ned Rosenbaum, PhD

Degrees of Separation

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In keeping with the popular trend of determining how many degrees of separation there are between any one of us and anyone else, I'm a little horrified to realize that I'm only three degrees from Hitler (may his name be forgotten) and from two directions at that.

When I first started teaching at Dickinson College in 1970, one of my colleagues was an economics professor named Arthur Prinz. A German refugee, he was the first Jew ever hired by the college, but that was not his only claim to fame. Before he left Germany Prinz had been on the Jewish team that negotiated, unsuccessfully, with Adolph Eichmann for permission for German Jews to emigrate to South America.

Another of my colleagues, who taught European history, related how in London he had once run into Ernst "Putzi" Hanfstaengel. Hanfstaengel was Hitler's personal pianist. Who but a Jew (or an historian) would even remember his name, I wonder?

So I'm that close—too close, really—to the Great Dictator. Admittedly, the geographical factor makes my proximity less frightening; during the Second World War I was never further east than Chicago. However, as Elie Wiesel reminds us, every Jew may regard him/herself as a survivor

of the Holocaust. Even without Wiesel's "permission" to range myself alongside the real survivors, I have for years managed a wry smile when I turn on my shower and out comes... water and not the Zyklon B gas that killed so many Jews in the death camps.

My practice may seem a bit bizarre, something that not even too many Jews think to do, but I would venture to suggest that no gentile has ever thought of it. So why parade this piece of personal paranoia in public?

Jimmy Carter. Jimmy Carter and all the other people whose evaluation of the "Palestinian situation" takes no account of even the last hundred years of Jewish history, let alone the millennia that preceded it. These people, whether well or evilly intentioned, fail to realize that the need for a nation, and for national self-defense, was made very real to us between 1933 and 1945.

Since that time various Arab or Muslim leaders have expressed the desire and the hope to finish what Hitler started. Compared to Hitler they're two-bit tin horns, but we still have to take them seriously. The more so since they don't need weapons of mass destruction to do serious damage in Israel, as the Hezbollah War tragically showed.

Despite this, Israel has held out the olive branch to its neighbors on numerous occasions, even while holding and using a big stick with the other. One might think that sixty years of failure to dislodge the "Zionist entity," and that at the cost of thousands of Arab lives, would have convinced a majority of Palestinians that the way forward is the way of peace. And yet, as I write this, Palestinian factions are killing each other in the



streets because one is unwilling to recognize Israel's right to exist and the other is. And the one that doesn't was elected to a majority position in their last election.

Whichever side wins will not be able, even if it is willing, to prevent irregular rocket attacks on Israel or suicide bombers from doing their thing. Given this constant threat, any measures that Israel takes to regulate the lives of its own Palestinians has to be seen in context.

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Calling Israel's treatment of Palestinians "apartheid," as Mr. Carter does, is unconscionable, reminding us, as it must, of an interloping white minority imposing barbarous conditions on South Africa's black majority.

But we were in Palestine long before Islam was conceived of, and a thousand years before the Romans gave the name "Palestine" to the area, and we constitute a large majority of the population, about 85 percent. Most self-styled Palestinians only moved to Palestine after the Zionists had made large stretches of it habitable. Maybe Mr. Carter should confine himself to building houses for homeless people; he seems to know what that's about.

As for me, I don't know how many "degrees" separate me from this or that Palestinian leader and, frankly, I'm not interested in getting any closer than I am right now.

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

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Ask a Rabbi

Rabbi Sharon Cohen



Q A child is born to a Jewish father and a non-Jewish mother. My understanding is that according to Jewish law he is not Jewish. He is circumcised, blessed by a rabbi, and raised as a Jew. When he is 5 years old, his mother converts to Judaism. What is the child's religion? Does he automatically become Jewish because his mother has converted or does he have to undergo his own conversion? If the latter, what does becoming a bar mitzvah do for his religious status?

A The question underlying all of the above is: How do we define who is a Jew? After the comedian Michael Richards' racially charged tirade in an LA nightclub, many reacted with the assumption that, since his character on Seinfeld was supposedly Jewish, Richards was as well. As a Jew, Richards, they argued, should have known better, especially after Mel Gibson's recent anti-Semitic behavior. Immediately, Richards' identification as a Jew was publicly questioned. Was he really Jewish?

In a telephone interview with the *Los Angeles Jewish Journal*, Richards' publicist, Howard Rubenstein, clarified Richards' connection to Judaism. "He believes in Judaism, and that's what he's adopted for himself," said Rubenstein. However, Rubenstein made it clear that Richards' parents were not Jewish, stating, "He does not have Jewish blood." Rubenstein also declared that Richards never went through any kind of conversion process only that "he believes in Judaism, and that's what he's adopted for himself."

So, is Michael Richards Jewish? According to both liberal and traditional streams of Judaism, Richards technically is not Jewish. Unlike some other religions, Judaism, with its sense of history and peoplehood, requires one to do more than simply say, "I identify with Judaism" to be

considered Jewish. One must either have some genetic tie through one's parentage, or embrace Judaism in a formal process of conversion.

How that genetic tie is defined and how that formal process is enacted differs among various branches of modern Judaism. According to traditional Jewish law, including Conservative and Orthodox Judaism, one's status as a Jew is determined by the status of the mother *at the time of the child's birth*. If the mother is Jewish, either by birth or formal conversion herself, the child is considered Jewish. Why do we go

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by the mother? This legal tradition developed, among other reasons, because one could always identify the birth mother of the child, while the biological father's status could always be brought to question (let's leave the questions raised by in vitro fertilization from donor eggs and sperm for a future column!).

In 1968, the Reconstructionist Movement (and later the Reform Movement in the 1970s), began accepting as Jewish those whose father was Jewish, but not mother (patrilineal descent), as long as the individual wanted to be Jewish and was not practicing any other religion. If a child is born to a Jewish father and non-Jewish mother, according to Reform and Reconstructionist Judaism, the child is Jewish. Conservative and Orthodox Judaism would require that the parents declare their intent to raise their child Jewishly and that the child be immersed in the *mikva* (ritual bath) as a statement of acceptance and renewal. Obviously, if the child is male, then ritual circumcision would be required, as it would be for any Jewish boy.

This leads us to the second part of the question above regarding the mother who converts later on in a child's life. Judaism recognizes the autonomy of the individual. Even though parents have a say in how they choose to raise their children, a mother's formal conversion to Judaism *after* her child is born does not change the child's status. If only matrilineal descent is followed, and the mother was not Jewish when the child was born, then the child, too, would need to go through the conversion rituals (in traditional circles, *mikva* and circumcision if necessary) if s/he had not already done so.

The question regarding bar or bat mitzvah is an interesting one. Becoming a bar or bat mitzvah does not "change" one's status as a Jew, it only affirms one's status, so one must be Jewish according to one of the definitions above. The bar/bat mitzvah ceremony celebrates a young Jew's acceptance as an adult within Jewish Tradition, placing upon the child the responsibilities of the *mitzvot* (commandments), values, and practices of our people. Any Jews who reach the age of majority are considered to be bar or bat mitzvah, whether they go through a formal public ceremony or not.

There is no question that the patrilineal and matrilineal issue with regard to one's status as a Jew is one of the most complicated and emotionally sensitive issues we face as we operate within the boundaries of our interpretations of Jewish law. There are no easy answers, yet, I think that the majority of Jews acknowledge the significant differences that exist between our modern movements' approaches to Jewish law, and are willing to act with understanding and respect for one another as we work to create a healthy Jewish world. ☺

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

If you have an issue you would like to see addressed, please email it to di-ivr@bardstov.com and put "Ask a Rabbi" in the subject line of your email. (It may take quite a while until your question is answered—or it may never be answered, if no rabbi selects it.) You will not be identified as the writer of the question to either rabbis or readers, nor will you be asked to specify which rabbi should answer.

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We Are Here To H.E.L.P.



Being the new director of JFS at The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation has already been a rewarding experience, with opportunities to learn and to meet many wonderful and friendly people in our Jewish community. The goal of JFS is to provide help and guidance, and support to people in need, as well as encouraging a positive and nurturing social environment for our community members, especially for our older adults.

In short, JFS is here to H.E.L.P.—Heal, Enrich and Educate, Listen, and Provide.

H represents Healing—comforting people's pain, and helping them through their hardships and struggles. JFS strives to help people understand their situations and learn how to cope positively and effectively with grief as well as with difficulties and conflicts in a healthy way. Crisis intervention, case management, assessments, and referrals are just some of the ways in which we offer healing to individuals and families.

E is for Enriching and Educating. By enriching people's lives and educating them on issues that affect them, JFS helps them establish and sustain healthy and nurturing relationships with family and friends. Our Family Life Education programs cover a spectrum of topics and issues to meet the needs and interests of the community. One of our enriching and educating activities is the JFS Leisure Club, a monthly social, educational, and recreational group for senior citizens. Leisure Club

events have included lunches, a trip to the Kentucky History Museum, storytelling performances, Hanukkah and Purim parties, Keeneland horse racing events, musical concerts, plays, and much more. More than anything else, the Leisure Club has offered a great setting for people to come together.

L is for Listening, and in JFS we make a point of listening closely to the needs and preferences of our community. JFS makes it a top priority to listen to people, valuing them for who they truly are so as to provide appropriate support for them.

P stands for Providing supportive services. We do it by visiting the elderly, the homebound, and the disabled; we also provide by making referrals for social services. And we administer the Scholarship and Camperships offered by the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation for trips to Israel and for participating in Jewish Summer Camp experiences.

If you need a helping hand or know of someone who does, please do not hesitate to call us. We are here to H.E.L.P. ✧

Campaign (from page 3)

Jewish Agency's northern regional office and partners in the field proved invaluable in coordinating this massive program.

At 4:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon, leaders of the UJC, Jewish Agency and JDC developed a far-reaching plan to ensure that the populations served by both organizations would be suitably addressed during the war, including children, youth, new immigrants, disabled and the elderly. The work-plan made certain that resources and manpower were maximized and efforts between the two organizations coordinated.

Simultaneously, the Jewish Agency initiated an advertising campaign



throughout Israel under the slogan "Putting the Children in the Center." The Ma'ariv newspaper, Israel's second largest daily, gave the advertising space pro bono.

The campaign was launched with the giant Israeli supermarket chain SuperSol. SuperSol committed to help fund the summer camps' meal service, along with food manufacturing giant, Osem. Household names like McDonald's Israel, UPS, Bank Leumi, Paz and Nike-Israel donated goods and services, underwriting excursions and other entertainment for the summer camps. The partnership with the Jewish Agency inspired SuperSol to initiate additional programs for Israelis to donate food and hygienic articles to beleaguered northern citizens and soldiers fighting in Lebanon. ✧

History of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict – Part XV

From Independence to the first truce of June 1948

By Daniel Chejfec

Around the time of Israel's Declaration of Independence, a number of things happened on the ground. Immediately following the massacre of 77 doctors and nurses from Hadassah, and before the declaration, the executive of the Jewish Agency entrusted the Hagannah with breaking the siege of Jerusalem. Instead of fighting for control of the main road, the Hagannah constructed a second road, known as the "Burma Road" after the road from Burma to China built by the Allies in World War II. The engineer in charge of the construction was retired American Army Colonel David (Mickey) Marcus. This road enabled the Jews to bring supplies to the beleaguered Jewish population in the city.

Immediately following independence, the secretary general of the League of Arab States sent a cablegram to the UN secretary general denouncing the partition and announcing the intention of the Arab States to create a "Unified (Arab) State of Palestine" while refusing to acknowledge Israel's independence. Over the next few days, thousand of Arab troops from neighboring countries entered Palestine. As pointed out in the previous article, the Jews were initially at a disadvantage, both in troops and materiel. The aggressive mobilization of the Jewish Yishuv, along with the influx of volunteers and Jewish refugees, gave the Jews an edge in human resources, although they remained behind in weapons and materiel.

Jews, however, organized fast, with the creation in December of 1947 of the Sherut Avir, which on May 15 became the Israel Air Force. While the IAF was no match in hardware for the Arab forces, it had more experienced personnel. The purchase of 25 Czech Avia S-199s began to shift the balance of power. By the end of May Israel enjoyed air superiority. In the meantime, the IDF also made up the shortage of weapons by drawing on personnel with World War II experience. By May 28, however, the Jewish Quarter of the Old City in Jerusalem had fallen to the Jordanians.

In the north the Syrians were stopped at Kibbutz Degania, and in the south the Egyptians were stopped at Kibbutz Yad Mordechai.

On June 11, a UN-mediated truce came into effect that would last 28 days. During that time, Count Folke Bernadotte was sent to mediate between the sides.

There were also internal problems on the Jewish side. The forces of the Irgun mounted their own operation to bring in weapons for their troops, similar to the

Hagannah's "Operation Balak." One of the ships they used to bring in the weapons they obtained in Europe was called *Altalena*, and it was originally scheduled to arrive a day after the declaration of independence. The shipment was delayed, and by June 1 Begin had signed an agreement under which his forces were to be absorbed into the newly formed Israel Defense Forces. Under that agreement the Irgun was not allowed to pursue independent acquisition of weapons. Given the situation, Begin notified Ben Gurion of the pending shipment and requested consent for the ship to land. Ben Gurion, however, distrusted Begin's intentions because of his request that the arriving weapons be given to the newly incorporated Irgun units of the IDF.

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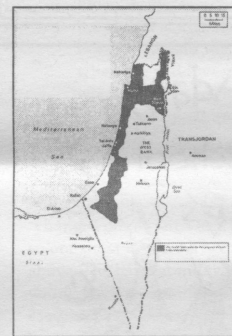
Altalena arrived in the area of Kfar Vitkin on June 20 and Ben Gurion, fearing that Begin intended to maintain a separate army, ordered the confiscation of the shipment. Begin refused to give in and mediation attempts failed. Fighting broke out on the beach between the IDF and the Irgun. The fighting ended with a cease fire and the transfer of the unloaded weapons to the IDF. Begin, in the meantime, sailed to Tel-Aviv with the rest of the weapons and volunteers on *Altalena* hoping to negotiate with Ben Gurion. Ben Gurion, however, as we saw in the last article, ordered Yigael Yadin to shell the ship, which burned and sank. Sixteen Irgun members and three IDF soldiers died in the confrontations in Kfar Vitkin and Tel-Aviv. Following the sinking of *Altalena*, Ben Gurion ordered the arrest of 200 Irgun fighters, who were released weeks later.

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Lehi faction, one of whose commanders was Yitzhak Shamir, was still operating outside the structure.

At the end of June the UN mediator, Swedish Count Folke Bernadotte, presented the first proposal for a negotiated solution. His proposal was based on the idea that the whole territory of the original British Mandate of Palestine, including Transjordan, should be established as a unity with two members, one Jewish and one Arab. As for the internal boundaries within such an entity, he proposed:

- The Negev, either in its entirety or most of it, should be included in the Arab side
- The Western Galilee must be included on the Jewish side
- While the city of Jerusalem would be part of the Arab member of the union, Jews would enjoy municipal autonomy
- Jaffa must be considered a special case
- The port city of Haifa would become a free port to include the refineries and the terminals
- The city of Lydda (today's Lod) and the nearby airport would be part of the Arab territory, but the airport would be a free airport, accessible to both sides.



Both sides rejected the proposal.

During the truce, ironically, David Marcus was killed by friendly fire in the Jerusalem area after building the Burma Road.

At the time of the truce, both sides were dealing with some internal issues. The Jews, while they managed to incorporate the Irgun into the IDF, failed to incorporate the Lehi (Stern Gang), which continued its independent operations with little or no coordination with the IDF. Another logistic problem for the Jews was that many of the new immigrants were Holocaust survivors and Jewish refugees from Arab lands who often spoke different languages, and needed to be housed and trained in a hurry.

As for the Arabs, internal disagreements between the Arab governments were making coordination very difficult, particularly between the Saudi and Transjordanian troops. King Abdullah of Transjordan had in fact promised the Jews not to attack the territory allotted for the Jewish State in the UN Partition resolution, and for the most part he abided by that promise. The forces of the Mufti (the Holy War Army) acted independently from the forces coordinated by the Arab League and often in competition with them.

One of the reasons the Arabs rejected the first Bernadotte proposal was probably the unwillingness of the Saudis to concede the Hashemites in Transjordan any kind of control over the Haram-Al-Shariff (the Arab name for the Temple Mount).

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Lexington Jewish Community lends the State of Israel \$2,450,000 over thirteen-year period

By Sam Lobar

Thirteen years ago Leon Cooper got together with the executive director of Israel Bonds for this region and discussed a program by which the Lexington Jewish Community could lend the State of Israel \$500,000 with minimal out-of-pocket expense to a group of 20 individuals. The Finance-able Bond (at that time it was called the Finance-able Note or Note-worthy program) of Lexington, Kentucky was born.

This program is a way for individuals or groups to use their influence with their lending institutions to extend significant amounts to the State of Israel. The program currently uses a Floating Rate LIBOR Bond as the investment vehicle. However, all issues are subject to availability. Currently, the minimal investment amount for this program is \$100,000 though most institutions will only consider amounts of \$500,000 or more.

Here's how it works: Basically, you go to your bank and say, "I would like to take a loan of \$500,000 in order to buy a bond for the State of Israel." The bank is happy because they hope to do more business with you. The bank takes the bond as collateral on the loan. Additionally, you are guaranteeing that the bond will not default. (There has never been a default on principal or interest in the history of Israel Bonds.) If it did default, you would have to pay the bank back the \$500,000. The cost of

the loan is the rate on the bond plus some spread—often 50 bp (basis points). You pay the additional 50 bp directly to the bank. An example: on \$500,000, 50 bp will be \$2,500 that would be paid annually to the bank by you. The bond and the interest on the bond would be assigned directly to the bank upon purchase. So for \$10,000 over a four-year period, you have sent the State of Israel \$500,000. Now, of course, you need to have the wherewithal to back the bond—the bank will draw up papers and an agreement for you. Obviously DCI-Israel Bonds has certain paperwork as well—nothing difficult. This is the basic program; there are many nuances and variances depending on the number of people involved and so forth.

The program in Lexington involves 20 people and the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation as the registered holder of the bond. The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation bills each individual guarantor \$125 per year and then pools the money to write one check to the bank of \$2,500 to help pay off the loan. Each individual is responsible for guaranteeing \$25,000 worth of the \$500,000 bond should the State of Israel default (which has never happened in the history of Israel Bonds). State of Israel Bonds garners investment dollars of over \$100 million a year through financed bonds because of the relatively small out-of-pocket expense for the sizable show of support it produces for the individual.

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On December 6, 2006 Tom Lockshin, executive director of State of Israel Bonds for Ohio/Kentucky and area director Sam Lobar presented an award to the Lexington Jewish community expressing the appreciation of the State of Israel.

Over the years the group has worked with the original Banc One Lexington (now Chase) and 5th/3rd

Investment Advisors of Lexington. We thank those institutions for their participation and hard work on behalf of the group.

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Let's first say a few words about our sponsors. Our sincere appreciation is extended to Barney Miller's electronics store, the Kaplans' Subway restaurants, Lowell's Automotive, and Martha Rosenberg's law office through whom we were able to offer volunteer T-shirts and meals to many people. We were also fortunate to receive all-donated items for our Giving Tent. Many thanks to Krispy Kreme, Magee's Bakery, and Panera Bread. All of these sponsors have been very generous over the years. Please remember their kindness when you are in need of any of these products or services.

The Florence Crittenton Home, established in 1894, is a licensed residential treatment facility offering shelter as well as parenting/school programs for teen mothers.

We actually visited the residents before they went home for the holidays, the week before our Day of Giving. Two volunteers, Barbara Barr and Beth Ellen Rosenbaum, accompanied JFS Director Abby Miller to serve and share dinner, engage in conversation, and partake in some serious baby-holding. These volunteers delivered many community-donated items for the girls as well. Says Abby, "We really enjoyed having dinner with the eleven ladies and staff; giving each of them holiday gift bags, as well as showering the girls and their lovable babies with tenderness and kindness. We can only hope they enjoyed the time as much as we did."

From the Florence Crittenton Home staff:
The staff and residents here at the Florence Crittenton Home want to express our sincere thanks for your thoughtfulness and generosity on December 12. It is because of wonderful people like you that our girls are able to witness the spirit of giving. We hope that one day the girls will feel inspired to "give back" as you have given to them.
Mary B. Venezie
Executive Director

Shriners Hospital, a non-profit organization funded by the Shriners that provides surgeries, therapy, and treatment for children suffering from crippling illnesses, birth defects or traumas—often at no expense to the families.

This activity included the music of Svetlana Alkhasov and her students, who performed a piano recital for

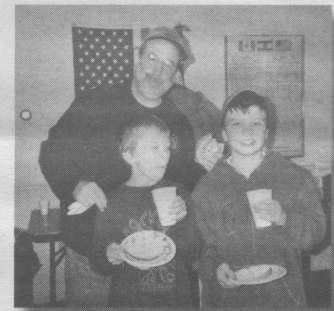
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Rebecca Huffman and Patricia Francis become friends while delivering Meals on Wheels.



The Soarlien family (Aaron, John, and Corinna) and Pat Shraberg prepare the meal at Catholic Action Center.



David Feinberg with sons Matthew and Jonathan before working at Catholic Action Center's Christmas Store.

the nine patients who were in the hospital that day. The grand finale was a duet by Svetlana and another young woman, demonstrating to the kids how good they might become with practice and effort. It was a real treat for patients and volunteers alike. Thank you, Svetlana, for organizing this function again for a second year.

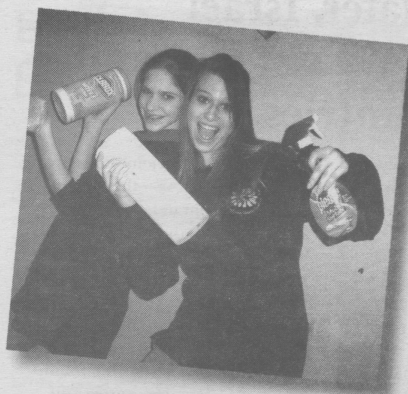
Many patients had already been sent home, but those remaining all said how much they enjoyed the beautiful music, the treats from Panera's and Mondelli's bakeries, and their McDonald's gift certificates. Thank you to Marty Kaplan and Bob and Sheila Orbach for helping at this location as well as Svetlana Alkhasov and all of her students.

From the Shriners Hospital staff:
Thank you for coming to visit our kids for the holiday season. We really enjoyed your music. All of you are so

talented! Thank you for the goodies as well. It is nice to know there are such kind and caring people in our neighborhood. We hope all of you have a great holiday season. Thanks again!!
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Meals on Wheels, a non-profit organization delivering healthy meals to the elderly or disabled at minimal cost.

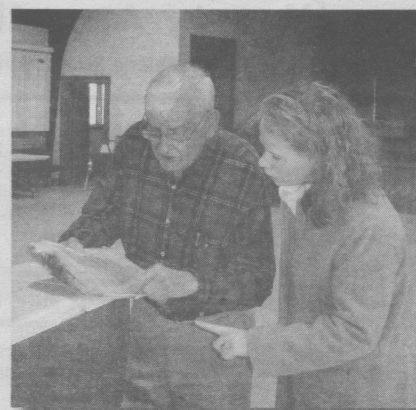
Many people came out not only on December 22 but on December 25 as well. These dedicated people included Joe and Judy Engleberg, M. Patricia Francis, Bobbi and Drew Fried, the Goldberg/Levey family, Rebecca Huffman, Linda and Doug Katz, Lee and David Keown, Laura and Eric Lakes, Connie and John Loventhal, Fran and Clark Mandell, the Noffsinger family, Mark Scarr, Paul Tillier, Rose Rita and Jerry Wurmser, and the Waltman men. Linda Noffsinger said, "It was rewarding to assist. I was very impressed with the organization and community commitment."



USYers have fun while cleaning up the Ronald McDonald house.



Phil Berger cleans windows at the Lexington Humane Society.



Linda Katz receiving final instructions from Meals on Wheels Director Bill Whitt before delivering meals.



Shirley Bryan helps out at the Ronald McDonald house.



Maria Alkhasov and Jordan Bryan clean up Ronald McDonald house.

From the Meals on Wheels staff:

We want to thank you and the Jewish Federation Members that delivered our meals on Christmas Day for our clients. You and your members have been so faithful over the years to make it possible for our usual deliverers to spend the holiday with their families. Please know how much we appreciate you all. Our best for a wonderful 2007.

Sincerely,
Genie Whayne
Meals on Wheels Chairperson

Catholic Action Center, a non-profit group that helps to shelter the homeless as well as serving three meals a day to homeless and low-income people. The Center now also offers a Christmas store where their clients can shop for holiday gifts. They are escorted through a warehouse with items sorted by category and volunteers help them do their personal shopping as well as sorting items and re-stocking the shelves. The "customers" are able to pick out two toys per child and unlimited numbers of stocking stuffers and stuffed animals and books, which are wrapped for them. They have festive music playing and snacks to enjoy as well. Many people also rely on the Center for a number of other resources such as free laundry service and help in getting clothing and finding jobs. Our volunteers helped with both facilities. We

brought a meal to the shelter and prepared it for all to enjoy while another group of volunteers went to work in the Christmas store.

Says Kathy Feinberg, whose family participated as volunteers at the Christmas Store, "Our family enjoyed the hands-on experience. We really left feeling like we helped." Her children, Jonathan and Matthew, were given the job of assisting and translating for the Spanish-speaking families. Her husband, David, helped sort items and re-stock the shelves between group visits. "It was a wonderful experience," according to the Feinbergs.

Catholic Action Center volunteers included Ruth Moser, Annette Milch, Pat Shraberg, Bob Deckelbaum, and John, Diane, Aaron and Corinna Svarlien.

Christmas Store volunteers included Kathy, David, Jonathan, and Matthew Feinberg, Sandra and Rachel Berger, Bob and Ben Grossman.

Lexington Humane Society, the non-profit agency that most people know of. What most people don't know is that the Humane Society is not limited to cats and dogs but now has the land and facilities to take in horses, pigs, and other animals you would only expect at an exotic pet store or a farm. They have a beautiful new building that had just opened the week before our visit. Our volunteers were given a tour of the new facilities, as well as given the chance to socialize with animals, wash windows, and help out in other ways.

Volunteers included David and Lee Keown, David and Drew Fried, Audrey Korotkin and Don Clippinger, Mike and Becky Grossman, Diana Clavitt, Phil Berger, and Ronit, Tomer, and Merav Eres.

Mayfair Manor Retirement Community invited us to share a Hanukkah celebration for a second year. Thank you to Karen Wekman, who leads activities at Mayfair. She graciously provided a delicious lunch complete with beef brisket and potato latkes, after Rabbi Sharon Cohen shared her talent and her knowledge of Hanukkah.

Our volunteers included Judy Baumann, Elissa Brown, Gideon, Ethan, and Nadia Goldberg, Ryan LaZur, Charles Gamariski, and CKJF staffers Tamara Ohayon and Jana LaZur.

Besides Rabbi Cohen's discussion, our visit included a rousing dreidel game played mainly by the children volunteers, visiting with the residents, and a special treat afterwards of beautiful piano music by Oscar Haber's son, Henri who was visiting.

Thank you very much to all the Day of Giving volunteers for all of your support and vigor. This was the biggest year yet not only in terms of volunteers and recipients, but also of collections. We had an outpouring of new and gently used toys, clothing, baby supplies, pet supplies, toiletries, and baked goods this year. Our community really made a difference, if only for a day! As always, if you would like to help in the future in planning events such as this we would love your help and support. Please contact Jana at (859) 268.0672 or jana@jewishlexington.org. ☆

B'tayavon (Hearty Appetite)

By Mary Heléne Rosenbaum

Pareve White Gazpacho for Tu B'Shevat

- 3 slices firm white bread (last week's challah is perfect), de-cruled and torn, soaked in 1 c. cold water
- 6 oz. blanched almonds, ground
- 2 c. seedless white grapes *
- 1/2 c. olive oil
- 2-3 T. white wine vinegar
- 3-4 c. ice water

Grind first four ingredients in blender or food processor. Add oil by droplets, stir in vinegar and water slowly. Chill and garnish with more grapes, halved; serve cold. Nobody will guess what's in this; everybody will rave over it.

From Celebrating Our Differences: Living Two Faiths in One Marriage, by Mary Heléne Rosenbaum and Stanley Ned Rosenbaum (Ragged Edge Press, 1994); reprinted by permission. ☆

NOTE: If you have an appropriate food story you'd like to share, or a recipe you think others in the Jewish community might enjoy, please email Ruth at rgp@msightbb.com.



Staff Wanted for Camp 2007



Camp Shalom and Camp Gesher are now accepting applications for all staff positions. Both camps will be in session from July 30 to August 10, 2007.

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We have four group leader positions open.

- Camp Shalom - Ofarin - campers ages 4 and 5
- Tsofin - campers ages 6 and 7
- Chalutzim - campers ages 8 to 10
- Camp Gesher - campers ages 11 to 13



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Group leader applicants must be high school graduates. Counselors must be above the age of 15. Counselors-in-training must be at least 14 years of age.

Interviews will be held on Sunday, February 25 at from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. and Tuesday, February 27 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Both will be held in the CKJF office.

Please call ahead to arrange your time slot.

Call Jana LaZur at 859.268.0672 or email to jana@jewishlexington.org

Applications may be obtained through the CKJF office or downloaded online at www.jewishlexington.org by following the links to Camp Shalom.



Two years later, Israel continues to assist tsunami-affected countries

January 5, 2007 - IsraAID, www.israaid.org.il - Two years following the wake of the disastrous tsunami that hit southeast Asia, killing hundreds of thousands of people and leaving millions homeless, Israelis continue to assist the affected communities. The major coordinator of such aid efforts is the Israel Forum for International Humanitarian Aid (IsraAID), a coordinating body of Israeli and other Jewish aid NGOs (non governmental organizations) based in Israel. During 2006, Israeli aid groups provided assistance to Sri Lanka in the form of mental health programs and micro-finance training to tens of thousands of people all over the country. Among the groups active in Sri Lanka is NISPED, an international Israeli aid group (and an IsraAID member), which has been empowering tsunami-damaged cooperatives in the southern province. NISPED has been training 1,750 managers from the Sri Lankan Cooperative Movement, which has two million members. NISPED advises the managers on ways to rebuild and improve small businesses closed or ruined because of the tsunami. A new Israeli medical program will begin this month and run

during 2007. It is a joint initiative between MASHAV—the foreign aid department in Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs—Magen David Adom, and the Sri Lankan Ministry of Health and Sri Lankan Red Cross. In January, the first group of fifteen Sri Lankan medical officials arrived in Israel to study techniques on dealing better with future disasters. The course will be held in the Magen David Adom compound in Tel Aviv with field visits to the Shiba and Lanyado hospitals. Magen David Adom will also donate six ambulances to the Sri Lankan Red Cross. The new medical program is sponsored by MASHAV and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

IsraAID has also coordinated efforts assisting people during the volcano eruption in the Congo, feeding thousands of starving children in Malawi, sending relief teams to aid the evacuees after Hurricane Katrina in the U.S. as well as after the earthquake on the border of Pakistan/India, helping coordinate a long-term program for the Darfurian refugees fleeing Sudan, and many other programs. ☆

IsraAID: The Israel Forum for International Humanitarian Aid

IsraAID is a coordinating body of Israeli and Jewish aid organizations NGOs (non governmental organizations) based in Israel and who are active in development and relief work and concerned about global issues ("Tikkun Olam").

IsraAID is a voluntarily run coalition which in the past 4 ½ years was able to coordinate, fundraise and expose its member's international aid program. Many of its members have been able to increase their assistance programs thanks to IsraAID coordination efforts and were able to assist tens of thousands of people among others during the volcano eruption in the Congo, feeding thousands of starving children in Malawi, working to assist Tsunami affected countries, sending relief teams to aid the evacuees following the devastation as a result of Hurricane Katrina in the US, coordinating efforts to assist victims following the earthquake on the border of Pakistan/India, helping coordinate a long term program which assists the Darfurian refugees fleeing Sudan, assisting Israel's Search and Rescue (SAR) teams to better equip themselves with SAR items which would be of use for in any future wars in Israel and also for future earthquake in countries worldwide as well as many other programs.

Through its advocacy program IsraAID was able to expose in the past years Israel's foreign aid assistance to tens of thousands of visitors arriving in Israel among them student groups, member of senate and congress, policy makers from Europe, international media and more. IsraAID also sent Israeli speakers on cross country tours in Northern America.

A huge increase has been noted due to the IsraAID coalition with a fact that working together for a common cause assists both the Israeli teams as well as the local community which receives the much needed know how that Israeli posses as well as its relief contribution.

IsraAID was also able to build a strong relationship for between its members and Jewish aid groups from Australia, the US, Canada, Europe and South Africa. IsraAID believes that Jewish partners are crucial for any future assistance programs due to the belief of joining hands to assist those in need in countries in distress worldwide.

For more information regarding IsraAID and Israel's foreign aid programs please visit www.israaid.org.il

Birthday brunch held for B'nai B'rith lodge

Local history remembered

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On Sunday, December 10, the Stanley Rose Lodge celebrated the 150th birthday of B'nai B'rith at the Sheraton Suites. Guests included Fifth District Congressman Ben Chandler and Kentucky State Treasurer Jonathan Miller.

Ernie Cohen introduced Harriet Rose, Stanley's widow, who cut the birthday cake and talked about Stanley's dedication to the organization and its tradition of service. After a brunch of lox, eggs, bagels, and Danish, Bobbie Levine—the B'nai B'rith program coordinator for our region—introduced John Rofel, vice president of B'nai B'rith International, who spoke about the world wide humanitarian work of B'nai B'rith as discussed in the recent Policy Conference in New Orleans. He congratulated the members of the local lodge on its reorganization.

Marty Kaplan read extracts from the minutes of lodge meetings going back to the years of the Civil War and World War I. It was fascinating to learn about the activities of the lodge during those periods. Many names of members from two and

three generations ago were the same as those who are still active members of the Lexington Lodge.

Leon Cooper spoke about more recent activities and plans for the coming year. Abe Rabiner then reported on the increase in members during the past year. He welcomed all members of our community, both men and women, to join us in B'nai B'rith,

It was a festive setting and a fitting celebration for 150 years of service and companionship. ☆



John Rofel and Harriet Rose.

University of Kentucky Hillel celebrates Hanukkah at Centre College

On December 1, 2006, members of the University of Kentucky Hillel celebrated Hanukkah at Centre College. Scott Meltzer, a Centre student and a member of CentreFaith, an interfaith religious organization, invited the members of the UK Hillel to the Hanukkah Festival of Lights celebration. Dr. Beth Glazier-McDonald, a professor of religion at Centre College, gave a lively and informative lecture on the historical origins of the holiday and traditions for its celebration. Professor Glazier-McDonald lit the menorah and recited the blessings. The lecture was followed by a wonderful assortment of traditional Hanukkah and Jewish foods including matzoh ball soup, potato latkes and *sufganiyot* (jelly doughnuts). The evening concluded with the students playing dreidel. Much Hanukkah gelt was won, lost, and eaten by all. This event was a positive step in building relations between the University of Kentucky Hillel and neighboring schools. ☆

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CKJF 12th Annual Winter Dinner a big hit

The Community Activities Committee of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation would like to wish everyone a very happy new year and thank all who attended the Winter Dinner. It was a nice evening filled with beautiful music, schmoozing, delicious food, sharing the night with another 135 people and even \$10,000 given away! How can you beat that for a party?

Many people are responsible for the success. Kudos to Barbara Barr, Aviva Bowling, Odette Kaplan, Mimi Kaufman, and Pat Shraberg for their time in planning. These women were wonderful in determining each and every detail to make the evening come together in such a nice way. Thanks also to the Sheraton Suites Hotel and to Lew and Aviva Bowling. Lew played the grand piano, and was accompanied by Aviva on her beautiful blue electric violin. The Bowlings, as well as the Shermans, have been very generous with their donation of time and talent to our events for years. A special "thank you" to the Bowlings for using their wedding anniversary to entertain our community. Their music was a wonderful prelude to dinner.

Larry Kant and Diane Bazelle opened our evening with the hamotzi so that we could all enjoy appetizers that were passed around the beautiful

atrium area of the Sheraton Suites hotel. Thank you both for your leadership and singing abilities!

Thank you to our president, Marty Barr, for welcoming everyone to the dinner, and calling everyone to the dining room where we began our preparations for lighting our menorahs and beginning the dinner. We also want to thank Rabbi Audrey Korotkin for leading us in the blessings over the candles and for singing with Aviva the final blessings before we started the meal.

The food was good and the company was even better. As the meal ended, people said their goodbyes, and our committee once again contemplated why we go to so much trouble several times a year. It was nice to see people introducing themselves, approaching those whom they knew or might just be meeting for the first time with kindness. With such a small community, we are thankful for such occasions of coming together to light our menorahs, or whatever the purpose is. This evening, we illuminated the room not just with beautiful candles, but with relationships that can last a lifetime. Thanks to all who participated in this opportunity, and watch next year as the Winter Dinner celebrates its bar mitzvah! ☆

Advancing Israeli youth from high risk to high tech

Project Net@'s first class graduates

November 13, 2006 / 22 Cheshvan 5767

"In the last few years, things have been financially tight for my family," says 17-year-old Avi Harari from Ramle. "My father, who immigrated to Israel many years ago from Argentina, has been out of work a lot. Through participating in Net@ I earned a computer technician's license. I now help my family financially by offering private lessons in computers around the neighborhood."

Net@ is a collaborative and innovative program that trains disadvantaged youth in Israel's peripheral areas in computer technology, and in the building and maintenance of Internet-related networks in order for them to compete for highly valued high-tech positions. At the same time it instills values of excellence and community involvement.

"Because of Net@ I have real expertise in computers that will take me far in life. I am proud to know that many younger kids, including my brother who just started the Net@ course, look up to me as an example of what we can achieve," continues Avi.

The project, a model strategic alliance between the Jewish Agency with Keren Hayesod-UIA, Cisco Systems, Inc. and Israeli non-profit Tapuach, is creating a technological "dream team" to help close the gaps associated with the "digital divide." The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation is a proud partner of the program site at the Youth Village at Hadassah Neurim, near Hadera. Net@ is an expansion of an international online learning project initiated and sponsored by computer networking giant, Cisco Systems, to teach Internet technology skills to youth around the world.

Net@ has been running for three years in cities and development towns throughout Israel. Avi is part of the first group of graduates, hailing from the Lod/Ramle region in the center of the

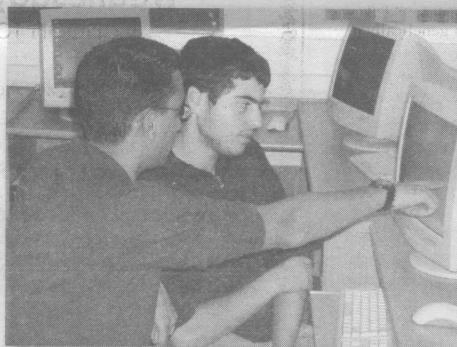


country. Lod/Ramle is a microcosm of Israeli society where Jews and Arabs, both religious and secular, live together in harmony. The Net@ participants are no exception.

Shai Chordeker, Net@ coordinator in Lod/Ramle says, "The kids have different languages, different cultures, and sometimes entirely different social frameworks."

The beginning of the first year of the course can be fairly difficult. However as time goes by, the barriers begin to go down. With this group we have seen real friendships develop and it is very encouraging."

Maram Higazi, an Israeli Christian Arab, is another of the first group of graduates. A vivacious 17-year-old, she hails from the village of Neve Shalom, itself a leading example of Israel/Arab co-existence. Maram, whose father is a professor of medicine at Jerusalem's Hadassah Ein Kerem hospital and her mother a leading neurologist, intends to also study medicine after leaving high school.



"Net@ has given me so much. It is a major stepping stone for me into the world of computers that will serve me well in my future studies and in later life," Maram explains. "Perhaps more importantly, it has given me insight into a part of Israeli society that I may not have seen, and helped me to make unexpected friendships. For this I will always be grateful to the people at Net@ and to the Jewish Agency for their efforts and their support."

Describing how Net@ operates, Shai stresses that the course is extra-curricular and held entirely in English. The demands and standards are very high. "We give each participant lots of encouragement both academically and socially. We want these promising high school kids to be leaders not only in technology, but also in Israeli society."

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As for the reasons the Jews had to reject the proposal, they felt that the territory allotted would make it impossible to integrate large number of immigrants; it did not give Jews real political independence, and kept Jerusalem and its Jewish community outside the Jewish State. They were also distrustful of Bernadotte,

whom they saw as a puppet of the British and their Arab allies.

The frail truce finally collapsed on July 8, 1948. There was going to be another territorial and political proposal from Bernadotte on September, but that is material for the next article. ✧

Heart Month Jewish woman shares message on heart health

By Deborah Moon

While cardiovascular disease is the number one killer of all women, Janice Isenberg knows she is more likely than most to succumb to the disease that kills one out of every two women.

The 58-year-old Isenberg has two goals: to empower women to reduce that startling statistic and to become the first elderly person in her biological family.

When Isenberg's mother Sarah died at age 54, the same age at which her grandfather had died, Isenberg, then 24, began a regimen of healthy living designed to avoid her family curse of heart disease. Despite a heart-healthy diet, exercise and regular physicals, Isenberg was diagnosed with coronary artery disease in 2000—the victim of extremely high "lipoprotein a," a genetic condition.

"You don't know how glad I was to turn 55," said Isenberg, a licensed clinical social worker.

Now retired from private practice, Isenberg volunteers her time to help other women cope with a diagnosis of cardiovascular disease and to help women recognize the disease's early warning signs, which can be so different from those experienced by men.

For the past two years, Isenberg has run support groups for women living with heart disease or a heart condition. Having recently completed the prestigious four-day WomenHeart's Science and Leadership Symposium at the Mayo Clinic, Isenberg now speaks to women's groups about the risks women face and how they can reduce the likelihood they will succumb to cardiovascular disease.

"Knowledge is power," said Isenberg. "It helps you ask the right questions and to take responsibility for your health and life."

Since February is American Heart Month, Isenberg said requests for her presentation are high. She recently spoke at Congregation Shaarie Torah and a local chapter of the



Janice Isenberg

National Psoriasis Foundation. She is scheduled to address the Robison Sisterhood Board, Hadassah, the Lake Oswego Women's Coalition, Clackamas County Employees, Meridian Park Hospital, the YMCA, Adventist Hospital and Congregation Beth Israel, where she and her husband Ben are members.

Even though its national designation makes February especially busy, Isenberg said her talk is appropriate at any time of year and to any group of women. Though Jewish women do not have a genetically increased risk of heart disease as they do for breast cancer, heart disease still poses the higher risk. Only one out of 30 women die of breast cancer, while one out of every two die of cardiovascular disease, she pointed out.

Isenberg added the one-time speaking engagements to her support group offerings after attending a symposium at the Mayo Clinic last October. She was one of 63 women heart patients from across the country chosen to attend the training course, which prepares them to be community advocates and official spokeswomen for WomenHeart, a patient advocacy organization serving the 8 million American women living with heart disease.

"These 63 women heart patients are very impressive—poised, articulate and very passionate," said Mayo Clinic cardiologist and the symposium medical director Dr. Sharonne Hayes in a press release. "They are going to have an enormous impact in their communities and make sure that every woman receives early detection, accurate

Jewish Family Services *jfs* Upcoming Programs Leisure Club

Lunch at Bella Notte Restaurant

3715 Nicholasville Road

Monday, February 12
12 noon to 2:30 p.m.

Beth Loiselle, a Registered Dietician, will join the group and share her insights about heart health, healthy aging, and good nutrition.

Purim Party

with musical entertainment by
Svetlana Alkhasov and Raphael Finkel

Wednesday, March 14
12 noon to 2:30 p.m.

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diagnosis and proper treatment for her heart disease."

That is exactly what Isenberg wants to do in Portland.

For information on arranging a speaking engagement or for

information on her next eight-week support group for women living with heart disease, call Isenberg at 971-235-1014.

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Book Review

By Daniel Chefec

Journey of the Jihadist: Inside Muslim Militancy

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In *Journey of the Jihadist* [Harcourt Press: May, 2006] Fawaz Gerges, Lebanese-born American journalist, interviews militant Muslims active in the Jihadist movement over several generations. He traces the evolution of Jihadism from its origins as an offshoot of Islamism to its current most extreme forms, including the Salafi Islam variety of Osama Bin Ladin and the Al Qaeda movement. He convincingly makes the point that a civil war is taking place in the Muslim world among the different groups of Islamists, from those who merely want the

Sharia (Islamic Law) to be the law of the land to those who believe it is their duty to impose Islam in the whole world. The book offers a good insight on this issue of fundamental importance in today's world. *Foreign Affairs*, a publication of the Council of Foreign Relations, has named *Journey of the Jihadist: Inside Muslim Militancy* to their list of the top fifteen best-selling hardcover books on American foreign policy and international affairs for May, June, and July 2006. ☆

Leisure Club Hanukkah party attracts newcomers

Reciprocal invitation issued

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By Ruth Moser

On December 19, Rabbi Kline welcomed the Leisure Club to its annual Hanukkah Party at Temple Adath Israel. The usual gang came, plus about five newcomers. One newcomer was Vivienne C. Wright, my aerobics swim teacher, who invites us to the pool at the downtown Y Mondays through Thursdays—it's free through the Bell House.

Harold Sherman entertained us with beautiful music while everyone ate, laughed, and had a good time. We lit Hanukkah candles along with an electric menorah. Leisure Club member Bob Orbach gave a brief presentation, "Hanukkah: A Jewish Veteran's Perspective." We even played the dreidel game with Hanukkah gelt and Hershey Kisses. Abby Miller and the Leisure Club committee (Annette Milch, Barbara Barr, Marion Jonas, and Ruth Moser), made latkes, Annette made her delicious kugels,

and Barabara Barr and Mayya Dekhtyar made yummy cookies.

If you missed the Hanukkah Party, watch for upcoming Leisure Club events in the mail, and in *Shalom*. Some exciting programs are being planned. On Monday, February 12 at noon we will meet for lunch at Bella Notte Restaurant followed by an informative presentation by Registered Dietician Beth Loisselle on heart health, staying healthy as we age, and other health and nutrition tips. On Wednesday, March 14 at noon at Temple Adath Israel, we will celebrate Purim with hamentaschen and other treats along with special concert performances by Svetlana Alkhasov and Raphael Finkel.

If you do not currently receive the invitations in the mail and would like to be put on the Leisure Club mailing list, please contact Abby at (859) 269-8244. If you need a ride to any of the Leisure Club events, JFS hires a very reliable transportation service.

Give the Leisure Club a try—I think you will like it. ☆

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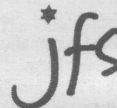
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The case for carrier screening knowledge and counseling are best weapons against genetic diseases and for family planning

By Sandy Thorn Clark

LAURA AND GREGG MEYERS need not look beyond their 3-year-old daughter, Sophie, for reasons to advocate carrier screening for Jewish couples wanting children. Nor do they need to look beyond their 9-month-old son, Zachary, for reasons to advocate preimplantation genetic diagnosis for couples who want to prevent a pregnancy affected by a genetic condition.

Laura, 25 when she became pregnant with Sophie, incorrectly assumed that the blood tests she and Gregg took would reveal whether they were carriers of the common Jewish genetic disorders. To their dismay, the blood tests did not, and Sophie and her parents went through an agonizing six months before she was diagnosed with the rare Ashkenazi Jewish genetic disease called familial dysautonomia (FD). Both parents are carriers.

Though Sophie has only a mild form of familial dysautonomia (pronounced "dysauto-NO-mia")—a disease present at birth that causes dysfunction of the automatic and sensory nervous systems—she is still solely tube-fed on a 24-hour schedule, her speech is delayed (though her proud mom says she's been "talking up a storm the last six months"), she doesn't feel the sensation of hunger, and she drools because her oral motor skills are delayed. The family goal is for Sophie to one day be able to eat by mouth.

During the Buffalo Grove couple's first visit to a New York specialist with Sophie, they asked about future babies; they were told there was a 25 percent chance that pregnancy could result in another FD baby.

"I wouldn't trade my daughter for anything in this world," vows Laura Meyers, "but I wouldn't knowingly do this again."

The couple listened to their options, and were referred to Chicago's Reproductive Genetics Institute (RGI) by their New York geneticist. At RGI, they met with genetic counselor Renee Genovese, who suggested preimplantation genetic diagnosis (PGD), in which normal eggs are transferred into the woman's uterus during an in vitro fertilization (IVF) cycle. Genovese says she stresses during free consultations that while RGI's testing is accurate 98 percent of the time, she never quotes 100 percent accuracy. The happy result for the Meyers is their healthy son, Zachary.

"I'm not going to lie," admits his mother. "The first thing we did was have our son tested for FD. But I knew there was a difference: when Sophie was born, she didn't cry right away, and Zachary did."

Dania D'Achille, genetic counselor of the Chicago Center for Jewish Genetic Disorders, a collaborative effort of the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago and Children's Memorial Hospital, stresses the importance of carrier screening for genetic disorders

unusually common among Jews of Eastern Europe (Ashkenazi) descent. Though genetic diseases can affect Sephardi Jews and non-Jews, they afflict Ashkenazi Jews from 20 to 100 times more frequently.

Jewish genetic disorders, in addition to familial dysautonomia, include Bloom syndrome, Canavan disease, cystic fibrosis, factor XI deficiency, Fanconi anemia, Gaucher disease, mucopolidosis IV, Niemann-Pick disease, non-classical adrenal hyperplasia, nonsyndromic hearing loss, Tay-Sachs disease, and torsion dystonia. Recently, some screening panels have included two other genetic disorders (maple syrup urine disease and glycogen storage disease type 1).

The Chicago Center for Jewish Genetic Disorders' carrier screening program is designed for healthy people who have no symptoms of disease, but who are known to be at high risk because of their family history or ethnicity and who might carry one copy of a disease-causing recessive gene that could be inherited by their children.

D'Achille emphasizes that the center is "not about preventing marriage," but rather is concerned with Jewish couples who are planning families. Because, increasingly, couples are marrying later with their biological clocks already ticking, D'Achille recommends carrier screening about two months prior to the wedding and suggests couples attend one of the Center's quarterly presentations on the major disorders. "Couples fill out forms about their family's medical history, ask questions publicly or individually, eat dinner, and receive screening if they choose. Two to three weeks later, I call and discuss their results," D'Achille explains.

Of the 120 persons screened annually, about 8 percent are carriers, she says. "It's very tough to tell a person he or she is a carrier; especially when he or she was screened with his or her partner, and the partner is a carrier. It's a lot for people to handle. If you feel you're not ready to receive this information, comfortable to receive this word, then I suggest you put it off until you think you are planning a family," adds D'Achille.

Laura Meyers recommends that couples delay screening until they are ready to have children and then be screened for the entire panel of genetic disorders, regardless of the cost (not all screenings are covered by insurance). "Get the advantage of the most recent and available technology," adds Meyers, who says that her daughter's disorder was not included in the screening four years ago, even if she had been screened. "It wouldn't have shown up then; now it would. Technology keeps changing, so I would say couples should benefit from the latest technology. I also think you should get tested even in an interfaith marriage."

"Don't think you're invincible," warns Meyers, 29, who admits she felt "invincible" at 25. "And trust your instincts—don't think your doctor is taking care of everything," she says, detailing her difficulties in getting physicians to believe her concerns about Sophie's health during her first six months. "Don't buy into it if your doctor writes off your concerns and tells you that all Jewish parents think their kids have something wrong with them. I went from specialist to specialist before a pediatrician arranged for us to fly to New York to meet a specialist who diagnosed Sophie's condition as FD."

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WHERE TO TURN FOR INFORMATION AND HELP

Chicago Center for Jewish Genetic Disorders
30 S. Wells St., Chicago, IL 60606
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Visit www.jewishgeneticscenter.org

Overview of Halachic Issues Pertaining to Jewish Genetic Disorders
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Dysautonomia Foundation Inc.
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New software marks development in Jewish technology

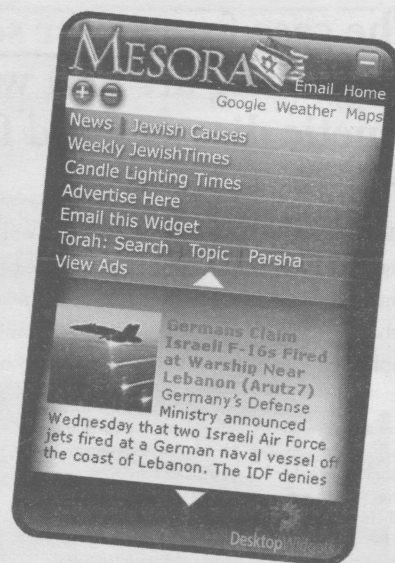
November 9, 2006, Cedarhurst, New York - Mesora.org, the ten-year-old Jewish education and activism website, today released its new desktop software, the "Mesora Widget," produced by www.DesktopWidgets.org. Recently popularized by Apple Computers, Google and Yahoo!, "widgets" are small custom applications that reside on PC desktops. "Widgets are a groundbreaking technology. Without browsers, widgets deliver data and images in seconds across the globe. Launching daily at PC start-up, our free Mesora widget displays world news, global candle lighting times, our free JewishTimes magazine, columns on Judaism from rabbis across the globe, and information important to the global Jewish audience. And now, we can launch our Jewish activism campaigns in a flash. Faster than email, our readers get our breaking news digests, with images, and links to full stories," said a Mesora spokesperson. Mesora's widget is

tested safe, certified by Thawte, and an authentic DesktopWidget.

Mesora added that DesktopWidgets.org has created the "best thing since advertising." "There's just no faster means of reaching the Jewish audience, or any audience, since communications reach users in literally seconds." Even closed widgets can be re-launched when a news feature or Jewish cause is time-sensitive and pressing. Possessing the exclusive widget in the Jewish marketplace, Mesora said their widget will support their global Jewish education: "We can now offer Jewish advertisers immediate and repeated market penetration in a non-competitive environment: users' desktops. We place their ads on Jewish desktops around the world. No one else can make that claim. It's a win-win situation. Since our official launch two days ago to our 37,000 subscribers, they have been downloading our new widget with enthusiasm; almost 500 have been downloaded from our website,

and we anticipate thousands more." Mesora says it is also partnering with other Jewish organizations, offering them free Mesora widget ads in exchange for their promotion of their widget on their websites.

When they download them from the web, or receive them as .exe email attachments, users install widgets onto their desktops, where they reside as unobtrusive icons. Once launched, widgets "expand" to deliver interactive communications and advertisements including JPEG, XML, web and email links, and interactive Flash animations. Widgets can be repositioned anywhere on the desktop. With a click, widgets compact to icon size, and with another click, they fade to invisible, though they are still accessible from



the taskbar. Widgets are 20 percent transparent, allowing users to view underlying documents so open files aren't hidden. Widgets function on both Mac and PC operating systems. The Mesora DesktopWidget can be downloaded free from the Mesora website at <http://www.Mesora.org/DesktopWidget>.

upcoming event

Jewish Genetic Disorders Seminar



The Women's
Zionist
Organization
of America

The presentation will be led by Rachel Kelleher, M.S. and Certified Genetic Counselor (CGC) who will discuss a wide range of subjects relating to genetic disorders and the Jewish community.

Co-sponsored by the
Lexington Chapter of Hadasah
and Jewish Family Services

Tuesday, March 27
7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.



Central Baptist Hospital
1740 Nicholasville Road
Education Center Bldg E,
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For more information about this event,
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Around the Community

Mazel Tov to...

Vinnie and Lou Dubilier on the bat mitzvah of their granddaughter **Morgan Hayley Joffe** on October 21, 2006. The parents are **Ellen and Colyn Joffe** of Louisville.

Mike and Barbara Archer on Mike's new position as defensive coach for North Carolina State University.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Katz of Riverwoods, Illinois, on the birth of twins **Ethan Jacob** and **Jordyn Carly** on Nov. 24, 2006. The paternal grandparents are **Gloria and Robert Travis**, Cincinnati.

Bob and Jo Belin on the birth of their grandson, **Max Salzinger**, on October 13, 2006. The parents are **Ruth Belin and Mark Salzinger** of Indianapolis, IN.

Joe and Suzanne Miller on the birth of their grandson, **Jared Zev Miller**, on January 6, 2007. The parents are **Stephan A. and Dr. Rachel Kellerman Miller**.

Howard and Elisabeth Myers on the birth of their grandson, **Max Hixson**.

Evelyn Levy on the marriage of her grandson, **Clay Jacobs**, to **Amanda Lynn** on December 9, 2006.

Jerry and Rose Rita Wurmser on the birth of their great grandson, **Noah Benton Howard**, January 15, 2007. His parents are **Lauren and Chris Howard**; **Joshua Tag** is his big brother.

Sandra and Sandy Archer on the arrival of their new baby girl.

Condolences to...

The **Wurmser family** on the death of **Rose Rita's** sister, **Lois Stern**, on January 15.

Bruce and Mary Engel on the death of **Bruce's** father, **Sam Engel**, on November 30, 2006.

The **Frankel family** on the death of **Edith Frankel** on January 3, 2007.

Ben Kaufmann and Janet Zusman on the death of **Sara Kaufmann**, mother of **Ben**, on December 29, 2006.

Gale and Sandy Lazarus on the death of **Gale's** brother, **Mark Symons**, on November 28, 2006.

Lenny Lerner on the death of his wife, **Marjie Lerner**, Louisville, on December 26, 2006.

Sarah Liebman, Adolf and Ruth Kerber, Dan Liebman, and James and Karen Liebman on the death of their sister, niece, and cousin on December 4, 2006.

Jennifer Miller on the death of her grandmother **Beulah Henry** on January 3, 2007.

Larry and Janice Newman and Jonathan and Angie Smith on the death of their nephew and cousin, **Nat Yesowitch**, on November 30, 2006.

Clair and Kevin Palley on the death of **Clair's** grandfather **Monty Kirkwood** on November 21, 2006.

Wendy and Jonathan Waltman on the death of **Wendy's** grandmother **Cecilia Corliss** on December 13, 2006.

Refuah Shlema to...

• **Ralph Crystal** • **Kae Schenberg**
• **Evelyn Geller** • **Peter Schogol**
• **Karyn Martin**

The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah

President, Odette Kaplan

In January 2000, Hadassah committed \$3 million to help Jewish National Fund (JNF) fund the Tzirah Reservoir in Israel's Jordan Valley. Hadassah's support reflects the organization's concern for Israel's current water shortage, a situation approaching crisis proportions. Funding Tzirah is a first step toward ensuring that Israel has sufficient water reserves to protect the region's agriculture, industrial production, and household water consumption.

The reservoir is located in one of the most beautiful nature preserves on the banks of the Jordan River. Not only is the site a natural habitat for wildlife and a tourist attraction, but it is also a vital water source for farmers in the Jordan Valley, as well as for their Arab neighbors. Leaders at using advanced agriculture technology, Israeli farmers grow dates, grapes,

citrus fruit, winter vegetables, and flowers for local use and for export.

In February, we celebrate Tu B'Shevat, the New Year for Trees. The JNF plants trees in Israel to regrow the forests and bring new life to the land. Hadassah continues to be the largest contributor to and supporter of JNF. This is a good time for you to honor Israel by again purchasing tree certificates. Please contact our JNF chairperson, **Judy Craft**, (859) 245-8445 or jcrafty@hotmail.com.

Hadassah's major fundraising event of the year will be **March 17, 2007** at Temple Adath Israel. This will be a silent and live auction with a professional auctioneer and dinner with entertainment. Everyone is invited. Additional details will be in your invitations.

Watch your mail for other programs.

The Lexington Havurah

David R. Wekstein, President

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

The Lexington Havurah held its annual Hanukkah party and potluck supper at the home of **Bob and Judy Baumann**. Each family brought a main dish and either salad or dessert along with their hanukkiot. Following the delicious dinner we all lit the candles together and sang some of the traditional songs. **Raphael Finkel**, chair of the Education Committee, then presented a fascinating program on the songs we associate with the holidays, and on those holidays with no songs.

In January, the Havurah met for a havdalah service at the Lexington Theological Seminary. A service, along with commentary, was coled by **Terry and Carol Wilson**. Following a potluck meal (the



Havurah Hanukkah party.

Havurah likes to eat!), **Rafi** led us in a discussion about the present Arab-Israel conflict.

On February 3, I will have the honor of leading the Tu b'Shevat seder. This is based on the Passover seder, but instead of reading the story of the Exodus we read stories and poems about the land of Israel and its flora. At various points in the seder we eat different types of fruits and nuts to acknowledge the multiple varieties that exist.

The annual Havurah retreat will be held on Sunday, March 11. The topic will be "Jewish Genealogy." The keynote speaker will be **Gary Mokotoff**, an author, lecturer, and leader of Jewish-American genealogy. Mr. Mokotoff has been recognized by major genealogical groups for his achievements. He is the author of a number of books including the award-winning *Where Once We Walked*, a gazetteer that provides information about 23,500 towns in Central and Eastern Europe where Jews lived before the Holocaust. Mr. Mokotoff has served and continues to serve on a number of boards of directors of genealogical organizations and publications. The Havurah looks forward to his visit to Lexington.

For additional information about these programs or about the Havurah please contact me either by phone or email.

Temple Adath Israel

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Lent and Passover Ecumenical Program

Lent is the season when Christians recall the death and resurrection of Jesus, his saving death, as Christians believe. And as the story unfolds in the lectionary Christians often wonder: Why don't Jews understand that they need the gift of unmerited grace that came with the death? And Jews continually wonder why Jesus was credited as bringing that gift.

Rabbi Marc Kline and Father Jay Pierce invite you to address those questions, each Wednesday evening at Christ Church Cathedral beginning February 28 for five weeks. Starting with a light supper at 6 p.m., people of Jewish and Christian faith will get together. Using David Klinghoffer's *Why the Jews Rejected Jesus: The Turning Point in Western History*, we will be reminded of the most important thing we hold in common: a belief that there is such a thing as religious truth—an idea that is under attack in our secular society.

We hope to have Christians and Jews involved in a discussion that is not intended to convert the faith of Christian or Jew from their lifelong relationship with God. That would be wrong. Our intention is to strengthen the faith of each. The review of information and discussion requires us to look again at our beliefs and at their source, and to refine our thoughts about ultimate questions. Our faith can only be strengthened and sharpened by debating with people who don't see things as we do. We are not looking to agree or affirm each other's dogma—only each other's faith.

To enroll in this extraordinary opportunity to ask one another questions we hesitate to explore in social situations, call the Temple at (859) 269-2979 or Christ Church Cathedral at (859) 254-4497. While you're at it, reserve your copy of *Why the Jews Rejected Jesus*.

Books are available at the Christ Church Cathedral to purchase or reserve. Call (859) 254-4497. You can also purchase online from amazon.com or through the Temple. The cost is \$17.00 plus handling. Order by the first part of February

in order to have in time for the discussion series. Call Sandee at Temple at (859) 269-2979 if you wish to purchase the book through us.

Shylock is coming to town

Gareth Armstrong, a Welsh actor and member of the Royal Shakespeare Company, has created a fascinating production based on the world's most famous fictional Jew. This award-winning play confronts and confounds stereotypes as seen through Shylock's only friend—and the only other Jewish man in all of Shakespeare—Tubal, a comic storyteller, conjures up a cast of characters from Pontius Pilate to Adolf Hitler in this dazzling play exploring Shylock and his world.

Discounted group tickets are available through Toni Reiss, program coordinator for the February 10, 8:00 p.m. performance. Call Temple to get your name on the list. Cost: \$26 for adults, \$22 for students, faculty, staff, seniors, and alumni, and \$20 for UK students. RSVP by January 31, 2007.

After the show, we will meet for desserts and discussion at a place to be determined at a later time.

TAI Book Group

TAI Book Discussion Group will meet on February 28, 2007 to discuss *The Fixer* by Bernard Malamud.

"*The Fixer* deserves to rank alongside the great Jewish-American novels of Saul Bellow and Philip Roth."
- *The Independent* (London)

Torah Study

Rabbi Kline conducts the study of the Tanakh (the Bible) from the Book of Joshua and beyond using the new *Jewish Study Bible* on alternate Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Library. February schedule is 2/3 and 2/17.

Kollel Study Group

Joe Engelberg leads this study of fundamental ideas of Jewish life and thought. Among these are spirituality, the nature of God, biblical and traditional injunctions and laws, Jewish history, principles of the Reform movement, the relation of Judaism to Christianity, Islam, and Buddhism. Drop in the

Library any time and join in the provocative and friendly discussion. February schedule is 2/10 and 2/17.

Tuesday Bridge Club

The Tuesday Bridge Group meets in the Temple Library beginning at 11:00 a.m. Bring your lunch and play until 2:00 p.m. You don't have to be an expert to join. This group is going strong, so if you like to play bridge, here's your chance to join and socialize with fellow Temple members.

Adult Education

with Larry Kant

The Sunday Adult Education class with Dr. Larry Kant (Finding a Jewish Path While the Ground Shifts Beneath Us) will focus on another volume (volume 1) of the Jewish Lights "My People's Prayer Book Series," *The Shema and Its Blessings*.

As we did last year, we will explore the deeper meanings and symbolism of Jewish prayer texts. Here are the upcoming dates for this year: Feb. 11, March 11, April 15, and May 20.

Chavurat-Chochma (A Friendly Gathering of Wisdom) News

Join us on February 23, 2007 for a chance to socialize and enjoy an informative program. While invitations are sent to members of the congregation 60 years old and better—all are welcome! We meet most months to schmooze, nosh, and share our wisdom.

Caring Connections Committee

The Caring Connections Committee is asking Temple members to help perform Random Acts of Mitzvot. Our committee provides meals to members of our congregation who are ill, contacts older/homebound Temple members monthly, aids families who are bereaved, and provides occasional transportation to Temple events. Please call Julie at (859) 225-5646 or Deb at (859) 223-8601 to let us know to what degree you can be involved. No meetings—no pressure—we promise! We'll call you as the need arises. Julie McKee and Deb Kratzer, chairpersons.

God's Pantry Night on Tuesday

Please join representatives from the entire Jewish community at God's Pantry on the third Tuesday of each month, from 6:00 to 7:30. We will sort food to be distributed to the homeless and assist God's Pantry in fulfilling the needs of the hungry in Kentucky. For more information and directions, please contact Karen Petrone at (859) 226-9145 or Petrone@uky.edu. Join us on Feb. 20, March 20, and April 16 (note that this is a Monday).

TRYB is selling Passover candy

Chocolate-covered macaroons and matzo. Almond caramel clusters. Milk and parve chocolate bars. Seder mints. Fruit slices. Yes, TRYBs annual sale of Passover candy is going on now. By ordering from the Temples high school youth group, you save yourself the hassle of having to hunt down Passover treats at your neighborhood grocery store, assuming it even has any. All the chocolate is from Bartons, a well-known kosher confectioner. You can order in one of three ways: 1. On Sunday morning before or after religious school; TRYB members will have a table set up outside the social hall. Our last Sunday will be Feb. 10. 2. Any time at the Temple office. A brochure and order form are posted on the bulletin board near the copier. The order deadline is Thursday, Feb. 22. 3. Online at www.misschocolate.com. Just remember to use our student ID number so TRYB gets credit for the sale. Click on "online store" on the left, then click on "Passover" to see all the selections. When you go to check out, you will be asked for the student ID number. Ours is 9000344. Using it ensures that TRYB gets credit for the sale. Please try to place your orders by Feb. 23 to ensure delivery on time.

As always TRYB appreciates your patronage; proceeds from the sale of candy help TRYB fund its programs and contribute to the community at large. If you have any questions, call TRYB treasurer Jeremy Noffsinger at (859) 224-0897 or TRYB advisor Mary Engel at (859) 252-3734.

Ohavay Zion Synagogue

2048 Edgewater Court • President, Sanford Goldberg • (859) 266-8050

Havdala and Herbs

All are invited to join our Religious School for a special Tu b'Shevat program on Saturday evening, February 3 at 6:30 p.m. at OZS. We will begin with Havdala followed by some entertaining Tu b'Shevat activities, including planting herbs which can be used later this year during the Passover seder. Don't miss out as we celebrate the "Jewish New Year of the Trees." Call the office for more information.

Social Action

Beginning February 20, the Social Action committees of Ohavay Zion Synagogue and Temple Adath Israel are sponsoring a food drive in conjunction with the upcoming holiday of Purim. Collection barrels for donations of canned goods or nonperishable packaged foods will be located in the lobby area through March 11. All collected food will be donated to God's Pantry. Monetary donations can be made via <http://vad.aidmatrix.org/vadxml.cfm?driveid=1993>. The program will query you on where you want your donation to go, so be sure to flag God's Pantry Food Bank, Lexington.

The OZS Social Action committee invites you to join us on the third Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. as we sort food donations at God's Pantry. Contact Mollye Schwab at (859) 881-1686 if you are interested in participating on this kid- and adult-friendly mitzvah.

Machon OZS: Adult Education News

"Adult Ed at the Movies," OZS' adult education once-a-month movie series, continues this month on Wednesday, February 14, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at OZS. Call the OZS office for the scheduled movie.

"Modern Ethical and Social Issues from a Jewish Perspective," taught by Bennett Bayer and Rabbi Sharon Cohen, examines some of our most pressing social and ethical dilemmas and issues facing us as Americans and Jews. The class is scheduled to meet this month on Sunday, February 18 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All are welcome. Please call the OZS office for more information.

"Looking for God in Everyday Life and Prayer: A Guide for the Uncertain," taught by Dr. Art Shechet and Rabbi Sharon Cohen, will meet this month on Sunday evening, February 11, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

OZS Sisterhood Game Night

Do you enjoy a good game of cards or a board game? How about schmoozing and noshing with friends? Is so, then join us at the OZS Sisterhood's Annual Game Night on Saturday, February 10, at 7:30 p.m. Cards, Scrabble, and Rummikube will be provided. Feel free to bring any other games you wish to play and to bring your bridge, canasta, mah jong, or poker buddies along. The cost is \$5, which will help pay for the nosh.

OZS Congregational Trip to Israel

All Aboard! Ten OZS members along with Rabbi Cohen will be participating in this first-ever OZS trip as we join with Congregation Beth Am in Longwood, Florida, for a spectacular twelve-day trip to Israel, February 18 to March 1. On Shabbat morning, February 17, those going on the trip will be called to the Torah for a special blessing. While in Israel, we will be planting trees in the north in an effort to reforest land that was destroyed during the recent conflict with Hezbollah. Also scheduled is a trip to Ben Yakir, a Youth Aliyah Village that is expanding its farm and equine area. Members of the Equine Division of CKJF's Community Campaign are being asked to help support this expansion, so we are excited to be able to tour the facility and will bring back a firsthand report of all the work being done at this special village for youth.

Shabbat at OZS

We welcome in Shabbat during the Kabbalat Shabbat service on Friday evenings at 5:45 p.m. Feel free to come "as-is" from work or other activities and join us for the spirited evening service before heading home for your Shabbat Dinner. Friday, February 9, will be a special Gan Shalom Pre-School Tot Shabbat with a child-friendly shorter service. The last Friday of the month, February 23, the service will be at

7:30 p.m. with a special program and Oneg following. Stewart Home will be joining the congregation for their monthly Shabbat at OZS on Friday, February 2. Join us for our Shabbat Morning Service each Saturday morning at 9:45 a.m. Kiddush lunch follows each week.

Gan Shalom Preschool Passover Candy Sale

Although Passover isn't until the beginning of April, now is the time to place your order with Gan Shalom Preschool for your favorite Passover candy! Treat yourself or someone else to Barton's Passover Candy: Macaroons, Lollycones, Carmel Nut Clusters, Chocolate Matza, and more. All proceeds go to support Gan Shalom. Orders are due by February 19. For more information, contact Amy in the Gan Shalom office at (859) 335-9922, email director@ganshalom.com, or visit www.ganshalom.com/Bartons.html for an order form.

Daily Minyan

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

OZS Religious School News

The Religious School will be busy this month with the celebration of Tu b'Shevat and with preparation for Purim. Join our students for the special Havdala and Herbs program on Saturday evening, February 3.

Our Junior Congregation program continues on February 24 at 10:45 a.m. in the Music Room.

The program is coordinated by Judy Levey and led by Asher Finkel and Miriam Davis-Rosenbaum. We encourage parents to attend with their kids.

Our Midrasha program, coordinated by Shirley Bryan and Darcie Jarman, continues to meet Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m. in the social hall. This month the students will continue to focus upon various elements within the Jewish Life Cycle.

Youth Group News

In celebration of Shabbat, in January, USYers participated in a special USY/Kadima Shabbat Dinner and led the traditional Friday evening service following. A *yasher koach* goes to Miriam Davis-Rosenbaum, Religious Education vice president, for organizing the participants. Also in January, USYers and Kadimaniks joined the Jewish and the greater Lexington community in the annual Martin Luther King March, followed by a lunch and a special leadership program during which they planned an upcoming social action program. This month, USYers will be traveling to the CRUSY Specialty Kinus in Columbus. USY and Kadima will be joining with youth groups in the Cincinnati area for skiing during President's Weekend.

Purim Wine Tasting

Save Saturday evening, March 3 on your calendar for a special wine tasting fundraiser at OZS as we usher in the holiday of Purim with merriment (and safe drinking!). USY will be providing babysitting for participants. Call the office for more information.

Facts about Israel

Israel has the highest ratio of university degrees to the population in the world. Twenty-four percent of Israel's workforce holds university degrees, ranking third in the industrialized world, after the United States and Holland; 12 percent hold advanced degrees.

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Community Calendar

CKJF - Central Kentucky Jewish Federation

1050 Chinoe Road • Suite 203 • 268-0672 • Marty Barr, President

OZS - Ohavay Zion Synagogue

2048 Edgewater Court • 266-8050 • Sanford Goldberg, President

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

TAI - Temple Adath Israel

124 N. Ashland Avenue • 269-2979 • David Shraberg, President

Shabbat Services Friday 7:30 p.m.; Worship Service Saturday 10:30 a.m.

HAD - The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah

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HAV - The Lexington Havurah

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						Tu B'Shvat - Jewish Arbor Day
28	29	30	31	February 1	2	3
	Yiddish Club at CKJF	- OZS Board Meeting - TAI Board Meeting	OZS Adult Ed Speaker Series			- Shalom Deadline - OZS Sisterhood Game Night
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Hadassah: Every Step Counts	JFS Leisure Club Lunch and Health Program	Chabad-Rabbi Litvin visits		- Stewart Home Visit - Purim Party		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Rosh Chodesh Adar	- Rosh Chodesh Adar - Yiddish Club at CKJF - President's Day (Office Closed)	- Rosh Chodesh Kislev - God's Pantry Night 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	TAI Sisterhood Luncheon			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Camp Counselor Interviews 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.		- JFS Director Gives Donovan Scholars Forum Presentation - Camp Counselor Interviews 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.	- CKJF Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. - CKJF Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. - TAI Book Discussion Group	Ta'anit Esther - Fast of Esther		
25	26	27	28	March 1	2	3
Purim	Shushan Purim	- OZS Board Meeting - TAI Board Meeting				- Shalom Deadline - CKJF Comedy Night 8:00 p.m.
4	5	6	7	8	9	10