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Community celebrates Israel's 60 years of statehood

More than 150 attend Keeneland festivities

What an auspicious day this is, to be associated with over 80 communities to celebrate this particular moment of Israel's independence. I am proud to be a part of it and glad to be here. — Alan Stein

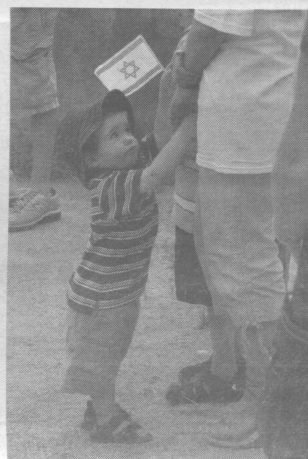
What better cause could there be to bring together our small community than a 60th birthday party for Israel? Everyone wanted to do something different and special this year, so the Community Activities Committee, led by Mimi Kaufman and joined by Hadassah, Temple, and Synagogue members, rose to the occasion. Together with Aviva Bowling, Odette Kaplan, Evalyn Block, and Lisa Satin, we were able to organize the biggest gathering for Yom Ha'atzmaut in many years with over 150 people in attendance at Keeneland in Lexington.

The day began at 8:00 a.m. for the many volunteers who came to set up tents, prepare the walking route, coordinate food, and coordinate vendors. Special

thanks are in order to the Camp Shalom and Camp Gesher staff, who helped with set up as well as running a booth of children's activities and camp enrollment. As Mimi Kaufman said, "Our community really came when they were called and we are very appreciative of the support."

By 10:00 a.m. people were arriving to register or pick up their goodies for the walk. Each person who paid \$5.00 received an official "Walk the Land" package, which included a T-shirt, water bottle, and backpack. These are the same items given out in more than 80 communities worldwide as they all celebrated Yom Ha'atzmaut. Lexington, Kentucky joined the ranks

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One of our younger members enjoys Yom Ha'atzmaut.

CAMPAIGN NEWS

CKJF Annual Meeting held

Night highlights events of past twelve months, honors volunteers

On June 25, the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation held its annual meeting at the corporate offices in the Chinoe Center.

The evening began with a summary by CKJF President Linda Ravvin of the remarkable changes that took place over the past year, including changes in the way the Board proceeds and budgetary as well as staffing changes, past and future.

CKJF Executive Director Daniel Chefec, who will leave the position on September 30, followed the president with his perspective on the past nine years since his coming to town, remarking on the significant changes the community made over that period of time. New Board members were elected or reelected to the Board of Directors and dully installed by CKJF Secretary Pat Shraberg.

With business out of the way, it was time to recognize some volunteers who made a difference in our community. The first award, the Young Leadership Award, was

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New JFS director introduces herself

By Paula Clancy, MSW, CSW

As this issue of *Shalom* goes to press I have just been hired as the Jewish Family Services social worker. I very much enjoyed meeting the CKJF staff and members of the selection committee and am so pleased to have the opportunity to serve the community. As a social worker in the Lexington area for about 25 years, I have known of Jewish Family Services as an excellent resource and have referred many people to it for assistance. I have friends who are active with CKJF and look forward to meeting more people who are connected and involved.

Originally from Chicago, I came to Lexington for graduate school and stayed. After completing undergraduate work in psychology at Roosevelt University I graduated from the Master of Social Work Program at the University of Kentucky. My paid positions have included case management in the Kentucky public assistance office, directing ASK US, Caretenders Home Health, and coordinating Central Baptist Hospital Home Response. I have volunteered at such organizations as Habitat for Humanity, Lex-Care, American Red Cross Disaster Work, and the Center for Creative Living.

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We had to suspend the History of the Israeli Palestinian Conflict

this month owing to space
considerations.
It will continue next month.

Leisure Club

Watch for information about the
leisure Club next month.



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from you as we start our new Hadassah year.

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Shalom depends on the community
for its material. If you are interested
in writing an account of a meeting
or interviewing a person of interest
to the Jewish community, or have
anything else to share with our
readers, please email Mary at DI-
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We welcome input from every
individual and every group in the
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from your organization or fam-
ily to act as liaison to the paper.

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Deadline for articles for the September *Shalom* is August 10.

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Articles submitted in hard copy should be double-spaced.

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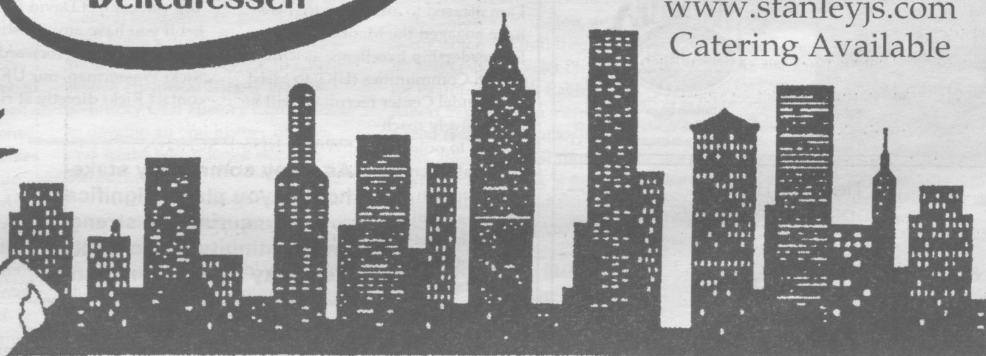
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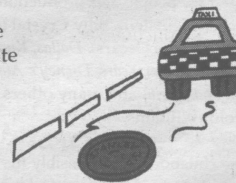
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President's Message

Linda Ravvin



August 1, 2008

Dear Friends:

As you are aware, the Jewish Federation is conducting a search for a new executive director. We have organized a search committee chaired by David Feinberg and have begun the process, which should take six months or so.

I am pleased to announce that we have engaged the Mandel Center for Leadership Excellence at United Jewish Communities (UJC) to assist us. Mandel Center recruiters will be aggressively reaching out to potential candidates across the federation system as well as from other settings both within and outside of the Jewish community.

As a key community stakeholder, you play a significant role in ensuring the strength and continuity of the Central Kentucky Jewish community. To that end, we'd like to

engage you as partners, with us, in this search by asking for your recommendations for possible candidates for this important executive leadership position.

When considering candidates, please think about the people who are in your universe: co-workers, family, friends, clients and customers, fellow board members, and so forth. We will be happy to entertain your recommendations.

You can contact David Feinberg at Feinberg@alltel.net if you have any questions or a candidate to recommend. He will forward any candidate names to Ricki Wasserman, our UJC recruiter. You can also contact Ricki directly at ricki.wasserman@ujc.org.

As a key community stakeholder, you play a significant role in ensuring the strength and continuity of the Central Kentucky Jewish community.

Thank you for your help and your continued support of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation.

Most sincerely,
Linda Ravvin,
President

P.S. Please also keep in mind that, especially during this process, we owe Daniel Chefec our thanks and respect for his work and dedication to the Federation and our community. ✪

On another note, we will celebrate the 40th anniversary of Camp Shalom on Friday, August 8. Former campers, camp directors and staff, and families and friends of Camp Shalom are invited to return and participate in a "Day at Camp Shalom." Special activities will showcase the fantastic programs our community camp offers. A gala dinner will follow at 5:00 p.m. at Portofino Restaurant, honoring the memory of Sue Friedman, and honoring Carol Wirtschafter and others instrumental in the founding, growth, and continued success of this vital part of Central Kentucky life. Register on the CKJF website, www.jewishlexington.org. Please join us as we celebrate!

Jews and jazz: Connection influences American musical art form

By Harold Sherman

A News Archive obituary on the website of the Film Music Society (www.filmmusicsociety.org), dated Jan. 16, 2007, began, "Harvey R. Cohen, two-time Emmy-winning composer, arranger and big-band leader, died Sunday, January 14 after suffering a heart attack at his home in Agoura Hills, California. He was 55." His name might not have been a household word, but he composed and arranged for people and productions that included Kenny G, Michael Feinstein, Billy Crystal (opening musical numbers for the Oscars), Dallas, Knots Landing, Growing Pains, The Wonder Years, Disney's Aladdin, The Adventures of Batman and Robin, and many others. He also collaborated with John Williams.

But one collaboration—possibly his only one—stands out as a tribute to his Jewish roots. In 2005, he arranged seasonal classics for the recording *Hanukkah Swings!* that fea-

tures west-coast cantor Kenny Ellis backed by a jazz big band, reminiscent of Frank Sinatra with the Basie band. Tragically, he never had the opportunity to follow up with similar projects.

What is the connection between Harvey Cohen's Jewish predecessors of the last century and the American art form of jazz, as well as the music of Broadway and Tin Pan Alley that—while not necessarily jazz songs themselves—became vehicles of countless jazz musicians and arrangers? For those who enjoy public radio, there is a series of

broadcasts called *Only in America, 350 Years of the American Jewish Experience*. The broadcasts are available for listening on the website www.onlyinamerica.info/. Two of them, "White Christmas" and "Over the Rainbow," chronicle the contributions to American music made by Jews, many of whom were immigrants.

Not long ago, I had a telephone conversation with Kenny Ellis (www.kennyeellis.com), in which he lamented the fact that many Jewish musicians, composers, and arrangers ignore the music they heard and sang growing up in synagogue or temple. His CD was the result of a conscious effort to expose Jewish holiday music to the public, Jewish and gentile alike, in a uniquely American way. Besides baseball and apple pie, what is more American than jazz? While I find Adam Sandler singing "Put on your yarmulke, here comes Hanukkah" quite entertaining, I get a particular charge out of hearing Harvey Cohen's hard-swinging arrangements. But they're not all swing. His mastery of a variety styles, including Latin, makes this CD particularly enjoyable.

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Grant helps preserve Jewish history in Central Kentucky

Input on family businesses sought

By Hanna B. Smith

During much of the 20th century, many members of the Jewish community in Central Kentucky owned stores in Lexington and the surrounding area. Rosie Moosnick fondly remembers how her father, the late Dr. Monroe Moosnick, used to entertain his family with stories about growing up in a family-owned store in Versailles, Kentucky.

Most of the storeowners first came to Kentucky as peddlers. As their fortunes improved the peddlers opened stores, some of which grew into sizeable businesses. Yet another ethnic group had the same experience. As a professor at Transylvania University Dr. Moosnick became friends with members of the Ackall family, who were of Middle-Eastern origin. From the Ackalls Dr. Moosnick learned that many of the earlier Arab immi-

grants earned a living as peddlers and storeowners.

Dr. Moosnick's daughter Rosie was intrigued by her father's tales. She realized the importance of preserving the history of the families who founded the Jewish community in Central Kentucky. In 2007 Rosie, who holds a doctorate in sociology, received a grant from the Southern Jewish Historical Society and the Kentucky Oral History Commission to develop an oral history of Jews and Arabs who opened stores in Kentucky.

Even with her father's stories in mind, Rosie Moosnick was amazed at the number of Jewish owned stores that once existed in Lexington and the surrounding area.

Others with deep roots in the local Jewish community have joined Rosie's effort to preserve the history of the merchant families. These are Janice Crane, Sandy Levy, Marilyn Moosnick, Franklin Moosnick, Simone Salomon, and Sylvia Cerel Suhl. This group, which goes by the whimsical name of "Oy Vay, How Did We Get Here," walked through downtown Lexington in May 2008 in search of the locations of former stores.

Of course, much has changed in downtown Lexington, and many of the old buildings no longer exist. Water Street, for example, which Rabbi Albert Pappenheim memorialized (see *Shalom* June/July 2008, "Memoir: A Glimpse of Lexington in 1954"), is today only an alley behind the library parking garage.

Rosie's work group (dare we call them the "Oy Vayers"?) is busy collecting and archiving information. One goal of the group is to use the oral histories and the library research to host an exhibit. Another goal is to commemorate the Jewish owned stores and their history with a mural located in downtown Lexington.

In order to gather as much information as possible, Rosie and her group request the cooperation of the Jewish community. If you have any information about former downtown merchants, old photos, newspaper articles, family stories, or other mate-

rial, please contact Rosie Moosnick at (859) 268-5260 or rmoosnick@insightbb.com. Also, the work group needs help and welcomes new members.

We have a questionnaire that we hope those whose families owned businesses in Central Kentucky will complete. Your information will help broaden the group's knowledge of the history of the Jewish community in Central Kentucky.

If you want a copy of the questionnaire, please contact Rosie Moosnick by September 2, 2008 at rmoosnick@insightbb.com. ☆



The four-story building on the right is 249-255 East Main Street (Lexington), now occupied by Portofino Restaurant on a portion of the ground floor and by Thomas and King offices in the remainder of the building. The two-story building on the left is 243-247 East Main Street, which was later demolished and is now the location of a surface parking lot. Judging from the appearance of the cars on the street, the photo was taken between 1928 and 1945. (Thanks to Hanna Smith, Bruce Naude, Mike Ades, and Jason Flahardy for providing this information.)

Jews and jazz (from page 4)

While living in New York, I had the privilege of studying with several well-known and respected jazz educators (associated with the likes of Dizzy Gillespie and Buddy Rich) and hearing such icons as Ella Fitzgerald, Mel Torme, and Count Basie performing live in concert halls and clubs. Although I had a few opportunities to "sit in" with top New York talents, there were, oddly, many more opportunities when I returned to Lexington. While at UK, eventually going for my MM in Composition, I played in Miles Osland's UK Jazz Ensemble with guest artists Diane Schuur, Louie Bellson, Clark Terry, and many others. Now I play in the community jazz big band BAJA (Bluegrass Area Jazz Ambassadors) and have shared the stage with more big names in jazz right here in Lexington. In addition, as a member of BAJA, I had the privilege of recording a Christmas CD (as many Jewish musicians end up doing) and playing two Christmas concerts with Broadway star Laura Bell Bundy. But lately I've been thinking what a great experience it would be, in addition to playing a big band Christmas concert, to play a concert featuring the best Hanukkah arrangements ever written with a guest artist who also happens to be a cantor. (There, I've planted the seed.)

From George Gershwin and Al Jolson to Benny Goodman, and finally to Harvey Cohen—with names of those in between too numerous to mention—there is a thread of music that started before New York's Lower East Side Yiddish Theatre and blended with African and other influences to evolve into the American musical form known as jazz. I could have stayed in New York, but then I might never have had the experience of taking two enlightening classes at UK with Dr. Ron Pen, who is an authority on American music. (Did you know that America's first singer/songwriter "star"—the composer of "Woodman, Spare that Tree"—was an English-born Jew named Henry Russell, who was inspired by the oratorical prowess of Henry Clay?) I might never have met Dr. Richard Domek, who has transcribed numerous big band compositions by Duke Ellington for the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra. And I might never have met the individual who introduced me to *Hanukkah Swings!* who just happened to hear it on a flight back to Lexington. Just thinking about the holidays in December is helping to cool me off this summer. ☆

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From the Executive Director

Daniel Chejfec



Not a very good sandwich

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You know when you order a sandwich and you end up with an aftertaste and maybe even heartburn? That's not a very good sandwich, is it? But Israel is living it.

In 2005, Ariel Sharon, then prime minister, made a strategic decision for all the good reasons. Leaving Gaza was a must if Israel wanted time to settle the conflict. Holding to the Strip would have given the Arabs a majority between the Jordan River and the sea. The same logic that applied in 1993 when Rabin signed the Declaration of Principles (DOP) with Arafat still applied: the marriage is not working so we need a divorce, and the longer we wait, the more difficult the divorce is going to be. So Israel left Gaza.

The problem was that Gaza became "Hamastan," and the base for ongoing rocket attacks on Israeli civilians in the Western Negev, and lately on the shore north of Gaza. While for now some kind of cease fire appears to be in place, it is deceptive. In the past, Hamas accepted cease fire agreements in order to regroup and renew attacks. Their fundamental principle is that all of Palestine, as defined by the British Mandate, constitutes their land, and Israel does not have a right to exist. The most Israel can expect from Hamas is a temporary reprieve; even those on the so-called "New Left" in Israel, including the "New Historians" are beginning to realize it. The lat-

est issue of the *World Jewish Digest* includes an interview with Benny Morris, one of the leading "New Historians," who in fact states precisely that: The conflict cannot be resolved because the Arabs did not, do not, and will not accept the right of Israel to exist on what they consider to be Arab lands. He even sees the conflict as part of a broader conflict between Arab culture and the West.

Gaza is an intractable subject. Israel is doomed if it does and doomed if it doesn't. If Israel opens the border as Hamas demands, the result, based on their track record, will be an increase in suicide bombings—something Israel is understandably reluctant to accept. If Israel keeps the border closed, Hamas claims that it is creating a humanitarian crisis, something to which Europeans in particular are very sensitive. The reality is that no such crisis exists, at least not one cre-

ated by Israel. Hamas had in the past manufactured "energy crises" by shutting down their own generators and "food crises" by manipulating what was available. Their goal is to delegitimize Israel in the eyes of the West, and many in the West are buying it.

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Let's go to the north and back in time. In 1982 Israel expelled the PLO from Southern Lebanon, which had become at the time "Fatahland." The occu-

pation of Lebanon was aimed at uprooting the PLO and making the northern border a safer one. The problem was that when Arafat left for Tunisia he left a power vacuum, and Nature—as well as societies—abhors vacuums. Since the great majority of the population of southern Lebanon is Shiite and extremely poor, the area was a good breeding ground for Shiite extremism. Enter Hezbollah.

Hezbollah became the militia of the downtrodden in southern Lebanon. With financial support of Iran, the biggest Shiite patron, it soon became a political and

see *Sandwich*, page 12



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Third Opinion

Stanley Ned Rosenbaum, PhD

Anthem



In my younger days I sang "The Marseillaise," the French national anthem, in French, and still could, I'll warrant, with a couple of glasses of wine in me.

I can also sing the German national anthem, but I don't. It comes from a fine old quintet of Josef Haydn that was made into a hymn for Kaiser Franz Josef of Austria, a parallel to "God save the King," and also into a Protestant hymn called "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken."

Imagine my surprise when I heard its opening notes played in the Presbyterian Church that I was attending in 1952. What happened to that fine old piece between 1933 and 1945 means that I will not sing it, but I often listen to the Haydn.

I always sing "HaTikvah," of course, though not without choking up some. The European anthems I mentioned are all about blood and guts or being better than everybody else. Ours is called "The Hope." The Hope! For 1832 years, from the defeat of the Bar Kochba rebellion against Roman occupation of Israel to 1948,

when the State of Israel was proclaimed—and promptly invaded by its Arab neighbors—all we could do was hope and pray that someday we'd have a country again and that it would survive. And now we do. Moreover, not only have I been privileged to visit it, but also to live there for a time.

I'm reminded of the response of Yitzhak ben Tzvi's wife—he was the second president of Israel—when she came home from university one day and told her parents that she was moving to Palestine. "Palestine," they said, "what will you do there?"

"I will live there," Rachel answered triumphantly.

What I find I can no longer do, however, is sing "The Star Spangled Banner" in public. I even have trouble singing it at home before baseball games. I start to sing, but always break down in tears before it's over. My problem is that I know too much about American history, how we opened our doors to my ancestors, who came here before the Civil War.

Yes, I know about the nasty laws that choked off immigration in 1921 and 1924, and the failure of the Dickstein Bill that would have allowed 20,000 Jewish refugee children to come here, and the turning away of the steamship *St. Louis* in 1939 with its 930 Jewish refugee passengers. We haven't always been as hospitable as we were a century and more ago, but I'll match our record against anyone else's.

Presently, we are having our problems integrating so many Mexican and Hispanic immigrants, many of whom

are here illegally. My hope is that we'll find a way to do it and I think we will. The other day, watching baseball, I noticed that one player's name is Franklin Morales. That's a start.

There's nothing wrong with retaining one's own ethnic monikers. My oldest grandson's fifth grade class contains two Elijahs, of whom he is one, and a Zebediah. But this country must continue to be what it started out to be, a place of refuge for those "huddled masses" memorialized on the base of the Statue of Liberty.

Every Jewish person knows, or should, that the poem on Liberty's pedestal was written by Emma Lazarus, daughter of a Sephardic rabbi who had immigrated to Baltimore just before she was born.

On holidays I fly a 48-star flag that I have from my father-in-law, a Pearl Harbor survivor—may his German Lutheran name be for a blessing. Both of his daughters married Jews. And may God continue to bless America. ☆

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."



Jane Gris  attends Jewish Women's Archive Institute for Educators

Jane Gris  of Lexington spent the week of July 13-17 in Massachusetts, participating in an intensive Institute for Educators, sponsored by the Jewish Women's Archive.

Gris , the youth education director at Temple Adath Israel and an instructor in college level and legal writing at UK Law School, was one of 25 educators from across the United States chosen to attend the Institute, funded by a grant from the Dorot Foundation of Providence, Rhode Island.

In seminars and workshops with scholars, oral historians, and master educators, participants in the Institute explored themes and resources in Jewish women's history and learned creative techniques for incorporating untold women's stories into their teaching.

Among the highlights of the program was a session on using oral history in the classroom led by Barbara Rosenblit, a teacher at the Weber Jewish High School in Atlanta, recipient of the prestigious Covenant Award for

Jewish Educators, and Archive board member. The program also included a seminar on the 1902 kosher meat boycotts by Yale Professor Paula Hyman, a performance by storyteller Vered Hankin, and a special screening of *Making Trouble*, the acclaimed film about three generations of funny Jewish women, produced by the Jewish Women's Archive.

"I became aware of what parts of the story haven't been told, so that I can turn my attention to culling it," said Gris  of her experience at the Institute. ☆



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Ask a Rabbi

Rabbi Audrey Korotkin



What is Tisha b'Av

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Q : While I was growing up, I never even heard of Tisha b'Av. Now many congregations, including some in the Reform movement, are observing it. What is Tisha b'Av, and does it have any relation to High Holidays?

A : Like many North American Reform Jews, I, too, grew up with no knowledge of Tisha b'Av, the ninth day in the month of Av (late summer), on which traditional Jews mark the destruction of both the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem. Every year it passed by without notice—and not just because the rabbi was on vacation and the kids were at camp. Tisha b'Av—the very notion of it—was anathema to Reform Judaism. After all, unlike traditional Jews we did not pray every day for the restoration of the Temple, the priesthood and the sacrifices, so why should we spend this day in mourning, fasting, and chanting laments for its loss?

Oddly, only the earliest of our North American Reform liturgies held a place for this day, though the theology espoused was antithetical to the traditional rabbinic maxim of *Mipnei chata'einu galinu me'artzein*, "Because of our sins were we exiled from our land." Dr. David Einhorn's seminal *Olat Tamid*, the precursor to the first official *Union Prayer Book*, was originally published in Hebrew and German in 1858 and later translated into English. This siddur made space for a Psalm-inspired reading "for the anniversary of the destruction of Jerusalem" (not, notably, for the destruction of the Temple itself). Einhorn's theological influence clearly was felt in the 1895 *Union Prayer Book*:

"But all these hardships were rendered all the harder as our ancestors were led to believe that they were inflicted on them as a punishment for sins their fathers had committed when they dwelt in the land of their inheritance."

The trademark Einhorn theology of the dispersion of the Jewish people as a blessing by God and a gift to the world is evident in the *UPB* language:

The experience in Jerusalem...leads me to believe that, indeed, the day can be meaningful even for Reform Jews who neither mourn the Temple's destruction nor pray for its rebuilding.

The One temple in Jerusalem sank, but thousands of the sanctuaries of the God who once hallowed it, rose in its stead all over the globe where the same God was worshiped and the same truth proclaimed. Thus has the Lord comforted Israel and turned his sackcloth into garments of joy.

This was, though, the last that Reform Jews would see of Tisha b'Av for decades. While the revised *UPB* of 1924 added many prayers for private devotion, only a few of which were retained in the subsequent revision in the 1940s, it deleted the prayers for Tisha b'Av. Not until the mid 1970s with the publication of *Gates of Prayer* did the Reform movement make a place for it, but even here it reads as an afterthought. Tisha b'Av is combined with the service for Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), which is overly laden with Holocaust imagery, almost to the exclusion of all else.

Remarkably, while the new Reform prayer book *Mishkan Tefillah* stakes out more traditional ground than its predecessors and emphasizes the use of Hebrew, it has not one word about Tisha b'Av. This has occurred despite renewed emphasis in the North American Reform movement for our connections with Israel and *Klal Yisrael* (the worldwide Jewish community), and the fact that Tisha b'Av is commemorated, at least to some extent, at Reform summer camps throughout the country.

While on faculty at one of those camps, I found increasing interest among my students in learning about Tisha b'Av: both its historical significance and its ritual nature. Many of them chose to fast that day, and we created special projects that allowed us to explore together how we could bring new meaning to an ancient commemoration. We discussed the historical events traditionally connected with the day, not only the destruction of the two temples but also the fall of Betar, the last holdout in the revolt against the Romans in 135 CE; the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492; and the beginning of World War One. We read from the Book of Lamentations and studied the language and theology of the text. And I shared with them one of my most vivid memories from my study year in Jerusalem: walking to the Western Wall on the night of Tisha b'Av, hearing the myriad of chants from prayer groups seated on the ground in the plaza there, being carried by a wave of humanity up to the Wall itself, and feeling the coolness of the stones amid the warmth of the air draped by the sounds of mourning.

The experience in Jerusalem was my first with Tisha b'Av and leads me to believe that, indeed, the day can be meaningful even for Reform Jews who neither mourn the Temple's destruction nor pray for its rebuilding. I believe there are three reasons for this.

First is the opportunity for *Talmud Torah*, for studying Tisha b'Av through the lens of history, language, and literature. Second is the connection with *Klal Yisrael* in our own day, not just on a theoretical or intellectual level but as an experience. Third, and perhaps most important, it does give us the starting point for preparing for the High Holidays, to which you alluded in your question.

Remember that Tisha b'Av generally falls during August (this year on August 10). And while traditional Jewish communities put great emphasis on the preceding three weeks as a time of semi-mourning, the time between

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Oma

By Heidi Marsh

The house was green. It had a low, brown roof and underneath the rotted, mustard green ivy were what looked like red bricks. But you could never tell.

Jo paid the taxi driver and grabbed hold of her zillion-pound suitcase. Rain spat into her eyes as she made her thundering way up the driveway, avoiding potholes, puddles, and the occasional mound of brown squelch she assumed was leaves.

Panting, she heaved her suitcase up onto the stoop and rang the doorbell. There was a screened-in porch to her left. It had a few deck chairs and an old rusty table.

She counted six forgotten mugs. One was molding.

The door crunched open. "Oh my Jo! 'Ow are you? Vas the treep 'orrible? You're a soaking mess. Come een, come een!"

Oma was a beaming eighty-five-year-old. She had dark gray hair and watery black eyes. At most, she was four ten, but this was mostly owing to her well-defined hunchback. She would've fit in at Notre Dame. She had a curious red mark on her arm.

"No no no! I 'ave spent weeks making dees meal for you! You must taste it! You must eat! You look like string bean!"

Oma said that was from when she had tripped on a potholder and hit her arm on the oven door. Jo knew it was from when the Nazis had held her up at the German border.

"Oh my dear! Come een! Let me look at you," Oma yanked her inside. "You look pale. Are you eating enough? I 'eard colleges jus' don' feed their children like they should. Don't worry! I will feed you."

"Oma," Jo started, "Where should I put my—"

"Your things, your things!" Oma cried and bustled away. Jo was left standing in the entry-

way. The sound of the rain filtered in from the open door.

A deep rumbling came from somewhere below. Jo glanced down to see a very large, very fanged German shepherd by the coat rack. His muscles were coiled and his ear flattened. His teeth were very pointy.

"Here ve are!" Oma cried, reappearing with a luggage trolley. "Where are your things?"

"Oma, there's a dog—"

"Oh, don't mind 'im. Dat's Poopsie. 'E vas my 'usband's. For guarding de diamonds, eh? But now Bronco ees gone and Poopsie protects me from rapist."

"What rapist?" Jo asked, grabbing her suitcase.

"No!" Oma shrieked, waving Jo's hands away and grabbing the suitcase herself. "You come, I carry."

With an amazing amount of strength, Oma lifted the suitcase with one swipe and set it grace-

fully on the trolley. "Come. I will show you your room."

Oma wheeled the cart merrily away.

"Um, Oma," Jo asked, still looking at Poopsie's teeth, "Does he, um—"

"Poopsie only attacks on command." Oma looked over her shoulder, grinning. "Vonce, I set 'im on the mailman. Juss to see vhat vould 'appen. 'Is vife vas never the same again." Oma looked lovingly at the snarling dog. "Good dog, Poopsie, good dog!"

Poopsie wagged his tail.

Jo followed close behind Oma as she hummed along. They went through a living room of moth-eaten couches and a chair with an ominous stain. There was a yellowed newspaper dated January 4, 1989 lying on the coffee table. On the front page was a picture of a sixty-year-old Oma holding a plaque under the heading: LOCAL HOTEL RECEIVES FIVE STARS - BRINGS TOURISTS.

"Here ve are!" Oma said, setting the trolley down.

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Memoir: That Year in Jerusalem—1968

By Mary Helène Rosenbaum

June, 1968

This morning Ned went scouting for a place for us to live while I took the children to a beautiful nearby park, Gan Ha'atzmaut. He got a list of numbers to call, and I got us a friend. An oldish man came up and asked in Hebrew if he could share our bench, which was the only one in the shade at that hour. I said in English, "Certainly," and he sat down. The children were sitting with me, resting and talking. After a few minutes I noticed the man was listening to us, and that the book he was pretending to read was in English. Then Ned joined us, and began to talk about the leads he'd gotten for a place. One thing led to another, and a conversation started. The old man told us he'd been in Boston (though not in Waltham, where we lived), mentioned a few people he knew there, then said, "Perhaps you know my name. I am Ehud Ben Yehuda."

Well, the name Ben Yehuda may not mean anything to you (it didn't to me), but it sure meant something to Ned. This man's father, Eliezer, was a pioneer and one of the chief revivers of the Hebrew language. Ehud Ben Yehuda himself is one of the compilers of the most famous and best Hebrew-English dictionary. (Although he told us they don't like it here—not expensive enough, according to him.)

Ned said, "Know your name? I wear it next to my, er, heart," pulling a paperback copy of the dictionary out of his hip pocket. Mr. Ben Yehuda was very pleased, and began to tell us about some friends of his whom he thought might put us up until we found a permanent place, and gave us several tips on apartment hunting. He is a sweet, interesting man. I hope we see more of him.

September

We've seen more of him, all right. First he invited us to his place, a big luxurious apartment above the Supersol supermarket next to the park, with a glorious view across the Jordan River valley. That was very kind, except that he doesn't seem to have told his wife or visiting grown children, and their kids, that we were coming. They recovered nicely, and were busily plying us with refreshments in the best Middle Eastern hospitality style, when the old gent said, "Once I get rid of my family, we can take some trips and enjoy ourselves." We all pretended not to have heard him.

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Since then, he hasn't mentioned taking any tours with us, but he has invited himself over for dinner a couple of times. Both times, he provided the main ingredient: some form of non-kosher meat (once rab-



Ned Rosenbaum's student I.D. card, Hebrew University, 1968

bit, once quail that had been shot rather than ritually slaughtered). He wanted me to cook them because his wife wouldn't. We're planning to start keeping kosher when we get back to the States, and had assumed that would begin here, but our secular landlords didn't leave us enough

Meanwhile, Ned has been attending ulpan (language immersion program) at Hebrew U. He's been studying Hebrew for years, of course, but only the biblical variety. Someone told us talking to him is like running into Chaucer on the streets of modern London.

dishes to separate milk and meat effectively. We do what we can, but it seemed a little priggish (not to say hypocritical) to say that we didn't want *treif* in the house when a few months ago in Waltham it would have been fine. So one afternoon he dropped off the rabbit and we fixed a time for dinner. Imagine our surprise that first evening when Mrs. Ben Yehuda walked in with him! Evidently she doesn't object to eating it, only to cooking it in her kitchen. So I quickly set another place; this time it was her turn to seem not to notice.

Mr. Ben Yehuda more than makes up for his little social quirks with his generosity in giving our friends and us impromptu Hebrew lessons. Even there he's a character, though. He has firm—and mostly negative—opinions about the state of modern Hebrew. "Jews have always hated Hebrew," he said to us. "Whenever they can speak something else, they

do. They mix the language with Arabic, with German, with English—whatever other language they know."

He strongly objects to such commonplace Arabic loan words as *mishmish* (apricot) and *chamseen* (the hot desert wind that blows in spring and fall). He wants us to use *sharav* for the latter. I forget what he wants us to use for the former—no one we've encountered, including the local greengrocer, uses any word but *mishmish*. He also told us to say *michlala* rather than *universita* for university.

And the ubiquitous *babesittair* drives him to despair.

His focus on linguistic purity extends to syntax, too. *Leila tov* (good night, or literally "night good") is a Latinate, not Semitic, construction, he instructed us, regardless of the fact that it's a universal expression here. He taught us *b'tuv ta'alen* ("rest in goodness," more or less) instead. Every Israeli we've tried it on has gaped at us in uncomprehending astonishment.

Meanwhile, Ned has been attending *ulpan* (language immersion program) at Hebrew U. He's been studying Hebrew for years, of course, but only the biblical variety. Someone told us talking to him is like running into Chaucer on the streets of modern London. He shares what he's learned with me when he gets home, and sometimes brings back new friends for me to play with while he studies.

As for me, I'm finding the rudimentary scraps of Hebrew I learned before we came here even more inadequate than I expected. It was seriously depressing our first weeks here. I'm so used to easy verbal communication, and to having a certain level of facility with English, that I was starting to get reclusive. I hated going out and having to stumble through the simplest exchanges.

When we first arrived, we would stop someone on the street to ask for directions in Hebrew we had carefully plotted out beforehand. Invariably, we'd be answered in English. As we improved, they started responding in Hebrew—but we couldn't understand the responses! Now we're gradually getting to the point where we ask, they answer, and everyone understands. Some people actually have the impression my Hebrew is better than Ned's, since I can now order groceries or yell at the kids faster and more authoritatively than he can. What they don't get is a) that's where my ability stops, whereas he can actually read a newspaper or discuss philosophy in Hebrew, and b) he cogitates and chooses words carefully in English, too.

The children, of course, are picking up the lingo like gangbusters. After a rocky start in which she tried to bulldoze the neighborhood kids into learning English, 4-year-old Sarah now speaks what she clearly thinks of as three languages: English, a fluent native-accented Hebrew, and Hebrew-for-Americans that she uses for us and our friends, with simplified syntax, limited vocabulary, and a flattened intonation.

Will, at 2, confuses the languages more. He says things like "I like trucks and motorcycles and all those things that *yesh* outside," and "I didn't do to her nothing." At the same time, he seems to be picking up on two different cultural linguistic strains. He came home from *gan yeladim*

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Oma (from page 9)

"You vill sleep 'ere. On dees couch. I put brand new sheets on myself juss lass week." Oma held up her chin proudly.

"Thanks, Oma," Jo said, sitting down on the couch. It groaned. "Vhat are you doing?" Oma asked.

"Well, I'm sitting—"

"No no no! I 'ave spent veeks making dees meal for you! You must taste it! You must eat! You look like string bean!" Oma yanked her up and dragged her to the dining room. Jo watched as cabinets, shelves, and figurines blurred past. Poopsie was gnawing on an old headless baby doll. Jo's mouth felt dry.

"Ere!" Oma announced under the clatter of silverware as Jo fell into a chair. "I make roast."

"Oh," Jo murmured, looking at the tough, leathery brown thing. "This looks really good, Oma, but I'm a vegetarian. I told you that on the phone."

"You don't like my roast?" Oma asked. Her eye folds narrowed.

"No, no," Jo gulped, "I love your roast. It's just that I can't eat it. I don't eat meat."

"No meat?" Oma whispered.

"None."

Oma stood still for a moment looking down at the roast. She blinked. Jo wondered if she should poke her. Suddenly, the old lady snapped to life, a wide grin fixed to her face. "Eet's okay!" she cried, "I vill make feesh!"

She leapt away.

"No!" Jo shouted, "I can't eat fish!"

"No, dees ees special feesh. Very nice. Very salty. You vill like eet." Oma skipped to the doorway. Jo lunged and clung to her wrist.

"Oma," she gasped, "I'm deathly allergic to *all* animal products."

Oma frowned. "Even feesh?"

Jo nodded. "Even fish."

Oma laughed. "More for me!" She skipped into the kitchen. Gasping, Jo returned to her seat before leaping out of it once more as Oma's menacing eye appeared around the corner.

"You," Oma rumbled, "vill eat peanut butter."

Heidi Marsh, 16, says, "While 'Oma' is based on my great grandmother, it is fiction. I'm a member of Temple Adath Israel and attend Lafayette-Scapa." ☆

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Campaign (from page 1)

presented to David Levine. David, who is serving his first term as a Board member, is also the chair of the Camp Shalom Committee and served as an at-large member of the Budget Committee last year. His dedication and commitment, as well as his thoughtful stewardship and responsibility, would by themselves have earned him this distinction. David, however, was also instrumental in helping bring Camp Shalom and Camp Gesher to new levels of service over the past three years, with more professional training for staff, more responsible finances, better programming, and a clear vision. *Kol haKavod.*

The Cookie Wenneker Volunteer of the Year Award is presented every year to an individual or individuals who made a difference in the organization and the community over the previous twelve months. This year's award went to Dan Liebman and Dan Rosenberg, an honor they shared for their work in organizing and shepherding the Equine Division of the Community Campaign and its connection with the JAFI program

of Therapeutic Horse Back Riding at the Youth Village of Ben Yakir. The Equine Division represented a breakthrough in community support and is still experiencing an explosive growth in contribution. To both Dans—*Todah rabbah!*

The CKJF president selects a recipient of the Presidential Award every year to honor a volunteer for long-term dedication and commitment to the goals of CKJF and the Jewish community. This year's recipient, Carole Wilson, has served over the years as chair of Jewish Family Services, president of the local chapter of Hadassah, chair of the search committee for a JFS professional, and member of the Board of Trustees of CKJF, always with a cheerful disposition and a will to serve. In addition to her leadership roles, Carole has also been a strong volunteer on behalf of the Campaign and other community activities. Carole is a rightful recipient of this, the highest community recognition. Carole, *Yashar koach!*

The evening closed with a social hour. ☆

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Sandwich (from page 6)

economic power to reckon with, challenging the Lebanese government while serving Iranian geopolitical interests. With Iranian backing and Syrian complicity, Hezbollah became, over time, the dominating power in southern Lebanon, even challenging the Beirut government.

The attacks on Israel last year, which started with the abduction of Israeli soldiers in a cross-border raid, developed into a full-fledged war that Israel cannot lose, but one it cannot win either. The war forced Israel to revise all of its military doctrine to begin to grasp the realities of dealing with a terrorist organization equipped like—and sometimes even better than—modern armies.

While Hamas is a Sunni movement and Hezbollah a Shiite movement, and therefore cooperation among them initially appears unlikely, the marginalization of Hamas by their Arab brothers pushed them into the embrace of Iran, always willing to fund another terrorist group. Today Hamas and Hezbollah are, unexpectedly, sharing strategies and tactics,

and might very well reach a point in the future where coordination might be possible.

Should that time arrive (as in the prayer about the czar, may God keep it far away from us), Israel will be between Hamas in the south and Hezbollah in the north, two irredentist fanatical fundamentalist terrorist groups with neither of which there is room for negotiations. A bitter sandwich indeed...

To make things more interesting, Iran keeps making noises about erasing Israel from the map and they are developing nuclear technology to make it happen. Ahmedinejad went as far as saying that even if Israel retaliates in force, it would only be a "bee sting" in the Islamic world, while just one bomb can do the job of eradicating Israel. And the West genuflects to the power of Oil.

Yet Israel will do what it needs to do. In the past, Israel took a commando unit to Uganda and rescued those held by the terrorists, bombed the nuclear reactor at Osiraq, and airlifted more than 15,000 Jews from Ethiopia to safety in Israel. The Jewish Agency rescued more than a thousand people in Bosnia by smuggling them through the frontlines, and so much more. So, as proven by the recent exercises of the IAF over the Mediterranean, Israel will do what Israel will have to do. Forced to act, but doomed if she does.

When you vote in November, remember that whatever happens to Israel, the Jewish people will follow. Our fate and the fate of Israel are indissolubly connected—for better or for worse. ☆

New JFS director (from page 1)

Several years ago my best friend introduced me to my husband, Steve. My step-daughters, Katie and Becca, are teens who bring great joy and make life a blast! My hobbies and interests include tennis, golf (always bring extra balls), photography, and art.



New JFS director, Paula Clancy

Most important, I am here to serve and help.

If you, your family, or someone you are aware of is having a difficult time coping with problems in daily living, life transitions, or emergency needs, I hope that you will contact me for confidential assistance. I also hope that you will let me know any topics of interest for future articles or for Family Life workshops or presentations and that you will share any other ideas. I am looking forward to meeting everyone and working together. ☆

Jewish music event scheduled at the University of Kentucky

Consort to give concert this fall

By Oliver Leaman

The Judaic Studies Program announces that a well known consort of viols from London, Fretwork, will give a concert of Jewish music at UK in the fall. They specialize in medieval music with a Jewish background. We are fortunate that they would detour from their tour of Canada to perform in Lexington. Although the date, between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, is not the best for us, I hope that the community will support this special event. There is no entrance fee and this represents an opportunity for us to hear music that we would not normally come across.

The date is Monday October 6, and the place is the Singletary Center at 8:00 p.m. I will provide more details of the precise program nearer the time. ☆

B'tayavon (Hearty Appetite)

By Ruth Poley



This is Mary Heléne Rosenbaum, filling in for Ruth. Ruth is taking a well-deserved break from writing this column (though not from her editorial duties) while recuperating from back surgery. I thought of this recipe partly because I once served it to her and Neil; besides being conveniently pareve, its absence of dairy ingredients makes it perfect for the lactose intolerant. It also makes a nice change from the standard tomato-based gazpacho. It's simple to make, and best of all, it doesn't require heating the stove.

I've adapted this recipe from *Mediterranean Street Food* by Anissa Helou. ☆

Summer Soup

- 3 slices firm white bread (last week's challah is perfect), torn and with crusts removed, 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. Nobody will guess what's in this; everybody will rave over it.

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

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TAL BRODY
ISRAELI/AMERICAN
BASKETBALL SUPERSTAR
Born August 30, 1943

Tal Brody is Israel's first modern-day sports hero. At the University of Illinois, the 6' 11/2" guard won All Academic honors in 1965. That year, he was the thirteenth pick overall and number two selection of the Baltimore Bullets in the NBA draft, but opted to return to Illinois for his masters degree. That summer, he was selected to the U.S. Maccabiah team and traveled to Israel for the first time. One year later, he accepted an offer by Maccabi-Tel Aviv to play with the Israeli team.

In 1967, the New Jersey-born basketball star was named Israel's Sportsman of the Year after leading the Maccabi-Tel Aviv team to a second place finish in the European Cup Basketball Championships.

In 1968, Brody was drafted into the U.S. Army, where he served primarily on the All-Army and All-Armed Forces basketball teams. His U.S. Armed Forces team finished third in the World Championships in Belgrade. In 1969, he took Israel to its first Maccabiah Games basketball gold medal. In 1970, Brody made aliyah.

In what was then the State of Israel's greatest international sporting achievement, Brody led his 1977 Maccabi team to the European Cup Championship. In Israel's quest for the title, competition on the court occasionally needed to surmount political intrigue. At the height of the Cold War and a Soviet boycott of Israel, the Middle East champions were matched against ZSKA Moscow (the Red Army team), champions of the Soviet Union and winners of the four previous European Cups. The Soviets refused to play their semifinal match versus Maccabi in Tel Aviv and would not allow the Israelis to come to Moscow. Vitor, Belgium was selected as a neutral site, but the location did not help the Bolsheviks. Brody's Maccabi team triumphed 91-79.

In 1979, Brody was awarded the Israel Prize, the country's highest civilian honor.

Since retiring from basketball in 1980, Tal Brody has continued to set a positive example for his fellow Israelis and had many accomplishments in the sports world and through his own philanthropic and political endeavors.

Mr. Brody will be speaking at the United Jewish Communities General Assembly in Jerusalem this November.

(Biographies taken from www.wikipedia.com and www.jewishsports.net)

Memoir (from page 10)

("garden-children," combining nursery school and kindergarten) and said a blessing over his lunch—in classic Ashkenazi: "Boroich oso Adonoi," while rocking back and forth like a tiny little old Orthodox man. On the other hand, when he got irritated at one of our friends the other day, he came out with the decidedly modern, non-Orthodox epithet *ben zonah v'chetzi* ("son of a whore and a half")! I can only hope he doesn't know what it means.

That's all for now. B'tuv taleen.

This continues a series drawn from letters written from 1968 to 1970, when the Rosenbaums lived in Israel while Ned was a graduate student in Judaic Studies at the Hebrew University. We invite other Shalom readers to submit reminiscences of interest to the community. ☆

60 years celebration (from page 1)



Participants "Walking the Land."

of such larger cities as Buenos Aires and Los Angeles.

At 11:00 the walkers gathered for opening remarks from co-masters of ceremonies Alan and Kathy Stein.

They said prayers for Israeli and American soldiers and sang the national anthems of each. We were fortunate to have the renowned shofar blower Rachel Kline to signal the start of the walk. Thanks also to Tyler Nelson, who did a spectacular job in leading the walk and showing the path through the "Land of Israel." Along the path fifteen large vinyl signs depicted different cities of Israel with facts and pictures. At each sign, people collected a stamp to put in their passport books—or, in some cases, on each other! After the walk, the signs were displayed for all to see, even those who did not participate in the walk.

There was Mediterranean food such as falafel, pita bread and hummus, and Israeli salad to eat. In the eating area, a multi-media show of beautiful pictures of Israel set to Israeli music played throughout the day. (Israel Sababa II was generously donated for our community.) People shopped for beautiful jewelry made by Fran

her God: "Nevermore shall you be called 'Forsaken,' nor shall your land be called 'Desolate'; but you shall be called 'I delight in her,' and your land 'Espoused.' For God takes delight in you, and your land shall be espoused."

How much more meaningful these words would be, and how much deeper the context of Rosh Hashanah, if we first marked our peoples' historical woes associated with Tisha b'Av and put them in the context of our own individual lives, our own behavior, and our own potential to make the future better than the past! How much more ready we might be to take on the responsibilities and opportunities that the New Year places before us, if we used Tisha b'Av as the starting point for weeks—not just days—of self-reflection. ☆

And on the last of these, the Sabbath before Rosh Hashanah, we read these triumphant phrases from Isaiah 62 as Israel is reunited with

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Enjoying a Middle Eastern lunch.

Mandel and Patty Kahn and received delicious lamb samples from Eden Meyers and the Garden of Eden Farm, which specializes in natural grass-fed lamb. Children enjoyed an array of activities including crafts and a large moon bounce. A team of Camp Shalom and Gesher staff greeted any new or old or potential campers. (This year marks camp's 40th anniversary.)

What better cause can you have to bring together our small community than a 60th birthday party for Israel? Everyone wanted to do something different and special this year, so

the CKJF Community Activities Committee, joined by Hadassah, Temple, and Synagogue members rose to the occasion. We were able to organize the biggest gathering for Yom Ha'atzmaut in many years, with over 150 people in attendance, and participate in a global walk which occurred in over 80 communities worldwide in solidarity to Israel.

See accompanying photos or visit our website at www.jewishlexington.org for videos or even more pictures of the event. Thank you, Central Kentucky, for making such a special and memorable day! ☆

From the Editor's Desk

Let us know...

Hey there! Has your family had a celebration? A party? A Bar/Bat Mitzvah? How about sharing with the community? We'd all love to see a couple of photos of your anniversary party, or your new grandchild, or your son's wedding, or any other *simcha*.

Shalom is **your** community newspaper and we'd like to publish more of the local news in it, but you need to tell us about it. Please help us to sharpen our local focus with your news. Send photos, information, stories, whatever to di-ifr@bardstown.com.

Inquiring minds want to know.

Israel 21c: Israeli startup promises a virtual OS - and real coexistence

By David Shamah

Zvi Schreiber's G.ho.st (the Global Hosted Operating System, pronounced "ghost") provides users with a virtual operating system, where they can store files, write and save documents, surf the Web, and even send instant messages to their friends. And he does it with a staff made up of residents of both Israel and the Palestinian Authority - who have to meet and collaborate virtually, through video chats and on-line conferences.

But all that virtual-ness is having a real impact on the lives of people in Israel and the PA, who for perhaps the first time are able to collaborate on high-tech projects, just like people in "normal" places, such as Silicon Valley.

In fact, the 30-strong staff at the Ramallah offices of G.ho.st, even have stock options in the company. "I'm not aware of any other company in the PA that gives out options to its employees," Schreiber tells ISRAEL21c.

Those stock options are just one innovation Schreiber has introduced with G.ho.st, which provides users with a uniform desktop and interface for individual users from any computer, anywhere in the world.

"Your files and e-mail follow you wherever you are, and so does your work environment, with all your personal settings and applications," says Schreiber, explaining how G.ho.st differs from existing online storage and e-mail solutions.

While Gmail and Google Documents are fine for storage or e-mail, they don't provide the total environment - the virtual operating system - that G.ho.st does. In fact, Google Docs is one of the three virtual office applications available to G.ho.st users - the others are Thinkfree and Zoho Office Suite - and users can also listen to music, send instant messages and e-mail, edit photos, and collaborate on projects with other users.

"We see G.ho.st as a way to allow users access to great on-line applications, so the more of these applications there are, the better for us," Schreiber says.

G.ho.st, which was founded a couple of years ago, was revamped recently, with all data services now hosted by Amazon Web Services, ensuring greater security and speed for users. The virtual OS has received a number of prestigious computer industry awards as well: It was recently named one of the top five technologies in the world at the Wall Street Journal's All Things Digital conference, and is on this year's Red Herring Most Promising Technologies list.

G.ho.st is UK-born Schreiber's third startup (the other two, Unicorn and Tradeum, were sold for enough for Schreiber to retire on), and he decided that this time, he would try to do something a little different.

"I've always wanted to make a contribution to coexistence, and a high-tech firm with offices in Israel and the PA seemed like a good way to do it," he says.

The G.ho.st office in Ramallah has about 40 employees, and much of the application's development is done there, while a smaller Israeli staff, working in Modiin, takes care of corporate and marketing duties for the company.

Because of security restrictions that prevent employees from each office traveling to the other office, the two staffs communicate mostly through the Internet, with an always-on video conference or through IM. Schreiber himself is no exception; it's not that he fears for his safety in Ramallah. "I'm sure they would be happy to host me in Ramallah, but as an Israeli, security laws prevent me from going there," he explains.

Still, Schreiber, who lives in Jerusalem, says he tries to maintain a personal relationship with all of the company's employees. "I've met with all employees personally at least once, when they were hired," he says. Since he can't go to Ramallah and the PA workers can't come to Modiin, meetings are held on "neutral ground" - at a gas station on the Jerusalem-Jericho road.

"We've even had company meetings there, since it's the only place we can get together that both sets of employees can get to," he says. But G.ho.st staff get-togethers aren't like the ones held in fancy cafes and restaurants by Tel Aviv high-tech firms. Schreiber usually supplies the refreshments for the meetings; the restaurant at the gas station doesn't have much to recommend it. "The whole place is pretty basic," he says.

As far as relations between the two groups are concerned, "we don't limit communications between employees to work-related matters," says Schreiber, although of course, as a place of business, work issues predominate. But politics crops up too, especially when a major event affecting Israel and the PA occurs. "We have had some spirited discussions on political issues, whether through IM or on the company's blogs, but all the discussions have been respectful and issue oriented," Schreiber says.

Meanwhile, word is getting out in the high-tech community about Schreiber's unusual setup - and more than one

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company has asked him for advice about setting up shop in the PA.

With G.ho.st's model, Schreiber says, everybody has a stake in peace - because everyone has a stake in economic prosperity. Thanks to G.ho.st, maybe peace does have "a ghost of a chance." ☆

Around the Community

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

Mazel Tov to...

Linda and Leon Ravvin on the marriage of their daughter Heather, to Kirt McKee on July 13, 2008.

Dr. Amy Crystal Regen, who completed her training in pediatric dentistry at the Children's Hospital Boston/Harvard residency program. Amy is now working at Chestnut Dental Practice in Needham, Massachusetts, and will maintain a courtesy staff position at Children's Hospital Boston. This spring she and her husband Joey traveled to Israel, where she volunteered at a pediatric dental clinic. Amy is the daughter of proud parents **Ralph and Elayne Crystal**.

Stanley Saxe, who received the following award from the Harvard School of Dental Medicine: "The Harvard School of Dental Medicine Golden Anniversary Award is presented to Stanley R. Saxe, DMD '58, MSD in honor of your distinguished service and dedication to improve periodontal health and to advance the field of geriatric dentistry through education, research, and leadership." Stanley was in Boston to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his graduation from dental school.

Warren Rosenthal on receiving the Kentuckian Award, the Happy Chandler Scholarship Foundation's longest-standing honor. The Happy Chandler Scholarship Foundation is a nonpartisan nonprofit with the mission to improve the lives of every Kentuckian by helping today's youth become tomorrow's leaders through a scholarship program providing tuition assistance to Kentucky students to attend college in the Commonwealth.

State Representative Kathy Stein, a member of the Fayette Branch of The Women's Network, on receiving the American Immigration Lawyers Association 2008 Legislative Award For Immigration Excellence for "state and local elected officials whose actions, either in opposition or support of a legislative issue, have demonstrated extraordinary effort to advance and protect the interests of immigrants and sensible immigration policy."

John and Joann Bush on the birth of their grandchild, **David Alexander Bush**. The proud parents are **Ben and Sharon Bush**.

Jessica Schumacher on being named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at The College of Wooster. Jessica, a graduate of Tates Creek High and a first-year student, achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or above. She is the daughter of **Scott and Beth Schumacher**.

John and Connie Loventhal on the birth of their granddaughter, **Eliza Ann Bressack**, on June 16, 2008. The proud parents are **Barbara and Darryl Bressack**.

Elissa Brown and Alan Weinstein on their wedding, on June 29, 2008.

David Levine, who was awarded the Young Leadership Award presented at the Volunteer Community Awards for 2008.

Dan Liebman and Dan Rosenberg, who shared the Cookie Wencker Volunteer of the Year Award presented at the Volunteer Community Awards for 2008.

Temple Adath Israel on being awarded the Fain Award, presented by the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism for their Adopt-a-School program. TAI takes part in tutoring, volunteering at science fairs, financially supporting classroom field trips, building enrichment programs, and running school supply collection drives.

B'nai Mitzvah...

William Keplinger — August 16, 2008

William (better known as **Will**) **Keplinger**, son of **Brian and Eileen Keplinger**, will join the adult Jewish population when he is called to the Torah at Temple Adath Israel as a bar mitzvah on August 16, 2008. He will be joined in this celebration by his younger siblings, **Ben and Anna**.

Will is going to enter the eighth grade at Winburn Middle School this fall. Last year his favorite subject was science because "we did a lot of experiments and stuff and the teacher was really cool." As extracurricular

activities, **Will** played trumpet in the band and was on the lacrosse team.

Outside of school, **Will** plays baseball for Southwest Lexington and is on the swim team at the YMCA.

For his Mitzvah Project, **Will** volunteered for several activities. He worked at his little sister's day care where he played with the children and watched over them. At Temple Adath Israel he helped with day care during Shabbat Torah study sessions. And he helped coach a little league T-ball team.

Will's advice to future b'nai mitzvah is, "When you do your bar mitzvah you need to do it from the beginning so there isn't so much to do at the end."

Ned Katz — August 23, 2008

Ned Katz, son of **Steven and Liz Katz**, will celebrate his initiation into adult Judaism by being called to the Torah at Temple Adath Israel on August 23, 2008 as a bar mitzvah.

Ned will be an eighth grade student in the advanced program at Winburn Middle School this fall. This means that although he is formally assigned to an eighth grade class he will be working at least two grades ahead and will be doing high school work. Last semester his favorite subjects were social studies and language arts, because he had "great teachers." In addition, he is an "avid reader and finds current studies of the world of great interest." In sixth grade, **Ned** ran track and field. He plays cello in the school orchestra.

For his Mitzvah Project, **Ned** collected donations of supplies such as towels, alcohol, and cleaning materials for the Humane Society. Since school has ended, he has volunteered at a kiosk to raise awareness of the society. At the kiosk they also collected donations and showed animals for adoption.

Ned's interests are global. He expressed concern about such vital issues as the world food crisis, global warming, and the depression. He believes that if we all cut back on eating red meat there would be more plant food available for human consumption and world hunger would lessen.

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Jonathan Feinberg — August 30, 2008

Jonathan Feinberg, son of **Kathy and David Feinberg**, will begin the celebration of his bar mitzvah by leading services at the Lexington Havurah on August 23, 2008. He will be called to the Torah for his formal initiation into adult Judaism at Ohavay Zion Synagogue on August 30, 2008. His younger brother, **Matthew**, will join in the ceremonies.



Jonathan Feinberg

Jonathan, who has been enrolled in the Spanish language immersion program since kindergarten, will be an eighth grade student at Bryan Station Middle School this fall.

Last year his favorite subject was English because "I liked the teacher and I liked the stuff we learned." His extracurricular activity last year was playing clarinet in the school orchestra.

Outside of school, **Jonathan** is a member of the Firebrook swim team, plays baseball for the South Lexington team, and plays basketball at the Kentucky Basketball Academy.

For his Mitzvah Project, **Jonathan** is working in the library at Ohavay Zion Synagogue. He has undertaken the task of putting bar codes on books so they can be checked out.

Condolences to...

The **Gersch** family on the deaths of **Holly Gersch** and **Nancy Gersch** (Holly's mother) on June 30, 2008. **Holly** was in the process of converting to Judaism and was shortly going to choose her service for the official ceremony at TAI.

Ben Kaufmann and Janet Zusman on the death of Ben's brother, **Jeffrey L. Kaufmann**, on June 24, 2008, in Lexington. Condolences, too, to **Sara Jean Kaufmann**, Jeffrey's daughter.

The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah

Evalyn Block, President

Hadassah National Convention

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Every year, Hadassah holds its National Convention in July. Since articles published in *Shalom* are written a month ahead of time, as I write I have yet to attend the National Convention, which will be held in Los Angeles, July 13–16. Details will follow.

I have been fortunate to have been able to attend the two prior conventions, one in New York and the other in Nashville. However, I realize that the majority of our Hadassah members have not had that experience. I hope that at some time in the immediate future, perhaps next year, those of you who have never attended will do so. I guarantee it will be an experience you shall always remember and one that will transform you.

What is it like to attend a Hadassah National Convention? Let me use an analogy: imagine a young child who enters a candy store for the very first time, overwhelmed by the sights and smells, never having envisioned such a selection. So much to choose from—the child wants to sample everything and is bursting with excitement. Now multiply that by ten. Yes, that's what it's like to attend National Convention for the very first time. I cannot convey to you the energy you will feel or the overwhelming pride you will experience to know that you are an integral part of this amazing organization. It is something you must experience for yourself.

There is a theme to each convention. In Nashville it was "Step to the Rhythm of Our Lives," in New York "Now is the Time," and this

year, for Hadassah's 94th National Convention, it is "Set Your Sites Among the Stars." Hard to believe that since its founding in 1912 Hadassah's women have set their sites among the stars and made miracles happen both in the land of Israel and America. The convention will offer us the tools, knowledge, and inspiration to return to our chapters re-energized to reach new heights. It will also give us an opportunity to talk, laugh, dance, and sing with new and old friends and to experience the joy of belonging to the Hadassah community.

There will be numerous dignitaries, scholars, renowned Israel artisans, noted political figures, and people from the news and government as well as celebrities and superstars. The convention will open with a tribute to Israel at 60 and move on to explore today's critical issues: the 2008 elections, the environment from both ecological and political vantage points, the expansion of terrorism into the Americas, and barriers to world peace. There will be an interview with a Jewish radio talk host, discussions from award-winning authors, and a thought-provoking theatrical production exploring Jewish identity. The convention will close with a program dedicated to the power of women called "Amazing Women: Extraordinary Lives." This is only the tip of the iceberg, for there is so much more in between.

I will close with sentiments from Julie Morris and Leah Reicin, this year's convention chairs: "These are the days that will touch your mind, heart, and soul." ☆

The Lexington Havurah

David R. Wekstein, President

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

The Havurah held its annual meeting on June 22 at the home of Steve and Karen Shedlofsky. The membership expressed its satisfaction with the activities of the Havurah during the past year and was particularly pleased with the anniversary retreat. Following the review, the membership elected the board for the coming year:

President: David R. Wekstein
Vice-president: Judy Goldsmith
Secretary: Eve Podet
Treasurer: Terry Wilson
Religion Committee: Hanna and Uri Smith
Education Committee: Larry Bitensky and Judy Saxe
Social Committee: Judy and Bob Baumann
Membership Committee: Lynn Furness
CKJF Representative: Jeremy Popkin

A highlight of the evening was a presentation by Larry Kant on "The Jewish Contribution to Human Values and Spirituality." In a light and entertaining fashion Larry discussed how much Judaism has influenced societies and has been a positive force for humanity throughout the years. In typical Havurah fashion there was a goodly amount of interesting discussion and an excellent exchange of opinions and ideas.

In July, the Havurah held a successful Havdalah under the stars at the home of Stanley and Judy Saxe.

On Friday evening August 22, the Havurah will have a Kabbalat Shabbat at 8:00 p.m. at the Lexington Theological Seminary. The Feinberg family will lead the service in honor of Jonathan Feinberg's upcoming bar mitzvah. The Feinbergs will also be the hosts for the evening.

The new Religion Committee is in the process of planning for the coming year. Once the schedule is finalized it will be published in *Shalom*. ☆

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Book Discussion Group

Join us on August 28 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss *In the Image*, by Dara Horn. All are welcome to join this group at any time.

Kollel Study Group

Joe Engelberg leads this study of fundamental ideas of Jewish life and thought. Among these are spirituality, the nature of God, biblical and traditional injunctions and laws, Jewish history, principles of the Reform movement, and the relation of Judaism to Christianity, Islam, and Buddhism. Drop in the library on alternate Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. and join in the provocative and friendly discussion. August schedule: 9 and 23.

Tuesday Bridge Club

The Tuesday Bridge Group meets on Tuesdays at various locations to include bridge players that may not be able to come to Temple. If you would like to join this group on Tuesdays beginning at 11:00 a.m., call Leona Stern at (859) 277-0350 prior to Tuesday to find out where they are playing for the week. 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.

Chavurat-Chochma

(A Friendly Gathering of Wisdom)

We will meet again on August 1, 2008 for an interesting and informative program. Watch your mail for more info on the guest speaker. While invitations are sent to members of the congregation 60 years old and better—all are welcome! We meet most months to schmooze, nosh (lunch), and share our wisdom.



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Temple Adath Israel Mini University Courses, Fall 2008

Temple Adath Israel's "Mini University" is now enrolling for classes beginning September 2008. Classes emphasize discussion or hands-on activity, with short readings to be done in class. No prior knowledge of the subject matter is necessary—just a willingness to participate in a subject that interests you.

You may take as many Mini U. courses as you like. The one-time registration fee of \$18.00 covers all courses offered in the 2008—2009 academic year (though some courses may charge additional fees for class materials). Enrollment is open to the entire Jewish community. Here are the courses for the fall, 2008 term:

"Just One Voice: A Legacy of Action from Holocaust Rescuers and Resisters" with Mixon Ware (Wednesdays, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. September 17 and 24, October 1)

Can just one voice make a difference? In Denmark, the voices of a few committed people helped save thousands of Danish Jews from Nazi concentration camps. Through images from the Danish Museum of Resistance in Copenhagen and the Occupation Museum in Arhus, Denmark, we will explore the rescue of the Danish Jews and see how one tiny country made a big difference in the lives of many. We will view and discuss an award-winning documentary *Unlikely Heroes: A Salute to Personal Acts of Resistance against Evil* from the Simon Wiesenthal Center, and we will use what we have learned from the heroes of history to find our own voices. From stories of valor and victory, we will look to the present and ask how we can make a difference today. Participants will exchange concerns, ideas, and resources as we share dialogue about the fight for human rights and human dignity in our world today. "Never again" must be an action, not just a slogan.

"Living Well" with Lauren Howard (Sundays 12:30 – 2:00 p.m., October 12, 19, 26, November 2, 9, 16)

This course will provide a basic overview of human anatomy and physiology presented in an everyday, useful way. We will discuss the mind/body connection and how various daily activities and environmental factors affect our physiology. We will also discuss easy ways to reduce stress and improve our overall health and well being each day. Class sub-topics will include how our bodies work, getting closer to God through prayer and meditation, Jewish history of health and wellness, what am I putting in my body? moving more for health, and effective alternatives for pain relief and pain management. This class is appropriate and encouraged for all ages regardless of the student's ability to move comfortably and/or freely. The amount of physical activity done in class will be minimal and done primarily for demonstration purposes. (Enrollment limit:18)

"Lamb Cookery" with Eden Myers
 (Classes scheduled for one evening per week during the weeks of November 10, 17, 24 and December 1, 8, 15; exact dates and time TBA)

This course will explore various aspects of lamb cookery. The first week will provide an overview of lamb, including cuts of meat, the lamb production cycle, and general cooking methods. In weeks 2 – 5 we will prepare a different recipe each class, including fancy dishes, convenient weeknight dinners, crockpot dishes, and ethnic dishes. The final class might include a trip to a farm or butcher's shop

Says Eden: "I raise and market grassfed hair sheep and lamb in central Kentucky. So we eat a lot of lamb at our house, which has allowed me to become as comfortable cooking lamb as I am with its production and marketing. I have found many people are unfamiliar with lamb, or are inexperienced with meat cookery in general— but once they try it they like it, so then, of course, they want to know how to cook it. It's not hard, but lamb is a bit different and won't taste its best if that's not taken into account. Many people who think they don't like lamb have simply had poorly prepared lamb!" Enrollment limit: 10; additional cost of \$55 (more if class decides to make a crown roast or leg of lamb).

Courses to be offered in the winter/spring 2009 term include:

"Environmental Issues in Kentucky and Beyond" with Diana Clewett (January and February)

"The Story of Masada" with Sam Kad (April and May)

To enroll for fall courses, or if you have any questions, please contact Ken Slepyan at kslepyan@transy.edu or (859) 226-9145. You may enroll at any time, but the sooner the better to guarantee your place! Please make checks out to Temple Adath Israel and write on the memo line "Mini U."

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August will be anything but slow around OZS as we start the new school year and begin preparations for fall activities and the High Holidays. We welcome back everyone from your summer activities!

D'Vine Minyan

Tuesday is D'Vine Minyan Day at OZS. Join your friends for a relaxing glass of wine and socializing each Tuesday afternoon beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the OZS Social Hall. The brief afternoon/evening minyan follows from 5:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. A great way to end your day!

Shabbat at OZS

Our Shabbat schedule is a full one for the month of August. Join us for the Friday Evening Service at 5:45 p.m. on the following dates: August 1, August 15, August 22, and August 29 (Feinberg Bar Mitzvah). Our spirited Shabbat Morning Service takes place each week beginning at 9:45 a.m. with Kiddush lunch following.

Tisha b'Av observance

The ninth day of the Hebrew month of Av is designated as a day of mourning and introspection. This special day commemorates the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem as well as other calamities such as the Inquisition. In addition, to being a day of fasting,

Tisha b'Av generally begins in the evening with the study of Eichha (the Book of Lamentations). We will mark the beginning of this solemn holiday with a special evening service and chanting of Eichha on Saturday, August 9, at 9:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Stein stone unveiling

The unveiling of the cemetery stone for Ed Stein will be on Sunday, August 10, at 11:00 a.m. at the Lexington Cemetery.

Welcome Back Cookout

Come and catch up with friends after the long summer break at OZS's Welcome Back Cookout on Sunday, September 7, at 12:00 noon at OZS. Hot dogs and a vegetarian option will be provided. Don't forget to bring your cornhole game! We look forward to seeing you there.

Rosh Hashana Greetings Book

Would you like to wish your OZS friends *I'Shana Tova*? Place a greeting in our New Year's Greeting Book. Messages begin at \$18 for a 1/16

page ad. The deadline for wording and payment is September 2 to the OZS office. For more information call Janice Brock, (849) 533-7669, or Simone Salomon, (859) 269-1585.

Bubbies, Zaydes, and Babies

Children under 4 years old, along with parents and grandparents, are invited to join us for our new Bubbies, Zaydes, and Babies intergenerational playgroup. If you are a parent who would like to connect with other parents and kids, or if you are a grandparent in need of a grandkid "fix" (even if your own grandkids aren't here!) come join the fun. The first meeting will be on Sunday, September 14, from 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at OZS. This playgroup is open to the entire Jewish community.

OZS Religious School

The school year begins anew with a special Teacher and Aide Orientation on Sunday, August 17. The first day of Religious School for students and parents will be Sunday, August 24, at 10:00 a.m. We have a wonderful staff of both new and returning teachers

gearing up for another meaningful year of learning and fun. For more information about Religious School registration and the school schedule, contact our new Religious School Director Ilona Szekely.

Senior Chai, our OZS and TAI Jewish study program for 11th and 12th graders, will begin in early September. Now beginning its eighth year, Senior Chai offers our Jewish high school juniors and seniors the opportunity for monthly study and socializing in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Sessions are held generally once a month on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m., beginning with a light dinner with study following. If you are interested in participating, or need more information, please contact Rabbi Cohen at OZS or Rabbi Kline at TAI.

Membership Committee

If you know someone new to the Lexington area interested in learning more about Ohavay Zion, please call Simone Salomon, Membership Chair, at (859) 269-1585.

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- Erin Gold 523-2586
- Janice Newman 272-6807
- Vinnie Dubilier 223-5146



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Lexington, KY 40513

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Community Calendar

CKJF - Central Kentucky Jewish Federation - www.jewishlexington.org
1050 Chinoe Road • Suite 302 • 268-0672 • Linda Ravvin, President

OZS - Ohavay Zion Synagogue - www.ozs.org
2048 Edgewater Court • 266-8050 • Art Shechet, 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 - www.lextai.org
124 N. Ashland Avenue • 269-2979 • Samye Miller Stith, President
Shabbat Services Friday 7:30 p.m.; Worship Service Saturday 10:30 a.m.

HAD - The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah - www.centralstates.hadassah.org
Evalyn Block, President • eblock3375@windstream.net

HAV - The Lexington Havurah - www.lexhavurah.uscjhost.net
269-4454 • David Wekstein, President • mwdrwk@insightbb.com • Shabbat Services monthly, call for schedule

BB - B'nai B'rith Mid-America Region, Stanley Rose Lodge #0289
1050 Chinoe Road, Suite 302 • Bruce Broudy, President • bbrou@lexclin.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Camp Shalom & Camp Geshet	Camp Shalom & Camp Geshet	Camp Shalom & Camp Geshet	Camp Shalom & Camp Geshet	Camp Shalom & Camp Geshet	Rosh Chodesh Av
27	28	29	30	31	August 1	2
	Camp Shalom & Camp Geshet	Camp Shalom & Camp Geshet OZS Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. TAI Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	Camp Shalom & Camp Geshet	Camp Shalom & Camp Geshet	Camp Shalom & Camp Geshet Camp Shalom 40th Anniversary Celebration	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Shalom Deadline		Chabad-Rabbi Litvin visits 12:00 noon CRC Meeting 7:30 p.m.			TAI Bar Mitzvah William Keplinger	TAI Bar Mitzvah William Keplinger
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			CKJF Executive Committee Meeting 6:45 p.m. CKJF Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.		TAI Bar Mitzvah Ned Katz	TAI Bar Mitzvah Ned Katz
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
					OZS Bar Mitzvah Jonathan Feinberg	OZS Bar Mitzvah Jonathan Feinberg
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Rosh Chodesh Elul	Rosh Chodesh Elul Labor Day	OZS Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. TAI Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.			OZS Bar Mitzvah Russie Hunter	OZS Bar Mitzvah Russie Hunter
31	September 1	2	3	4	5	6