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Women's Happy Hour - A Great Success

On March 31 seventy women had a great evening enjoying Middle Eastern food, wine and a wonderfully funny skit about Jewish mothers and daughters through the centuries. Thanks go to our terrific Chair Janice Newman,

our talented playwright and director Marcia Blacker and our cast and committee members - Kathy Feinberg, Lynn Furness, Amy Faust Mayer, Angie Ornstein, Linda Ravvin, Judy Saxe,

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Janice Newman, Linda Ravvin, Judy Wortman and onlookers at Women's Happy Hour.



Lisa Satin, Kathy Grossman, Beth Goldskein, Judy Goldsmith and Kathy Feinberg enjoying Middle Eastern delicacies.

PJ Library Opening Party

Calling all children and their parents - come to a pajama party with your family and friends to celebrate the launch of the PJ Library here in Lexington. The party will be held on Sunday, May 8 at 2 pm at the Bates Creek Ballroom at 1400 Gainesway Drive on the grounds of the Bates Creek Country Club. The party will feature story-telling by Amy Faust Mayer and art projects with George and Ilona Szekeley. Fun, food and frolic are promised for all.

The PJ Library is a national program run by the Harold Greenspoon Foundation in Western Massachusetts.

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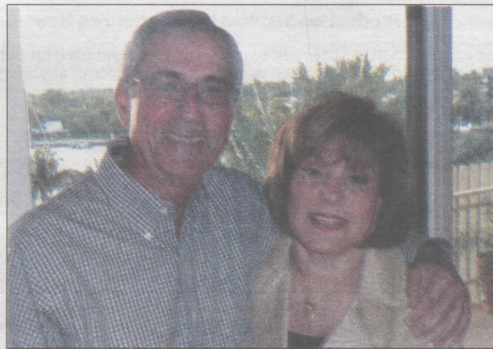
For information and reservations, please call Judy Wortman at 268-0672. ☆

Gala Tribute Dinner Honoring Susan and Steve Caller

On Sunday, May 22 at 5:00 pm, the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass will honor Susan and Steve Caller for their extraordinary community leadership and philanthropy. A gala tribute dinner will be held at the Doubletree Suites by Hilton Hotel at 2601 Richmond Road. In conjunction with the dinner, a tribute book for the Callers will be distributed to all guests. Speakers will include Nancy and Norman Lipoff of Miami who are both national leaders of the North American Jewish community and dear friends of Susan and Steve. Bret Caller will also speak about his parents. The Bats, a popular Lexington singing group, will provide the evening's entertainment.

Sue Ezrine, one of the chairs of the celebration, will be the master of ceremonies. The other three co-chairs are Harriet Cooper, Nancy Hoffman, and Sara Levy.

The covert for the dinner is \$60 per person. Tributes to the Callers can be purchased before May 2. The cost of a full page is \$180; a half page is \$100; and a quarter page is \$50. A listing of your name or business name is \$18. Attendees will have the opportunity to pledge their commitments to the 2011 annual community campaign. For information and reservations, please call Judy Wortman at 268-0572. Reservations and tributes can also be made on the Federation website, www.jewish-lexington.org. ☆



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Happy 63rd birthday Israel

Come celebrate Yom Ha Atzmaut with the community on Sunday, May 15th at 12 noon at Ohavay Zion Synagogue. Bring your children and grandchildren for a fun celebration featuring the music of Marc Rossio, known as the Marvelous Toy. Marc, who will visit from Columbus, Ohio, is a singer and guitarist who entertains children and families with Jewish music, stories and sing-a-longs. He has been the featured entertainment for PJ Library programs throughout Ohio and he Midwest.

Israeli lunches will be available for purchase. Admission to the program is

free. For information and registration, call Judy Wortman at 268-0672 or email her at jfb@jewishlexington.org. ☆



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Email articles to shalom@jewishlexington.org



Message From Executive Director

Judy Wortman

Farewell to the Chief

On June 1st at the Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation, Linda Ravvin will leave the presidency after four years of exceptional service. During six months of that period, Linda was both acting director as well as president of the Board of Directors. In my more than forty years in the field of Jewish Communal Service, I have never worked with a more committed, creative, wise, patient, and passionate leader. Working as Linda's partner has been a blessing and I very reluctantly am giving her back to Leon. Linda has promised me that she will continue to be very involved as a federation volunteer.

During the past four years of Linda's presidency, there have been many changes in Federation including changing our name from Central Kentucky Jewish Federation to the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass and the revision of our by-laws. The community said goodbye to Daniel Chefecs after nine years and went through an extensive search process that resulted in my having been hired. There were a number of other staff changes. Paula Clancy was hired as director of the Jewish Family Services and JFS flourished during her three-year tenure. Paula will be replaced by Talia Smolkin later this year. Linda also hired Gayle Bourne as our part time bookkeeper. Unfortunately Jana LaZur's position was retrenched several months ago after the 2010 campaign did not meet our expectations.

During the four years of Linda's administration, the campaign reacted

to the recession, as did most nonprofit organizations. While our losses were minor as compared to many organizations, we were forced to make a number of cuts including our allocations abroad, conferences and professional development, some campaign events and speakers, office supplies, mailings, printing, etc. We have become more fiscally transparent and responsible and are basing our budget and allocations on actual cash received and not on pledges or anticipated gifts.

In spite of these cuts, we have developed several new programs. We have re-introduced Women's Philanthropy (formerly Women's Division) and the Young Bluegrass Jews (formerly Young Leadership). A community planning process has been initiated with the federation and congregational presidents, treasurers, rabbis, and directors that has already helped the three organizations reduce administrative costs and work together more productively. The newest program to be developed under Linda's administration is the PJ Library, which she had been trying to adopt here for many years. Thanks to the efforts of Art and Simone Salomon and a number of generous donors, the program has just been launched and our opening party will be held on May 8th.

Next month Linda will write her last president's column in Shalom and I hope she will highlight her other achievements. Until then, I would like to offer my profound gratitude for a job expertly done. Most importantly, I thank Linda for her trust and our incredible friendship. I will miss you, Linda. ☆

Editorial

This is the fourth edition since I began my editorship. The world has changed. Democratic revolutions have begun in a number of Muslim countries, calling for the ouster of dictators. Consequently, America has broadened its role in the Middle East and North Africa. The House and Senate finally agreed on a budget compromise at the last possible moment before forcing a government shutdown. The Kentucky Wildcats came within 3 points of making it to the finals.

By the time you read this, Pesach will have passed and Shavuot will be at hand. Shavuot, of course, is the holiday on which we celebrate the giving of the Law at Sinai. Consequently, we spend all the night of Shavuot studying. The mitzvah of studying applies equally to scholars, rabbis, and lay persons who may not know an aleph from a bet.

Just as on Pesach when we were told that we all have the obligation of retelling the story, irrespective of our levels of expertise, the message of Shavuot reinforces a basic concept in Judaism – learning never ends.

What can this mean for us in the 21st century time crunch in which we live our lives? It means: read a book by a Jewish author or on a Jewish topic; join a class at the synagogue or the temple; participate in one of the learning opportunities at the Federation; engage your friends or relatives in discussions concerning the Jewish community in order to learn from each other; follow the Daily Page program for Talmud or Mishnah (consult your

rabbi); come to services periodically to learn from the wisdom of your rabbis; invent your own ways to study, especially through the Internet.

The only educational mitzvah that is higher than learning is teaching. We teach by example (the most effective); we teach informally at camp, in youth groups, and in daily conversation; we instruct formally in classes. All are opportunities to share our knowledge. Naturally, the Shalom is another vehicle for education. Share your ideas, thoughts, and/or "teachings" with the rest of the community. Join our ever-enlarging list of contributing authors. As editor, I would greatly appreciate increased participation from the community. The Talmud teaches us "he who learns deserves a place in the World to Come; but he who learns and teaches deserves five times that place."

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Nine women celebrate B'not Mitzvah at TAI

By Ruth Poley

On April 15, nine women were called to the Torah as B'not Mitzvah at Temple Adath Israel. It was the culmination of nine months of study and exploration for this disparate group. Five of us were born into Judaism, four came to it by choice; we range in age from forty-something to mid-70s; some are married with children; some are married, no children, some are not married; some are working, a few are retired. And yet, despite widely differing life experiences, we all found common ground in our dedication to achieving this goal.

We have explored our spirituality through our connection to one another as Jews and as human beings. For some of us it has been a journey of re-connecting with a Jewish identity and for others a continuation of a chosen path. It has been a spiritually uplifting process for all of us as we strive to move forward in today's world, taking what we have learned of our history and from Torah and making it relevant now. We have all grown as women and human beings as we have become closer to each other through our class, and to our community through our

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Members of 2011 TAI adult B'not Mitzvah class. Back row Elaine Potts, Becky Katz, Pat Shraberg, Ruth Poley, Angie Ornstein, Jane Chaput. From row Karen Petrone, Ann Buckholtz, Rhoda Eldot



Rabbi Kline helps Jane Chaput prepare to light Shabbat candles

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Talmud study in South Korea

The following fascinating article was translated by The Muqata from YNET.

Close to 50 million people live in South Korea, and almost everyone is taught the Talmud at home by their parents. "We tried to understand why the Jews are geniuses, and we came to the conclusion that we think it is because they study Talmud," said the Korean ambassador to Israel, Mr. Young Sam Ma. And this is how "Rav Papa" became a better-known scholar in Korea than in Israel.

It is doubtful if the Amoraic scholars, Abbaye and Rava imagined their discussions of Jewish law in the Beit Midrash in Babylon would be taught hundreds of years later in East Asia. Yet it turns out that the laws of an "egg born on a holiday" is actually very interesting to the South Koreans who have required that Talmud study be part of their compulsory school curriculum. [Note from Jameel: The Korean Embassy in Israel probably received a lot of complaints about Talmud being part of the compulsory school curriculum,

and requested that the statement read: "Yet, it turns out that... is actually very interesting to the South Koreans who encourage Talmud learning at home".]

Almost every home in South Korea now contains a Korean-translated Talmud. But unlike in Israel, the Korean mothers teach the Talmud to their children. In a country of close to 49 million people who believe in Buddhism and Christianity, there are more people who read the Talmud - or at least own their own copy at home - more than in the Jewish state. Much more.

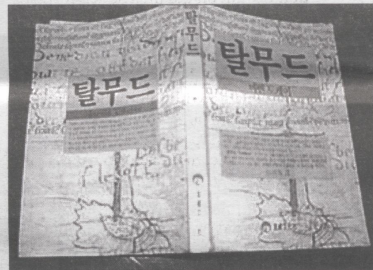
"So we too will become geniuses"

"We were very curious about the high academic achievements of the Jewish people", explains Korean Ambassador to Israel, Mr. Young Sam Ma, who was hosted on the channel 1 TV programme "Culture Today".

"Jews have a high percentage of Nobel laureates in all fields: literature, science and economics. This is a remarkable achievement. We tried to understand

what is the secret of the Jewish people? How they - more than other people - are able to reach those impressive accomplishments? Why are Jews so intelligent? In our opinion, one of your secrets is that you study the Talmud".

"Jews study the Talmud at a young age, and it helps them, in our opinion, to develop mental capabilities. This understanding led us to teach



The photo above of a Talmud translated into Korean. Is courtesy of the South Korean Embassy to Israel.

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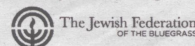
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Richard Goldstone's sort-of apology

By Laurence H. Kant

Pathetic. That is the only word I can use to describe Richard Goldstone's stunning sort-of apology in the Washington Post.

As many of you may remember, South African judge Richard Goldstone (who is Jewish) issued a report that generally downplayed the war crimes of Hamas in Israel's 2006 Gaza incursion and lashed out at Israel for its disproportionate attacks on Gaza, its targeting of civilians, its use of Palestinians as human shields, and its destruction of civilian infrastructure. The Goldstone Report was issued under the auspices of the U.N. Human Rights Council, that embodiment of fairness toward Israel whose visionary leadership has included such democratic, gentle, peace-loving nations as Bahrain, China, Libya, Pakistan, The Democratic Republic of Congo, and Saudi Arabia.

In his recent op-ed, Goldstone essentially admits that Israel followed proper procedures in the investigation of its soldiers in the Gaza incursion and that Hamas did not. He all but acknowledges that Israel's military operated at a high moral level, while the military of Hamas did not.

His excuses ring hollow: He hoped that Hamas would respond to the commission's requests--give us a break. On what planet is he living? He thought that perhaps the U.N. Human Rights Council would start treating Israel more evenhandedly. This explanation is implausible and bears all the earmarks of after-the-fact rationalization: Uh-oh, I'd better come up with something good. I can hear the wheels spinning. He wishes that Israel had responded to his requests. Gee, I wonder why Israel thought he and the commis-

sion would be biased and declined to cooperate. I'm shocked.

Goldstone and his commission harmed Israel and the Jewish people. And now he tries to justify the supposedly positive aspects of the Goldstone Commission and cannot even admit that he screwed up, even though he basically says he did.

The damage Goldstone has caused, some of it in the deaths of both Israelis and Palestinians, is incalculable. The PR benefits of his essay are miniscule compared to the PR damage of his commission's report. True apologies require a straightforward admission of error and a commitment to act differently in the future. Richard Goldstone has not even begun to do that.

Perhaps his many awards, the numerous parties in his honor, and friendships with VIPs mean more to him than offending others, especially on the anti-Israel left. Apparently Jews don't count on the international chichi lists of official victimhood. His excuses make things even worse.

I find it particularly sad that a person so associated with international justice in South Africa, the Balkans, and Rwanda would shut his eyes to the injustice he committed against his own people.

Legitimate debate about Israeli policies is beneficial and desirable, but the Goldstone Report made a mockery of fact-finding and objective analysis.

What is it that leads some Jews to hate themselves so much that they are willing to propagate lies and half-truths about Israel rather than grapple with complexity? What a waste.

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our children as well. We believe that if we teach our children Talmud, they will also become geniuses. This is what stands behind the rationale of introducing Talmud Study to our school curriculum." Jameel adds: Again, The Muqata was requested to remove the school curriculum comment, and replace it with, "This is the rational to make Talmud a part of home education in Korea"

Ambassador Ma says the he himself studied the Talmud at a very young age: "It is considered very significant study," he emphasized. The result is that more Koreans have Talmud sets in their homes than Jews in Israel.

"I, for example, have two editions of Talmud: one my wife bought and the other I got from my mother in law". [Jameel adds: Almost like the Jewish tradition of the parents of the bride buying a set of Talmud for their future son-in-law...]

Groupies of Jews

Koreans don't only like the Talmud because they see it as promoting genius, but because they found values that are close to their hearts.

"In the Jewish tradition, family values are important," explains the South Korean Ambassador.

"You see it even today, your practice of the Friday evening family meal. In my country we also focus on family values. The respect for adults, respect and appreciation for the elderly parallels the high esteem in my country for the elderly."

Another very significant issue is the respect for education. In the Jewish tradition parents have a duty to teach their children, and they devote to it lots of attention. For Korean parents, their children's education is a top priority. (YNET)



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Third Opinion

Stanley Ned Rosenbaum, PhD

On owning Heinrich Graetz's history of the Jews

Among my most prized possessions is a six-volume set of Graetz's *History of the Jews* (JPS, English translation, 1891). I don't read these tomes and I really never have. After a few, brief attempts I gave up trying. The writing is turgid and, if I must say, I know more about Jewish history than Graetz did.

This is not brag, just a nod to how much we've learned in so many Judaica-related fields in the 136 years since his first German edition. So why do I revere these dusty volumes? Well, my set was once the property of the National Farm School in Doylestown, PA.

Farm school! The first volume of my set has a picture of the men who established it pasted inside the front cover. The one in the upper left merely says "Founder," but I know this was Joseph Krauskopf. He established it in 1896 – my set of Graetz's books was new then – to help children who were deemed "slow learners," kids who might do better with vocational training. (My

older brother, aged eight or nine, was sent to a Farm School around 1945, but it didn't help. He had what we now know as ADD, Attention Deficit Disorder.)

Contemporary with Farm School A.D. Gordon was founding Labor Zionism. He thought we could redeem ourselves and so solve the "Jewish question" by manual labor so in 1902 at age forty-seven he moved to Palestine. The kibbutz movement, though it never became the norm in Israel, owes a lot to him.

Krauskopf, himself, was one of the first four men to graduate from Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati in 1885. Do you remember learning that to honor the newly ordained rabbis HUC held a banquet to which they invited Orthodox dignitaries? (Conservatism was experiencing a false dawn that year and would not be successfully launched until 1900.) Since Reform had decided dietary laws were no longer binding upon us – Ah yes, two Jews = three opinions – they served trefe. (You can see a photo of the menu in Jonathan Sarna's 350th anniversary history

of American Judaism. That's a very good read.)

Several of the guests immediately got up and left.

I don't mean to suggest that following Halachah is or should be a "matter of opinion." Surely, it is more serious than that. But it is the genius, or the curse, or the burden of Reform – as enunciated in the Pittsburgh Platform of 1885 – to elevate the ethical commands of our faith above ritual pre- and proscriptions.

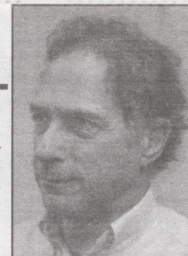
I like ritual, it's familiar and comforting, like a set of old clothes smelling vaguely of Europe. But it's our ethical system that sings to me. We were so far ahead of our time when it comes to treatment of the less fortunate: widows, orphans, and "strangers" in our midst. We even proscribed harming the fruit trees of besieged enemies (Deut. 20:19-20)

And Moses would not let the people cheer the drowning of Pharaoh's army because human lives were being lost. The histories of Israel written since

Graetz's time, especially those by committed Jews and Christians, are better written, but most still cling more closely to the biblical account of things than I'm comfortable with. If I am spared, my own present attempt at understanding our history, now in its seventh year of gestation, will change all that. Or not. It doesn't matter. Even if I don't finish the task, I am "not free to desist."

It is enough for me to be among those great Jewish people, like Graetz, Krauskopf and Gordon who labored so long and so well to mend the world.

Stanley Ned Rosenbaum, PhD (Brandeis), is a retired 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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Welcome to Project HEART, the Holocaust Era Asset Restitution Taskforce. The purpose of Project HEART is to help individuals with restitution for property that was confiscated, looted, or forcibly stolen during the era of the Shoah. The first step in this process is to identify those individuals who lost property during that period and to encourage them to file the Questionnaire. The website (www.heartwebsite.org) contains the information you need to determine if you or someone you know qualifies for participation in Project HEART and whether any confiscated, looted, or forcibly sold property might be eligible for potential restitution. By following the step-by-step instructions, the website will guide you through the steps required to submit the Questionnaire and begin your application process. The website also describes the types and locations of property included and excluded from Project HEART and provides additional information and deadlines. Project HEART is a nonprofit initiative of the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), funded by and in cooperation with the Government of Israel. The primary focus of Project HEART at this stage is identifying individuals who may have potential claims regarding property. To be eligible, the claimed property must meet ALL of the following criteria:

1. The property was located in countries that were controlled by the Nazi forces or Axis powers at any time during the Holocaust era.
2. The property belonged to Jewish persons as defined by Nazi or Axis racial laws.
3. The property was confiscated, looted, or forcibly sold by the Nazi forces or Axis powers during the Holocaust era.
4. No restitution was received for that property after the Holocaust era.

The ultimate aim of Project HEART is to provide the tools, strategy, and information that will enable the Government of Israel, Project HEART, and its partners to secure a measure of justice for eligible Jewish victims and their heirs—and for the Jewish people. Project HEART seeks to reach

eligible persons, Jewish Holocaust victims and their heirs worldwide, who or whose families owned movable, immovable, or intangible personal property that was confiscated, looted, or forcibly sold in countries governed or occupied by the Nazi forces or Axis powers during the Holocaust era.

WHAT PROPERTIES ARE ELIGIBLE? Eligible properties for Project HEART include private properties of all kinds:

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2. **MOVABLE PROPERTY**, any property that can be moved from one location to another. This may include art, Judaica, livestock, professional tools, precious metals, precious stones, jewelry, and other movable property.
3. **INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY**, personal property that cannot actually be moved, touched, or felt but instead represents something of value. This may include negotiable instruments such as stocks, bonds, insurance policies, savings accounts, registered patents, dowry policies, and other intangible personal property. It may also include negative assets—debts and liabilities owed to the individual—such as outstanding loans and mortgages.

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Letter to the Editor: America Must Lead

The Libyan people rose up against their dictatorial and murderous president, and asked for world help to overthrow the tyrant and establish a democracy in Libya, but the world, including the U.S., delayed taking any action. The western world wanted to study the situation.

Finally, about a month later, the U.N. agreed to impose sanctions, including a no fly zone around Libya, and coalition missiles and planes attacked Gadhafi's military forces. They were able to halt Gadhafi's drive to retake Benghazi and eastern Libya. The opposition forces in the east were saved from annihilation, but unfortunately Gadhafi's forces had penetrated many cities and had the opposition on the run.

The dithering and dithering by the U.N., including the U.S., inhibited the momentum of the rebel forces, but it has resulted in a potential long drawn out stalemate in Libya. The stalemate

might be broken if we employ helicopter gun ships against Gadhafi's military in and around the cities and provide the rebels with anti-tank weapons.

The U.S. finally acted to avert a humanitarian disaster in Libya, and we continued our quest to promote democracy in the region. We also might have contributed to the establishment of some stability in the Middle East, which is necessary to calm fears of disruption to the flow of oil, and the impact on world oil prices.

It is our duty to provide leadership to countries and populations in the world who cry out for help when they are threatened by the dark forces of totalitarianism.

Donald A. Moskowitz
Londonderry, NH

"Lunch and learn with our Lexington community rabbis"

Tuesday, May 31
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True diversity

By Bonnie Sobel

Years ago, I attended a meeting at the Temple for the purpose of creating a diversity museum. After the audience had discussed including just about every imaginable minority in the program, I raised my hand and asked a simple question. Are we ready to welcome Conservative Republicans into our diversity group? There was a silence, as if I had asked, "Would we like to include mass murderers?" To many Jews in our community, Conservatives are just unforgivable, despicable people.

With this in mind, why should Senator Rand Paul listen to us when we try to persuade him to vote to continue sending large sums of money to Israel? Was he not elected to the Senate specifically to cut government spending across the board? What bothers me is that I don't think many people in the Jewish community ever took the time to praise his predecessor, Conservative Senator Jim Bunning, for being a solid supporter of Israel for so many, many years.

Because of the events taking place in the Arab world and the potential rise to power of the Muslim Brotherhood and other anti-Israeli factions, it becomes imperative that we encourage all those who are willing to voice support for Israel, regardless of their political affiliation. I have some quotations from such a person who always discusses Israel in a positive light. He says, "Be clear, I stand with Israel."

And where is everyone else?" "Name a country (in the Middle East) who has values like us; there is only one, Israel." "Do you stand with those who are most like Americans or those who are creating terror?" These words were not spoken by our President, or our Secretary of State, but by Mr. Glenn Beck, a man who consistently voices his support for Israel. Not only did Glenn Beck first bring to light the real story behind the Flotilla conflict, but to my knowledge, he was one of the only news commentators who showed pictures of the Palestinian men and women actually passing out cake to celebrate the death of the young Israeli family who recently was brutally murdered in their own home. Yet this same commentator is often derided in our press and by our own community as a right-winger who is out of touch with reality.

The reality is that if we do not encourage those individuals who strongly support Israel, we will find ourselves with little or no support at all.

So, I suggest that it is time for this Jewish community to start issuing a few positive remarks in the direction of any public voices, be they from Blacks, Whites, Hispanics, Asians, Males, Females, Homosexuals, Lesbians, Liberals, and, yes, even from those Conservatives who have the courage and the convictions to stand-up and show their support for Israel. If not, we may be the only ones left standing.

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Ohavay Zion Synagogue
Sunday, May 15, 2011 at 12 noon.

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Israel announces line-up of sport competitions through 2012

New York - April 5, 2011: Israel's 300 days of sunshine per year, diverse terrain and state-of-the-art facilities make it a world-class sporting destination unlike any other. This year and through 2012, Israel will host a wide-range of sport marathons and fitness competitions, including:

- **TLV RUN TLV** (April 8): Tel Aviv's annual marathon will feature a full, half, 6.2-mile and 2.5-mile courses through the beaches, boulevards, parks and Bauhaus architecture of the White City. <http://www.tlvmarathon.co.il>

- **Herzliya Women's Triathlon** (May 18): The 18th Women's Triathlon is the largest sporting event for women in Israel, attracting thousands of participants from around the world to compete along the Mediterranean beaches just ten minutes north of Tel Aviv. www.women-tri.com

- **CEV U20 European Beach Volleyball Championships** (July 27 - August 8): The world's top volleyball players will converge on Tel Aviv's Gordon

Beach for a two-week tournament this summer. www.cev.lu/mmp/online

- **The 19th Maccabiah Games** (July 16-30): A quadrennial competition ranked among the world's top sporting events, the Maccabiah Games will showcase the world's top athletes competing in track and field, tennis and fencing competitions, among others, at various sport stadiums and venues around Israel. www.maccabiah.com

- **Tour de Dead Sea** (December 2011): An annual cycle race along the contours of the Dead Sea, the Tour de Dead Sea will attract more than one thousand cyclists from around the world and feature four different routes along the sea each with a varying level of difficulty.

- **Youth Sailing World Championship 2011** (December 27): For the first time ever, Eilat will host this prestigious sailing competition that is expected to attract more than 2,000 sailors from Israel and around the world. www.sailing.org

- **Israman Competition** (January 20-21, 2012): Ranked by USA Triathlete Magazine as one of the world's top triathlons, the Israman competition will challenge athletes with a 2.5-mile swim, 111-mile cycle route and a full 26-mile marathon. www.israman.co.il

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Eventually, Scott was unable to work, and the family faced additional consequences. Not only were they concerned that they might lose their husband and father — now they were worried that they might lose their home as well. "Through the Federation we were blessed with so many different things, and one of them was an attorney who helped us with the issues around our foreclosure."

When Scott came out of the hospital and began to get stronger, normal life began to resume for the Faerbers. Scott has even returned to work.

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Happy Hour (from page 1)

Angie Smith, and Judy Wortman.

In addition to being a successful program, fundraising for the 2011 women's philanthropy campaign was successful too. That evening, women pledged more than



Amy Faust Mayer and Kathy Feinberg in Merrie Old England.

\$21,000. Twenty-five women made gifts in their own name for the first time. Since Super Sunday, women's giving has totaled more than \$31,000. We hope that this women's event will be one of many that the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass will sponsor in the next several years. There have already been numerous requests for an encore performance, which we will consider seriously as long as our cast members and director don't decide to leave for Broadway or Hollywood. ✧



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3. No restitution was made for that property after the Holocaust era.

This website describes the procedure for submitting your information and participating in Project HEART. If you are eligible to participate, simply complete and file the Questionnaire found on this website. You may file the Questionnaire electronically via this website, fax it to the number listed in the CONTACT PROJECT HEART section of this website, e-mail it to english@heartwebsite.org, or mail it by First-Class Mail, postmarked by December 1, 2011, to the address listed in the CONTACT PROJECT HEART section of this website. **WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE?** Individuals will not be considered if their property was located in areas including, but not restricted to:

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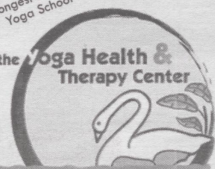
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and Russian dressing and a delicious potato salad. In addition, we usually have at least one special entrée and/or dessert. If you missed the black and white cookies in April, you missed a great treat.

If you've already tried the deli, you know how good it is. For those of you who have experienced some delays in the past, we've revamped our systems to be faster and more efficient. Mark your calendar now, and join us on May 22 for the new, streamlined, TAI on Rye. Bring the meshpuchah!

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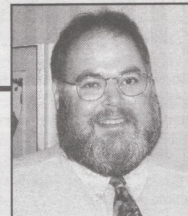
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Ask A Rabbi

Rabbi Marc Kline



Q: "Rabbi, how come our community has interfaith groups that do not include Jews? Should we not be doing something about it?"

A: This seems like such a simple question, but it really is far more complex than one might think. The term interfaith seems like such a "no brainer" for so many of us. There are groups in this community that purport to be interfaith, and yet, as you point out, are still exclusive. The problem is that the word means so many different things to different people, all based on the eyes, ears, and faith experience of the person speaking the word at any given time. When I was still in Arkansas (practicing law), I served on the Interfaith Hunger Task Force of Arkansas. At my first meeting, I was taken aback when one of the Board Members made the statement, "We now have a Jew, and we are working on a Muslim. We have Christians, but we need a Catholic to really be interfaith. I had never heard that Catholics were not Christians before. I made the mistake of suggesting that there was a Hindu community in town, and that did not start a pretty conversation. Every meeting was exclusively Christian in prayer, in scripture, and in process. As I queried how this was a joining of faiths to be equally represented, I was told that since they mentioned the "Father" (meaning God) I was included. This became such an issue for them that they held a secret retreat without me to discuss the "Marc Kline Problem." The gentleman who had been my Constitutional Law professor and is now Dean of my Law school was invited to moderate. I understand that the conversation was fascinating, and the outcome was fairly predictable. They thought they were being interfaith by inviting the Muslim and me to the table. As to the Hindu community, they did not see these people as being faithful, to be included as a faith community in an "Interfaith" endeavor. They ended up becoming the Inter-Christian Hunger task force, and I did volunteer legal work for the group. The Jewish tradition has always mandated that we participate in the wider community, and that in doing so, we are to give equal dignity to the traditions of faithful people around us. There are so many

hints (some subtle and some blatant) throughout Torah and the rabbinic teachings that help us to understand this idea. According to a strict reading of kosher rules, we are not allowed to eat the hindquarter of an animal. The reason is the rich blood supply that would make it impossible to kasher. So what do we do with this choicest section of meat? We are not allowed to sell it, to gain wealth from it. We must give it to our neighbors. There are some huge presumptions tied into this charge. First, it means that we live around people who believe differently than do we. Second, it means that we have relationships with them, such that we can give this meat and they would not be suspicious in accepting it. If one takes the Biblical King David story to be literal, a similar problem is present. Where is the King living? He lives next door to Uriah the Hittite who was married to a daughter of Israel. I know that the Bible tells us to sweep away all of the "Ites" from before us, but it obviously was not a universal command. These and many other stories begin with the understanding that we are living productively and peacefully with diverse neighbors (granted they do not always end that way). So, it is part of our story to find ourselves living a life, as the Talmud teaches, "Dina d'Malkhuta Dina." The law of the land in which we live is the law we live by; we are good citizens, regardless.

Not everyone understands this message, and candidly, not every movement within Judaism accepts it. There are ultra-orthodox groups amongst us who can be as narrow minded as the members around that taskforce table 20 years ago. There are differing religious groups within this community still stuck in that same mindset. We are all products of our upbringing, and even while we live in a greatly globalized world, there are people who hold very provincial ide-

als. Truth be told, we all do, just in different areas over different subject matter. I know enlightened scientists who profess atheism, scholars who believe that God speaks one language, intelligent people who believe everything they see in print, and because they saw it in print. Please remember that because we are products of what we are taught, we cannot be too harsh in judging people with whom we cannot agree on such matters. A local organization, B.U.I.L.D. (Building a United Interfaith Lexington through Direct-action), advertises itself to be interfaith but has never wanted to welcome any non-Christian Congregation other than to accept dollars and count volunteers. Justice rallies are mid-week church services, and many were held on Muslim and Jewish holidays. If you ask members of its leadership team, they will assure you that this is an interfaith group. For many a Catholic/Protestant mix or even an effort shared between white and black churches is the "interfaith" experience. Some believe that if one is not a Christian, one is not a person of faith. Telling people they are wrong will not solve problems; especially since their faith tradition teaches them otherwise. Engaging them to help them discover other answers for themselves makes a whole lot more sense. I did tell BUILD that where our definition of "Interfaith" was so different, it is difficult for non-Christian congregations to join in, as they operated. I went further to argue that if they called themselves "Inter-

Christian," I would make sure (we do with Habitat, God's Pantry, and the Hope Center), that Jews showed up to participate. Do I like these answers? No, but I have to ask if they really are the important issues over which we need to argue. BUILD does great work in this community; work that, as a member of this community, benefits me. We have to learn that even while we do not necessarily agree with the perceptions of others, we need to look past those differences and realize that there will be other places where we can grow to find commonality. For now, though, "Interfaith" is a word that means what it means to the person using the word. The real question to address, though, is less about whether or not we are included or excluded. Rather it is about how we find ways to engage each other in ways to help all of us grow.

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B'tayavon (Hearty Appetite)

By Ruth Poley



An easy cake for spring

The recipe for this month is so easy it doesn't even require an electric mixer. My husband, who is all kinds of a great cook but can't bake to save himself, made this cake to take to work once and no one could believe he had made it. It doesn't require any great techniques or any arcane ingredients; most of them are probably on a shelf in your pantry. If not, you can get them in any supermarket. Oh, and did I mention it's delicious?

Chocolate and Cherry Ring

2 cups all-purpose flour
¾ cup sugar
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon salt
2 beaten eggs
½ cup cooking oil
2 teaspoons vanilla
1 21-ounce can cherry pie filling (don't use blueberry, it will make a grey cake)
1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
1 cup chopped walnuts
Powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 350°. In a large mixing bowl stir together flour, sugar, baking soda, cinnamon, and salt. In another bowl combine eggs, oil, and vanilla; add to flour mixture and mix well. Stir in cherry pie filling, chocolate chips, and nuts. Turn the mixture into a greased and floured 10-inch bundt pan. Bake for 1 hour. Cool in pan on a wire rack for 15 minutes. Remove from pan and allow to cool completely. Sift powdered sugar over the top before serving.

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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The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah

Lynn Furness, President

By Lynn Furness

This is my last column as President of the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah. During my two year term, I tried to use the Shalom column to inform the community about various aspects of Hadassah with the hope that whoever read the columns would learn something. In this last column, I'd like to give you a status report on Hadassah in general and our chapter in particular.

Hadassah continues to thrive and to lead as the world's largest volunteer organization. Approaching its centennial year, Hadassah is focusing its efforts on its flagship, Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO). Founded by the forward thinking women of Hadassah and led by an exceptional and visionary team of physician-scientists, HMO is a global health care and medical research giant. As we've discussed before, HMO is building the new Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower to enable Hadassah to provide medical care and research at the highest level for years to come.

Hadassah improves medicine in various ways. One example is the breakthrough by researchers at HMO regarding the commercial use of stem cells. They developed a novel strategy to derive and culture human embryonic stem cells in suspension. This may be the key to developing systems to manufacture the enormous quantities of stem cells required to treat millions of patients suffering from a variety of illnesses.

Other projects supported by Hadassah are also thriving. Hadassah College of Jerusalem has expanded its course offerings and continues to educate the

citizenry of Israel to participate in a highly technical workforce. The three Hadassah Youth Aliyah Villages, each with a different focus, provide havens for the children at risk who live there and also offer shelter in times of crisis to other Israelis. Young Judeaea has seen a steady increase in its Year Course participants who participate in various tracks in Israel while the Young Judeaea camps continue to attract youngsters eager to experience camp in a Jewish setting.

Hadassah Foundation provides monetary and other support to women-owned businesses.

I'm proud to report that our chapter has also flourished over the past two years. Specifically, the chapter significantly increased its membership while enrolling associates, men who support Hadassah's mission and her members. It also exceeded its fundraising goals and perhaps most importantly, provided a variety of stimulating programs to attract many members, associates, and friends. We may be small in number, but we are mighty in our support of the wonderful work of Hadassah for which the Lexington Chapter received well-deserved recognition at region forums and national conventions.

I want to thank the Chapter for the privilege and honor of serving as its President. I am confident the incoming President, Jane Chaput, and the Board for 2011-2013, will continue to build on our successes. Each one of us helps to make Hadassah a truly unique organization. Everyone's support and participation is appreciated and welcomed. I look forward to sharing a bright future with the members and Associates of the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah.

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Jeremy Popkin, President

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By the time this column appears, the members of the Lexington Havurah and the rest of the Lexington Jewish community will have passed safely through the Red Sea once again. As we spilled the drops of our Manischewitz wine to remember the suffering of the Egyptians, I'm sure we will have wished that, for their sake, it will not take forty years of wandering in the wilderness to consolidate the freedom recent events have brought them.

If all has gone well, each of our Havurah member families will have a new Seder story to add to its repertoire. Because Passover is celebrated at home, it lends itself to creative innovation and unexpected surprises as well as the repetition of comfortingly familiar ritual.

Passover was never a routine in my own family. When I was a small child, we did not even celebrate it. In the late 1940s, my parents, both from New York City, found themselves in the small university town of Iowa City, where my father had his first teaching job. They both came from secular Jewish families in which the Seder was often the occasion for confrontations between religious grandparents and "emancipated" parents that they were happy to miss.

When I was eight years old, my father suddenly underwent what he called a "conversion experience" and decided that being Jewish did matter to him. He never joined a regular congregation, but we began to hold Seders. "Although it was the blind leading the

blind," he wrote to my grandmother after our first attempt, "it went off very well." Even after my father's "conversion," however, we always lived too far from our relatives to attend a multi-generational family Seder. My parents filled the table by inviting various friends, and my father made it a special point to include non-Jews.

I have fond memories of one occasion in the 1960s, when he presided over the table with two of his Philosophy Department colleagues, the noted Marxist thinker Herbert Marcuse, a German Jew who had fled Hitler and was celebrating the holiday for the first time since his adolescence, and Paul Henri, a Jesuit priest with a weakness for drink that made him an ideal Seder invitee. "To the first successful uprising of an oppressed proletariat!" Marcuse boomed as we lifted our wineglasses.

When I moved to Lexington and became a parent, I had to create new traditions for my own family. Who could forget the year we had to rush through the Haggadah in order to finish before the UK-Michigan Final Four game? This year, we will have mourned the loss of our friend John Frank, a welcome presence at our table on several occasions, but we will have had several new friends joining us for the first time. Passover, that wonderfully flexible and congenial holiday, will have warmed our hearts and filled our stomachs once again, and we will have done our part to extend the three-thousand-year-old chain of Jewish memory.

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"Finding a Jewish Path While the Ground Shifts Beneath Us":

Here is the upcoming date for Larry Kant's class at Temple Adath Israel: May 15. We meet at 10 AM in the Sisterhood Lounge.

We study sacred Jewish texts, including Bible, Midrash, Talmud/Mishnah, and Kabbalah, to explore how we can adapt story and tradition to a life of wisdom. We look at language and wording, multiple interpretations and meanings, historical context, and mystical significance. Right now we are exploring the life of Jacob and are in the midst of discussing Jacob's dream vision on his way from Beer Sheva to Haran in Genesis 28.

TORAH LISHMA

A Look at Jewish Traditions with Rabbi Kline meeting the second Thursday of each month. Dates: Thursday, May 12th 7:00 pm - Jesus in a Jewish Context

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"Jews have long been known as the 'People of the Book,' but perhaps 'People of the Book Club' would be a better fit. ... Being an informed Jew has never meant just reading a book, but rather reading, reacting, discussing, rereading, interpreting, arguing, and then reading some more—just as book clubs do" (Josh Lambert, The Jewish Publication Society). And while we do that, we also have fun! So we hope you will join the TAI people of the book club when we meet again in May -- the third Thursday, May 19, and our book will be "The Finkler Question" by Howard Jacobson.

TAI ON RYE TO BE OPEN MAY 22

May 22 last chance for TAI on Rye until September

TAI on Rye will be open on Sunday, May 22, for the last time this season. If you don't come in May, you're going to have to do without that great deli food until next September.

For those of you who have experienced some delays in the past, we've revamped our systems to be faster and more efficient. Mark your calendar now, and join us on May 22 for the new, streamlined, TAI on Rye.

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CHAVURAT CHOCHMA

Please join us on May 20 for an interesting program. We will meet at 11:30 AM for lunch with the program to follow. While this program was designed for those sixty and over, any and all are welcome to join us. Please let us know by May 18 if you can attend.

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Joe Engelberg leads this study of fundamental ideas of Jewish life and thought. Drop in the library on alternate Saturdays at 9 AM and join in the provocative and friendly discussion. May 7 & 21.

TORAH STUDY

Rabbi Kline conducts the study of the Tanakh (the Bible) from the Book of Joshua and beyond, using the new Jewish Study Bible on alternate Saturdays at 9 AM in the Library. May 14 & 28.

PARSHA

Join us each Saturday morning at 11 AM to take a look at the Torah portion for each week. Rabbi will lead some, and everyone will take turns. Each third Saturday (May 21) will be a worship service with a large study component. See you in the library!

SIM SHALOM NEWS Volume 5 #8

By Jesse Weil, from Budapest, Hungary

One of the oldest and most popular programs at Sim Shalom is the bi-weekly Torah Study session. It's led by the Rabbi, who was trained as a teacher of literature and in the analysis of literary texts. The sessions consist of in depth studies and discussions of the Torah text, starting from the original Hebrew, which several people can read fairly well, and then expanding into discussions that can go in almost any direction, depending on the interests of the people participating, ethics, psychology, history, etc. Years ago it often seemed to end up with some aspect of the Shoah, but that is slowly becoming less frequent as the first generation survivors die off, and the traumatic overtones fade away for those who are left. Younger newcomers have other interests. It took about ten years to get through Genesis, using this very detailed method of teaching and discussion. I can still remember the celebration we had in our old premises on Csalogany (Nightingale) utca. Exodus only took about 8 years to finish, and so we had another celebration, with wine and cookies about two weeks ago to mark the end, and the beginning of Leviticus. I think Leviticus will go faster, because of the repetition about

all the sacrifices. After we've discussed thoroughly one sacrifice, maybe we'll skip quickly over the next three. So we might finish this book in only 4-5 years!

Two weeks ago, Sim Shalom had a fantastic Purim party. It started with a puppet style Purim Spiel, put on by the Youth group. The puppets were made by one of our adult members, and the whole story of Esther and Vashti and Mordecai and Haman was played out before our eyes to an audience of about 80. This was followed up by a reading of the Megillah. Some of it was beautifully chanted in Hebrew by one visiting Rabbi and read in Hebrew by another. Other people read in Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Hungarian, and English. But the hit of the evening was when Miklos Budai, our very talented Cantor, sang his chapter in Italian, in the style of baroque Italian opera! And he did it ad lib! What a performance! And it was all accompanied with lots of slivovitz and hamantaschen, and groggor noisemaking. Purim is a great holiday. Even though the story never changes, it's always inspiring to hear how the Jews survived another catastrophe.



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OZS Adult Education

Bible Study Class: Wednesdays Mid-day: 12:00

Friday Morning Talmud Study

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

Weekday Minyan and Learning

A Minyan is held each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon at 5:45pm in the Sanctuary. On Tuesdays we talk about prayer, and on Thursdays we explore the teachings of Reb. Nachman. Please

come, learn, and help make a minyan!

D'Vine Minyan on Tuesdays

Tuesday is D'Vine Minyan Day at OZS! Join your friends for a relaxing glass of wine and socializing each Tuesday afternoon beginning at 5:00pm in the OZS Library (or outside when the weather is nice!). The brief afternoon/evening minyan follows in the sanctuary. A great way to end your day!

Kids' Shabbat & PJ Library

A monthly Friday evening Shabbat for children ages 4-9, with pizza, song, stories, and schmoozing - 5:15 pm on May 6th.

Shabbat Dinner

Come for Shabbat dinner and socializing and enjoy some singing and learning as well. Please R.S.V.P. to the OZS office to make your reservation for this fun event. (266-8050 or ozslex@insightbb.com) The next Shabbat Dinner is scheduled for 6:00 pm on May 27th.

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Night at the Movies at OZS

OZS Night at the Movies is back! We will explore Jewish topics, history, and contemporary film from 7:00-9:00 pm, with free popcorn provided. Check the OZS website for date and film details: <http://ozs.org>

May Shabbat Schedule

Celebrate Shabbat! The Friday night schedule for May is:

May 6th - Kid's Shabbat at 5:15PM
May 13th - Jamie Smith Bat Mitzvah 5:45PM
May 20th - Young OZS-ers' Shabbat at 6:00PM
May 27th - Shabbat Dinner 6:00 PM
We hope you will join us for our spirited Shabbat Morning Service each Saturday morning at 9:30am with Kiddush Lunch following in the Social Hall.

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Nine women (from page 4)

hension—it was way outside of our comfort zone. Over the months we have become quite comfortable and, without fail, those who actually went in and spent time with the women have come to enjoy the work immensely and feel a great sense of accomplishment at helping them to achieve their goals. Many of us will continue with this volunteer service.

Above all, the members of our class—Ann Buckholtz, Jane Chaput, Rhoda Eldot, Becky Katz, Angie Ornstein, Karen Petrone, Ruth Poley, Elaine Potts, and Pat Shraberg—offer heartfelt thanks to Rabbi Marc Kline, whose infinite patience and wisdom, along with his great store of knowledge, and an inexhaustible sense of humor, guided us so successfully along this path. ✧



Class members read their Torah portions. Left to right, Rabbi Kline, Ruth Poley, Elaine Potts, Karen Petrone, Jane Chaput, Becky Katz



Elaine Potts leads her part of the service.

Around the Community

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

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Trevor & Laura Creamer as their daughter **Maya** becomes Bat Mitzvah

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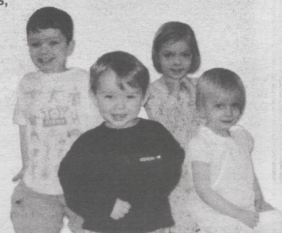
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