

Dissent Shouldn't Mean Incivility

By Jerry Silverman

The language is painful to hear, particularly coming from fellow Jews.

Knesset Member Moshe Gafni called Reform Jews "a bunch of clowns who stick a knife in the holy Torah."

MK Yisrael Eichler criticized an Israeli Supreme Court decision allowing non-Orthodox Jews to use public *mikvaot*, likening it to permitting a "mentally ill person" to "come to the operating room and decide the rules of medicine and force the hospital to have an operation by whatever way works."

Israeli Tourism Minister Yariv Levin called Reform Jews "a dying world" that would assimilate and disappear in another two or three generations.

We've seen women who were holding liberal prayer services at the Kotel pelted with rocks and debris, and the police who tried to protect them called "Nazis."

The scars of such invective are often longer-lasting than physical wounds, searing into our consciousness.

The language also betrays something about the speakers and provocateurs, that they seem to have forgotten Jewish teachings about courtesy and civility, beginning with the Torah commandments to "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Lev. 19:18) and "You shall not hate your sibling in your heart" (Lev. 19:17), and including the Pirkei Avot guidance to "judge every person favorably" (1:6).

Rather than judging favorably, these critics of liberal Judaism and its adherents are speaking harshly of others without any true understanding themselves of non-Orthodox Judaism; they ignore that even Jewish practice as they know it has evolved throughout the centuries. As just one example, look at photos of the Kotel in the 1800s and early 1900s — you'll see no *mechitza* to separate men from women. That was a later addition.

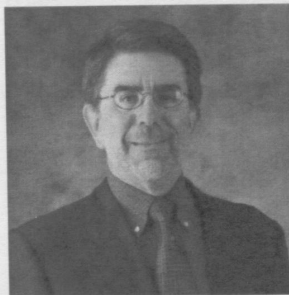
Because of compromises that the non-Orthodox streams of Judaism were willing to make, that *mechitza* will remain, and women's and mixed prayer groups will have a separate prayer space on the southern end of the Western Wall, ensuring that the Kotel remains a symbol of Jewish peoplehood, however individuals define that peoplehood.

But will we also be able to separate hate speech from political speech?

Sadly, we saw similar, sometimes even harsher, vitriol during the debate over the Iranian (continued p. 2)

President's Message

By Michael Grossman



When I became President of the Jewish Federation three years ago, my predecessors warned me that the most difficult part of the job would not be rallying the community, planning events, coming up with the budget or fundraising. No, they said, it would be writing the President's Mes-

sage. What they didn't tell me was that it would also be one of the most rewarding parts of the job. I feel so lucky to have had this platform to express my thoughts, and I've found, much to my surprise, that I have truly enjoyed writing these messages. There is so much to write about! In preparing for this, my final column, I went back and read all of the pieces I've written over the last three years.

I took much inspiration from the words of others, and was happy to be able to share meaningful quotes in my messages. Way back in early 2013, in my first message, I quoted from that most famous of contemporary scholars, fellow Kentuckian Muhammad Ali: "Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on... (continued p. 2)"

CAMPAIGN NEWS

Supporting Our Jewish Community

By Judy Wortman

In the last issue of *Shalom*, we announced the Major Gifts Champagne Brunch which will be held on Sunday, May 22, at 11:30 a.m. in a private home. The guest speaker is Jerry Silverman, CEO of the Jewish Federations of North America, JFB's parent organization. Individuals giving a minimum of \$500 and couples giving a minimum of \$1,000 to the 2016 annual campaign are invited. The couvert for the brunch is \$25 per person.

In addition to the annual campaign gift, there are other means of supporting our Jewish community. You might consider donating a car, motorcycle, or other vehicle. Federation can make the arrangements necessary to pick up the vehicle. All the donors need to do is give us the title.

You might also want to give special contributions in memory or in honor of a loved one. These tributes can be in any amount of money, and we will notify the person to be honored or the family of the person to be remembered. These tributes will be printed in *Shalom*. (continued p. 3)

(*Dissent, continued from p. 1*) nuclear agreement, with some Jews not even wanting to go to their local Shabbat services lest they get into an uncomfortable debate on the accord.

Rabbis have shared that speaking about Israel from the pulpit has become difficult due to the polarization of congregants. In fact, a Jewish Council for Public Affairs [report](#) found that nearly half of the 500 mostly Conservative and Reform rabbis surveyed “hold views on Israel that they won’t share publicly, many for fear of endangering their reputation or their careers.”

Yehuda Kurtzer, president of the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America, suggests in a recent [blog](#) that, rather than being fearful of taking a stand on an important political situation, Jewish leaders and organizations should instead take a position and — just as in the Mishnah — also present an opposing view. “Very simply,” Kurtzer writes, “Publish the dissent. Make the decision, make the case for it, and then publish the dissenting viewpoint or viewpoints.”

Publishing the dissent, he explains, “gives voice to the losing arguments and to those articulating them, and signals confidence, humility, and a wholesale embrace of the dissenters, even in light of the failure of their dissent to become policy.”

We need to be open to listening to one another no matter what background or opinions one has. I worry most that we have lost the concept of “love thy neighbor as thyself” — that is unless you practice or you share similar standings on issues.

A record 18,000 attended AIPAC’s recent policy conference, more than half of them non-Orthodox. Would the political parties and those speaking out against the non-Orthodox movement rather those thousands instead had stayed home?

I doubt it. Israel is a promise to all Jews, a gift for all Jews everywhere, not based on where you reside or what you think.

Many Orthodox movements understand this, and have found great success in reaching out to non-Orthodox Jews—discussing, sharing, debating and educating on the big and small issues of the day.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Yesh Atid party leader Yair Lapid and too few Orthodox leaders have condemned some of these remarks, but more needs to be done.

We are too small a people for those unwilling to recognize liberal Jews as part of the Jewish people to close the shtetl gates to our love of Israel. We will come to Israel, and we will continue to push to celebrate the good and to be there in crisis.

To those who don’t want to listen and sling arrows, we

say: Put down your arrows, come to the Shabbat table and have a dialogue. Let’s debate and argue, but let’s stop with the awful tone.

Jerry Silverman is president & CEO of The Jewish Federations of North America

(*President’s Message, continued from p.1*) earth.” Those words resonate with me today as they did then. I went on to quote Winston Churchill, “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” I can state without hesitation that serving as President of the Federation benefitted me immensely, and I’m sure I received much more than I gave. I ended my first message with a quote from one of our sages, Hillel: “Don’t separate yourself from the community.” As I wrap up my tenure as President, I can assure you that I will take Hillel’s advice and remain an active part of our Bluegrass Jewish community.

Looking back at some of my messages over the past three years also gives me insight into how I look at things at ten thousand feet. Marking 50 years since I became a bar mitzvah, I wrote about reconnecting with my Jewish identity. My life is richer as a result of studying Torah and Talmud at Shabbat services each Saturday. Then there was Thanksgiving. Due to a rare convergence of the calendar, I had the opportunity to write about the common theme of religious freedom in Hanukkah and Thanksgiving. In so doing I thought about what it means to be American, and what it means to be Jewish. In a 2014 Message, I wrote of my becoming a Jewish zealot, meaning one who is full of zeal and passion for Judaism, and who volunteers time and resources in support of our Jewish community. I invited all of you, join me by putting your money where your hearts are and make a charitable gift to the Federation.

On too many occasions I wrote about shocking events that were confronting us in our own country and abroad, trying to make sense out of things that made no sense. I tried to provide words of hope, and reminded my readers of some of my heroes in the quest for peace and justice, such as Father Ted Hesburgh, Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., and the Multifaith Alliance for Syrian Refugees.

JFB will soon welcome a new President, Evalyn Block, and a new Executive Director, Tamara Ohayon. Evalyn and Tami will make a great team. Please give them your support and love as they lead us, and as they work hard to enrich our Jewish community.

Thank you for letting me serve as your president, and for giving me the chance to express myself.

L’hitraot.

Michael Grossman

Temple Adath Israel Recognized for Refugee Efforts

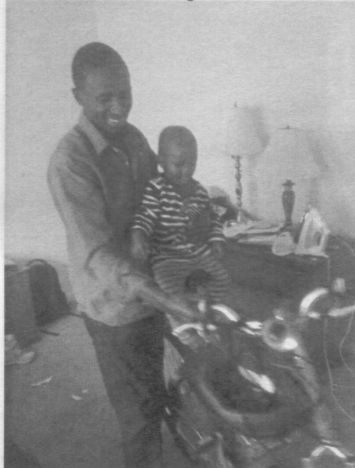


Rabbi David Wirtschafter accepts special recognition award on behalf of Temple Adath Israel.

Last month at Kentucky Refugee Ministries' annual breakfast Temple Adath Israel received special recognition as a co-sponsoring faith community "that has gone above and beyond". We began our discussions with KRM last fall shortly after Nancy Schoenberg and Rosie Moosnick asked Rabbi Wirtschafter if the Refugee Crisis was

something we wanted to address as a congregation. We had a family in the pipeline but no firm arrival date beyond notification that they would be arriving in Lexington sometime. At that time there were two families to choose from. One had a child struggling with Cerebral Palsy and since a number of our members here at TAI are personally or professionally familiar with that condition we felt we could be a particularly good fit for them.

As the months rolled along, there was no word about the arrival of this family. Led by Bruce and Mary Engel our congregation was gathering supplies and furniture for an apartment, but it was a holding pattern for the time being. KRM however had another family that they knew would be arriving in January. So Dabney Parker of KRM approached Nancy, Rosie, Bruce, Mary and Rick Clewett to see if we would rather 'switch' our co-sponsorship for the family arriving in January. These TAI Social Action leaders decided to indeed, co-sponsor the "January family", but that we would like to also stay 'in waiting' for the original family we had discussed. Ms. Parker says that "this was a first in my time with KRM, for the last 7 years."



Family #1 arrived at the end of January (the 28th) to a nicely furnished apartment and a group of folks who have surrounded them with support and caring. AND THEN... arrival of #2 family had a date! (early March!) The second family has arrived...about 5 1/2 weeks after family #1! They too, were greeted

with a furnished home, and a group of people who are supporting and caring for them!

We can be proud if the fact that our congregation and many others here in Lexington have shown the gift of hospitality by welcoming the stranger in our midst.

We are honored to be partners with KRM and are grateful for the opportunity to play our part in alleviating this tremendous worldwide challenge.

(Campaign News, continued from p. 1) You might also consider a special contribution to PJ Library or for our scholarship fund to help families send their children to Jewish overnight camps, to Camp Shalom, or for a program in Israel.

Most importantly, we invite you to consider a legacy gift. A legacy gift can provide programs for children and families, support our elderly, and assure that Jewish traditions will live on and flourish beyond our lifetimes.

For information about any of these giving opportunities, please contact Judy Wortman at 268-0672.

Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass Annual Meeting

Wednesday, May 25 @ 7:00 p.m.
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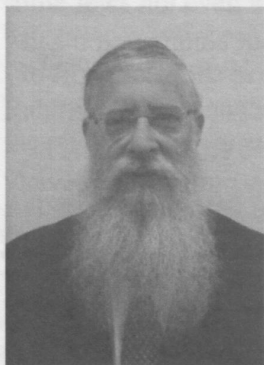
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Amy Faust Mayer
For a 2nd Three Year Term.....David Feinberg
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For a 1st Three Year Term.....Lorne Dechtenberg
Paul Tillier

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Volunteer of the Year.....Gayle Bourne
Young Leadership Award.....Jenn Garlin
President's Award.....Hanna Smith

Contact jfb@jewishlexington.org for information.

Ask A Rabbi: Rabbi Avroham Litvin



I hope everyone had a wonderful and meaningful Passover. Recently, I was asked why there is a custom to light a candle on the last day of Passover in conjunction with the remembrance of dearly departed. (In case you missed this on Saturday, April 30th, the next time this is done is on the second day of Shavuot - Monday, June 13). For that matter, it is also

traditional to light a candle on the day of a *yartzeit* (anniversary of death) of a loved one, as well as during the shivah period after one's death. So the question I was asked was:

Question: What is the association between a candle and the passing of a person?

Answer: As early as the middle of the 12th century the great sage Rabbi Asher of Lunel wrote as follows: "On the eve of Yom Kippur it is customary for all those that lost a parent, to kindle a candle near where they will be praying in the synagogue". The mitzvah of lighting the synagogue would thus be directly attributed to the merit of the deceased and bring them blessing even after passing from this world.

In the book of Isaiah (24:15) it says, "With lights you shall honor G-d." The Medrash Tanchuma explains, "G-d says light a candle before me, and I shall guard over your souls, which are called candles".

If all we were trying to do was perform a good deed to merit the soul of our dearly departed, why not sing a hymn of praise or help a poor person in need or do any of the many hundreds of commandments which comprise Judaism? Why specifically do we light a candle to seemingly "honor" the dead?

The answer can be gleaned by looking closely at the words of the Medrash above. The soul is called a candle because the two share many qualities. It is one of the only things in our world that appear to naturally climb upward. Most any item naturally falls downward because of gravity, but hold a candle in any direction and the flame will seek to soar upward, almost as if it wishes to break away from its physical body and disappear into the heavens. The soul's natural desire is for a spiritual world where it can transcend the shackles of the body, but the soul recognizes the great value of its earthly mission and wishes to see the great fruits of its labor.

It might be comparable to a student who knows that he or she must work very hard to prepare for a final exam. Their entire future may depend on those re-

sults. They may study hard and try to memorize and cram and do all they can for success although their natural desire might be to just curl up in bed and hibernate. Similarly, the natural desire of the soul is to cleave to G-d and when a person passes away this natural desire finds its complete expression.

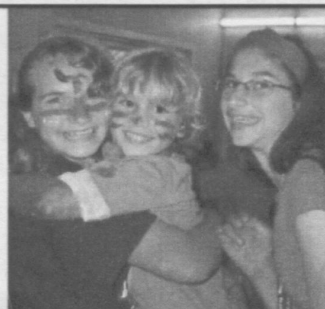
For this reason, although any positive act done on behalf of a loved one grants them atonement and merit and blessing in their heavenly abode, there is a special value to using a flame, for it most closely resembles the soul of our loved ones.

Over time, this has also evolved to the custom of lighting a candle during shivah in the home of the deceased. This highlights the fact that we are thinking of their soul and that we pledge to bring light into the world on their behalf to help elevate that soul in the heavenly realms.

May we all do acts of light and goodness to bring blessings to ourselves, our loved ones, and the nation of Israel, and may G-d reciprocate by bringing back the light of the Holy Temple and the era of Messiah, amen.

Have a question? Ask a rabbi.

The rabbis write columns in response to questions submitted by the readers. We encourage you to submit your queries on theology, morality, ethics, religious observances, etc. for response by one of our rabbis. If you have an issue you would like to see addressed, please email it to shalom@jewishlexington.org and put "Ask a Rabbi" in the subject line of your email. (It may take quite a while until your question is answered or it may never be answered, if no rabbi selects it.) You will not be identified as the writer of the question to either rabbis or readers, nor will you be asked to specify which rabbi should answer.



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ASK JFS: Internet Safety with Children

By Mimi Kaufman



As partners of Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky, it is important for us to do our part as a community to prevent child abuse. April is the official national month to raise awareness to the issues surrounding Child Abuse.

Being a parent has many trials and tribulations. Sleepless

nights in infancy, toddlers melting down and mouthy teenagers. You name the stage and there is a challenging issue. Now add in the possibility of poverty, job loss, addiction, social isolation or limited education and you may very well be at high risk for abusive behaviors. Any one of these single problems may increase a person's risk for abusive behaviors.

So as we focus on prevention, let us take a look at prevention strategies.

Let us take a look at what we can call protective factors. Protective factors are conditions in families and communities that, when present, increase the health and well being of children and families. These attributes serve as buffers, helping parents to find resources, support or coping strategies. Methods that bolster protective factors include: facilitation friendships and support, strengthening parenting skills, responding to families in crisis, linking families to services and opportunities.

So what can I do as an individual to help myself as well as other parents?

One of the beauties of being involved in a community is that you have an automatic support system thus lowering your risk as well as helping others lower theirs. By virtue of reading Shalom articles you are part of

the Jewish Community. What can you do within your community? Whether it be your neighborhood, your child's school or wherever you spend time, it is really not so hard.

Here are a few examples of pledges you can make to do your part to help out:

- Offer to babysit a grandchild once in awhile to give parents a needed break.
- Run an errand or prepare a meal for a new mother in your neighborhood.
- Let parents know when they are doing a good job.
- Advocate for programs that provide families with education and support.
- Take part in activities where you can meet and connect with other parents.
- Look for good role models.
- Be a good role model; share ideas.

Good prevention programs will increase these protective factors as well as connect families to needed resources. Let us all do what we can to ensure the healthy development of our children.

JFS: At Your Service is a monthly column covering a wide range of issues. If you have a problem or a concern that you would like addressed in this Shalom column, please send them either by mail to Jewish Family Services at 1050 Chinoe Road Suite 112, or by email to jfs@jewishlexington.org. You can also always call with your confidential questions at (859) 269-8244.

SAVE THE DATE

Jewish Community Town Hall Meeting

Wednesday, June 15
8:00 p.m.

at Temple Adath Israel

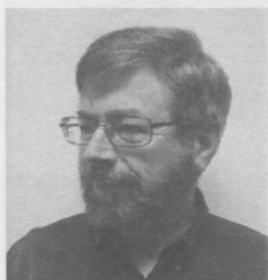
Dr. Jack Ukeles will share the results of our recent Jewish Community Study, and offer his recommendations for the future.

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Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion To Present Daniel Chejfec with the Doctor of Jewish Nonprofit Management, *honoris causa*



Rabbi Aaron D. Panken, Ph.D., President of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR), will award Daniel Alberto Chejfec with the Doctor of Jewish Nonprofit Management at Graduation Ceremonies in Los Angeles on May 16, 2016 at Temple

Emanuel of Beverly Hills. Daniel Chejfec, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso, will be honored for 25 years of distinguished professional service as an alumnus of HUC-JIR.

President Panken stated, "We honor Daniel Chejfec for his dedicated service to the Jewish People and the larger world by fostering learning, community, social justice, and the continuous vitality of our heritage."

Daniel Chejfec was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he was active as a professional in the Jewish community, serving on the Board of the Argentinean Association of Jewish Communal Workers. While still in Argentina he earned Master degrees in Education (JFK Argentine University) and Sociology (FLACSo - Latin American School of Social Sciences). He came to America in 1989, and upon graduating from the Double Master Program on Social Work and Jewish Communal Service at USC/HUC in Los Angeles, he served in various capacities in the Federation system.

He first assumed the role of Executive Director in 1999 at the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass, later becoming Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County (NY). He assumed his current position in El Paso (TX) in 2014

Daniel Chejfec added, "It is an honor for me to receive this recognition from my American Alma Mater; I will continue to do my best to be worthy of the honor and of the trust deposited in me by the Jewish community"

Founded in 1875, HUC-JIR is North America's leading institution of higher Jewish education and the academic, spiritual, and professional leadership development center of Reform Judaism. HUC-JIR educates men and women for service to North American and world Jewry as rabbis, cantors, educators, and non-profit management professionals, and offers graduate programs to scholars and clergy of all faiths.

HUC-JIR will bestow 125 degrees at Graduation and Ordination Ceremonies in Cincinnati, Los Angeles, and New York on the Class of 2016's cadre of new Jewish professional leaders for the Reform Movement. Distinguished communal and civic leaders and alumni will be awarded honorary degrees and prizes in recognition of their service to Reform congregations and North American Jewry, and in honor of their humanitarian work. Click [here](#) for further information about 2016 Graduation and Ordination Ceremonies.

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An old family business story tells how religious, cultural differences were bridged

By Tom Eblen

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Sarah, Abraham, Harry and Bess Goller posed outside the family's Jewish deli at East Fourth and North Upper Streets in the early 1940s. The business was saved by an unusual loan from officials at Transylvania College during the Great Depression. owner Photo Provided

I met two brothers last weekend at the Blue Grass Trust for Historic Preservation's annual Antiques & Garden Show whose business is selling chunks of minerals and ancient petrified wood as art objects and home accessories.

I thought it might make an interesting column. But while talking with Stuart and Michael Goller of Cincinnati-based GeoRarities, they told me a much more interesting family business story, based in Lexington.

In many ways, it was a typical immigrant story of struggle and success. But in this time when so many Americans fear and resent immigrants whose cultures and religions are different from theirs, this story had an enlightening twist.

As the storm clouds of World War I were gathering, Russia's Czar was persecuting Jews in Eastern Europe. So Harry Goller left Lithuania for the United States in search of a better life.

Harry, who spoke only Yiddish, made his way to Atlanta, where a brother had immigrated and had become a junk dealer.

"He would load up his pack with pots and pans and whatever he could carry, and, speaking no English, go out to sell in little towns that didn't have a general store," Michael said of his grandfather.

After two years, Harry had earned enough money to bring his wife, Sarah, and their children to America. In about 1917, they moved to Lexington, because other Jewish families from their village had settled here.

They had three more children in Lexington. The youngest, Michael and Stuart's father, Abraham, was born in 1925.

The Gollers opened a Jewish deli at the corner of East Fourth and North Upper streets. The family lived upstairs, and in the basement they made corned beef, pickles and sacramental wine.

Harry was a rabbi, and he sold kosher food and wine to Central Kentucky's small Jewish population. The neighborhood surrounding the deli was then predominantly black, and many of Harry's loyal customers were Christian.

Harry's corned beef and cold cuts attracted a wide clientele, including the owner of Calumet farm and the leadership of nearby Transylvania College. The business prospered until the stock market crash of October 1929 ushered in the Great Depression.

"My grandfather had extended credit to all of his small customers," Michael said. "They couldn't pay him, and he couldn't pay the meat suppliers, so they forced him into bankruptcy."

That is when one of Harry's Christian customers came to the rescue. It might have been Transylvania's president. But the brothers said their father, now 91, thinks it was the president of Transylvania's College of the Bible, which later became Lexington Theological Seminary.

"He liked to come by and chat and maybe discuss religion," Michael said. "He found out they were going bankrupt, so he arranged for the (continued, p. 8)

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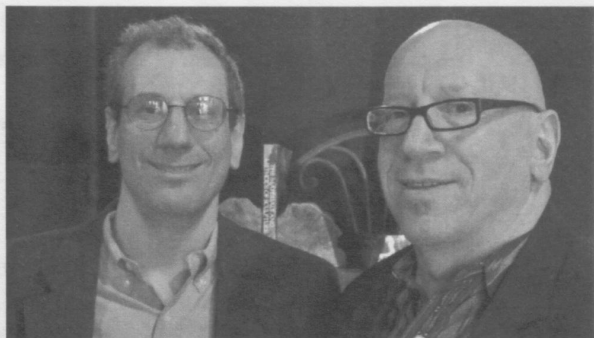
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Michael, left, and Stuart Goller of Cincinnati are the grandsons of Harry Goller, who ran a Jewish deli in Lexington for many years. When the deli was threatened with bankruptcy during the Great Depression, Christian leaders of Transylvania College and its theology school provided an unusual loan that saved the family business. Tom Eblen teblen@herald-leader.com

(Goller, continued from p. 7) college to make a loan to save the business so he wouldn't go under. And my grandfather paid it all back."

Abraham went on to graduate from Henry Clay High School and, at the beginning of World War II, he became an engineering student at the University of Kentucky as part of the Army Specialized Training Program. By 1943, the Army needed infantrymen more than engineers. Abraham was drafted, fought with the 100th Infantry Division in France and was wounded.

After the war, Abraham earned his engineering degree at UK on the GI Bill. He went on to a career with Pollock Steel in Cincinnati, designing steel reinforcement for bridges and power plants. Abraham and Ruth, his wife of 60 years, also have a third son, Jeffrey, a physician in Charleston, S.C.

The corner where the Gollers' home and deli once stood is now a vacant lot. Stuart said the building was demolished three or four decades ago after a fire. Sarah died in 1945; Harry in 1978. He left his grandsons with many fond memories and inspiring stories, including several about how cultural and religious differences were bridged.

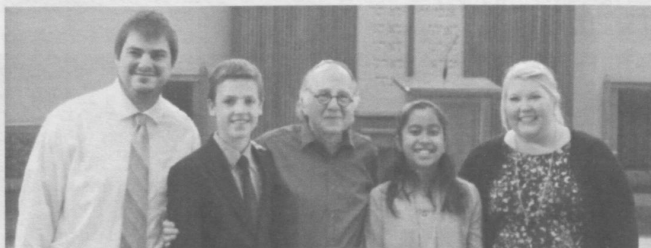
For example, when young Abraham injured himself while working with a knife, a prominent black doctor who lived nearby rushed to his aid. And then there was this funny story:

"At some point, the police came by and arrested Pops for selling sacramental wine on Sunday because of the blue laws," Michael said, referring to laws that then banned the sale of alcohol on Sunday.

"So they hauled him before court and he explained in his accented English what was going on," that the Jewish Sabbath was Saturday, Michael said. "So the judge said, 'Release this man immediately. But if you ever find him selling it on Saturday, I want him arrested and brought back to court!'"

14th Annual Emilie Szekely Holocaust Awareness Writing Project

Winning Essays Read at the Community Yom HaShoah Commemoration on Sunday, April 10 at Ohavay Zion Synagogue



Safe

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I tossed and turned. "Would I be safe from the Nazis here," I thought to myself. I turned and turned again. I will be fine, but what about Mom, Issac and Papa? Would they be safe? Isaac was at Daniel's families house, but Mom and Papa were put in a place called Auschwitz. I turned and looked at Ann. She would never have to worry about the Nazis. She is Danish not Jewish. I eventually closed my eyes and did not worry about anything.

The next morning, I woke up with a start. I had the most horrible dream, Mom and Papa were in a line to go take a shower, and then, BOOM! The Nazi soldier closed the door and shut them inside. Poisonous gas fumes were coming out of the shower head.

I cleared my mind and I walked into the bathroom to brush my teeth. As I turned the faucet on, I overheard Ann talking to her mother. "...No I am sorry but our family could suffer, just because of her. We have already called the Nazis, they will come get her soon."

"But...Mom," Ann shouted.

"No, there is nothing to talk about," Anne's mother replied firmly.

As I wondered who they were talking about, I put my toothpaste up. I got out of the bathroom and walked into the kitchen. Mrs. Johansen was setting the table as I came toward the table. "Yum!" I squealed, "Matzo brei," – sugary eggs with sour cream and applesauce.

"Made just for you," Mrs. Johansen said, acting perky. That's suspicious, I thought. While I am eating the Matzo brei everyone was looking at me. Just then I knew exactly who they were talking about...me! They were going to give me to the Nazi soldiers. I suddenly did not feel hungry, but I knew they would think something is wrong if I didn't eat my Matzo brei- my favorite. So I forced the rest down my throat.

"Wow! You are already done? Do you want some more?" Mrs. Johansen asked smiling, but I knew underneath that was the smile of a devil.

"No thanks," I mumbled as I walked to Ann's room. Ann followed me to the room.

"Hey, wait up Rachel!" I walked even faster. I opened the door and Ann slid in as well. "Hey Rachel?"

"I already know Ann, the Nazis are coming for me," I said grabbing my doll Rosie. After I packed, I told Ann goodbye.

I got to the top of the windowsill and jumped, thinking I was going to die. Thump! I had fallen on my butt. Great, I thought. As I got up, a loud banging came from the door. I looked around, behind the Johansen's house. I spotted a creek with a few trees near it. I ran, and hid behind a tree. I did not leave until the Nazis left.

Suddenly, I did not feel good. "Blah," I moaned as I puked. Yuck, I thought as I cleaned myself up. I got down and cupped my hands and got some water from the creek. Then I knew I was on my own to save the rest of my family.

Afterword

I was inspired to write this story after my class read Number of the Stars by Lois Lowry. I felt confused and bad for all the Jews. In fact all the people that had to suffer during the Holocaust. I wrote this to show how life was during the World War II. The Holocaust changed my perspective on how I look at the world, knowing that people can be cruel. Even though some people are cruel, I know if I am caring, it will make a difference.

No Words

Middle School Winner, Johnny Herzog
Christ the King School, 8th Grade,
Sponsoring teacher: Andy Dombrowski

The Holocaust, like other horrific events in history, has left a stain that can't and shouldn't be removed. Luckily, there are survivors here today who can tell the story in person and from their actual experiences and there are teachers and schools who are inspired to teach the Holocaust to kids everywhere. This is a great thing because we can learn from our mistakes and make sure nothing like the events in the Holocaust will never happen again. Learning about the Holocaust this year, has been a very good experience for me, it really interests me; the thought that one man could single handedly rise up and create an army of believers in his thoughts and have such a grudge toward the Jewish faith.

Sometimes people try to forget or disregard the Holocaust, but that is exactly how terrible events reoccur. I remember a story my grandma and dad told me, they said that the doctor who delivered my dad was a concentration camp survivor. My grandma didn't realize until she noticed the numbers tattooed on his arm. My dad was born in 1963, 18 years after the holocaust ended. This is an example of how resilient people can be. Eighteen years ago he was in a concentration camp, and now he is a successful doctor who delivered my Dad. That is also something that fascinates me about the Holocaust; for years the entire Nazi goal was to completely wipe out the Jewish faith, and yet the faith was kept alive and still exists in Europe along with many parts of the world today.

Over what my class and I have learned this year we have watched many survivor interviews. In those stories, people share their experiences about being put in a ghetto or boarding the train to the final resting place for so many and trying desperately to get picked out of a line to work. This was your only chance of survival at an extermination camp. But of all the interviews these two stories stood out to me. One was about a boy getting on a train with his family and being split from his family. He was recalling seeing his mother put in a different line and his father telling her to take care of his sister, not knowing this would be the last time he would see his mother or sister. He also remembers someone telling him to act older and his father to act younger. His father was telling him to act like they were not related, because the Nazis split up people who were related.

The other story was about another boy getting off a train and not knowing his fate. He can remember walking right towards a fire and he thought for sure these were his last moments. As he got closer and closer to the fire, he could remember calling out to God and asking why. He looked at the fire where he saw men, women, and children. Yes children. There are no words to describe the horrific thought of children dying for no reason, and dying a horrible death. He was two steps away from the fire, crying and praying to God. One step and then he heard the guard say this way, and they turned to the right. The line went to work. I just can't comprehend why someone no matter how sick or how angry, could do something like this, and how so many people could believe in him or keep quite so much that in only a short time Hitler could become president and was able to start a genocide. The Holocaust could be described in many words, sad, mad, horrific, unbelievable, and maybe even inspiration that people could live through it and that the Jewish faith could also survive. But there are no words that exist to truly describe the events that make up the Holocaust.

Daughter of noted Dutch Resistance fighters is featured speaker at Lexington's Yom HaShoah commemoration

By Hanna B. Smith

Jeraldine Snapper Faber addressed the Central Kentucky Jewish Community and guests at this year's Yom HaShoah commemoration – Holocaust memorial – event on April 10, at Ohavay Zion Synagogue. Ms. Faber is the daughter of Hendrikus (Harry) and Marta Snapper who saved many Dutch Jews from being sent to concentration camps by the Nazis, who invaded the Netherlands in World War II.



The Snapper family lived in the town of Naaldwijk, in Southern Holland province. Hendrikus Snapper, who was in charge of the local employment bureau, became a leading figure in the local resistance cell after the German army invaded the Netherlands on May 10, 1940.

The deportation of Dutch Jews started in the summer of 1942. Hendrikus and Marta who were Calvinists, provided hiding addresses for the Jewish deHartog family of Rotterdam, seven members in all.

Ms. deHartog hid in the Snapper home under an assumed name and in the guise of being the Snappers live-in housekeeper. Mr. deHartog and two of the deHartog daughters, found shelter with neighbors of the Snappers while the three other children were placed further away. All seven members of the deHartog family survived and were reunited in 1945.

The Snappers also helped other Jews. Jeraldine Faber described how her father assessed host families' situations in order to make the asylum seeker's placement successful.

In 1943 the Nazi authorities started to call up Dutch men between the ages of 18 and 45 years for forced

labor in German factories. To protect the men in his district from being deported to Germany, Hendrikus Snapper staged a burglary in the employment office that destroyed the records. The Nazi authorities suspected Mr. Snapper and, for his own safety, he stayed away from home for many nights. This left his wife to care for the family and for their Jewish wards.

During famine in 1944, known as the Hunger Winter, the Snappers and members of their church organized a network to send hungry children to people who had just enough food for another mouth.

Rabbi Sharon Cohen interviewed Jeraldine Faber on April 10. Ms. Faber who was 11 years old when Germany invaded Holland recalled how she and the children around her coped during the difficult war years. Parents were the decision makers and protective of their children. The children took their cues from their parents. "We all were patriots," recalled Ms. Faber.



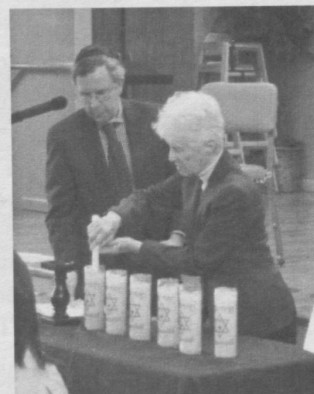
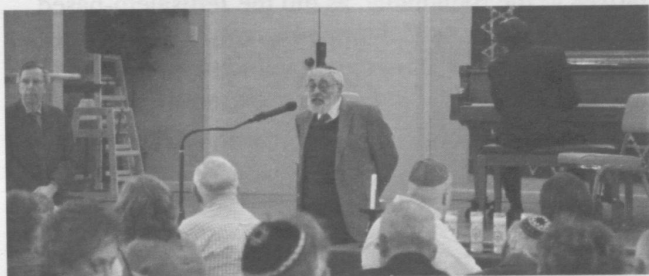
In 2006 Yad VaShem, the World Center for Holocaust Research in Jerusalem, honored Hendrikus and Marta Snapper posthumously as Righteous among the Nations. The honor was bestowed in the presence of their own children and descendants of the deHartog family.

When Rabbi Cohen asked Ms. Faber what message she intended to give to

the teenagers in the audience, Ms. Faber revealed her deep love for her parents by exhorting the teenagers to listen to their parents and to cherish them.

Community Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance) Commemoration

Sunday, April 10 at Ohavay Zion Synagogue



Additional photos can be found in the [Shalom online](#).

Israel21C: Israeli venture to help California unveiled at White House

White House announces initiative to bring 10 Israeli early-stage water, energy, agriculture and transport tech startups into the California market.

By Abigail Klein Leichman

(Originally published online March 22, 2016)



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March 22, 2016 is United Nations World Water Day, a perfect time for the White House Water Summit and announcement of innovative ideas toward building a sustainable and secure water future in the United States.

Among the initiatives approved for inclusion in the summit is an intensive two-week LaunchPad program for Israeli startups run jointly by the [Israel-California Green-Tech Partnership](#) and the nonprofit [Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator](#) (LACI).

The program will give 10 yet-to-be-chosen startups opportunities to pitch their solutions to clean-tech stakeholders including investors, utilities and corporations. The “boot camp” will teach them how to navigate the California regulatory landscape and they will be introduced to potential mentors. “I work with a lot of startups that want to expand to California, and it’s complicated to get partners and investment. We want to give some of the most promising startups all we can to help them gain a foothold,” says Israel-California Green-Tech Partnership cofounder Ashleigh Talberth, who also heads the Israeli consulting firm @Green-TECH.

Before moving to Israel in July 2015, Talberth was active in the San Francisco Bay Area clean-tech think tank Next Generation and in the US Green Building Council’s Northern California Chapter.

Following its [official kickoff](#) last October in Tel Aviv, the partnership participated in a private roundtable discussion in January 2016 with 45 top decision-makers in California brought together by former US Secretary of State George Shultz at his Hoover Institute think tank at Stanford University.

Israeli pioneers in water technology including Netafim (drip irrigation) and IDE (desalination) sent representatives to the roundtable, as did the Jerusalem-based Milken Innovation Center and [Israel NewTech](#), the Israel Ministry of Economy and Industry’s National Sustainable Energy and Water Program.

“Since we’re an industry-driven group, we thought about what we could do to start advancing very innovative early-stage Israeli technologies for water and also for energy storage, transportation and agriculture,” Talberth tells ISRAEL21c.

Application deadline is April 20 and the program will begin in July, following Israel NewTech’s Business & Policy Summit in Los Angeles, June 28-30.

This article can be found online [here](#).

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B'tayavon: Babaganoush

By Babz Goldman

This is a quick and delicious appetizer, nosh, or main meal. It is a wonderful addition to any sandwich, and is always delicious eaten with bread, raw or grilled veggies.



Ingredients:

2 eggplants (around 2 pounds)

6 cloves of garlic

Salt (chef's choice, 1 teaspoon recommended to start)

½ cup parsley

4 tablespoons tahini (feel free to use more)

4 tablespoons lemon juice

½ cup olive oil

Oven pre-set to 425 degrees

Begin by slicing eggplant into long pieces exposing the yummy seeded inside. There is no wrong way to slice the eggplant, since it will all be placed eventually in food processor. Just make sure to chop off the stem.

I like to leave the skin on. It adds a little more texture and color to the final product. Coat each piece of eggplant lightly with olive oil, place on cookie sheet lined with parchment paper, sprinkle with salt, and place in oven.

Bake for around 15 minutes, or until eggplant is slightly charred. Remove from oven and allow eggplant to cool off.

Place eggplant in food processor and mix until smooth. Slowly add additional ingredients beginning with garlic. Feel free to modify according to taste, adding more olive oil if tahini is slightly dry.

This can be made days, or hours ahead. Garnish with parsley and a splash of olive oil.

Bon Appetit!

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Community Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration (Israel Independence Day)

Sunday, April 17 at Temple Adath Israel
with guest performer Batsheva



Left to Right: Rabbi Moshe Smolkin, Evalyn Block, Rabbi David Wirtschafter



Additional photos of the Community Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration can be found in the [online version of Shalom](#).

THE LEXINGTON CHAPTER OF HADASSAH

Dianne Bazell, President

By Dianne Bazell

In many ways May is a month of reflection. From Victory in Europe Day (May eighth) to Memorial Day (May

30), Americans recall the price of freedom and security. In Israel, three days remind Israelis of sacrifice and success: Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance), Yom HaZikaron (remembering the fallen in Israel's wars), and Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day). Here in the U.S., we also celebrate Mother's Day in May, honoring and commemorating what mothers and grandmothers have given. In Israel, Mother's Day (Yom Ha-Em) is celebrated on Shevat 30, which can occur anytime from January 30 through March first. It is also a tribute to our founder, Henrietta Szold, who did so much for the benefit of so many, and who died on Shevat 30. We recall her on our Mother's Day, as well.

Hadassah women are not only thoughtful, but are "Women Who Do," and our Lexington Chapter of Hadassah has been doing quite a bit this spring, within the community and beyond. In February, we sponsored the One World Film Festival's showing at the Kentucky Theater of "Woman in Gold," which recounted the story of the Austrian Jewish refugee Maria Altman's struggle to regain her family's paintings by Gustav Klimt. Prior to Purim, we celebrated our third Hadassah Shabbat at both Temple Adath Israel and Ohavay Zion Synagogue with over 60 members of both congregations, including a combined choir, leading services. Just following Passover, we held a moving and meaningful community-wide Women's Seder, led by Rabbi Geri Newburge, of Main Line Reform Temple Beth Elohim, in Wynnewood, PA—who just happens to be the daughter of our Central States Region president, Lynn Furness.

In April, we kicked off this year's Hadassah's walking program, "Every Step Counts," to promote heart health. Have you signed up yet? Last year, over 1,000 women and men walked over 350,000 miles, the equivalent of the distance from Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem to our Hadassah's New York headquarters. This year, we are doing a walk from Jerusalem to our National Convention in Atlanta (at least, logging our steps and tracking the route "virtually" on our Web site). It's easy to sign up and keep track of your own miles walked. Just go to Hadassah.org (specifically, <http://www.hadassah.org/health-medicine-in-us/heart-health/every-step-counts.html>),

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or ask a friend to help sign you up.

Think of Shir Bibas, a 24-year-old cystic fibrosis patient at Hadassah Mount Scopus. Shir's doctor encouraged her to run as therapy, but Shir balked because it was difficult. So Dr. Malena Cohen, Hadassah's pediatric pulmonologist, volunteered to run the Jerusalem 10k (6.2 miles) with her.

"I don't like running," said Shir. "It makes me cough stuff up."

"Which is exactly why it's good for her," said Dr. Cohen. "We have 140 patients, and we encourage them to exercise."

Shir allowed that she might finish last but vowed to reach the finish line. As it turned out, she completed the race and came in far from last. Her strong determination and her doctor running alongside her, made Shir one of the Women Who Do. You don't have to run a race. Just sign up for Every Step Counts, put on your walking shoes, and Do It!

Even better, do it with a friend. The Hebrew phrase meaning "together" is "*b'yachad*"—"as one." Call a Lexington Chapter member (did you know we gained over 20 new members in 2015?) and walk together, invite her to our next event, give her a ride. Form a walking group. Come to our book club on May 22 at the new Eastside Library branch (we're reading former Israeli ambassador to the U.S. and current member of the Knesset Michael Oren's *Ally: My Journey Across the American-Israeli Divide*). Join our programming committee as we plan for Summer and Fall events. Extend your hand, so that our Lexington Chapter of Hadassah can go forward with confidence "*b'yachad*."

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THE LEXINGTON HAVURAH

Gail Cohen, President

The Lexington Havurah, founded in 1978, is a network of diverse people dedicated to Jewish learning and renewal, community building, and tikkun olam (repairing the world). A havurah is defined as a gathering or community of friends. The Lexington Havurah is affiliated with the United Synagogues of Conservative Judaism and the National Havurah Committee. Members plan, conduct, and share responsibility for all services. For additional information about services or membership in the Havurah, please contact me at gail.cohen@twc.com.

By Gail Cohen

Recently, our Lexington Community commemorated Yom HaShoah, the day we collectively remember the horrors of the Holocaust. For those of you who have not had an opportunity to visit The U. S. Holocaust Memorial in Washington, or Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, Israel, I hope you will be able to do so in the future. In either of these places, the enormity of what happened to our brothers and sisters in Europe during World War II is truly brought home.

We share a piece of that history in the Lexington Havurah. In 1987, we were fortunate to obtain a Holocaust Torah from the Memorial Scrolls Trust in London, England. The MST is a repository for scrolls which survived, even when their communities did not. Our scroll, which is on permanent loan from the trust, is MST#876.

Because the scroll is in very fragile condition, we

open it only on special occasions. At those times, we urge everyone in attendance to gather around and examine the beautiful calligraphy and to think about the history of this Czech scroll. It is a reminder of the destroyed communities of Europe which yielded this Torah and so many others like it.

We take very seriously the responsibility of caring for this scroll. Along with it comes the responsibility of passing on to the next generation the stories it represents. By keeping alive the history of the Shoah, we play our part in making sure that it happens "Never Again!"

Our next service will take place on May 20th. We will have a Kabbalat Shabbat and potluck supper. We would love to have you join us for the evening. For information on time and place, please call Gail Cohen, (859) 272-1459.



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SPECIAL GUEST VISITS OZS

On the weekend of May 20, 21 and 22, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Rabbi Sara Zacharia will be visiting and teaching at OZS! Rabbi Zacharia was one of Rabbi Smolkin's main mentors, and is an incredible person and rabbi. She is wise and insightful, caring and dynamic. She brings with her a wealth of experience and knowledge. She has an incredible story, from Orthodox origins to becoming a Conservative rabbi with a love of Talmudic and Chassidic texts. Rabbi Sara Zacharia's visit is such a blessing, and we can't wait for her teaching.

On **Friday, May 20 at 8:00 p.m.**, Rabbi Zacharia will lead us in a Tish (with learning, singing, and nosh). We can't think of a better way to enter Shabbat!

On **Saturday, May 21**, Rabbi Zacharia will do a sermon/teaching as part of services, and will be doing a Question and Answer session over lunch. It is wonderful to be able to ask questions to such a wise and caring rabbi.

On **Sunday, May 22 at 4:00 p.m.**, Rabbi Zacharia will conclude her weekend with a formal teaching. It is always tremendous learning with Rabbi Zacharia.

Please join us for this incredible weekend!

KABBALAT SHABBAT

Please join us on **May 13 at 5:30 p.m.** for our Kabbalat Shabbat Service with our friends from Stewart Home. What a terrific way to begin the weekend, with a brief but spirited service and with beautiful melodies and wonderful friends. Everyone is welcome. Let's bring in Shabbat together!

KIDS' SHABBAT

Please join us for this month's Kids' Shabbat service on **May 20 at 5:30 p.m.**

Kids' Shabbat is our monthly Shabbat Service for younger children. We light candles, drink grape juice, eat pizza, sit together on beautiful carpets, sing songs, and read amazing stories from the PJ Library. Newcomers and friends are always welcome!

This year's Kids' Shabbat services will be held on the

third Friday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at OZS.

For more information or to RSVP, email [Dominique Olbert](mailto:DominiqueOlbert).

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

Please join us any Saturday morning of the year, as Ohavay Zion Synagogue celebrates Shabbat. We begin at 9:30 a.m.; though please feel free to join at any time during the service. Our worship is filled with joyous song and fascinating Torah discussions. The service concludes around noon, and all are invited to schmooze over lunch after the service. This is a wonderful way to celebrate Shabbat and to meet some nice Jewish folks here in Lexington. Newcomers and friends are always welcome!

TUESDAY MINYAN WITH LEARNING FROM PIRKEI AVOT

Tuesday Minyan is a special time at OZS. During this brief service, students and adults both pray and learn together. There is a warm atmosphere and something for everyone to enjoy. Please join us **Tuesday afternoons from 5:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.** All are welcome!

STUDYING THE PROPHETS

Please join us **Wednesdays at noon** as we explore the book of **Jeremiah** through the teachings of our Jewish tradition. We have a wonderfully diverse group of learners and terrific conversations. All are welcome!

TALMUD STUDY

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

BACKPACKING FOR GOD'S PANTRY

Join us each month during the school year as backpacks are filled with food that children take home on weekends from Mary Todd Elementary School. All of the food is child-friendly, nonperishable, easily consumed and vitamin fortified. Check weekly announcements & Facebook for date & times.

INTERESTED IN OZS?

OZS is a warm and welcoming Jewish community. If you are interested, or if you know someone who may be interested in learning more about Ohavay Zion Synagogue, please call the office at 859-266-8050 or email Rabbi Smolkin at Rabbi.Smolkin@gmail.com.

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KIDS' SHABBAT

Our **Kids' Shabbat** service is held on the second weekend of each month (during the school year) and is geared towards children 7 years old and younger and their families. **Our next Kids' Shabbat is Saturday, May 14th.**

PJ LIBRARY READING TIME

TAI has dedicated space in our Youth Library and our Anita Mersack Outdoor Reading Garden for families to share in our growing collection of PJ Library Books, before, during, and after religious school. The collection is in our Youth Library and these books provide our young children with wonderful introductions to the magic of Jewish storytelling.

KOLLEL STUDY GROUP

Kollel meets at 9 a.m. every two weeks in the TAI Library. The group explores cultural, ethical, and historical aspects of our 4000-year tradition. The emphasis is on dialogue and exploration. Please join us any time. **Our next sessions will be May 14th & 28th.**

TALMUD STUDY

We explore selected readings in rabbinic literature on alternate Saturdays at 9 a.m. in the library. The discussion is always lively and informative and you can join the group anytime. **We will meet on May 7th & 21st.**

PARSHA

Join us each Saturday morning at 11 a.m. in the library as we take a look at the Torah portion for each week. Various Temple members will lead some discussions and everyone will take turns. **We will meet on May 7th & 14th (B'nai Mitzvahs on May 21st & 28th).**

SISTERHOOD NEWS

I write to you for the last time in my role as Sisterhood President. Just a few short months after I was installed as President, I became the fulltime Administrative

Assistant at the Temple. While I was nervous about being both President and Administrative Assistant, it turned out to be a good dual role. Being at the Temple every day, I was able to get a good feel for what was going on and how Sisterhood could fit into the Temple day to day. Also, John or Rabbi or Pat could ask me to "put on my other hat" and talk Sisterhood right after discussing the bulletin or something Temple!

"Grateful" is not a strong enough word to describe my thanks to the women of Sisterhood for all of their hard work and support. I could not have gotten through these two years without them standing behind me, holding me up, reminding me, doing a lot of the work, etc... I want to especially thank Rebecca, Elissa, Mindy, Debbie, Judi, Judy, Marilyn, Beth, Mary, Leona, and Angie. Each one of you has been so important in my Presidency.

I have had so many opportunities not only as part of our local Sisterhood, but also as a part of WRJ (Women of Reform Judaism). Area days, Biennials, Conventions, etc... have been so instrumental in my work with our local Sisterhood.

Please join us on **Sunday, June 12th** as we install our new President, Elissa Weinstein, and the rest of the new board. I am so excited to pass the Presidency on to Elissa. She is full of imagination and creativity and will be a wonderful President - I look forward to supporting her in her new role. She has already been thinking of new ideas. Look for your invitation coming soon.

In closing, I would be remiss in not giving a special thank you to Mary Engel for once again pulling off a most wonderful Passover Seder. She shops, bakes, cooks, sets up and everything in between to be sure that the seder comes together!

Shalom,
Laura

GENERATION TAI

Generation TAI is our Chavurah group for young adults. Programming runs the spectrum from worship to social action and from Shabbat to holiday meals. This month we will have:

Friday, May 6th - Appetizers/Tapas Themed Dinner

Please contact Daniel Baker at dsbaker7@gmail.com or Lizz Hawkey at emphawkey@gmail.com to reserve your seat, or go to our Facebook page for more information on all of our activities.

--- 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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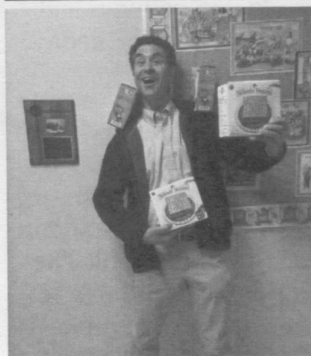
- Beth (Scott) Schumacher and Anne (Lee) Hoffman on the death of their father, Robert Silverman.
- Linda Ravvin, and family, on the passing of her mother, Celia Flomen.
- Laura, Maya, Julia, and Jonah Creamer, on the passing of their mother and grandmother, Barbara Schultz.

SAVE THESE DATES

Sunday, June 26 mid-morning - PJ Library Music Program with Beth Ellen Rosenbaum

Sunday, June 26 from 4-6 p.m. - Retirement Party/Farewell for Judy Wortman

Monday, July 25 at 7 p.m. - Tzofim (Israel Scouts) Friendship Caravan Community Concert



PJ Library Matzah Mania!

See more photos in the online *Shalom* from this year's #pjmatzah social media campaign, which allowed community members to share their Yehuda Matzo PJ Library box sightings during Passover.

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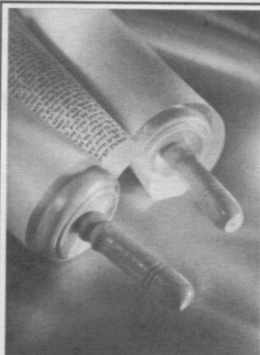
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