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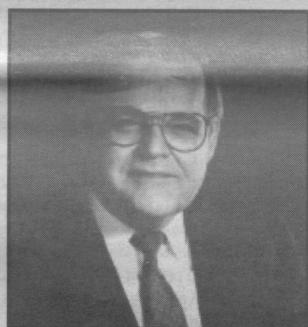
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KICK-OFF EVENT SLATED FOR APRIL 16

Dr. Ronald Brauner to speak at the 2000 CKJF/UJC Community Campaign Kick-off



Dr. Ronald Brauner

On April 16th, we will be holding the Kick-off event for our 2000 Community Campaign, and we are very excited to announce that our guest speaker will be Dr. Ronald Brauner, author of "Being Jewish in a Gentile World: A Survival Guide".

Dr. Brauner is a devoted Jewish Education profes-

By Sue Ezrine, Event Chair

sional who has served as religious school principal, research-writer and teacher-trainer for the Melton Research College in Philadelphia. A Scholar-in-residence for the Jewish community of Pittsburgh and a professor of Judaic Studies at the Cleveland College of Jewish Studies, he has also taught at Temple University and Beaver College. He was Assistant

Principal of the Akiva Hebrew Academy, as well as Dean and Director of the Rabbinic Civilization program at the Reconstructionist Seminar from 1972 to 1983. He has also been Director of the Brandeis-Bardin Institute and is a current member of the Faculty of the Wexner Heritage Foundation as well as

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SUPER SUNDAY IS COMING!!!—May 7

Every year, there is one day when members of the Jewish community sit down and call other members of the Jewish community on behalf of the annual CKJF/UJC Community Campaign. Every year we contact people, not only for their contribution to the Campaign, but because we are one community and we want to help people to connect with each other. This year's Super Sunday is chaired by Lowell Nigoff and Gail Cohen.

On May 7th, starting at 9:00 A.M. and for 5 hours we will be calling approximately 700 Jewish people in our Greater Lexington area. We want to connect, and we need your help. We have organized several

"shifts" for volunteers, and we have many different tasks that people can help with. Soon you will be receiving in the mail a sign-up form – please fill it out and send it back to us. We are only asking for a few hours of your time on a Sunday to help us promote Jewish life in Central Kentucky.

The planned shifts are :

SHIFT I - 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

SHIFT II - 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

SHIFT III - 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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שמחה - "SIMCHAS"

Please let us know of births, graduations, news from the "kinder," or any other good news you would like to share with the community.

MAZEL TOV TO:

Francie Chassen-Lopez, Associate Professor of History and Director of Latin American Studies at UK who won the Conference on Latin American Studies' annual Tibesar Award for the best scholarly article in 1999.

Elena Domatov, coordinator of a health-services team from the University of Kentucky who, with a team, visited Pereyaslavka, Russia in March to study medical needs in that rural area. It was her first visit back to Russia since leaving there 6 years ago. A round of applause for Elena, for her courage and kindness.

Asher Finkel who won an award for 5th grade chemistry at the Fayette County Science Fair, for his project: "Dandruff Shampoo: A Yeast Killer?"

David Mandel-Anthony, son of Joseph Anthony and Elise Mandel, for being awarded the Lauren K. Weinberg Scholarship by the NCCJ.

Joshua Steiner and Whitney Lewis, on their marriage on February 26.

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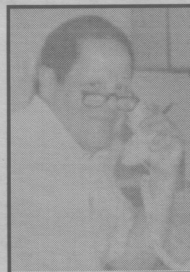
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The President's Message

by
Marty Barr

During the second weekend in April, Danny and I will be attending a meeting of the United Jewish Communities in Washington, D.C. The purpose of this meeting is to continue the federation work begun at the General Assembly last fall, as we strive to reach our goal of being a truly effective and dynamic national organization.

The issues to be addressed at the meeting are as follows:

1. Finalization of the procedural and operational guidelines for UJC. There are a total of seventeen principles, of which ten were generally agreed upon at the General Assembly, four did not gain consensus approval, discussion on two has been postponed and one is brand new. Examples of the accepted principles are that UJC is a moral community, membership in UJC is a balance of responsibilities and benefits and the local federations are the ultimate owners of UJC. The four, which are still an open issue, include the level of local autonomy, and the level of voluntary participation by individual federations.
2. The role and scope of UJC. These range from being a trade association where the individual federations operate from a self-interest point of view to the existence of a strong central organization with a top down decision making process. Tied into this issue is the process by which the individual federations will be able to review proposals and provide meaningful input to the various UJC governing bodies.
3. The funding of UJC and its overseas activities for the years of 2001 and 2002. The proposal presented calls for local federations to combine their current dues and overseas allocations and to commit to maintain at least this level of giving for the two-year period. The issue in this area also includes a discussion of the extent to which the process is voluntary for each federation.
4. The basis for funding UJC beyond 2002. Once again, the issue in this area is the extent to which the level of funding required of each federation is voluntary.

The above is a quick summary of the issues. If you are interest in the details, please drop by the office and examined one of the workbooks which UJC has prepared on each topic.

I will report to you in future articles as the decisions are reached. *

From A Local Perspective



IT IS THEM

by Daniel Cheffec

A couple of weeks ago, a State legislator described illegal immigrants as carriers of diseases and abusers of the welfare system. Even if he was right - and I personally disagree - it is too simplistic to attribute all the blame for a situation to one and only one culprit. There is normally enough blame to go around. As Jews, we are painfully familiar with the idea of the scapegoat and its consequences. Scapegoats do, however, allow us to discharge our own part of responsibility and pretend it is "somebody else's" problem, this absolves us from acting and/or changing ourselves. This idea actually brings to mind an old folk tale from the shtetls of Eastern Europe.

It is said that during the pogroms of Chmielnicki and his Cossacks, a great despair washed over the Jewish people. People did not understand why such a great tragedy has fallen upon them. In a small shtetl in Poland, a man heard a story that the Messiah had in fact arrived and he was in Rome. Reb Moishe (He was the man), could not believe it and decided to go to Rome and see for himself. After several weeks of a dangerous journey, he arrives in Rome and goes to the local synagogue to inquire about this supposed Messiah. Upon arriving to the synagogue, he sees an old man who looked like a schnorer, dirty and dressed in tatters. He then approaches the man and asks him "Do you know where I can find the Messiah?" - and

the man answers "I am the son of David!". Appalled by this answer, Reb Moishe becomes incensed and begins to yell at the old man. "If you are the Messiah, as you claim to be, how come you are sitting here while Jews are being murdered by the thousands in Poland, why don't you do something, why don't you rescue your people, what are you waiting for?". The old man gave him a simple answer: "I was waiting for you".

It is certainly easier to blame somebody else for our problems and our faults. The contemporary Jewish philosopher Martin Buber, however, pointed out that Judaism demands us to be "Active witnesses to History", meaning that we are expected to be active participants in shaping our own destiny. If we don't go to search for the "Messiah", he will not come. Improvement in our own lot and even Redemption can only be achieved by assuming our responsibilities and by active participation. And the big tide of History begins in our own backyard, in our daily endeavors.

Improving Jewish life in Central Kentucky also begins with our own involvement. Jewish life in our region is rich, but it could be richer if we all work together. Whatever our personal interests are, the Community can offer a way to pursue them and at the same time be a part of the unbroken link of Jewish tradition. The community does not exist

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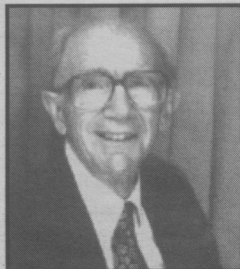
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A Potpourri

by Michael E. Adelstein

America," and as such, contributed significantly by his actions and statements to the decline of anti-Semitism in the country.

There are an estimated 13.5 million Jews in the world with the United States having the largest number, 5.6 million. Israel's Jewish population numbers 4.8 million; its non-Jewish population totals about 1.3 million.

In the United States, Phoenix, Arizona has attracted the largest number of Jews in 1998 with its population increasing from about 70,000 to 83,000. Other communities with large increases are Tampa, Florida; Palm Springs, California; Greater Bridgeport, Connecticut; Atlanta, Georgia; and Portland, Oregon.

During the first quarter of 1999, Russian immigration to Israel increased by 116% with 7,933 Jews leaving their homeland, mainly because of anti-Semitism.

"Newsweek" has listed Tel Aviv as being among the top ten world hi-tech capitals due to the immigration of former Soviet scientists and the training of soldiers in the Israel Defense Forces.

According to an organization that studies student achievement, Israeli and French 12th grade students topped those from other countries in mathematical ability.

At this writing, 13 Iranian Jews, part of a thriving community that has dwindled from 80,000 to 30,000, face the death penalty on trumped up charges of spying for "World Arrogance" and "The Zionist Conspiracy," code words for the United States and Israel. The White House has expressed its concern about this matter and numerous Jewish groups have protested.

According to a story in the "New York Times," the latest information about Tamir Goodman, the 17-year old Orthodox basketball star, is that he is heading for Towson University, a Baltimore school. The article indicated that his refusal to play on Saturdays had caused the University of Maryland to reconsider recruiting him. *

Why the string of Holocaust comedies? First we chuckled through much of "Life Is Beautiful." Then we smiled at Robin Williams's portrayal of a Polish ghetto ex-restaurateur, who provides hope to friends and neighbors by pretending that he has a radio which brings news of an imminent Russian invasion. And finally, there is yet another film, the French-Romanian "Train of Life," which according to reviews also treats the Holocaust light-heartedly. Will posterity remember these versions or the more realistic portrayal of concentration camp life in "Schindler's List"?

You read it here first: The Associated Press' top baseball players of the century list ranks Sandy Koufax fourteenth with Babe Ruth, Willie Mays, Hank Aaron, and Ted Williams heading the group. The only pitcher rated higher than Koufax was Walter Johnson.

Speaking of Jewish baseball players, a documentary film, "The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg" is being made. It is a 3 1/2 star, 95 minute documentary which is currently playing in four New York area theaters. The film focuses on his baseball prowess, particularly his 58 home run assault on Babe Ruth's record; his dignified withstanding of the many anti-Semitic curses and threats by fans and other players; his encouraging Jackie Robinson, who endured similar bigotry; and his serving as an inspiration during the Depression to innumerable other Jews.

In *A Time for Healing*, Edward S. Shapiro's recent history of the Jews in modern America, five pages are devoted to Greenberg. The author states that from 1933-47, the ball player was "arguably the most prominent Jew in

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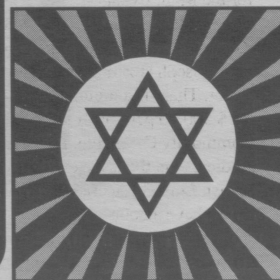
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The Camp Shalom brochures have been mailed and enrollment is on full speed ahead. Please get your applications in early, as space is available on a first come, first served basis. We have also heard from many enthusiastic applicants for CITs. We are still looking for Counselors, age 16-years-old and up. If you know of any responsible, child-loving older teens, college students, or adults ask them to call the CKJF office (268-0672) for applications or further information.

Planning for camp activities are also well underway. Our camp theme of UNITY is being developed into different sub-themes for each week. This will incorporate art, drama, music, etc., and culminate with an all-camp celebration.

We look forward to seeing you July 24-August 11 at Camp Shalom 2000!

Space is limited and given on a first-come, first-served basis. So, fill out the registration and turn it in today! *

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a lecturer for Israel Bonds and the United Jewish Communities.

Born and raised in Philadelphia, he graduated from the Akiva Hebrew Academy and earned a Certificate from the Greenberg College in Jerusalem.

There will be a pre-Event Cocktails and Dinner starting at 6:00 P.M. at the Keeneland Health Education Center Bank One Room of Saint Joseph Hospital. The cost for dinner is \$ 25.00 per person and there is a minimum gift of \$ 750.00 per person (or \$ 1,500.00 per family) toward the 2000 CKJF/UJC Community Campaign. Following dinner, people are invited to stay for the Main Event.

The Main Event is scheduled for 8:00 P.M. at the Keeneland Health Education Center Auditorium of Saint Joseph Hospital, which is co-sponsoring the Event. There is a minimum gift of \$ 250.00 per person (or \$ 500.00 per family) to the 2000 CKJF/UJC Community Campaign. Dr. Brauner will address the Audience on the issue of "To Repair the World—Jewish Ethical Imperatives".

We have an outstanding program with a fantastic speaker, and we hope you will join us for one or both of the parts of the Event. Just send your RSVP card back or call CKJF at 268-0672. See you on the 16th !!! *

Camp Classifieds

PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES SPECIALIST

CKJF is seeking applicants for the position of Physical Activities Specialist for Camp Shalom, July 24-August 11. Responsibilities include:

- Co-develop (with Camp Director) and implement camp physical activities curriculum
- Be the primary physical activities counselor
- Be available to talk with parents who may present concerns
- Help campers feel good about themselves daily

Applicants should love working with children, have a knowledge and understanding of Judaism, and experience or background in planning physical activities programs for children.

For more information contact Holly Barnhill at the CKJF office, 268-0672

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Camp Shalom is looking for dedicated CIT's for this year's summer session (July 24-August 11). Here's the chance for 13-15 years-olds to have a great camp experience. You have the opportunity to work with children and hone your skills as a future Camp Counselor all at the same time. Call Holly Barnhill at 268-0672 for information.

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CKJF LEISURE CLUB UPDATE

By Ruth Moser

What does the Leisure Club and the Lexington St. Patrick's Day Parade have in common? We both canceled an event because of the weather, and we were both right in doing so. For the Leisure Club it snowed; for the parade it rained.

So we went to Szechuan Garden in February and to the Coach House in March. Sorry I had to miss the March luncheon. That Wednesday I flew to Sandy's, and Karen drove down for a few days to be with us. It was great.

We have a magnificent event planned for April, but unfortunately, it has to be April 6th. That doesn't leave you much time to think about it, and to RSVP, but sometimes that is how it is. Try to come and enjoy

the TAI Adult Chorus under the direction of Deborah Isenstadt and the good food that Annette and I and our helpers (we hope) prepare.

Again, on May 18 Tomas Milch will inform us about important financial matters, and in June the group from Louisville will entertain us at a luncheon at the Temple.

Meanwhile, I am busy planning my trip to Micronesia, Pohpei to be exact. Let me know if you know where that is, or if you are curious about where it is. Such excitement. This means that you will have to kvetch and kvell without me for a while, but like General McArthur, I shall return.

See you at the April luncheon. *

The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation's Community Relations Committee (CRC) has been working in several areas of social and political concern. As reported earlier in Shalom, representatives from the CRC went to Frankfort to oppose legislation allowing for the posting of the Ten Commandments. Following is an article reporting on this event:

Report On Legislative Day In Frankfort

by Susan Cantor

The Community Relations Committee of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation along with the Community Relations Council of the Jewish Community Federation of Louisville, sponsored a Legislative Day in Frankfort on Tuesday, February 15, 2000. Informal meetings were held with seven legislators to inform them of the concerns that the Jewish community of Kentucky have in regard to the proliferation of bills that call for the posting of the Ten Commandments in every public school classroom in Kentucky. We met in room 238 of the Capitol Annex Building which overlooks the Capitol Building. Below the window was a walkway lined with signs with the Ten Commandments on them. Throughout the morning a crowd slowly gathered and buses dropped off school-children for a noon-time rally. Juxtaposed with the event

outside of the window were the seven legislators who arrived one by one to hear our concerns.

Invitations were sent out and follow-up phone calls were made to all the legislators in the Central Kentucky area. Memos were also

faxed to them explaining our position regarding the posting of the Ten Commandments. The seven legislators that were able to meet with us were Sen. Boswell, Sen. David Karem, Sen. Marshall Long and his wife, Sen. Tim Shaughnessy, Rep. Ron Crimm, Rep. Susan Westrom and Rep. Kathy Stein.

As these legislators came in we took the opportunity to greet them and explain to them why we felt the posting was inappropriate. We reminded them of the diversity of the religious faiths of their constituents around the Commonwealth and of the prohibition against the mixing of church and state that is found in the 1st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Our discussions with them included how the posting would infringe on individual liberties and would do nothing to stop the outbreak of violence in our schools. We pointed out that the separation of church and state clause in the 1st Amendment was intended to protect minorities. Our group also took the opportunity to point out to the legislators that the Council of Churches had come out against the posting.

Several of the senators were sympathetic to our position but felt that they would have to vote for the senate bill for political reasons. It should be noted that Sen. Ernesto Scorsone cast the only vote against the bill. *

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Carter is active in many civic and professional organizations such as the Central Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and the

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She holds Bachelor of Science degrees in Education and Marketing from Wayne State University in Michigan.

Carter, a native of Ohio, has lived in the Central Kentucky community for several years. She looks forward to assisting you with all of your advertising needs.

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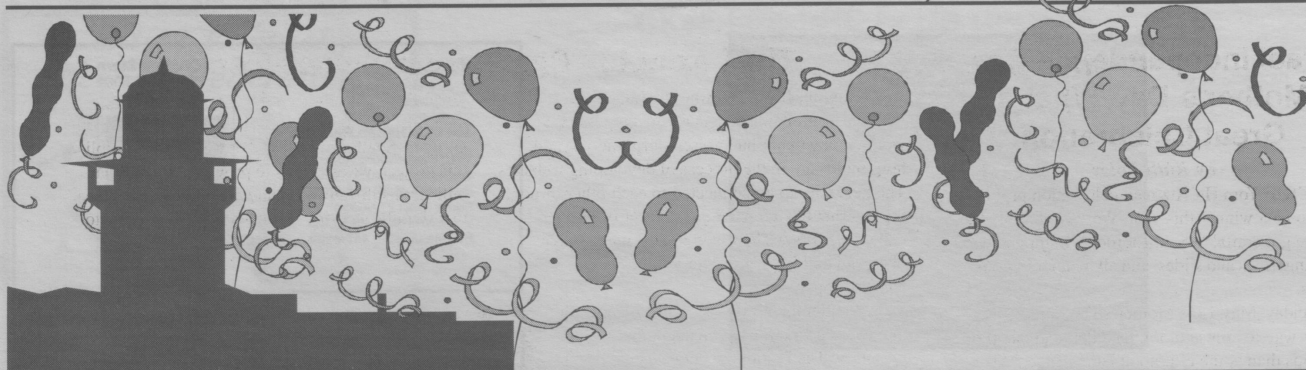
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Sunday, May 14, 2000 / 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Giant Slide

Israeli Dancing

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Susan Goldstein
Marilyn Swan
Lisa Miller
Sue Hirsh
Alicia Ellis

From A Local Perspective

Israel Independence Day, Mother's Day, What a Great Celebration

by Ruth Poley

The CKJF Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration promises to be a winner this year. We've got arts! We've got crafts! We've got food! Singing and dancing, rides and slides, and all manner of good things.

Sunday, May 14 is Mother's Day, and what better way to amuse mom, feed her, and entertain the kids than at the afternoon Israeli Independence Day festival at the E.S. Good Barn?

For the kids, there will be a crafts corner with projects from elementary school age to teens, as well as rides and attractions such as a giant slide, carnival games with prizes, moonwalk, and other activities.

Music will include folk singing and dancing (some to watch, some to participate) with Aviva Bowling, DJ Marianne Sherman, a Klezmer band, and a viola instrumental.

Local crafts people Susan Goldstein (ceramics and pottery), Sue Hirsh (handpainted gourds and birdhouses), Lisa Miller (jewelry) and Marilyn Swan (paintings), will be showing and selling their wares.

Also for sale, at 10 percent off, will be a selection of Jewish interest books and CDs from Joseph Beth.

Helios Cafe will be selling vegetarian selections of their delicious Middle Eastern food. Tables will be available both indoors and out (weather permitting) and there will be a special "quiet room" with a showing of Israeli slides for those who prefer a more restful atmosphere.

There's something for everyone at the Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration, so bring your spouse, your significant other, your kids, grandkids, or come by yourself and meet some new people. That's Sunday, May 14, 2000 from 1:00 to 4:00 at the E.S. Good Barn on University Drive across from the football stadium. We'll be there rain or shine. This event is free and open to the public.

Call the CKJF office at 268-0672 if you need directions or more information, OR IF YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH THIS EVENT! *

The Lexington Cemetery launches website

Lexington, KY—As Americans try to keep pace with the technological changes encompassing the world, many major businesses, corporations, and households are in the process of developing websites. The necessity to be connected to each other through the Internet has affected every facet of human endeavors. Even The Lexington Cemetery, that observed its 150th anniversary in 1999, has developed a website.

In an attempt to provide more convenient access to information about the cemetery, The Lexington cemetery launched www.lexcem.org today. Initially, the website includes information pertaining to cemetery products and services.

During 2000, the website will be expanded to include sections on cemetery history and historically significant people interred on its grounds, such as U.S. Senator Henry Clay and C.S.A. General John Hunt Morgan. Additionally, a genealogical section containing general information about people memorialized at The Lexington Cemetery will be included in Phase II of the website to enable people in the world to access cemetery records. Finally, people will be able to turn to the Special Events Section, to be completed in Phase II, to learn about history, floral and tree walks, as well as special observances held at The Lexington Cemetery.

"As we begin the 21st Century, The Lexington Cemetery staff is committed to keeping up with the technological advancements that affect our industry and providing the best possible services to those who need assistance," said Daniel Scalf, general manager and president of The Lexington Cemetery. "In this same spirit, we are excited about becoming connected to the World Wide Web since it allows people who are interested in 24-hour access to the cemetery and its management an opportunity to learn about it prior to visiting our grounds."

For the past three years, The Lexington Cemetery has made great strides to computerize its record system, which

organizes information on people who have been interred, entombed, cremated and memorialized on its grounds. Scalf said, "Now that we have accomplished this project, we are ready to provide information online, thereby allowing anyone interested to research their family ancestry and to learn about their historical community memorial grounds."



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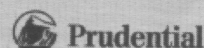


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Todah rabah for demonstrating your community's support for the State of Israel through your investment in Israel Bonds. May you go from strength to strength in good health and continue to build and grow on the solid basis of hard work and faith.

L'Shalom,
Gideon Patt
President and CEO
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WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE UK CAMPUS

by Dan Frank

There is much to report about activities in Spring and also in the next academic year, so let's get right to it.

On Friday, April 28, the Kentucky Foreign Language Conference (KFLC) will sponsor a special session on "Staging the Unthinkable: The Holocaust in Film and Fiction." The session has been arranged by Profs. Harald Hoebusch and Ted Fiedler of the UK German Dept., to whom further inquiries should be directed. The session consists of 6 papers and will be held from 9-12 in the morning.

Looking ahead to the next academic year, we have courses and lectures planned that will suit every taste. In Fall 2000 the following courses will be offered:

English 270: The Old Testament as Literature (Joseph Gardner)
History 330: A History of Western Religious Thought (through the Protestant Reformation) (David Olster)
Classics 390: Roman, Jew and Greek: Backgrounds to Christianity (Bruce Holle)
Russian and Eastern Studies 130: Elementary Biblical Hebrew I (Ned Rosenbaum)

Russian and Eastern Studies 324: Jewish Thought and Culture I: From Ancient Israel to the Middle Ages (Oliver Leaman)

And finally, our annual lecture series, generously supported once again by the Zantker Charitable Foundation, has arranged three lectures over the course of the academic year 2000-2001:

1. Allison Coudert (Arizona State): Monday, September 18. Jim Force of the UK philosophy dept is arranging this lecture.

2. Stephen Whitfield (Brandeis): Monday, November 13. Gordon Hutner of the UK english dept is arranging this lecture.

3. Susannah Heschel (Dartmouth): Monday March 5, 2001. As usual, all lectures are at 8pm in the President's Room of the Singletary Center for the Arts. Admission is free, and a good time is guaranteed for all.

As this year slowly draws to a close, I think we can say that it has been a most important year in the life of Judaic studies at UK. The hire of Oliver Leaman as Zantker professor of Judaic Studies is a clear signal that we're here to stay, a (gentle) force to be reckoned with. There can be no doubt that UK is the better for supporting Judaic Studies now and in the future. l'shalom *

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Interfaith

The leadership of the Catholic religion, from the Vatican to Lexington, has called upon this millennium to be one of reconciliation. In view of this position, an ongoing dialogue has developed between the Community Relations Committee of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation and the Catholic Diocese of Lexington. Many opportunities for education and interaction between the Catholic and Jewish communities have emerged from these meetings. An open letter from Bishop J. Kendrick Williams, published in the Herald Leader, has been directed to the Catholic community. The text of the letter follows:

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The first Spring season of the new millennium! We are awakened to the beginning of new life, new growth. Our hearts fill with gratitude as we view the many ways in which our Beloved Creator continues to bless and sustain us.

This season of nature is also a harbinger for the liturgical season of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, March 8 – the season that calls us to reconciliation. This year especially, our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, asks us to recall and to repent of our past transgressions. Together, we will enter the season where we will remember that which we wish had never happened.

The history of the Catholic community of faith has included many instances of injuries to others. An example is, of course, the fact that the Jews of Europe have over the centuries been herded into ghettos, forbidden property ownership, forced to convert, exiled, and decimated in pogroms. This history of persecution ultimately consummated in the unparalleled horror of the Holocaust.

To complicate this we know that history also shows us that few church leaders distinguished themselves in speaking out against the Nazi terror. This passivity and complicity of Catholics and other Christians played a significant role in the death of six million Jews and millions of other innocent people. This is indeed the season we must continue to remember that which we wish had never happened. We continue to be sorrowful.

In the light of our contentious past, I, the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky, take this opportunity to call each of us to cultivate harmony and understanding between the Christian and Jewish people.

Borrowing from the words expressed in the 1998 document from the Holy See "We Remember: A Reflection on the Shoah" I quote:

'At the end of the millennium the Catholic Church desires to express her deep sorrow for the failures of her sons and daughters in every age. This is an act of repentance (teshuvah), since as members of the Church we are linked to the sins as well as the merits

of all her children...It is not a matter of mere words but of binding commitment...Humanity cannot permit all that (the Shoah) to happen again. We pray that our sorrow for the tragedy, which the Jewish people have suffered in our century, will lead to a new relationship with the Jewish people. We wish to turn awareness of past sins into a firm resolve to build a new future in which there will be no more anti-Judaism among Christians...but rather a shared mutual respect as befits those who adore the one Creator and the Lord and have a common father in faith, Abraham.'

In addition, we acknowledge that Judaism is not a proper object of Christian proselytism for as our Pope has observed, "Once having made a covenant with the Jewish people, God will not revoke it." The Pope also emphasized the "permanent value" of both the Hebrew Scriptures and the Jewish community that witnesses to those scriptures as sacred texts. (Holy Father's allocution to the Jewish Community of West Germany at Mainz, on November 17, 1980)

Today, I am calling my brothers and sisters of this diocese to participate in the following actions as we strive to cultivate a lasting Jewish-Christian relationship within this local community:

- Read and discuss the collection of official Church documents on Catholic-Jewish relations.
- Participate in the Liturgical Service, Call to Repentance, at the Cathedral of Christ the King on Sunday, April 2 at 3:00 p.m.
- Participate in various dialogues which we will develop between the Catholic and Jewish faith communities in this area.
- Participate in a Prayer Service of Gratitude on the eve of Thanksgiving.

I encourage each of you to develop other bridge building activities in your respective areas.

I pray that as we seek out ways of sharing our stories, our history, and our dreams we will deepen our respect and love for one another.

Yours sincerely,

+J. Kendrick Williams
Bishop of Lexington

The Jewish community has been invited to participate in the following:

Sunday, April 2 at 3:00 PM

Call to Repentance

Sunday, April 9 at 6:30 PM

Model Seder

Both will be held at the Cathedral Center at Christ the King

Youth Diversity Camps:

Lexington Youth Voice

(A Partner's for Youth Project)

June 14-July 4

A three-week camp that is open to 9-13

year-olds of the community to come together to write a newspaper as the voice of our youth. The students will work with the staff of teachers and youth counselors to learn interviewing skills, computer skills, publication layout, and editing skills to produce a 12-page newspaper. The youth will most importantly learn to work together. The camp will be in the Christ the King School Library and will meet from 9:00-11:45 AM Monday through Friday.

Basketball Camps

June 19-June 23 and/or June 26-June 30

These co-ed camps for 9-13 year-olds are conducted by some of the most exciting sports figures in our city. The youth will learn sports skills, sportsmanship, and experience working together in a diverse setting. The camp will be held from 12:30-3:00 PM at the Christ the King gym.

There are no fees for these camps.

Registration for both camps is on a first come, first serve basis.

For applications or information call Holly Barnhill at the CKJF office 268-0672 or Ginny Ramsey from Christ the King at 266-3612.

An Evening of Discussion:

Plans are in the works to have an evening of informal discussion on what it is like to be Jewish in our community. We would like to have some volunteers to share their experiences and thoughts on being Jewish and living in central Kentucky. Please call the CKJF office, 268-0672, if you would like to be part of this discussion. No area of expertise is required, just your desire to participate. The date for this event is still to be determined. *

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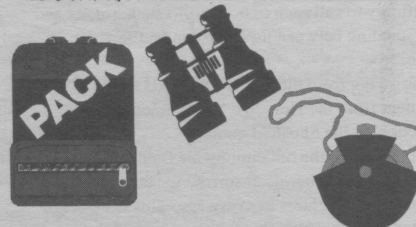
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by Evelyn Dantzig Geller

JEWISH GENEALOGY

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In the February 2000 issue of the *Hadassah Magazine* a brief article by Leah Finkelshteyn* offered some valuable assistance to those of us who are investigating our genealogy. Two of the web sites she listed sound extremely useful. The first, which she describes as being particularly helpful in searching for data about Ashkenazi Jews, is www.jewishgen.org. The second, a site developed by Jeff Malka, is www.orthohelp.com/geneal/sefardim.htm page. As its name implies, it is designed to assist those with a Sefardic ancestry.

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*Finkelshteyn, Leah, "web sighting", *Hadassah Magazine*, New York, NY, *Hadassah*, February 2000, 32. *

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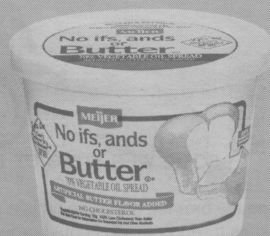
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My personal 'Roots' trip to Lita

by Dr. Tsevi Minster

I would like to share with you a very emotional experience that I had last fall, when I fulfilled a destiny that I had for many years. For years I wanted to visit the places and landscapes of my parents childhood. They passed away and my two daughters already were in 'root' (Shorashim) trips from their school, usually done from Israel to Poland, sometimes also to Prague.

So late last year, when I had a professional invitation from Estonia and a conference in Poland I realized that I have a chance to do it. I made some required (and non-required) arrangements and by November 14 night I reached Riga by bus from Tallinn. I had a night and early morning short tour of town, too short as to locate the building of the Jewish technical college, which my father attended. I left the picture of the place with my host, and I hope to get more details about it. A car with a driver was waiting for me and in the snow we headed southwest, with the aid of my good map, to cross the border. Taking a quiet isolated border pass we were in 5 minutes in Mazeik, the birth place of my father. I visited the railway station, a key point in youngster's life those days, and to the older part of the town. Although I had papers about the selling of the family's property, it was impossible to recall where the house was. Suddenly, I stopped; a wagon carried by horse. Just fits into my father stories about him as a child travelling for months with his father when the family was deported. My grandfather, a known Shochet & Bodek, didn't have problems in getting work in Jewish communities. I still recommen-

dation letters from some of them (like Luzavaia, I believe). I took a picture and after some 30 minutes drive we reached Belz, from where my grandma came. I know that some Jewish remains can be located in his town, but no written material was with me on that. Then we headed to Siauliai (known by Jews as Shevlay). I believe that this town gave the name of my mother's family. The way to the east to Pokroy was not long. I saw the river that my mother kept telling about but as I didn't have data about the location of the cemetery, where my grandpa and grandma were buried, I prayed near the river. We headed to Kovna, where my uncle, a known Slobodka Rabi, was active. He was the only one (of 6 brothers and sister) who didn't want to leave and tried to persuade his youngest brother, my father, to stay and to be a Rabbi as well. He perished in the Shoah with his entire family. It was already dark, and I finished the day in my hotel in Viena.

Next morning Yuri came to pick me. The day trip that I had with him in and around Vilna was amazing. We traveled in parts of the old town, especially in the site of the Jewish quarter and Ghetto. No Jews are now there, but written signs - about the Ga'on and



other important people and places can be seen, along with a special spirit that I felt. You can see closed courts and many cellars where thousands of Jews lived and thrived. The visit to the nearby Ponar, where some 70,000 of Vilna's and other Jews were murdered was so touching, that I forgot to take pictures.

I learned that there is a lot more to be seen. Lithuania is modern and seems to be well organized. It is possible to find documents (birth, marriage, death) about individuals that one would like to know more about. All is a matter of money...

When the 2 days visit to Lita was finished, I had the feeling that I will be back someday, maybe with more data in hand. *

...And We All Loved the Wine!

by Ruth Poley

Most of us really liked those stolen sips of sweet wine we were able to cadge from the seder table when we were eight or nine. But times change, tastes are more sophisticated, and heavy concord just doesn't cut it any more.

On March 23, about 30 of us had the opportunity to taste a sampling of the new breed of kosher wines. With a selection of white zin, chardonnays, merlot, and cabernets, eight different wines in all, there was something for everyone. The new kosher wines are every bit as complex and well developed as non-

kosher and are made from the same varietal grapes.

The opportunity to taste the wine before being surprised at the seder table gave us a big advantage over previous years. Everyone seemed to find something to their taste, and gave orders for their favorites, which will be waiting for them at the Liquor Barn in time for Passover.

We also were treated to a nice variety of cheeses and crackers which complemented the wines. In addition, Karl Joseph Chuck, of the Liquor Barn offered an informed explanation of the wines we were tasting and the qualities to look for when sampling a wine for purchase.

All in all, it was an enjoyable and informative evening. Thanks go to The Liquor Barn,



(Left to right) John Harrison, Phil Berger (co-chair Community Activities Committee), Alvin Goldman, Ellie Goldman, Harriet Ades, Mike Ades & Paula Harrison sample the wines.

Holly Barnhill, and the Community Activities Committee for planning this successful activity.



Gabriella Pessah and Fran Morris give their attention to the descriptions of the wines being tasted, while Erin Gold and Marty Friedman sample the selection of cheeses.

A program presented by the Community Activities Committee of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation

Around The Globe

JEWISH COMMUNITIES OF THE WORLD

Jews in China

General Population 1,320,083,000

Jewish Population 50

An ancient trading nation, the Chinese have had contacts with traveling Jewish merchants since the 8th century. By the 12th century, a considerable number of Jews had made their homes in the city of Kaifeng, in a far western region of the country. At least one synagogue was constructed, and the community was active for about eight centuries. As recently as the 19th century, some Chinese Jews were practicing Jewish rituals, including Torah reading.

In the late 19th century, Russian Jewish communities were founded in Harbin, Tientsin, and elsewhere. In the early years of the 20th century, Jews fleeing pogroms in the Pale of Settlement and demobilized soldiers from the Russo-Japanese War joined them, raising the Jewish population of Harbin to approximately 8,000 by 1908. The Russian Revolution of 1917 practically doubled the size of the community and

served as a stimulus to Zionist activism. Most of the Russian Jews remaining at the end of World War II emigrated to the West. Some were repatriated, both voluntarily and involuntarily, to the Soviet Union.

The development of the port city of Shanghai as a Jewish center parallels that of Hong Kong. Sephardi families from Baghdad, Bombay, and Cairo, including the Kadoories, Sassons, and Hardoons, established a communal structure in Shanghai in the 19th century.

Today there are no Jewish communal structures in China, and the Jews who live there are thought to be extremely few. There is a small Jewish museum in Kaifang. Relics of the Jewish presence in China can be seen elsewhere, particularly in Shanghai.

ISRAEL

Israel and China have had formal relations since 1992. Aliya: Since 1948, 1,070 Jews from China have emigrated to Israel, 504 between 1948 and 1951. *

ECONOMIC BRIEFS

❖ Terayon Communication Systems, a U.S. manufacturer of equipment for fast Web access over cable-television lines, agreed to buy assets of closely held Internet Telecom for approximately \$40 million in stock, THE JERUSALEM POST reported.

Jerusalem-based Internet Telecom makes products that allow communications-equipment manufacturers to integrate voice and data for transmission over the Internet.

❖ The Consumer Price Index for February fell half of one percent, similar to January's CPI, HA-ARETZ reported. This decrease reflects seasonal sales in the clothing and shoe sectors and is also apparently influenced by the U.S. Dollar's exchange rate dropping against the NIS. The president of the Union of Trade Councils, Danny Gilerman commented that the negative CPI demonstrates that the economy remains in a recession.

NEWS AT A GLANCE

❖ Adolf Eichmann's memoirs will be publicized for the first time and transferred to lawyers representing U.S. professor Deborah Lipstadt to use in her defense of a London libel suit by Holocaust revisionist David Irving, a special Ministry of Justice panel decided last night, THE JERUSALEM POST reported. HA-ARETZ reported that the journals should aid the defense by refuting Irving's claim that Hitler didn't know about the "Final Solution" until the final stages of the war.

❖ Israel exported to Spain three million carnivorous fleas to replace chemical pesticides used by Spanish farmers to combat a parasite in pepper crops, MA'ARIV reported. The fleas are being exported by Bio-Bee company of Kibbutz Sde Eliyahu. The Director-General of Bio-Bee, Eitan Offer, said that the fleas have already proven to be successful both in a previous experiment and in a project conducted in Russia. He added that farmers in Spain decided to switch to biological extermination because of the growing demand in Europe for fruits and vegetables that have not been sprayed with chemical pesticides.

❖ Palestinian Authority culture and arts official Yasser Abed Rabbo announced today that the works of prominent Israeli writers and poets would be taught in the PA's high schools and universities, Israel Radio, KOL YISRAEL, reported. Abed Rabbo said that the decision contrasts with the recent criticism in Israel Minister of Education Yossi Sarid following his decision to include the work of Palestinian nationalist poet Mahmud Darwish in the curriculum of Israeli high schools.

❖ NASA will test next year an experiment initiated by students at the Yonatan Netanyahu ORT High School which investigates the formation of fibers in outer space, HA-ARETZ reported. Air Force Col. Ilan Ramon will test the experiment in a NASA space shuttle, becoming the first Israeli in outer space. The experiment will focus on how fibers solidify when there is an opposite pull of gravity. *

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Around The Globe

WHAT TO WATCH

IN OUR OWN HANDS

The Hidden Story of The Jewish Brigade in World War II

In Our Own Hands: The Jewish Brigade in WWII is available nationally on PBS on Wednesday, April 26, 2000, at 10 pm, with the designation History's Best (check your local listings). This riveting 90-minute documentary program is presented by KQED-TV/San Francisco, and produced by Chuck Olin Associates/Chicago.

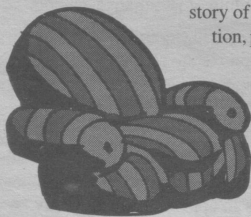
Set within the magnitude of the second world war and its aftermath, *In Our Own Hands: The Jewish Brigade in WWII* reveals for the first time the secret history of the only all-Jewish fighting unit in World War II. Combining the best impulses of "Schindler's List" with the bold antics of "The Dirty Dozen," *In Our Own Hands: The Jewish Brigade in WWII* introduces audiences to this unique band of soldiers through historical footage and unforgettable interviews. The program offers viewers interested in general and/or Jewish history, as well as WWII buffs, a compelling story of courage and intrigue, justice and revenge, survival and hope.

Like the famed black Tuskegee Airmen and the much-decorated Japanese-American 442nd Infantry, the Jewish Brigade – young volunteers from what was then Palestine – had to overcome great prejudice just to be allowed to fight in the British army as Jews. At last receiving their chance, the men of the Brigade faced the Germans in fierce combat during the final Allied offensive in the north of Italy, and came away victorious. Though the war in Europe ended soon after, for these young volunteers from Palestine – many of whom lost families in the Holocaust – their war had just begun.

In the first year after the war, Brigade soldiers masterminded one clandestine operation after the next throughout Europe. They formed secret vengeance squads to assassinate Nazi officers in hiding, engineered the rescue and illegal movement of Holocaust survivors to Palestine, and engaged in widespread arms theft for Israel's future War of Independence – all under the noses of the Allied Armies.

More than anything, *In Our Own Hands: The Jewish Brigade in WWII* is a story of courage and imagination,

providing survivors the missing link between the ruined world that was Europe and hope for a new life in a country of their own. *



New guide outlines restitution programs

The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (Claims Conference) has published its first Guide to Compensation and Restitution for Holocaust Survivors.

The 54-page handbook provides information on some of the current major programs for Holocaust survivors and victims' heirs, and includes information on U.S. tax laws on compensation. The Claims Conference plans to publish a similar guide for the international community of Holocaust survivors.

Sections cover payments from Germany, Austria and Western European countries, as well as for U.S. nationals during the Nazi regime. Material is also included on restitution of different categories of assets, including real estate, insurance policies and artwork.

"We are well aware that the process of learning about compensation and restitution programs is frustrating and confusing. It is our hope that this guide outlines the existing programs and benefits in a clear and simple way," says an introduction to the booklet from Claims Conference President Rabbi Israel Miller and Executive Vice President Gideon Taylor.

To receive the guide, contact the Claims Conference:

15 East 26th Street
Room 906
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Resolving Unpaid Holocaust Era Insurance Claims How you can help

Back then...

Prior to and during the Holocaust, members of Jewish communities purchased insurance policies, including life, education and dowry. Those who purchased them intended to provide for a secure future for their families.

People's lives – including their financial plans – were disrupted by the Holocaust. Many documents were destroyed or lost. Many of those policies still remain unpaid. Many plans were never realized.

Now...

Now, as a result of the work of the International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims, individuals may be able to recover what their relatives' intended for them.

In late 1998, the United States National Association of Insurance Commissioners, in conjunction with several major European insurance companies, representatives of Jewish organizations and the State of Israel established the International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims ("International Commission"). Subsequently, several European regulators, as well as representatives of some governments, joined the International Commission as Observers.

The International Commission has developed a process that provides Holocaust survivors and heirs of Holocaust victims with a means for filing claims on unpaid insurance policies. This unique process provides the potential claimants with a central source for information on, investigation into and payment of unpaid policies.

How can we help?

Many may question how, after so much time elapsed, can the international Jewish community help in resolving this issue.

As information on unpaid policies is surfacing at an increasing rate and as the insurance companies involved in this important effort are searching their archives and making information available, we must help the members of our communities. We must help them look at the histories of their families and deal with the memories of the past.

It is important and necessary that we, as individuals and as a community, help and support the Commission with this process.

For information on the Holocaust Era Insurance Claims Process, call 800-957-3203 or Visit the website www.icheic.org

Around The Globe

HOLIDAY FEATURE

Using flowers, matzah and eggs to create a festive Passover table

by Linda Morel

The following will help "spring" up your Passover table.

• **Garden Centerpiece:** Fill a large basket with potted African violets, and miniature spring flowers, such as gladiolas or tulips. Cover the tops of pots and basket edges with Spanish moss (found at florists).

• **Festive Touch:** Tuck several parsley sprigs into the fold of napkins

• **Design Matzah Placecards:** On the left side of folded with placecards, outline a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch square with a brown felt pen. Draw several rows of dashes horizontally across each square, representing perforation marks. To the right of your matzah squares, write one person's name per card.

• **Make Hardboiled Eggs Appear Roasted:**

Add one onion per egg (skin and all) to the pot of water. Boil for two hours, or until eggs turn a mottled brown. Add water if needed. Eggs will not taste of onions.

• **Spring Into Gefilte Fish:** Cover a serving platter with fresh lettuce. Place gefilte fish on top, scattering cherry tomatoes throughout.

• **Show Off Passover Confections:** Serve desserts on pedestal plates, displaying them across your sideboard. Decorate with fresh flowers.

Fill a large glass bowl with artichokes, the season's quintessential vegetable, plus apples and oranges. Place this harbinger of spring in the foyer to welcome family and friends. *

Children with CP needed for Research Project

Children with spastic diplegia cerebral palsy who are ambulatory (including use of crutches, canes or orthotics) and between the ages of 4 and 25 years, are being recruited to serve as controls for a research project that is funded by the National Institute of Health and being conducted by the Human Performance Laboratory at Barnes-Jewish and St. Louis Children's Hospitals in t. Louis, MO. The purpose of the study is to determine the effectiveness of selective dorsal rhizotomy (SDR). Children selected for the project will be assigned to one of two possible control groups: no SDR with intensive PT and no SDR with current level of PT. Children in the intensive PT group will receive PT 3-4 times per week in their hometown, paid for by the grant. Children in both groups will be tested four times over 22 months. Substantial participation incentives will be provided to offset patient expenses and minimize attrition. Contact: Sandy A. Ross, MHS, PT, PCS, Barnes-Jewish and St. Louis Children's Hospitals, Dept. of Rehabilitation at Washington University, 455 Forest Park Parkway, St. Louis, MO 63108, Phone: (314) 454-8335 or e-mail at: sross@roadrunner.carenet.org.

National Jewish Book Awards

The following titles have been named the winners of this year's National Jewish Book Awards:

Fiction: "The Wedding Jester" (Graywolf Press) by Steve Stern

Non-Fiction: "Yosl Rakover Talks to God" (Pantheon Books) by Zvi Kolitz

Children's Literature: "With All My Heart, With All My Mind" (Simon and Schuster) edited by Sandy Asher

Autobiography/Memoir: "King David's Harp" (University of New Mexico Press) edited by Steven Sadow

Children's Picture Book: "Joseph Had A Little Overcoat" (Penguin Putnam, Inc.) by Simms Taback

Eastern European Studies: "Polin" edited by Israel Bartal and Antony Polonsky

Education: "Transmission and Transformation: A Jewish Perspective on Moral Education" by Carol K. Ingall

History: "Berlin Metropolis: Jews and the New Culture 189-1918" edited by Emily D. Bilski

Holocaust: "Reading the Holocaust" (Cambridge University Press) by Inga Clendinnen

Israel/Zionism: "The Multiple Identities of the Middle East" (Schocken Books) by Bernard Lewis

Jewish-Christian Relations: "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews: A Jewish Life and the Emergence of Christianity" (Alfred A Knopf) by Paula Fredricksen

Jewish Through: "The Religious Thought of Hasidim" (KTAV Publishing House) by Norman Lamm

Reference: "The Hebrew Folktales: History, Genre, Meaning" (University of Indiana Press) by Eli Yassif

Scholarship: "Living Letters of the Law: Ideas of the Jew in Medieval Christianity" (University of California Press) by Jeremy Cohen

Sephardic and Ashkenazic Culture: "A Drizzle of Honey: The Lives and Recipes of Spain's Secret Jews" (St. Martin's Press) by David Gitlitz and Linda Davidson

Sephardic Studies: "Heretics or Daughters of Israel?: The Crypto-Jewish Women of Castille" (Oxford University Press) by Renee Levine Melammed

Women's Studies: "Heretics or Daughters of Israel?: The Crypto-Jewish Women of Castille" (Oxford University Press) by Renee Levine Melammed

Yiddish Language and Culture: "Poyln" (Henry Holt/Metropolitan Books) by Marek Web

"Laughing Iz Gesundt"

❖ Our Passover Things (Sung to the tune of 'These are a few of my favorite things')

Cleaning and cooking and so many dishes
Out with the hametz, no pasta, no knishes
Fish that's gefillted, horseradish that stings
These are a few of our passover things.

Matza and karpas and chopped up haroset
Shankbones and kiddish and yiddish neuroses
Tante who kvetches and uncle who sings
These are a few of our passover things.

Motzi and maror and trouble with Pharoahs
Famines and locusts and slaves with wheelbarrows
Matzah balls floating and eggshells that cling
These are a few of our passover things.

When the plagues strike
When the lice bites
When we're feeling sad
We simply remember our Passover things
And then we don't feel so bad.

❖ Did you hear about the two little kids in a hospital who were lying next to each other? The first kid leans over and asked, "What are you in here for?" The second kid said, "I'm in here to get my tonsils out and I'm a little nervous." The first kid said, "You've got nothing to worry about, I had that done to me once. They put you to sleep and when you wake up they give you lots of Jell-O and ice cream. It's a piece of cake!" The second kid then asked, "What are you in here for?" The first kid responded, "Well, I'm here for a circumcision." The second kid said, "Whoa! I had that done when I was born. I couldn't walk for a year."

❖ Goldstein tells his friend Silver: "Life is like a bowl of tuna fish."
Silver is quiet for a minute, then says: Why is life like a bowl of tuna fish?"
To which Goldstein replies, "How should I know? Am I a philosopher?" *

Around The Globe

Magen David Adom joins Red Cross

Head of the International Red Cross Ya'akov Klenberg promised Minister of Justice Yossi Beilin last week in Geneva to admit Israel into the Organization, YEDIOT AHARONOT reported.

The move was facilitated after Beilin convinced Klenberg to amend the International Red Cross' constitution and include the emblem of Magen David Adom—a red star of David—as one of its symbols. *

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daughter
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Benjamin

Is Called To The Torah As A
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Saturday, April 8, 2000
Ten O'clock In The Morning
Ohavay Zion Synagogue
2048 Edgewater Court
Lexington, Kentucky

A Kiddush Luncheon Will Follow The Service

Marilyn Robie & Arthur Shechet

Benjamin Will Also Lead
The Friday Evening Service, Eight O'clock

Your Community



Around The Community



Central Kentucky Jewish Federation (340 Romany Road, Marty Barr, President, 268-0672)

Ohavay Zion Synagogue (2048 Edgewater Court, Bennett Bayer, President, 266-8050)

Temple Adath Israel (124 N. Ashland Ave., Marilyn Lieber, President, 269-2979)

The Lexington Havurah (Jeremy Popkin, President, 271-3187)

Saturday, April 1, 2000

Ohavay Zion Synagogue 9:30 a.m. - Preliminary Service
10:00 a.m. - Shacharit
8:00 p.m. - OZS Board Meeting
Temple Adath Israel 9:30 a.m. - Torah Study
10:30 a.m. - Worship

Sunday, April 2, 2000

The Lexington Havurah 9:30 a.m. - Annual Education Retreat
UK Faculty Club

Tuesday, April 4, 2000

Temple Adath Israel 7:00 p.m. - Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, April 5, 2000

Federation 7:00 p.m. - Community Relations Com. Mtg.
Ohavay Zion Synagogue 7:30 a.m. - Daven, Bagels & Talmud
10:00 a.m. - Torah Study Group

Thursday, April 6, 2000

Federation 11:45 a.m. - Leisure Club @ TAI

Friday, April 7, 2000

Ohavay Zion Synagogue 8:00 p.m. - Shabbat Evening Service
Ben Shechet Bar Mitzvah
Temple Adath Israel 7:30 p.m. - Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 8, 2000

Ohavay Zion Synagogue 9:30 a.m. - Preliminary Service
10:00 a.m. - Shacharit
Ben Shechet Bar Mitzvah
Temple Adath Israel 9:00 a.m. - Kollel Study Group
10:30 a.m. - Worship

Monday, April 10, 2000

Federation 7:00 p.m. - Camp Shalom Meeting
Temple Adath Israel 4:15 p.m. - Sisterhood Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 11, 2000

Federation 12:00 p.m. - Chabad Study
Hadassah 7:00 p.m. - Auction @ Firebrook Clubhouse

Wednesday, April 12, 2000

Federation 6:30 p.m. - Jewish Fam. Serv. Advisory Mtg.
Ohavay Zion Synagogue 7:30 a.m. - Daven, Bagels & Talmud
10:00 a.m. - Torah Study Group

Thursday, April 13, 2000

Federation 7:30 p.m. - Interfaith Meeting
Temple Adath Israel 7:00 p.m. - Worship Committee Meeting

Friday, April 14, 2000

Federation 12:00 noon - Shalom Deadline
Ohavay Zion Synagogue 8:00 p.m. - Shabbat Evening Service
Temple Adath Israel 7:30 p.m. - Shabbat Family Service
Jessica Tracy Bat Mitzvah

Saturday, April 15, 2000

Ohavay Zion Synagogue 9:30 a.m. - Preliminary Service
10:00 a.m. - Shacharit
Temple Adath Israel 9:30 a.m. - Torah Study
10:30 a.m. - Worship
Jessica Tracy Bat Mitzvah
The Lexington Havurah 10:00 a.m. - Shabbat Morning Services
Lexington Hearing and Speech Center
162 N. Ashland Avenue

Sunday, April 16, 2000

Federation 8:00 p.m. - Campaign Kick-off Event
Temple Adath Israel 10:00 a.m. - Brotherhood Meeting

Wednesday, April 19, 2000 - First Night of Passover

Ohavay Zion Synagogue 7:30 a.m. - Daven, Bagels & Talmud
10:00 a.m. - Torah Study Group

Thursday, April 20, 2000

Temple Adath Israel 10:30 a.m. - Pesach Festival Worship

Friday, April 21, 2000

Ohavay Zion Synagogue 8:00 p.m. - Shabbat Evening Service
Temple Adath Israel 6:00 p.m. - Tot Shabbat Service
6:30 p.m. - Shabbat Pot Luck
7:30 p.m. - Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 22, 2000

Ohavay Zion Synagogue 9:30 a.m. - Preliminary Service
10:00 a.m. - Shacharit
Temple Adath Israel 9:00 a.m. - Kollel Study
10:30 a.m. - Worship Pesach
Exodus 33:12-34:26

Monday, April 24, 2000

Federation 7:00 p.m. - Comm. Act. Comm. Mtg @ Ruth Poley's

Tuesday, April 25, 2000

Community 6:00 p.m. - Women's Seder @ TAI
Ohavay Zion Synagogue 8:00 p.m. - Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 26, 2000

Ohavay Zion Synagogue 7:30 a.m. - Daven, Bagels & Talmud
10:00 a.m. - Torah Study Group
Temple Adath Israel 10:30 a.m. - Festival Service/includes Yizkor

Thursday, April 27, 2000

Temple Adath Israel 7:30 p.m. - Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, April 28, 2000

Ohavay Zion Synagogue 8:00 p.m. - Shabbat Evening Service
Temple Adath Israel 7:30 p.m. - Shabbat Service
Leah Martin Bat Mitzvah

Saturday, April 29, 2000

Ohavay Zion Synagogue 9:30 a.m. - Preliminary Service
10:00 a.m. - Shacharit
Temple Adath Israel 9:30 a.m. - Torah Study
10:30 a.m. - Worship
Leah Martin Bat Mitzvah

Your Community

OZS Hires New Rabbi

Ohavay Zion Synagogue is happy to announce the hiring of a new rabbi. Rabbi Sharon Cohen has accepted the offer made by OZS, and plans to join the congregation on August 1, 2000. She comes here most recently from Phoenix, Arizona, where she has served as Assistant Rabbi at Beth El Congregation since 1997. OZS is very pleased to welcome her and invite all of you to do the same.

From the Temple Adath Israel Sisterhood President - Kay Kaplan

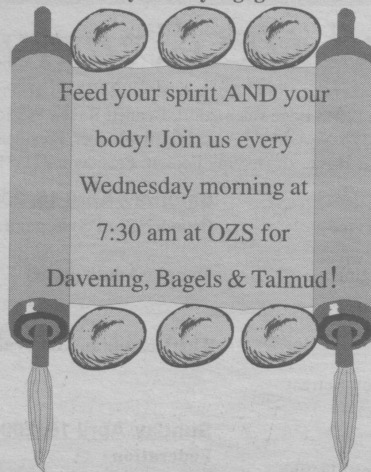
For April, I invite all women of Sisterhood to join with other Jewish women for the Women's Community Seder to be held on April 25 from 6-8 PM at the Temple. This will be a truly unique program. The cost of this program will be \$10 and reservations are due no later than April 14. Please make your check payable to Temple Adath Israel.

Volunteers are also needed for set-up, clean-up, shopping, and food preparation.

Please use the reservation form located on this page to sign-up and volunteer to help.

Sisterhood's closing luncheon will be held on May

Ohavay Zion Synagogue



17 and will feature Dr. Beth Glazier-McDonald. She will discuss her experiences in Israel last summer. I look forward to seeing you at these upcoming programs.

Temple Adath Israel Youth Groups

TRYB — Thank you to all those who supported the TRYB's fundraising efforts by ordering chocolates. We anticipate a \$500 profit from the sales and will use this money to enhance TRYB program offerings. The TRYB's latest social action project is to add receptacles for recycling in the senior block classrooms and Sisterhood lounge. We hope to improve upon our recycling efforts by making it easier for everyone to find a recycling bin nearby. We hope everyone had a great time at the Purim carnival and thank all of those who helped TRYB organize and run the event. Look for results of TRYB elections in the next bulletin.

MSTYG — What an exciting program is scheduled for April. On Saturday, April 16, MSTYG will go to Louisville for the day. Bring your lunch to Temple so you can eat before leaving for the Science Museum and IMAX Theater. Dinner will be at Louisville's fun restaurant Buca Di Bepo. Flyers will be distributed with more information.

FIFTY — March was a busy month for FIFTY. There was a wonderful trip to the Children's Museum on March 5 and a lock-in after Junior congregation on March 31.

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY SEDER TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 6-8 PM

Organized by women from Temple Adath Israel, Ohavay Zion Synagogue, The Lexington Havurah, Hadassah, and The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation



Women 13 and older from The Central Kentucky Jewish community are invited to attend an evening of Passover music, fun and festivities from a woman's perspective. Ritual and symbolic foods will be served however, there will be no main meal. Dress casually and comfortably and bring your own pillows.



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! Please complete the reservation form and return to the Temple office along with your \$10 (which includes a copy for you to keep of the Ma'yan Women's Hagaddah) and mail to Temple Adath Israel, 124 North Ashland Ave, Lexington, KY 40502. Please return your reservation by Friday, April 14.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____ PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Enclosed is my \$10 for the Women's Community Seder on April 25 at TAI

I would like to participate by helping with the following:

Set-up _____ Clean-up _____ Shopping _____ Food Preparation _____

I would like to bring _____ to the program.
(musical instrument)

I would like to read a portion of the Seder _____

My seating preference is chair _____ floor _____ (I will supply my pillow)

I will need child care for _____ child/children, age(s) _____

BROTHERHOOD PROGRAM

SUNDAY APRIL 16
10 AM

Guest speaker:
Detective Randy Kaplan
Lexington Police Department

CRIME STOPPERS

Please join us for this interesting program.

Coffee & bagels will be provided.

RSVP by April 7 to let us know you will be there.

Your Community

Judaic Studies News

On Friday April 28 the Kentucky Foreign Language Conference (KFLC) will sponsor a special session on "Staging the Unthinkable: The Holocaust in Film and Fiction." The session has been arranged by Profs. Harald Hoebusch and Ted Fiedler of the UK German Dept., to whom further inquiries should be directed. The session consists of 6 papers to be presented, and will be held Friday April 28, 9 am -12 noon.

And in case you hadn't heard, Professor **Oliver Leaman** of Liverpool John Moores University (United Kingdom) has accepted the position of the Zantker Chair of Judaic Studies. Professor Leaman, an internationally renowned scholar, presented a talk here at UK in January 2000 on "Ideals, Simplicity and Ethics: The Maimonidean Approach." He will join the faculty of the University of Kentucky this fall.

OZS Garden Club Forming

Beginners and experienced
are welcome.
Please contact
Sharyn Sharer
for more information
273-6774



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Temple Adath Israel

The WRJ District 10 Biennial Convention is April 7-9, hosted by Temple Kol Ami Sisterhood of West Bloomfield, MI. See the flyer on the Temple bulletin board for details. **All Sisterhood Members are welcome and encouraged to attend. (Please call Kaye Kaplan if you are interested.)** This is an exciting event in the life of Jewish women. Of special note, Rabbi Neil Yerman, scribe for **Torat Nashim, (The Torah WRJ has commissioned for our Reform Jewish women's movement)** will be a special guest. Other distinguished guests will include Judith Silverman, President of WRJ, and Rabbi Lane Steinger, Director of the UAHC-Midwest Council.

Join us for our lively Torah Study Group
every Wednesday at 10:00 am
at Ohavay Zion Synagogue!
All readings are in English, so don't be shy!
Come one! Come all!

HELP US HELP OZS!

Your donation of that unneeded car, boat,
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Pick up can be arranged.
Full market value may be a
tax deduction if you itemize.

**CALL Peter Faoro at
(606) 266-8050**

Second Night SEDER! at OZS

Thursday, April 20th
7:00 pm

Ticket Prices:

(before April 7)	(after April 7)
Adults \$25	Adults \$33
Kids (4-12) \$18	Kids (4-12) \$25
Kids 3 & under FREE*	Kids 3 & under FREE*

Join us for a delicious seder meal of gefilte fish, matzo ball soup, orange chicken breast, potato kugel, asparagus, carrot tzimmes, drinks and walnut cake with fresh fruit.

A vegetarian option will be available.

Send in your reservation (with your check) today and
celebrate with us April 20th!
(menu subject to change)

HINT: To guarantee a reservation with the lowest prices, be sure to get your check in to the OZS office before April 7!

CONDOLENCES TO:

Sandy Archer on the death of his grandmother, **Yetta Kleinman**.

Austin & Susan Cantor on the death of Susan's father, **Milton Victor**, on February 25, 2000.

Jan Cerel & Harry Cohen, Sylvia & Julie Cerel and Erica Cohen, and Barbara Cohen Rubin, on the death of their mother & grandmother, **Sylvia Skaller Cohen**.

Brian & Tammy Hershinow on the death of Brian's grandmother, **Claire Goldt**, on February 21.

Al & Kaye Kaplan on the death of Kaye's uncle, **Roland Rabe**, on March 8.

Kathie Kroot on the death of her grandmother, **Gene Chavez**.

Regina Meece on the death of her great-grandmother, **Rebecca T. Ditty**, on Feb. 20.

MENTORS ARE NEEDED!!

Join volunteers from Temple Adath Israel and Ohavay Zion Synagogue, and area churches to mentor one or two children at Harrison Elementary School. Mentors offer children a positive adult role model who provides consistent support and encouragement. Mentors volunteer to spend one hour a week at school. Shared activities depend upon your interests but could include playing games, reading stories, working on a computer, doing art activities, or simply eating lunch together and talking. Many of us look forward to mentoring as much as the kids look forward to seeing us. For more information, call Anne Graff at 264-9424.

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