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8th Annual Winter Dinner Set for December 24th Jewish Community to Come Together for an Evening of Fun

Ruth Poley

It's almost time again for the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation's fabulous Winter Dinner. As those who have attended any or all of the past seven dinners are aware, this is a great party. People from all segments of our Jewish community get together on this one night of the year with no agenda other than to enjoy good fellowship, good fun, and good food. And it works!

We are going to Aladdin's Middle Eastern Restaurant this year and we will have a magnificent feast. The usual falafel, hummus, and baba ghanoush, which are familiar to a great many of us, will be served. Beyond this, however, is a whole world of more exotic middle-eastern goodies to entice your palate. Mujadarah, a dish made with

lentils, rice, onions, and spices will bowl you over; stuffed grape leaves, cabbage rolls, chickpeas and more will leave you with a new respect for this wonderful food. Baklava and another dessert will round out the menu.

Of course, we'll have supervised activities for the children. And for those kids with less adventurous food preferences there will be the ever-popular pizza and ice cream sundaes; children are welcome to eat from the main buffet as well.

Again this year, Harold and Marianne Sherman have volunteered their considerable musical talents for our enjoyment. As an additional treat, a small troupe of professional belly dancers will entertain us during the evening.

The cost for all this great food and entertainment is just \$16 per person for adults and \$6 for children from five to ten. There is no charge for kids four and under.

We remind you that, on behalf of God's Pantry, we will be collecting two items of non-perishable food for each member of your party, including small children. If you forget the food, you will be asked for a donation of \$2 for each person in your group.

If you haven't ever taken the opportunity to enjoy this party, now is the time. There is still some space available and I urge you to mail in the reservation form (found on page 9 of this newsletter) or call Jana LaZur at the CKJF (268-0672, ext. 4#) today to reserve your place.

Remember, that's 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 24th, at Aladdin's Middle Eastern Restaurant, 154 Patchen Drive. Detailed directions to the restaurant will be mailed to you with your tickets.

Come with family, come with friends, or come alone and make new friends. Just come-you won't regret it!

Memories from Fajvel Chejfec Resonate in 2002 Community Campaign

By Daniel Chejfec

Winter is upon us, and each time I think of winter I remember my grandfather Fajvel. Fajvel Chejfec was born in 1898 and immigrated to Argentina in 1922. My grandparent's house had an old part, built in the 30's, with a more modern house built in front of it in the 60's. One of my memories of my Zayde is sitting with him in the old part of the house, looking through his remarkable Yiddish library.

One of those times, he said suddenly "I am glad is not like winter in Europe." I asked him why, and he told me this story.

My grandfather was born in the village of Radun, in the border area between Lithuania and Belarus, and a part of the so-called "Vilna Guverne." He told me how during World War I the winter came and there was not enough fuel for heat. Yes, he told me, there were Jewish funds

which provided tinder and oil and other fuel to poor Jews, but they were mostly in the cities. As proud as my grandfather

was of his little shtetl, he knew it was not exactly New York. When they could not make the trip to

"... when he was barely able to make ends meet, he made a point of dedicating part of his income to tzedakah, ..."

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An Experience I'll Never Forget

Jim Beward, Faculty Member, Henry Clay High School

As a student of history, I always understood that the Holocaust happened and realized the immense destruction caused by a madman's decision to eliminate the Jewish population of Europe. Despite that knowledge, I tended to react in a more clinical manner and without much emotion to that tragedy. That situation changed, however, on the weekend of October 20 and 21 as a group of seven Lexington high school teachers traveled to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., compliments of the new Michael Adelstein Holocaust Education Program.

Our group spent about ten hours over those two days in the museum. I, for one, found the museum fascinating and heart-rending at the same time. Of all the sights and sounds, I will never forget the raw anger I felt while seeing the Shoes exhibit about midway through the museum's main tour. After three hours of film clips, artifacts and pictures, the

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MAZEL TOV TO:

Dr. Paul Bachner on being named the "2002 Pathologist of the Year" by the College of American Pathologists.

Dr. Bruce Belin, colo-rectal specialist, on his induction as a Fellow in the American College of Surgeons. Bruce is the husband of Rachel and the son of Jo & Bob Belin.

LisaMarie & Matthew DeYoung, on their marriage on October 27, 2002. LisaMarie is the daughter of **Lynn & Karen Martin**.

Ada Gail on her 90th birthday on October 29, 2002.

Lauren Higdon & Chris Howard on their engagement. Lauren is the daughter of **Judith L. Wurmser** and **Michael Higdon**, and the granddaughter of **Jerry & Rose Rita Wurmser**.

Joe & Suzanne Miller, on the marriage of their son, **Stephen Miller** to **Rachel Kellerman** on October 13, 2002.

Penny Miller, Political Science Department, University of Kentucky, who received the 2002 Ken Freedman Outstanding Faculty Adviser Award.

Alan Sea for arranging a second wheel chair collection and being featured on Nickelodeon.

Ed Smith, who has been selected as the 2002 Helen A. Mervis Jewish Community Professional Award recipient. The Mervis Award was created to recognize the outstanding achievement of a Greater New Orleans Jewish community professional. Ed is the husband of **Betty Straus Smith** and the son-in-law of **Eugene & Barbara Straus**.

REFUAH SHLEMAH (get well wishes):

Barbara Reiss
Freda Haber

CONDOLENCES TO:

Lynn Cravens and **Connie Jo Miller** on the death of Lynn's mother, and Connie Jo's mother-in-law, **Mary Cravens**, on October 22, 2002.

Lisa Satin on the death of her grandfather.

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Vilna or Lida for the fuel, they simply took their furniture apart and burned it. They also took books (not Jewish books, but novels) and often used them for fuel. During the Great War they often could not get meat or grain because the Russian Army confiscated it for the soldiers, and they went without the basics for weeks at a time.

In 1922, Fajvel Chejfec moved to Argentina, and brought his wife and oldest child (my Uncle Mayram, or Mario in Spanish) a year later. As immigrants they worked hard and made it a priority for their children to have a profession. They managed to put three children through college. So Fajvel Chejfec, the cobbler, had three children; two of whom became accountants and one a doctor. His children worked hard themselves. One of them, the youngest one, came to America. The other two continue to struggle in Buenos Aires.

Eighty years after my grandfather went to the "land of Pampas and opportunity," the dream is shattered. Over 20% unemployment, lack of personal safety on the streets, economic collapse and political instability mark the Argentinean reality today. We are helping our fellow Jews to leave behind the misery to initiate new lives in Israel, and we are helping those who choose to stay to bring food to their tables and heat to their homes - just as during the Great War.

I remember the stories of poverty, hard work and dedication that my Zayde Fajvel told me. Of how when he was barely able to make ends meet, he made a point of dedicating part of his income to tzedakah, generally the Old Age and Orphan's Jewish Home located in Burzaco, outside the city. I remember when I was a kid and I saw him put a box of matzah on the window sill. I asked him why - and he said that one of the Jewish neighbors could not afford to buy matzah for Pesah. I then asked, "Why don't you just give it to him?" His answer is something that I will always remember "I don't want to humiliate him. I put it on the window sill, so he can take it, but he doesn't have to acknowledge that he took it."

It was these memories, along with the memories of my other Zayde, Yankel Stotland, which led me to choose what I do for a living. We help people. We help the old, the infirm, and the poor. And we help them while preserving their dignity and helping them to stand on their feet. Our UJC/CKJF Campaign provides for emergency needs here at home, throughout North America, in Israel and around the world, and I feel good for being part of the team.

When sometimes people ask me if those we help ever thank us for the help, I remember the box of matzah in my Zayde's window sill, and I know that they don't have to. If you have yet not made your contribution to the UJC/CKJF 2002 Community Campaign, do it today. Help us put the box of matzah on the window sill.

Correction

In the November issue of Shalom the story on the National Jewish Population Study should have read that the results of the study were released for the first time in October, 2002.

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- *Community Website
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- *Shalom Newspaper
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and also provides funding for overseas needs through the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) and The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)

In the 19th Century, Jews created the first modern Tzedakah organization to provide winter fuel to poor Jews in Eastern Europe.

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Booknotes

by Evelyn Kossoff Goodman

Holocaust Survivor is Nobel Laureate in Literature

The winner of the 2002 Nobel Prize for Literature is Imre Kertesz, a seventy-two-year-old Hungarian Jew, a Holocaust survivor. Largely unknown even in his own country until the collapse of Communism, Kertesz, who is Hungary's first Nobel literature laureate, was congratulated by the country's president, Ferenc Madl and by Prime Minister Peter Medgyessy. The prize, worth approximately \$1 million, will be presented to Kertesz at the awards ceremony in Stockholm on December 10.

Born in Budapest in 1929, Kertesz was fourteen when he was deported to Auschwitz in Poland during a massive roundup of Hungarian Jews. He was subsequently sent to Buchenwald in Germany, where he was liberated in May 1945. At age nineteen Kertesz worked as a journalist for a Budapest newspaper but was later dismissed when the Communists seized power. Refusing to accept self-censorship, although other intellectuals did, in exchange for privileges, Kertesz lived as a solitary figure in Budapest for twenty-five years. He made his living by translating the works of German-language authors, including Nietzsche, Freud, and Wittgenstein.

"When I think about (writing) a novel, I always think of Auschwitz."

Kertesz's writing was shaped primarily by his experiences as a teenager in the Nazi concentration camps. "When I think about a novel," Kertesz once said, "I always think of Auschwitz." Kertesz's first novel, *Fateless*, is the story of a young man who was arrested and deported to a camp but survives. The work was completed in 1965 but remained unpublished for ten years, and even when published went unnoticed. Now considered the cornerstone of Kertesz's work, *Fateless* was the first of a trilogy that included *Fiasco*, published in 1988, and *Kaddish for a Child Not Born*, a short novel about a middle-aged survivor looking back on his life, published in 1990.

Kertesz's nonfiction works also were influenced by his early experiences, as these titles clearly indicate: *Holocaust as a Culture*, *Moments of Silence While the Execution Squad Reloads*, and *The Exiled Language*.

Since the early 1990s Kertesz has acquired a small but loyal following in Germany, France, and Sweden; he was awarded the Welt prize in the year 2000. The Swedish Academy, in awarding the Nobel Prize, commented that Kertesz's writing

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toll of inexcusable human decision making took its toll and I had to leave the main exhibit for the day. After reading part of Viktor Frankl's *A Man's Search for Meaning* and doing some self-reflection, my incredible tour continued on Sunday. Seeing the broken swastika near the museum's exit helped me realize that society must avoid future tragedies of this type via vigilance and education. Some of us anticipate future return trips to the USHMM and, possibly, leading groups of students on museum tours. After receiving some terrific materials from the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation and the Holocaust Memorial Museum, one can not help but be prepared to incorporate Holocaust study as part of one's regular curriculum.

"I can not wait to hear how my colleagues intend to incorporate this material into their classes."

While I learned much and felt my emotions challenged, this trip involved much more than the museum visit. Our group, which included teachers from four of Lexington's five high schools along with CKJF Executive Director Daniel Chejfec and Activities Director Jana LaZur, really bonded during the trip. Despite the raw emotions felt inside the museum, the group had much fun and opportunities for good sharing and conversation. Just ask Jana about the water incident on the Washington Metro for one example of those special moments. It was a grand time, a terrific experience and a life-changing event.

I can not wait to hear how my colleagues intend to incorporate this material into their classes. As a Psychology teacher, I plan to weave this experience into a unit on Social Psychology and do a post-Advanced Placement exam unit on the Holocaust and human decision making. The vast resources received as a result of the trip will prove invaluable during this unit. Our post-trip briefing will take place late this week and I look forward to seeing my colleagues again and to sharing thoughts on this trip's impact on our teaching.

While I really hesitate speaking for my colleagues, I know that they would join me in thanking Gay Rapley-Adelstein and the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation for creating this new program and making the trip possible. Dr. Jeremy Popkin from the University of Kentucky provided the group with an excellent background presentation in preparation for our journey. I have already talked to members of our faculty about next year's trip and encourage any interested teacher to pursue this wonderful opportunity by contacting Gay Rapley-Adelstein or CKJF for more information. Thanks to all involved.



What contributes to making the Central Kentucky Jewish community out standing, attractive and a good place in which to live is, of course, people. I want to acknowledge two such persons, longtime residents of Lexington, who have been contributing to Shalom.

Larry Sherman came to Lexington as a young attorney. In addition to practicing law Larry has been a committed activist to the Jewish education of children. There is now more than one generation of Ohavay Zion Sunday School children who remember Larry and his accordion as the source of learning Hebrew songs and dances. A fine musician and talented clarinet player, Larry and his wife Natalie saw the musical talent continue in both of their children. As an engaging story teller Larry has continued to teach and amuse us all with his recent writing for Shalom.

Evelyn Kossoff Goodman came to Lexington in the 1960s as an editor to help faculty at the new University of Kentucky College of Dentistry achieve and succeed in producing a new concept in a text book. Identified by a large academic publishing house as the person with the high degree of knowledge and skills needed for this project, she was welcomed to Lexington. This community gained when following completion of the textbook Evelyn opted to remain in this area, later marrying Larry Goodman. Today, as one can see by her writing "Book Notes" in this issue of Shalom, she continues to contribute to the community as a person knowledgeable and articulate about Jewish affairs.

In early November, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, one of the city's main dailies, had two articles side-by-side at the top of page seven. The four column headline of the first item was "Deadly U.S. drones stalk terrorists". It described the MQ-1B Predator remote-controlled aircraft which fired a missile that killed Al-Qaeda's chief operative in

President's Message

by Stan Saxe

Observations from reading newspapers, including *Shalom*

Yemen and suspect of the October 2000 bombing of the destroyer U.S. Cole that killed 17 U.S. sailors. Five other people, also believed to be Al-Qaeda operatives, U.S. officials said, were riding in the car that was struck and were also killed.

The adjacent two-column headline read "U.S. is still opposed to assassinations by Israel". The Associated Press story stated "Israel, which pioneered targeting militants for assassination, sometimes also killing and injuring civilians in the attacks, has been admonished publicly and regularly by the State Department for the tactics". The news item reported that State Department spokesman Richard Boucher when questioned about the Yemen operation and the Israeli targeted killing suggested that the two situations were not comparable. The person doing the page layout for the Seattle P-I perhaps understood the irony.

The New York Times, also in early November, reported that an Arab-American newspaper, *The Arab Voice*, published in Paterson, NJ, printed a passage from the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion". The weekly newspaper printed the excerpt, in Arabic, on a full page. This classic forgery – "The Protocols" – dates from Czarist Russia in the early twentieth century and has been long used to buttress anti-Semitic hatred.

Arab anti-Semitism, emanating from the Middle East, has been described as a main catalyst of anti-Semitic incidents throughout the world in recent years by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI). An authoritative and reliable source for many journalists, MEMRI provides translations of Middle East media and analysis and research. MEMRI is located in Washington, DC and it is a great resource – check their website at www.memri.org. The material published and broadcast by government owned and regulated media in Egypt and Saudi Arabia (U.S. "allies") is truly mind-boggling in its vicious anti-American as well as anti-Semitic output.

Shalom Deadline

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Central Kentucky Recognized by UJC at Annual Convention Pursuing justice through righteousness and charity is theme of meeting

At the Delegates Assembly of the United Jewish Communities in Philadelphia in late November the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation was recognized as having achieved a milestone – 25 years as a Federated community. Three other Federations were also recognized: Milwaukee for 100 years, and two other Federations for 25 years: Bergen County/North Hudson and the Jewish Federation of Orange County.

The award, a mounted glass mezuzah in the shape of an ancient bottle, was accepted on behalf of CKJF by President Stanley Saxe and Executive Director Daniel Chejfec.

The General Assembly, the annual meeting of the Jewish Federations of North America, included 4,500 professional and lay leaders from all over North America, Israel and South America.

This year's theme "Tzedek, tzedek tirdof" – justice, justice you must pursue, was echoed throughout the plenaries and other sessions

which considered what it meant to be a community that pursues justice. The Hebrew word for justice, tzedek, was described as a complex, evocative word with strong connotations of righteousness and charity.

This year's GA attendees included 385 students, graduate and undergrad, from all across North America. UJC's University Programs Development Department worked closely with Hillel, Israel and Overseas, and the Professional and Volunteer Development Department to create a plethora of student programming, focusing on the situation on the situation on campus in regards to Israel and anti-Semitism, student campaign training, and professional opportunities in the Jewish community for students once they graduate.

Plenaries and workshops included topics on collaboration in Jewish social services, implications of the 2002 elections for our community; the current situation in Israel; Jewish camping;

Israel and the campus; media coverage of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; philanthropy and spirituality; Federations' role in time of emergency; Hasbarah: helping Israel win the war for public opinion; the Jewish community in Argentina; empowering women in today's Jewish community; the safety of world Jewish communities; special intelligence briefing on the war on terrorism; reaching out to the intermarried family; a dialogue with US Senator Joseph Biden (D-DE), Rick Santorum (R-PA), Arlen Specter (R-PA) and Ron Wyden (D-OR); a forum on US-Israel relations with Moshe Arens (MK, Likud), Danny Ayalon (Israeli Cabinet) and Martin Indyk (former US Ambassador to Israel); and a plenary session on anti-Semitism in 2002, the history, meaning and response, featuring Professor Irwin Cotler from the Canadian Parliament and Leon Wieseltier, literary editor of The New Republic.

Holocaust Awareness Essay Contest to Honor Emilie Szekely's memory

The Szekely family has decided that the best use for the contributions given in Emilie's memory would be to continue her work as a witness of the horrors perpetrated by the Nazis in World War II, and to promote the lessons of respect and harmony that Emilie made part of her presentations in middle schools and high schools throughout Central Kentucky.

The Emilie Szekely Holocaust Awareness Essay Contest will be directed to middle and high school students in Fayette County. It will be widely promoted, and the entries will be judged by a group of educators and community activists. The winner(s) will have their essays published in this newspaper, and receive a special certificate of recognition and a U.S. Savings Bond.

Holocaust denial and anti-Semitism continue to plague Judaism worldwide. This contest will perpetuate the memory of those who perished and the lessons many of them, Emilie included, wanted the world to learn from their experiences. Thank you again to the Szekely family for this great initiative, and also thank you to all those who contributed to the Emilie Szekely Fund for helping make this project a reality.

Mitzvah Day in the Bluegrass Wednesday, December 25th

The Tikkun Lexington Volunteer Corps of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation is reenergizing its program to reach out to the community and make a statement that the Jewish population of Lexington cares. December 25th is officially dubbed Mitzvah Day and our troops are rolling out with Meals on Wheels. They also are lending a hand (or many hands) in Saint Joseph Hospitals East and West. Volunteers from the Jewish Community will visit the sick, help run the gift shops, deliver gifts to the patients in these hospitals, and take over five meal delivery routes which originate at the Temple Adath Israel. Meals on Wheels is temporarily located at the Temple while its usual home, Second Presbyterian Church, is being renovated.

In preparation for our Mitzvah Day, we are having a Mitzvah Day Kickoff/Training Session on December 12th; 7:00 pm at Ohavay Zion Synagogue. There will be professionals on hand to train in the areas of Bikkur Cholim (visiting the sick), Meals on Wheels program, nursing home visitation, telephone support and Stewart Home visits. There will be desserts to enjoy while learning about what Tikkun Lexington is all about. We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Jana LaZur at 268-0672 ext. 4#.

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"Upholds the tragic experience of the individual against the barbaric arbitrariness of history."

When asked about his reactions on learning about the prize, Kertesz said: "It is a great honor for me and perhaps it now means I can have a quieter life, at least financially...We're going to have a big party with my closest friends." Also in regard to the prize, he has commented: "There is no awareness of the Holocaust in Hungary. People have not faced up to the Holocaust. I hope that in the light of this recognition, they will face up to it more than until now."

Only two of Kertesz's novels have been translated into English: *Fateless*, and *Kaddish for a Child Not Born*. Both works were published in the early 1990s by Northwestern University Press. Since the announcement of the Nobel Prize, the publisher has arranged for reprintings, and the books should be available shortly through local book stores and public libraries.



Down Argentina Way

by Daniel Chejfec, Executive Director
Central Kentucky Jewish Federation

It is difficult for me, as a native of Argentina, to read every day in the Argentinean papers about what is happening in the land of my birth. In the past couple of months the situation has worsened beyond what I believed was rock bottom.

Today, one out of two Argentineans lives below the poverty line; and close to 20 % are unemployed. A once vibrant middle class of professionals and entrepreneurs, which made up the backbone of the country's economic life, has been reduced to poverty or emigrated. Thirty-five percent of the Jewish population is dependent on community welfare through the "Red Solidaria" (Solidarity Network), an organization coordinated by the Joint Distribution Committee and funded to a large extent by contributions from the American Jewish community. Another aspect of the problem is that merchants and industrialists used to constitute the foundation of community financing. But many of them have lost their assets because of the economic downturn and the bankruptcy of the two major community Banking institutions, Banco Mayo and Banco Patricios. The result is no local support.

But the financial issues are only part of the problem. The lack of resolution of the investigations into the bombing of the Israeli Embassy in 1992 and the Jewish Community Headquarters in 1994 weighs heavily on the way the Jewish community looks at its future in a country where personal safety today is in question.

Two important pieces of news have come to my

attention in the last couple of days. The first one pertains to the freezing of eviction trials for non-payment of mortgages. The International Monetary Fund demands as a precondition for additional financial help that the trials be allowed to proceed, but because of the number of trials in process, the government fears that about one in four Argentinean families might end up homeless and penniless.

The second piece was published in the newspaper "La Nacion" of Buenos Aires and pertains to a meeting of Al Qaeda leaders in the area of the triple border between Brazil, Paraguay and Argentina.

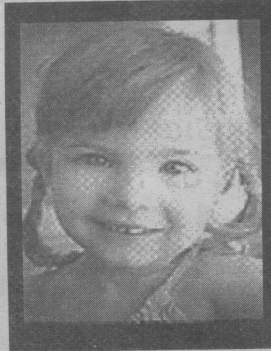
One of the attendees was Imad Mugniyeh, a prime suspect in the bombings of the US marines in Beirut in 1983 and the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires in 1992. For centuries this area has been a smuggler's haven and enforcement of the law by the three governments has been lax. The tropical jungle that dominates the region contributes to making this border a porous one with little or no control of border crossings. The meeting purportedly focused on designing a strategy to continue attacks on Israeli and American targets, said Miguel Angel Toma, chief of the SIDE (Argentinean equivalent of the CIA).

It gets even better! A very large car bomb was intercepted outside the Jewish Day School in La Plata, luckily before it could be exploded.

I certainly grew up in a very different country, and when I read this news, I feel that the only response is paraphrasing the famous song from "Evita":

"Don't cry for me Argentina - I'm crying for you"

*"Don't cry for me Argentina -
I'm crying for you"*



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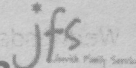
By Fran Morris, JFS Director

With the help of the Leisure Club committee, we are now gearing up for our exciting annual Hanukkah party on December 5, 2002 at 12:15pm in the social hall of Temple Adath Israel. This will be a smash hit event featuring the musical team of Deborah and David Sogin. Our senior friends from Louisville will also be joining us and they may be convinced to sing! With all the great free food and entertainment, you won't want to miss this party. If you did not receive an invitation in the mail and would like to come to the Leisure Club Hanukkah party, please call 269-8244 or send an email message to jfs@jewishlexington.org as soon as possible.

Leisure Club is a program for older adults sponsored by Jewish Family Services of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation.



Central Kentucky Jewish Federation's LEISURE CLUB 2003 UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR



Thursday, January 16, 2003 SCAPA Concert at OZS 12:15pm
Thursday, February 20, 2003 Lunch at Bella Notte 12:15pm
Thursday, March 20, 2003 Bingo & lunch at OZS 12:15pm
April - No Program - Happy Passover!!!
Thursday, May 15, 2003 Lunch & speaker at Portabella's 12:15pm
Tuesday, June 17 trip to Louisville JCC w/ lunch & program
(leave Lex. at 10:00 am)

Jewish Family Services of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation invites you to



THE ANNUAL LEISURE CLUB HANUKKAH PARTY



Thursday, December 5, 2002
12:15 pm

Temple Adath Israel Social Hall
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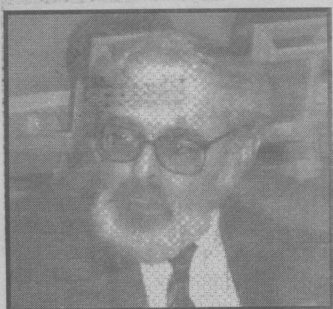
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Rabbi H. D. Uriel Smith

Rabbi's Corner

Miracles in a Scientific World v"c

by Rabbi H. D. Uriel Smith

People reading through the Bible are often struck by the many miracles mentioned there. They then ask the obvious question: If God performed miracles then, why does He not do so now? The most sophisticated answer is threefold. First, "The Torah speaks in a human language," (b. B'rakhot 31a) that is, in a language that fits the understanding of the people of that time. There was a basis for the miracles described in the Bible, but this basis has been elaborated to fit the understanding of the Biblical culture, a culture that was semiotically less sophisticated than ours. We have to understand how the miraculous stories developed in this different culture. Second, miracles have never ceased. They continue still today. But they do not and never did break the laws of physics. Third, in our attempts to be completely objective we tend today to eclipse the miracles so that we no longer see them as miraculous.

In our tradition the paradigm of all miracles has been the splitting of the Red Sea by Moses, saving the Israelites from the army of Pharaoh (Genesis 14-15). Let us study it.

The early records of the escape across the Sea of Reeds tell of a strong east wind blowing the

waters aside all night, allowing the fleeing slaves to cross an area normally covered by the seawaters. Such winds occur quite often in the Middle East. I myself have struggled through such a continuous strong wind, sufficient to push waters away from a shallow area, and have seen that it can last for many hours. However, there are major difficulties in the story as it was retold. Rather than the sixty or more adult males, plus women, children, and flocks, proposed by the later sources, probably only a few tribal groups participated in the original Exodus and sea-crossing. They probably left campfires burning behind them throughout the night, to make the Egyptians think that the camp was still occupied. Ahead was complete darkness. Little children asked their mothers, why they were no longer following the fire that on previous days went before them as a guide. Some clever mothers told the children not to be afraid, for the guiding fire, a messenger of God, was now standing between them and the Egyptians, keeping them safe. This

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explanation (Exodus 14:19) became part of the story that was repeated each Passover as the Israelites reenacted the Exodus "between Shittim and Gilgal" (Micah 6:5). The Gilgal Passover ceremonies involved representatives of all twelve tribes (Joshua 3:12, 4-9), thereby ritually unifying all the tribes of Israel into one community. The tribes represented included those who had participated in the original exodus, those allied to them in conquering the land, and those already settled in the land from earlier times (cf. 1 Samuel 13:3; 14:21). The story developed over the centuries in other ways, changing from a strong east wind blowing the waters aside into a wind splitting the waters into two walls of water. The Exodus always was understood to be part of the covenantal teaching going back to Moses. Eventually, either before the Babylonian Exile or, more likely, shortly after the return from exile, the various versions of the Teaching of Moses were combined into one Torah, our Torah placed before us by Moses (Deuteronomy 4:44; Malachi 3:22).

We still today sing the Song of the Sea each morning in Shaharit services. Every major festival, including the Sabbath, is "a reminder of the Exodus from Egypt." The miracle continues still today.

The traditional stories of the

miraculous all involve the anomalous, unusual. Such structural perspectives do not work with modern scientific perspectives, since every scientific model is required to include the unusual and improbable cases in the total model. Something may have a low probability, but given enough time also the improbable occurs. So, what was miraculous for less sophisticated cultures should be incorporated into the model for more sophisticated cultures. The Neo-Darwinian Evolutionary Synthesis explains how the various species and their organic processes evolved. We do not need to propose individual miracles. As the rabbis explained (m. Avot 5:6), all the miracles mentioned in the Bible were part of the original creation. The whole process is a combined systemic miracle. (In this respect many of the scholars proposing to replace the Neo-Darwinian Synthesis with Intelligent Design fail. Most think on the level of Aristotelian thought, equivalent to Biology 101, rather than on the Galilean level required for modern science.)

There is one aspect we may say is miraculous timing. If the strong east wind had blown one day earlier or one day later than it actually did, we would not be celebrating Passover today. Jung called this coincidence of timing "synchronicity."

Whatever we call it, in the first blessing after the Sh'ma, in both Maariv and Shaharit services, we praise God for his involvement in the Sea of Reeds crossing.

Rabbi Israel Baal Shem

Tov, the founder of the Hasidic movement, identified one more miraculous aspect – the permanent change of heart among the Israelites. In May 1940, the retreating British army was surrounded at Dunkirk, with their backs to the sea. They were evacuated across the Channel. On the day of the evacuation the wind died down and the water became so calm that little boats could cross to help the evacuation. The British declared the Day of Dunkirk to be a miracle, and church bells were rung all over the English countryside. That day, however, was not celebrated again, and most of us have forgotten it. The Day of Dunkirk did not last. The change of heart at the Exodus was permanent. Thirty-three centuries later we still celebrate it.

Human responses to difficulties can be personal miracles, people breaking through fearful demands, people responding to old situations in completely new ways, people overcoming outdated habits. King David accepted the rebuke of the prophet Nathan, thereby changing forever the relations between kings and prophets. The illiterate shepherd Akiba found a wife who encouraged him to study. At the age of 40 he started studying the alphabet with his son. Twenty years later he became a rabbi with thousands of students. These four aspects (seeing the total system as miraculous, recognizing timing as miraculous, seeing a permanent change of heart as miraculous, responding on an individual basis thereby changing the future) all are Galilean level ways of understanding the miraculous.

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ASK JFS ABOUT... Funeral arrangements...

Ask JFS About... is a monthly advice column with questions from members of the community requiring assistance with a wide range of issues. If you have a problem or a concern that you would like addressed in this Shalom column, please send your queries to Ask JFS c/o Jewish Family Services, 1050 Chinoe Rd., Lexington, KY 40502. You can also call in your confidential questions at 269-8244 or email them to us at: jfs@jewishlexington.org.

Dear JFS,

My grandfather is ill and may die soon. I don't know if any arrangements have been made since he doesn't have much money and my mother always seems to change the subject when I ask her what will happen when Zayde leaves us. Can you help me figure out what to do now?

Sincerely,

Concerned for my Zayde

Dear Concerned,

In our culture, death is always a difficult issue to broach, particularly when it concerns a family member whose death is imminent. However, it is very important to know one's wishes ahead of time so that financial and practical decisions do not have to be made in a moment of intense grief, just after a loved one dies. It is possible that your Zayde has already purchased a cemetery plot and a plan with a funeral home to cover funeral expenses. He could have made these arrangements years ago so that you would not have to worry on his behalf. But if he is very low income, he may not have been able to save or begin planning for the future in this regard.

Your first step would be to find out whether or not Zayde has funeral arrangements already planned. If so, just know which funeral home to call when he dies. If he has not planned yet, there are some things you will need to know.

There are different costs involved for both the

funeral home and for the cemetery. I won't go into every detail here, but to give you an idea, the total cost for funeral home services which include preparation of the body, a casket and vault liner, and transportation to the cemetery range from \$3000-\$5000. The costs for the cemetery, which include the burial plot, the opening and closing of the grave, and the graveside service, range from approximately \$2000-\$3000. Thus, the total funeral costs range from \$5000-\$8000. The cemetery will require that you pay up front before the day of the funeral. However, the funeral home may accept a portion of the payment before and allow you to make payments for a few months after.

Most people do not know they have a choice of funeral homes, which will make a difference in the price. The Lexington Cemetery has reserved a section for members of the Jewish community. For more information and personal assistance, please call JFS at 269-8244. The more time you have to plan ahead, the better it will be for everyone involved.

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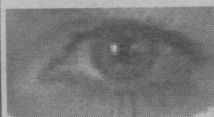
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Health and Beauty Fair Great Affair

by Fran Morris, JFS Director

On Sunday, November 10, 2002, Hadassah and Jewish Family Services of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation hosted a health and beauty fair. This one-of-a-kind event was full of enjoyable activities as well as educational information on health issues of concern to women.

This program was targeted for post Bat-Mitzvah girls, age 13 and older, along with their mothers, grandmothers, aunts or significant other females to come together and be pampered while learning about how to care for their skin and bodies.

After being introduced to the program, participants watched a short video on breast cancer prevention, which was both informative and well presented. Some of the mothers remarked that this information was new to both them and their daughters. It was interesting to note that a woman is never too young or too old to learn about taking care of her health, realizing that her body is indeed a "beautiful responsibility."

We were very fortunate also to have a female fourth year medical resident from the University of Kentucky on hand to talk to the girls about their health concerns. At her booth, a group of girls gathered to talk about proper nutrition and other ways to take good care of their bodies so that they can function well at school and during extra-curricular activities.

While we were learning, we also had fun at the different beauty booths. Representatives joined us from the Dillard's Clinique counter at Lexington Mall, the South Park/Women Only location of Shapies Fitness Center, as well as from Mary Kay. At the Clinique booth we were treated to skin care advice and free products to take home. At Shapies we received a confidential initial fitness evaluation. And at the Mary Kay booth we were treated to make-up applications. A special treat for the girls were gift-wrapped packages of beauty products. No doubt that both mothers and girls alike enjoyed being pampered!

Hadassah and Jewish Family Services of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation would like to thank all the professionals and volunteers who helped to make this program such a success! Thanks also to Subway who provided us with a discounted 7-foot party sub to enjoy for lunch.

Here's what teen participant Rachel Simon had to say about the program, "I really enjoyed the health/beauty fair. It was a fun, educational thing to do with Jewish friends. The free stuff was a definite plus!"



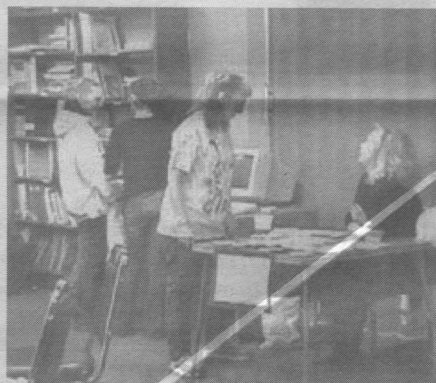
Fran Morris and Janice Newman give each other a congratulatory hug after a job well done!



Participants make use of the information about breast cancer prevention.



Participants enjoy the 7-foot party sub!



The managers of Shapies Fitness Center talk to an interested prospective new member.



Andrea Thomas, MD, gets to know some girls as they talk about health, nutrition and wellness.



Girls listen intently as Angie Smith of Mary Kay cosmetics gives expert makeup advice.

Hadassah Advocates for Women

Elise Mandel & Di Sobel

Hadassah celebrates the centrality of each individual; we celebrate the ability of each woman to advance the mitzvah of tikkun olam—repairing the world—and in so doing, improve people's lives. Hadassah women have learned to harness their inner strengths and take responsibility for themselves and for others. Hadassah women are active advocates for causes and ideas that are an integral part of our lives.

In the wake of the recent election, we are confronted with a number of issues which will be particularly important for women. It is, therefore, an appropriate time to reflect on some of the responsibilities each of us has to herself and to others. We can:

- * Advocate on behalf of issues affecting women at home and abroad such as reproductive choice, pay equity and an end to domestic violence.

- * Advocate for all to exercise the right to vote.
- * Advocate on behalf of ourselves and other women to properly care for our bodies.
- * Advocate for and support ongoing educational programs designed to eliminate all forms of discrimination, prejudice, stereotypes and racism.
- * Advocate for and support initiatives and programs that help others both in the United States and in Israel who are in need of our assistance.
- * Advocate for and be actively involved with lifelong study and learning to enhance every woman's life experience.

Women have inalienable rights and undeniable responsibilities and we can become strong and inspiring role models for those whose lives we touch. Hadassah provides myriad opportunities to advance and enhance every woman's full potential as an advocate for improving her own world and the world around her.

Locally, there are numerous ways to get involved in Hadassah. You can participate in

programs such as:

Check It Out – a breast cancer awareness and educational program

Al Galgalim – a Jewish education program for preschool children and parents

Clean Money Kentucky – our December 10th program on campaign finance issues

Region Conference in May – a host of speakers on many of the above topics

Doll Project – creating dolls given to kids staying at UK's Children's Hospital

Women's Discussion group – monthly meeting on topics of interest to Jewish women

Children's Hospital Volunteer – volunteering at UK's Children's Hospital.

Hadassah would love to provide you with an avenue to be an advocate. Please call Elise at 254-1799 or Di at 224-7738 if you are interested in getting involved.

Editors Note: Elise Mandel and Di Sobel are the new co-Presidents of Lexington Hadassah.

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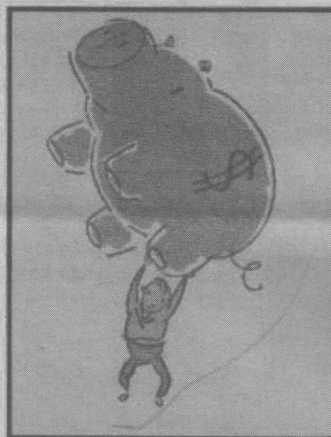
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Ohavay Zion Synagogue
Social Hall
2048 Edgewater Court

"Clean Money Kentucky"

What is Clean Money Kentucky? A non-partisan, nonprofit, statewide group working to reform Kentucky's system of campaign financing.

This grassroots organization is supporting a bill that will be introduced to the Kentucky state legislature asking that viable candidates for office be able to avoid the pitfalls of Big Money financing by receiving public funding.

Eve Podet and her husband, Michael Finucane, who is President of Clean Money Kentucky, will present the December program at Ohavay Zion Synagogue.

Please join us for a thought provoking and enjoyable evening.

Hadassah Kicks it up a Nosh

By Rachel Belin

With enough oil to outlast even the eight nights of Chanukah, Lexington chefs Jeff Newman and Sara Shapiro recently introduced a group of Hadassah women to the joys of cooking. The focus on food was designed to make Hadassah's serious mission more palatable for prospective new members and to nourish the collective souls of Central Kentucky's largest Jewish women's organization.

"We learned how to use the deep fryer, but more importantly, we learned about an opportunity to play a more dynamic role in the Jewish community," said Lisa Miller, one of the baker's dozen or so attendees.

Even though Hadassah's Bluegrass Chapter boasts 250 members, Janice Newman, who, with Gigi Gentry is in charge of new membership, is not satisfied. Newman says that the goal is to recruit every Jewish woman in Central Kentucky into the organization's ranks. "Hadassah

is one of the most effective women's organizations in the world mainly because people become so involved on a grassroots level," she said.

Hadassah, also known as the Women's Zionist Organization of America, is a 90-year-old volunteer women's organization, whose members are motivated to strengthen their partnership with Israel and to ensure Jewish continuity. In both the United States and Israel, Hadassah enhances the quality of

Jewish life through its education, health and Zionist youth programs.

The weekend cooking class, held in the home of Angie Smith, also highlighted one of Hadassah's newest initiatives — The Culinary Arts and Hotel Management Program at the Israel-



From left to right: Lisa Miller, Gigi Gentry and Lisa Satin shmooze about Hadassah.

Through its ongoing fund and awareness-raising, Hadassah is spearheading the effort to bring international training to aspiring Israeli chefs.

Newman says that with a wide range of programming, Hadassah has much to offer Central Kentucky. "Hopefully," she puns, "the cooking



Chef Jeff, Kelli Newman, and Chef Sara take a break to pose for the camera.

demonstration managed to give women a little taste of our local chapter."



Hadassah newcomer Jana LaZur (left) and Hadassah President Di Sobel (right) enjoy the festivities.

Mark Your Calendar ~ Tell Your Members

Hadassah Region Conference

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B'tay Avon

by Evelyn Dantzie Geller

This month's column comes to us via the food channel on TV and a talented young chef named Rachael Ray. One of her programs, Thirty Minute Meals, features easy to prepare dishes such as those which follow. Start preparing the rice and follow with the chicken. It will be delicious.

Special Rice

Ingredients:

- 3 cups water
- 2 tablespoons parve margarine
- 1 teaspoon cumin seeds
- 1/4 cup golden raisins
- 2 tablespoons currants
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon zest
- 1 1/2 cups enriched raw white rice
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives
- 3 ounces sliced almonds, lightly toasted

Directions:

Bring the water to a boil in a covered saucepan. Add rice, margarine, cumin, raisins, currants, and lemon zest. Cover and reduce heat to low. Cook 20 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Remove from heat and add chives. Fluff with a fork and transfer to a serving dish. Sprinkle with the sliced almonds and serve.

Lemon Chicken

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 pounds boneless chicken breast, cut into chunks
- 1/4 cup all purpose flour
- coarse salt
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil or wok oil

- 1 tablespoon rice wine vinegar
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 1 cup commercial lemon curd
- 1/4 cup hot water
- grated zest of one lemon
- 20 finely chopped scallions

Directions:

Season the flour with salt to taste and use it to coat the chicken. Heat the wok or large skillet over high heat. Stir fry the chicken until golden, about 4 to 5 minutes. Remove the chicken from the pan

and return the pan to medium heat.

Add the vinegar to the pan and let the vinegar evaporate. Add the chicken broth and stir with a whisk to scrape up all the drippings. Thin the curd with the hot water, add to the pan, and whisk to combine. Add the chicken back to the pan and simmer until the sauce is thickened and the chicken is finished cooking. Remove the pan from the heat and add the chives and zest. Toss well to combine all the ingredients. Transfer to a serving dish and serve with the special rice.



Learning About Judaism Has Never Been So Convenient

by Michael Stern

Michael, who left Frankfort as Michael Nelson, currently is a student at an orthodox yeshiva in Chicago. His participation in a program called Partners in Torah was such a positive experience – one he describes as a “partnership for life on many occasions” – that he wanted to share the news of the study program with his friends in Central Kentucky.

Today many people want to connect to their Jewish heritage. Never before has it been so easy. Partners in Torah is a wonderful program to help one connect to his or her Jewish roots conveniently. Here are some reasons to join Partners in Torah.

- Partners in Torah sets up each person with a learning partner so they can learn together in “chevruta” style.
- The program is free of charge and imposes no obligations.
- You learn over the telephone for one hour a week at a convenient time.
- You study any topic in Judaism that you want – e.g., Hebrew, Jewish philosophy, holidays and customs, ethics, Mishna and Talmud, Torah, the weekly Torah portion, Jewish history, Code of Jewish Law, prayer, dating and marriage, etc. The choice is endless.
- You learn at your own pace and can ask any question you want without having to worry that your partner will be judgmental.

People who study with one another in Partners in Torah become true friends – “chaverim,” a word with the same root as “chevruta.” They share life's milestones and rites of passage and become almost family.

People in the program also have made positive comments about it: “It is the high point of the week for me.” “It opened up a whole new world for me.” “For the first time I found an organization that gives to me without asking anything in return; not money or the expectation that I will become more observant. All Partners in Torah wants from me is me.”, and “It is so exciting...partners routinely ignore the ‘five minutes to go’ warning.”

Rabbi Eli Gewirtz, director of Partners in Torah, says that considerable time and effort are put into matching mentors with students. Mentors, who are volunteers, must have an extensive background in Judaic Studies. Rabbi Gewirtz stresses that “These are nonjudgmental people. ...our students are probably coming from backgrounds dissimilar to them. They (the mentors) have to have sensitivity as to where the students are coming from.”

Partners in Torah also has 41 centers at which the studying can be done “Face to Face.” There is a follow-up program for college students who have completed their Birthright trip to Israel as well. So far over one thousand college students have taken advantage of this opportunity to keep having a Jewish experience after their visit to Israel.

So there you have it; everything you want to develop a Jewish connection – and more. To contact Partners in Torah call 1-800-STUDY-4-2 or go to their web page at www.PartnersinTorah.org. Hat'lachoh Rabbah (Much Success)!

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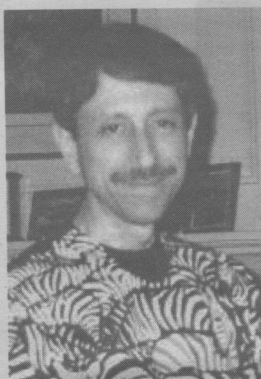


Ken Freedman Social Action Award Update

By Marcia Risk Freedman

I feel very fortunate that Ken's strong commitment to social action, his love of Judaism, and his ties to the University of Kentucky can continue through the Ken Freedman Social Action Award. It is a wonderful tribute to his life."

Ken attended UK between 1967 and 1971. As with most students, these were important years in his development. After graduation, he moved away, but he returned in 1985 as an employee. Initially, he advised non-traditional students and



Ken
Freedman

eventually became the Assistant Director of Central Advising. Ken relished his contact with the students and being able to assist in resolving complicated and often emotional situations. He took great pride in his work at UK.

Throughout his life Ken participated in many civic activities; he always wanted to be a positive force to decrease suffering and conflict as well as to protect our fragile planet. To his public activities, Ken added many quiet deeds every day.

It is fitting that with this award Ken's memory will be given annually to a Jewish student attending the University of Kentucky. The recipient is required to be actively involved in social justice or making their community a better place.

The Kenneth Freedman Social Action Award will be given annually to a Jewish student attending the University of Kentucky. The recipient is required to be actively involved in social justice or making their community a better place. Applicants will need to fill out an application, write a 250 word essay and submit a reference. The award will be given in April, 2003. The deadline for applications is March 17, 2003.

To obtain an application, please call Daniel Chejfec, Executive Director of the Central

Kentucky Jewish Federation at 268-0672 or e-mail at ckjf@jewishlexington.org.

March Concert Featuring Light Classics by Jewish Composers

by Jana LaZur

The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation is teaming up with the Lexington Community Orchestra on Sunday, March 9th to present a concert of light classics by Jewish composers. The Lexington Community Orchestra is composed of people who volunteer to play in this group. Dr. Jonathan Roller is celebrating his 10th season as music director and conductor.

A wonderful array of music has been selected, including selections from *Fiddler on the Roof* by Jerry Bock, *West Side Story* by Leonard Bernstein, *Oklahoma!* by Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein, and *Billy the Kid* by Aaron Copeland.

Please save the date of Sunday, March 9th at 3:00 p.m. The concert will be in the Singletary Center Recital hall and will be followed by a reception in the President's Room.

Jewish Family Services of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation
invites you to

The 2nd Annual JewLS Hanukkah Party!!!

Saturday, December 7, 2002 • 7:00 pm
at The Greenhouse Clubhouse-3543 Bates Creek Rd,
(between New Circle and Redding Rd., Lexington)

\$10 per person

Please bring a wrapped gift of no more than \$10 value
You won't want to miss this event! We will have latkes, pizza, delicious
desserts, entertainment, and a gift exchange!!



RSVP to 269-8244 or jfs@jewishlexington.org by December 5, 2002

Chabad Traveling Menorah To Stop In Lexington

Tuesday, December 3rd, Phoenix Park, 5:30 pm

Chanukah celebrates the victory of the few over the many and of light over darkness. At this time in our national history, when the light of good is being challenged by the forces of darkness and evil, the message of the Chanukah Menorah is more important than ever.

Chabad of Kentucky has announced a giant traveling Chanukah Menorah to spread that message of light, goodness and faith across the state. Rabbi Avrohom Litvin, Director of Chabad, explained that the message of the Menorah is that a little light can dispel a lot of darkness and when good people band together for goodness there is no power on earth which they cannot conquer.

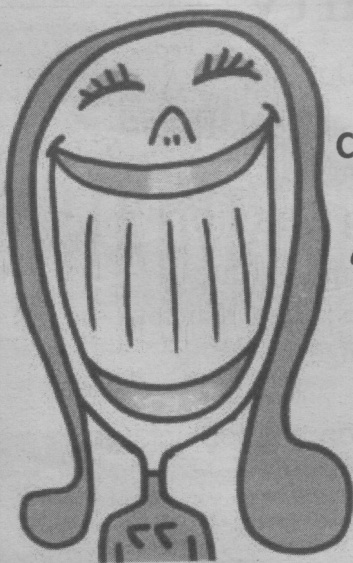
The traveling Menorah will be lit by various community leaders and dignitaries each evening. It will begin its tour in Louisville and go on to Fort Knox to inspire the Jewish members of our Armed Forces who are stationed there. From there the Menorah will come to Lexington for a Menorah lighting on Tuesday, December 3rd on Main Street at Phoenix Park at 5:30 pm. There will be a

message of inspiration particularly apropos to these times. Refreshments and holiday songs will follow

the Menorah lighting. The entire community is invited to attend this free event.



Keep your eyes open and watch
for info on a new program from
JFS • You'll be glad you did!



For Women Only...
coming in March 2003

'How to manage the
stress in your life'

JFS
Jewish Family Services

JewLS Update

By Fran Morris, JFS Director

As you know by now, we recently unveiled the new name and logo for the Lexington Jewish Singles group. It is JewLS, pronounced "jewels," and stands for Jewish Lexington Singles. JewLS is the new forum for single Jews to meet and socialize in the tri-state area. We are proud to be able to continue to provide exciting, Jewish-centered activities that everyone will enjoy. The next JewLS event, the annual singles Hanukkah party, will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2002 at 7 pm at the Greenhouse Clubhouse off of Tates Creek Road in Lexington. Our single friends from Louisville and Cincinnati will be invited to join us as we eat, entertain each other with karaoke music, and participate in a gift exchange. The event will cost only \$10 per person, and each person is asked to bring a wrapped gift not exceeding \$10. This is the one program of the year you won't want to miss! Electronic invitations, "Evites" have already been sent. If you did not receive one and would like to come to the party, please send an email request to jfs@jewishlexington.org or call 269-8244.

JewLS is a program sponsored by Jewish Family Services of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation.

SAVE THE DATE Super Sunday 2003

Will be on Sunday, February 9th
Volunteers Need To Reach
Every Jewish Household in
Central Kentucky

Planning for Fourth Annual Women's Community Seder is Underway

by Judith Bauman

Rave reviews followed our previous Women's Community Seders and we look forward to celebrating together again at our fourth annual Women's Community Seder, Monday night, April 21, 2003.

The Journey Continues is the title of the interactive Haggadah we use, and it denotes the journey we women have taken toward a more active role in the Passover Seder. With tambourines and other musical instruments we will celebrate Miriam's role in the Passover story. The Seder is not intended to replace the traditional Seders held the first two nights of Passover, but it is a wonderful opportunity for the women and teenage girls of the community to gather together.

The Women's Community Seder is coordinated by the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation; the Steering Committee is composed of representatives from Hadassah, The Lexington Havurah, Ohavay Zion Synagogue, Temple Adath Israel, and the

CKJF Community Activities Committee.

Volunteers are needed for:

Steering Committee: We are looking for a few women & teenage girls (post-Bat Mitzvah).

Food Preparation: This will be done at the synagogue at times convenient for the volunteers.

Reservation table: Arrive 30 minutes before start of Seder.

Set-Up: Arrive approximately 1 1/2 hours prior to the seder to help in last minute food preparation and set-up.

Clean-Up: Stay after the Seder for 45-60 minutes.

Haggadah Presentation: Music, readings, helping to lead the Seder.

Please call Jana at the CKJF Office 268-0672 extension 4# as soon as possible, or email activities@jewishlexington.org to volunteer to work on one of the Seder committees so that the Seder can go on!

Hospital Hospitality House Effort a Success

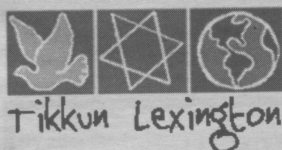
by Jana LaZur

For three Sundays in November, the Jewish community got together to help paint, repair, organize, clean, and cook for the temporary residents staying at the Hospital Hospitality House. The Hospital Hospitality House is a place for families to stay while their relatives are patients in Lexington area hospitals. The facility may be the best kept secret in Lexington, and its staff wants to let the secret out, especially now that they have a fresh new look. Many thanks are due to the many helpers, men, women and children alike, who came together to get a job done. Many of us have a whole new appreciation of what it means to roll up our sleeves and get dirty!

Our volunteers were able to enjoy many tasty snacks owing to the generosity of some local businesses. Thank you to Panera Bread Company for supplying bagels and cream cheese, Mondelli's Bakery for providing doughnuts, and Joe Bologna's, Papa John's and Fazoli's for donating pizza. It gave our volunteers extra energy to do an even better job!

Many people commented that they would like to do more of these community projects. Whether you like to bake or do physical or manual labor, there is always a place in social action for you! So please feel free to call either Anne Graff with the Temple Adath Israel Social Action Committee, Ricki Rosenberg with the Ohavay Zion Synagogue Social Action Committee or Jana LaZur with Tikkun Lexington to inquire on any future endeavors.

Once again, we tip our hat to those people who gave their time and effort to help on this project. Special thanks go out to Mark Klarr and Bennett Bayer, who took the project to a higher level by offering their expertise and sharing their skills. Mark even gave painting lessons. More special thanks to Anne Graff and Ricki Rosenberg, who were a wonderful team to work with.



Tikkun Lexington
presents

A Mitzvah Day Kickoff and Training Session

Thursday, December 12, 2002 • 7:00 pm
at Ohavay Zion Synagogue
2048 Edgewater Ct.

You are invited to hear trained professionals speaking on the subjects of:
Bikkur Cholim, Nursing Home Visits, and Meals on Wheels

Please call Jana LaZur at 268-0672, ext. 4# to reserve your spot.



Bar and Bat Mitzvah Notices



Jordan Bryan Bar Mitzva
2 Tevet 5763 - December 7, 2002
 Ohavay Zion Synagogue, at 9:45 am.
 Jordan will also lead Friday Evening Service,
 December 6, at 8 pm

Asher Finkel Bar Mitzva
16 Tevet 5763 - December 21, 2002
 Ohavay Zion Synagogue, at 9:45 am.

Asher will lead Friday evening services at the
 Lexington Havurah

Aaron Campbell Moscow

celebrates his Bar Mitzvah
 on January 31, 2003 & February 1, 2003
 Aaron is the son of
 Jeff Moscow & Lynn Campbell
 The Friday service begins at 6:00 PM
 The Saturday service begins at 10:30 AM
 Kiddush Luncheon will follow
 the Shabbat morning service.



Kaitlin Ashley Graff

Please share our joy as
 our daughter
 Kaitlin Ashley Graff
 celebrates her
 Bat Mitzvah
 on December 20 &
 December 21, 2002

Kaitlin is the daughter of
 Anne & Wayne Graff
 The Friday service begins at 7:30 PM
 on December 20, 2002
 The Saturday service begins at
 10:30 AM on December 21, 2002
 Kiddush Luncheon will follow
 the Shabbat morning service.

Ohavay Zion Synagogue

2048 Edgewater Court • President: Bennett Bayer, 266-8050

Stewart Home

OZS will be hosting the Stewart Home
 during regular Friday night services on
 December 20th and January 10th.

Religious School Services

Join us as the children of the congregation lead
 the celebration of Shabbat during the Religious
 School Service on Friday evening December 13th
 and January 24th.

Blood Drive

December 8, 2002
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
WE NEED YOU
Call 268-7255

God's Pantry

A Family Night Out

God's Pantry has set aside the third
 Thursday of every month from 6-7:30 pm for
 OZS to rebag cereal, sort, and repackage
 food. Please come and join us with the whole
 family to work together for a wonderful
 cause. We will meet on Thursday, December
 19th and January 16th. Please contact Ricki
 Rosenberg, 269-2300, for more information.

OZS Hanuka Latke Party!

December 3 - 5th Night of Hanuka

The annual OZS Hanuka Latke Party will take place
 this year on Tuesday evening, December 3 at 6:15
 pm (following Hebrew School). Bring your own
 family Hanukia (menora) to light and your own dairy
 dinner. We will add the latkes (courtesy of the OZS
 Men's Club!) and other Hanuka fun!

Junior Congregation

OZS' Jr. Congregation program continues on
 January 11th at 11 am. This program is designed to
 give students K-7th grades the opportunity to
 experience the Shabbat morning service in a whole
 new way.

Students will work on their prayer skills through
 participation and learn more about the various
 prayers. Parents are encouraged to attend with
 their children.

TIKKUN LEXINGTON NEEDS YOU!!

DECEMBER 25, 2002

for a variety of Tikkun volunteer projects-you choose
 (just please choose to volunteer on this day)

***Pack Meals on Wheels dinners**

***Deliver meals to the elderly**
 (5 routes available)

***Visit St. Joseph Hospital**
 visit patients & deliver gifts

Let us know if you have a preference of a.m. or p.m. shifts

If you are available to help, please contact Jana at 268-0672 ext. 4# or tikkun@jewishlexington.org



Tikkun Lexington is a program of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation



Temple Adath Israel

124 N. Ashland Ave. • President: Judith Hersh, 269-2979

HANUKKAH CARNIVAL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 - 12:30-3:30 PM

produced by the Temple Social Action Committee. Fish pond, face painting, marriage booth, silent auction. - fun for the whole family!

WE NEED YOUR HELP! If you have new or lightly used articles that you could donate for grab bags or a silent auction, please bring them to the Temple. Thanks for your help, and be sure to put the date on your calendar.

TAI RECEIVES AWARD

Faith Through Food (Fishes & Loaves) Award

For many years, Temple Adath Israel has held a food drive in September during the Rosh HaShanah High Holy Days. Congregants are given a brown shopping bag with a list of needed items and they are encouraged to fill the bag and bring it to Temple. Last year's donation was 2,963 pounds. Congregants also collect food year round and last year's total donation was 4,485 pounds. Since 1997, Temple Adath Israel has donated 18,517 pounds of food.

Adult Jewish Growth Series with Larry Kant

"Finding A Jewish Path While the World Shifts Beneath Us"

All classes are on Sundays at 10 AM. Class dates for the year are:

December 15	February 9
January 12	March 9
April 20	

SISTERHOOD DECEMBER & JANUARY PROGRAMS

December 18 - Luncheon 12:30 PM

Guest: Psychologist, Paula Raines who will enlighten us about what one sex hears versus what the other sex says.

January 15 - Luncheon 12:30 PM

Guest: financial planner, Darlene Steele, Tells us how smart women finish rich!!!

FAITHS OF THE WORLD

On the third Tuesday evening of the month which began in October, a guest speaker will discuss a particular faith of the world. The program will start at 7:30 PM. Rabbi Jon Adland and Toni Reiss, Program Coordinator will be serving as moderators. Contact the TAI office 269-2979 for complete schedule of speakers and locations.

TUESDAY BRIDGE GROUP

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

If you wish to join in, please check with other players or the Temple office each week to see if the group is playing.

Lunch and Learn to unroll texts of the Five Megillot (scrolls)

The Wednesday "Lunch and Learn" study group will read and discuss each of these books this year. Copies of the books will be available in the Temple office, but if you have a Bible, just read them there. "Lunch and Learn" begins at 12:30 PM on the following Wednesdays. Bring your lunch and come and learn. We meet in the Temple library.

December 4, 11-Lamentations

February 5, 12, 26-Esther

March 12, 26-Song of Songs

May 7, 14 -Ruth

TAKE NO PRISONERS!

Hockey is back in Rupp Arena! Temple Adath Israel has twenty tickets reserved for the Lexington Men O' War game on Sunday, February 2, at 6 PM. The game should be over by 8:30 PM so bring the kids! Tickets are \$10.50 each, and Toni Reiss will be selling them at Temple on January 12 and 19 from 10 AM to 12 noon. If you cannot be there, call the Temple office to make other arrangements to purchase your tickets.

FILM, FOOD, AND CONVERSATION

Video/Film Club January 26, 2003 - TAI

Library 7 PM. Movie - To be announced. Nosh & Discussion following film. Video/refreshments \$1.00. For more details contact

Fran Bloom - 223-8700 or TAI - 269-2979

The Lexington Havurah

Lexington, Kentucky • President: Judy Saxe, 859-269-4493

Our next service will be a Kabbalat Shabbat, Friday evening, December 20, at 7:00 PM. At this service we will celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of Asher Shmaya Finkel. Asher is the son of Beth Goldstein and Rafi Finkel. There will be a potluck dinner immediately after the service. Please contact Judy Baumann, 223-1299 for more information. We will meet at the Lexington Theological Seminary, 631 South Limestone. Entrance and parking are in the rear.

Mark your calendar for Friday, January 17, to attend our Annual Tu B' Shevat Seder and Kabbalat Shabbat service. We will meet at 7:00 PM at the Lexington Theological Seminary.

This is an exciting year for the Lexington Havurah. We will be marking the 25th anniversary of the organization in May, 2003.

If you would like more information about The

Lexington Havurah, please contact Dr. Michael Rie, Membership Chair, at 859-266-8630. We may be reached by mail at: The Lexington Havurah, P.O. Box 21804, Lexington, KY 40522-1804.

The Lexington Havurah is affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and The National Havurah Committee. We offer innovative Shabbat and holiday services, cultural activities and adult education programs to enhance and strengthen our positive feelings as Jews. Services are creative within a Conservative religious format. Members plan, conduct and share responsibilities for all services. Both men and women participate actively and equally. While we have no religious school, children are welcome at all services and celebrations. We meet at various locations in Lexington and members' homes.

The Lexington Havurah December 20 Service

Join us for a Friday evening, Kabbalat Shabbat service as we celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of Asher Finkel, son of Beth Goldstein and Rafi Finkel.

Friday, December 20, 7:00 PM
Lexington Theological Seminary
Fellowship Hall
631 South Limestone

Entrance and parking in rear
Pot Luck Dinner will follow service



Around The Community



CKJF - Central Kentucky Jewish Federation (1050 Chinoe Rd., Suite 203, 268-0672, Stan Saxe, President)

OZS - Ohavay Zion Synagogue (2048 Edgewater Court, 266-8050, Bennett Bayer, President)
Daily Minyan Mon.-Thurs. at 6:00 p.m.; Kabbalat Services Friday evening at 8:00 p.m., except the fourth Friday of the month at 6:00 p.m.;
Shabbat services Saturday at 9:45 a.m.

TAI - Temple Adath Israel (124 N. Ashland Ave., 269-2979, Judith Hersh, President)
Shabbat Services Friday 7:30 p.m.; Worship Service Saturday 10:30 a.m.

HAD - Lexington Chapter of Hadassah (Elise Mandel & Di Sobel, Co-Presidents)

HAV - The Lexington Havurah, 269-4493 (Judith Saxe, President)
Shabbat Services monthly. Call for schedule.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Hanukkah - light 3rd candle December 1	Hanukkah - light 4th candle 2	Hanukkah - light 5th candle Latke Feast at OZS 6 pm 3	Hanukkah - light 6th candle Tikkun visits Stewart Home 6 pm 4	Rosh Chodesh Tevet Hanukkah - light 7th candle Leisure Club Hanukkah Party 5	Rosh Chodesh Tevet Kadema Weekend - OZS Hanukkah - light 8th candle TAI Hanukkah Potluck 6	Kadema Weekend - OZS OZS Jordan Bryan Bar Mitzvah JewLS Hanukkah Party 6:30 pm 7
OZS Ronald McDonald House Dinner Kadema Weekend - OZS Tai Hanukkah Carnival 12:30 pm 8	CKJF Community Activities Committee 7 pm 9	Hadassah Meeting 7:30pm 10	JFS Committee Meeting 6:30 pm CRC Committee Meeting 7 pm 11	Tikkun Lexington Training Meeting 7 pm 12	OZS Religious school service TAI Family Shabbat w/ 1st grade presentation 7:30 pm 13	14
Asarah B'Tevet - Fast of the Tenth of Tevet TAI 'Finding a Jewish Path' 10am 15	16	TAI Faiths of the World 7:30pm 17	CKJF Executive Meeting 6pm CKJF Board Meeting 7:30pm 18	OZS/God's Pantry Family Night Out 6 pm 19	Kaithlin Graff Bat Mitzvah TAI Havurah Kabbalat Shabbat Bar Mitzvah Asher Finkel OZS 20	Kaitlin Graff Bat Mitzvah TAI Asher Finkel Bar Mitzvah OZS 21
22	23	CKJF Annual Winter Dinner 6 pm 24	Tikkun Lexington Mitzvah Project Day 25	26	27	28
29	30	31	January 1	2	3	Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat 4
5	6	7	JFS Advisory Committee Meeting 6:30 pm 8	9	10	11
12	13	Hadassah Board 8 pm 14	CRC Meeting 7 pm 15	OZS God's Pantry Family Night Out 16	Havurah Shabbat Kabbalat & Tu B'Shvat Seder 17	Tu B'Shvat - Jewish Arbor Day 18
19	20	21	CKJF Executive Meeting 6 pm CKJF Board Meeting 7:30 pm 22	23	24	25
Hebrew Teachers to mini CAJE in Nashville - CKJF sponsors 26	Community Activities Meeting 7 pm 27	28	29	30	Aaron Moscow Bar Mitzvah TAI 31	Aaron Moscow Bar Mitzvah TAI February 1