



And (The Intention Behind Tzeason of Tzedakah)



By Talia Smolkin

'And' is an important word. While it may be frowned upon to begin a sentence with 'and', sometimes it becomes necessary.

It is necessary when speaking with friends or loved ones about

a tough subject. For example, "I hear you care about your significant other, and you need to take care of yourself." Or, "it sounds as if you love the Beatles and Elvis." or, "you seem to love UK Basketball and celebrating Shabbat." 'And' is a critical word because it validates multiple realities.

Tzeason of Tzedakah, when we set aside the month of December for community-wide volunteering, is clearly about tzedakah. It is about taking our time, money, or both, to give to those in need.

And.

And it is about spending time with our friends. Reconnecting when time keeps many of us busy.

And it is about familiarity. It's about being with those who share this connection to Jewish community.

And it is about newness. While we might volunteer with the organization we affiliate with, we might also volunteer elsewhere, to celebrate the expanse of this amazing Jewish community. (continued page 2)

Irma Rosenstein Obituary



Irma Sarett Rosenstein passed away on November 6, 2015. All who knew Irma were deeply touched by this incredible woman. Originally from New York, Irma made a great impact on the Lexington community from the time she

arrived with her beloved husband Irv. A talented social worker herself, Irma was asked to develop the Social Work Masters program at the University of Kentucky and she taught there as well. In 2001, Irma was inducted into the UK's Department of Social Work Hall of Fame. In her honor her family endowed the Irma S. Rosenstein Lecture Series held annually at the university.

A distinguished volunteer, Irma helped establish the Lexington Chapter of the National (continued page 2)

CAMPAIGN NEWS

2015 Community Campaign to Close December 31

By Judy Wortman

As the year comes to an end, it is appropriate for many to make gifts to better people's lives. One gift to the Jewish federation provides the ability to change lives locally, in Israel, and in endangered Jewish communities around the globe. Here in Central Kentucky, we serve those in need through our Jewish Family Services. We offer counseling and referrals and give emergency grants to those finding themselves in need of basics such as food, clothing, and electricity. We also provide need-based scholarships for children at Camp Shalom and at Jewish overnight camps as well as merit scholarships for teen programs in Israel. In addition, we provide many cultural, educational and social programs for our community – for people from infancy to old age.

Our support to our Israeli brothers and sisters is also used for families in need and for services to new immigrants. As Israel is again being attacked by terrorists, the need for support is great.

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And it is about caring for our neighbors. Some organizations in Lexington struggle in December because volunteers are understandably elsewhere with family and friends. When we volunteer at this time, we help these organizations take care of those in need. And we provide relief for volunteers and staff. And we demonstrate to our city that we care. We strengthen the relationship between the Jewish community and wider Lexington.

And, let us not forget, it's fun.

There are so many reasons to re-energize our *kavanah*, our intention, behind Tzeason of Tzedakah.

Everyone is invited to participate in numerous volunteer opportunities. Some of these opportunities are sponsored by a Jewish community organization. Each individual is welcome to join any volunteer opportunity, whether or not they are affiliated with the organization sponsoring the activity.

- **Hope Center's HopeMobile** – Make sandwiches for distribution from Hope Center's HopeMobile – December 6, at Ohavay Zion Synagogue, Time TBA. Sponsored by Ohavay Zion Synagogue.
- **Stewart Home School** – Share Hanukkah activities with residents of Stewart Home School – December 8. Meet at Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass at 5 pm to carpool.
- **God's Pantry** – Sort goods at God's Pantry for those in need in Lexington – Dec 17, 6:30 pm.
- **Sayre Christian Village** – Help run program for residents of Sayre – Date and Time TBA. Sponsored by The Lexington Havurah.
- **Moveable Feast** – Deliver meals to those in need (training required and can be arranged) – December 24, Arrive 4:30-5:00 pm.
- **Ronald McDonald House** – Cook and serve dinner – December 24, Arrive 3:30 pm for cooking and/or 6:45 pm for serving dinner. Sponsored by Lexington Chapter of Hadassah.
- **Meals on Wheels** (3 locations available) – Deliver meals to those in need - Dec 25, Arrive 10:15-11:00 am depending on location. Sponsored by B'nai B'rith.

- **Mayfair Village** – Help run program for residents of Mayfair – Dec 25, 3 pm.
- **Catholic Action Center** – Preparing and serving lunch – Cook Dec 24 (time TBA), Serve lunch Dec 25 (time TBA). Sponsored by Temple Adath Israel.

And of course, in addition to volunteering, there are opportunities to donate items. Both Ohavay Zion Synagogue and Temple Adath Israel have wonderful tzedakah projects happening. This is a great time for all of us to come together to strengthen these projects:

- **Temple Adath Israel – Refugee Settlement Project** TAI, with Kentucky Refugee Ministries, is co-sponsoring a Congolese family, helping to welcome them to Lexington and to smooth their transition. The first step is to provide furnishings and set up their apartment. Go to <http://www.lextai.org/social-action/refugee-family> for an updated wish list. Contact Bruce Engel (home 252-3734 or cell 338-7321) to coordinate pick-up, or bring smaller items to Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass.
- **Ohavay Zion Synagogue - Tzedakah for Mary Todd Elementary:**

OZS is helping to collect items for students at Mary Todd Elementary. Students at this school are in need of:

- New or gently used children's clothes & shoes
- Luggage and child size college t-shirts for their College Bound Bulldog program

Please drop off these items at Ohavay Zion Synagogue or Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass.

To sign up to volunteer or for more information, e-mail talial@jewishlexington.org, or call the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass at (859) 268-0672.

(Irma Rosenstein Z"L, cont. from pg. 1) Conference of Christians and Jews. She was also instrumental in establishing Planned Parenthood of the Bluegrass. She served on a myriad of boards of directors of arts and social justice organizations. Irma and Irv were leaders of Temple Adath Israel and generous donors to the Jewish Federation.

Irma is survived by her children Ann Rosenstein Giles and Bill Giles, Rob and Kim Rosenstein and grandchildren Ross, Kyle, and Jamie.

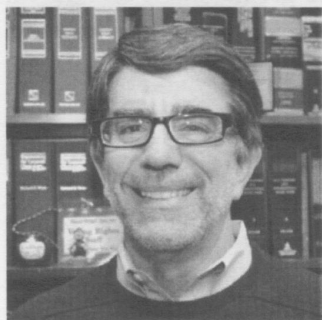
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President's Message



By Michael J. Grossman

I was moved recently by an article that appeared in the Wall Street Journal. The author, Georgette Bennett, is the founder of the Multifaith Alliance for Syrian Refugees, a project of the Tanenbaum Center

for Interreligious Understanding in cooperation with the American Joint Distribution Committee.

Ms. Bennett visited a Syrian refugee camp in Jordan known as Za'atari. Za'atari is home to over 83,000 Syrians, making it the fourth largest "city" in Jordan. It occupies a vast desert plain, with endless rows of tents and metal caravans. As the author describes it, Za'atari is a dreary place, but nevertheless teeming with resilient people.

Camps like Za'atari account for only 20% of the 4 million refugees who have escaped from Syria. Most of the others are assimilated into cities, and most of those in cities instead of camps are not eligible for services. These people tend to live in squalor and are often exploited. And nearly 80% of all refugees are women and children.

Our Jewish heritage and values compel us to express our sadness and compassion for the plight of the refugees. Working in partnership with the American Joint Distribution Committee and the Tanenbaum Center, Ms. Bennett, who is Jewish, initiated the Multifaith Alliance for Syrian Refugees. The Alliance includes Jews, Catholics, Protestants, Muslims and Sikhs, as well as other faith-based and secular groups. It works to raise awareness of the crisis in addition to raising funds to support organizations that work on the ground to provide services to refugees. The Alliance recognizes that people of many faiths and coming from different traditions are drawn to help people who have been expelled from their homes.

Ms. Bennett writes about Amin and Anat as a way of illustrating how small, targeted initiatives can lay the groundwork for broader change in the Middle East. Amin, a Syrian businessman, had been providing medical assistance in Syria when he was forced to leave. The Assad regime attacked medical workers and medical facilities to limit the treatment of opposition fighters. More than 15,000 physicians have fled Syria. One day, as Amin was smuggling aid to Syria, Amin met Anat, the founder of an Israeli NGO. Amin was suspicious, having been taught that Israel is the enemy, yet here she was an Israeli offering help.

Amin and Anat have now worked together for nearly three years. Anat's Israeli organization and a prominent Syrian NGO now work together to deliver food and help Syrian children get lifesaving medical treatment in Israel. Israelis and Syrians have been able to rise above long held fears and hatreds to work together to alleviate suffering. Amin put it quite succinctly: "The Syrian uprising against the Assad rule gave a rare opportunity among the Syrian society to start to question the rationale behind this hate for Israel. With Israelis coming to the aid of Syrians in their struggle to survive, more Syrians have come to the conclusion that Israel is not the enemy but a potential partner in the new Syria."

The glimmer of light in the tunnel is that Israelis and Syrians, Jews and Muslims and others are changing their perceptions of one another and finding constructive ways to work together.

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- Judy Wortman, in memory of Irma Rosenstein.

ASK JFS

By Mimi Kaufman



On October 23rd, President/CEO of the Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies, shared a message of the tragic death of a colleague, a 15 year old girl. This hit home, as I too, am the parent of a 15 year old. The death was a suicide.

Suicide is always tragic as she was a young and bright girl with the world ahead of her. I thought it was extremely brave and altruistic that in this time of extreme grief the parents asked for the President/CEO of AJFCS to share some of their story within the JFS network in the hopes that it could help another family. So I am, therefore, sharing it with our community. The parents also shared the Rabbi's beautiful eulogy which was incredibly insightful about the challenges of the teenage years and the factors that can lead to depression. The Rabbi's eulogy summed up what I thought parents would like to communicate to our teens. My hope is for readers to be on the lookout for teens in trouble. I really do believe it takes a village.

Here is a small part of the Rabbi's eulogy:

"Life is hard. It is filled with challenges. That is the nature of life. To become a responsible-happy-person, we need to accept this fact and know that life will often be testing us, and that we will need to struggle and be brave and wrestle with what it means to do right and to love well. We adults are still working on this the rest of our lives, and that is as it should be."

"I'm here to tell you that if your friends are hurting themselves, get in their face. Look out for each other. Be brave. Risk losing a friend in order to help them. Share your deepest fears with each

other, and your biggest dreams. Loving one another is wonderful and life-giving, but is also very risky and challenging work. And it's the best thing you will ever do. Be bold, take a deep breath and reach out. We adults, as annoying as we are, are right here with you. We know that you teens sometimes move close to the edge of darkness. Our hands are always ready to reach out and grab you and pull you back into our arms before you fall. Often you give us warning signs that you are losing your balance and we can grab you before you fall. We adults remember being 15. Hate us, resent us, make fun of us-we can handle it! But know that our hand is there."

Being a teenager is hard. They are children/adults. They are aware of the world and its problems. However, they are still developing the armor that we all need to face the world's hardships and problems. Thanks to the information age, today's teens are probably more aware of world problems than we were when we were kids. It is especially hard for our kids with "sensitive souls" like many kids have. These days many kids will turn to alcohol and/or drugs to numb their pain. They will mix legal substances into cocktails that are dangerous. Good kids make mistakes. How do we adults support them to grow into their own adulthood, but also stay out of their way? That is our challenge. One of the best things you can communicate to your kids is when they feel alone and miserable and sure that they are the only one who ever felt that way, they are not. We need to assure them that they are not alone and to ask for help.

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.

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Applications can be requested from JFS.



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Ask A Rabbi: Rabbi Sharon Cohen



Celebrating Hanukkah and the Power of Light

Studying the Jewish calendar is fascinating. We can learn so much from our ancestors who established for us the rhythm of months and days and the celebration of holidays that fill our year. After the explosion of the High Holy Days in

the Hebrew month of Tishrei, there is no special festival or holiday on the Jewish calendar for nearly two full months. After the holidays of Sh'mini Atzeret and Simhat Torah on the 22nd and 23rd of the Tishrei, through the whole month of Heshvan and most of Kislev, we take a breath and fall into the rhythm of celebrating Shabbat with its message of rest and rejuvenation each week.

Then comes the much anticipated holiday of Hanukkah, which begins on the 25th of the Hebrew month of Kislev. During this time in the latter days of the lunar month, the moon goes into exile, as the old moon wanes and the new moon is not yet in the sky. Late in Kislev, here in the Northern Hemisphere, the nights are dark, and getting darker, as we are close to the moment of the winter solstice -- when the sun is also in exile. The day is at its shortest and the night is at its longest. It is the darkest moment of the year, the moment when it is easiest to believe that the light will never return and the moment it is easiest to feel despair as the dark coldness of winter invades.

How ironic, or perhaps, it is a purposeful quirk of history, that at this dark moment in the cycle of the seasons, we pause to celebrate Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights. In contrast to the darkness of the season, we celebrate by lighting candles. Night after night for eight nights, the candle-light increases. Night after night our hearts are brightened by the glow of the

shimmering candles and our minds are enlightened by the flames of religious freedom and integrity so gallantly fought for by our brave ancestors, the Maccabees.

Light as a symbol, theme, or idea has always permeated Jewish practice and thought. The Torah is called ORA, light, as it is the source that lights our path through life. Our Sages described the human being as the source of God's light as they taught: NER ADO-NAI NEESHMAT ADAM -- the candle of God is the soul of the human being. Of course, we welcome in Shabbat and the Festivals by lighting candles and say farewell to Shabbat with the brightness of the multi-wicked Havdala candle. We mark the anniversary of a death with a 24-hour flame of remembrance. Several of our Jewish holidays take place during the middle of the lunar month when the moon is full and bright in the sky (Passover, Sukkot, Tu bi-Sh'vat, Purim), a further reminder of the brightness with which we are to celebrate these special days.

Although Hanukkah actually marks the valiant military victory of Maccabees over the Syrian-Greeks -- of religious freedom over religious oppression and assimilation -- we tend to focus on the legend of the oil -- the legend of light. About 500 years after the Maccabees, the Rabbis of the Talmud reexamined the message of Hanukkah. Instead of emphasizing a military battle, they spoke of miracles of faith in God. The Rabbis taught (Shabbat 21b): when the Maccabees wanted to rekindle the Ner Tamid, the Eternal Lamp in the Temple, they found only enough oil to burn for one day. Nevertheless, they lit the lamp. Lo and behold, the oil burned not for one, but for eight days, enough time to make new oil, and thus, the holiday of dedication was celebrated for eight days. In recounting this miracle, Hanukkah becomes more than a commemoration of victory in war and freedom of religion, it also celebrates faith in God and in fantastic miracles. And, the symbol of those ideas?

The brightness of the burning light. *(continued, page 7)*

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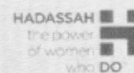
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Perils of Purchasing

By Hanna B. Smith

Recently I did something that I had promised myself never to do. I fell for an advertisement. You have all seen the flyer, mailed from an established automotive enterprise. The flyer comes attached with a pretend car key and a scratch-off square. The instructions say that if the number on the square matches the number on the key then you are a winner.

The prizes to be won are impressive: a sizeable amount of cash, a flat-screen TV, a gas grill, and several small electronic devices. Of course the two numbers on my flyer matched. "You are already a winner", screamed the flyer and I was hooked.

Why was I hooked? Alright, I knew why, but let's skip that part. My flyer with the matching numbers clutched in my hand I went to the dealership.

The salesman who greeted me at the door was soothing and kind. "Yes, other people had come in with their flyers", he assured me. All he needed from me was basic information: my name, phone number and email address. What car did I drive, how much mileage was on the odometer, how old was it and was it in clean condition? Did I consider buying a new car?

The salesman scanned the serial number on my flyer into a computer. Then he told me to spin a wheel, similar to a wheel on a game show, only it was on a touch screen and required no physical effort. I slid my forefinger across the touch screen with bravado, watched the wheel spin, and the arrow stop on a \$2.00 bill. Yes, that is right, \$2.00 for my efforts.

The salesman walked me over to his manager who had a billfold full of \$2.00 bills and who handed me one. I made a joke to cover my embarrassment and drove home.

What does Jewish law say about a situation where customers are invited to enter a business on the promise of a substantial reward just for checking out the merchandise? The business staff feels free to ask the visitor for personal information and buying habits.

Then the customer is sent away with a meager consolation prize.

What about the customer's responsibilities? Could I have taken the first prize of \$100,000 in good conscience? My last purchase at this business had been twelve years ago.

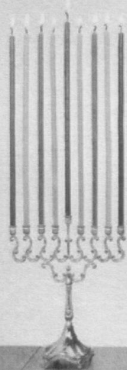
Advertising, competition, price wars, deceptive business practices, protectionism, gullible or impudent customers, all this was known in antiquity. The rabbis of the Talmud concerned themselves with these issues and tried to bring ethics into the interchange between merchant and customer and between fellow businesspeople. If Jews were to be a holy people they had to be honest in all their dealings, no matter how mundane.

For the rabbis of the Talmudic and later eras the basis for all business law were the 8th and 10th commandments: "You shall not steal" and "You shall not covet". This concept was refined in Leviticus 19:11, "You shall not deal deceitfully or falsely with one another."

In their rulings the rabbis used real-life business situations rather than generally exhorting people to be honest and fair. For example, the seller may present his goods in an attractive manner but he should not hide defects, nor may he hide inferior goods under superior ones. The bait and switch method of selling is forbidden.

There are discussions how far a merchant can go to influence a customer to buy and whether enticements such as "freebies" are ethical. This is especially problematic when the customer is a child. Valid promotion of quality merchandise is acceptable but outright manipulation of customers is not, as is badmouthing other merchants' goods.

The rabbis had a good sense of free competition in commerce and took it into account as much as possible. However, they also decreed that society had an obligation to set rules to ensure honesty and fairness to customers and competitors alike, and to protect the weak. (continued page 7)



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B'tayavon: Lentil Soup

By Vivian Bitensky

A good, filling soup for cold nights, along with salad and warm rolls make a good supper.

INGREDIENTS

1 tbsp. olive oil
2 carrots chopped
2 celery stalks chopped
1 medium onion chopped
1/4 tsp. thyme
2 cups chicken stock or vegetable stock
2/3 cup dried lentils



PROCEDURE

Sauté vegetables in olive oil for ten minutes. Add soup stock and lentils. Bring quickly to boil over high heat. Lower heat and cook for about 1 hour until the lentils are tender. Remove 2/3 cup of soup to blender and then stir back. If the soup is too thick add more stock. Salt and pepper to taste.

Enjoy!

University of Kentucky Jewish Life Celebrating the Sesquicentennial: A Report from the JHFE Jewish Kentucky Oral History Project

In collaboration with undergraduate researchers and JHFE Scholars, Jan Fernheimer, Director of UK Jewish Studies and Co-PI for the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence (JHFE) Jewish Kentucky Oral History Project, will showcase the long history of Jewish Student Life at UK. Focusing on oral histories collected from Jewish students attending UK in the 1940s and 1950s, this presentation will highlight the longstanding impact of Jewish Student organizations such as Hillel, Zeta Beta Tau fraternity, and Phi Sigma Sigma sorority, and will provide a window into the larger work of the Jewish Kentucky Oral History project, which showcases the diversity of Jewish experiences in the Commonwealth.

December 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boone Center.

Reception to follow. There is free parking in the Boone Center parking lot which can be accessed from Columbia Avenue.

(Perils of Purchasing, continued from page 6)

The two main rules for customers are, not to waste a salesperson's time when there is no intention to buy, and not to take advantage of the seller if merchandise has been mispriced or if the salesperson returns too much change in a transaction. Comparison shopping is permissible as long as one is upfront about one's intentions. The customer has a duty to inform the seller if he thinks that an item is mispriced or that he has received too much change in return. It is then up to the seller to decide if he wants to sell the item at the lower price.

With these rules in mind, have an enjoyable shopping trip!

For more information about Jewish business ethics, check out the following book: "The Observant Life, the Wisdom of Conservative Judaism for Contemporary Jews," by Martin S. Cohen and Michael Katz, The Rabbinical Assembly, New York.

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As we light the candles this Hanukkah, may we recall the legend of the small flask of oil which was only expected to last for one day, but miraculously lasted for eight. May we remember that the symbol of light – those dancing candles – represents the power of the human spirit to triumph not only over physical darkness, but also, over the dark forces that try to extinguish the light of freedom. Like our Maccabee ancestors, may we find the fuel needed to keep the flames of hope and faith dancing in our hearts. May our celebration of Hanukkah inspire all of us to work for a life filled with the light of Torah, the radiance of our Tradition, and the brightness of our mission to make the world the best it can be for both ourselves and all of humanity.

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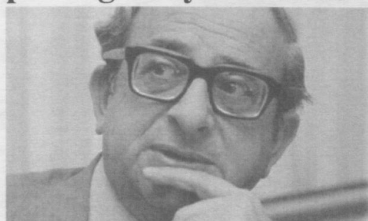
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Yitzhak Navon - Fifth President of the State of Israel

Date of Birth: April 9, 1921

Term in Office: 1978-

1983, served as the fifth President of the State of Israel

Education: Graduated from the Hebrew University. Accredited in Pedagogy, Islamic culture, Arabic language and Hebrew literature

Other Major Public Positions: Prime Minister's Chief of Staff, Minister of Education, Knesset Member and Chairman of the Zionist Executive Committee

Yitzhak Navon was born in Jerusalem on the first of the month of Nissan 5681 (1921) to an old Jerusalem family. His father was a scion of exiles from Spain who arrived in Jerusalem from Turkey in 1670, and his mother Hannah was from the Ben Attar family that arrived in Jerusalem in 1884. In 1963 he married psychologist Ofira Erez. The couple had two children. Through the years Navon combined public activity, political activity and writing, which centered mostly on preserving the cultural heritage of Sephardic and Mizrahi Jewry. In 1978 he was elected to serve as the fifth President of the State of Israel. He served in office until 1983. After finishing his term he returned to public and political activity.

Public Activity

During the War of Independence Navon headed the Arab division at the Information Section (Shin-Yod) of the Haganah. After the war's end he served as second secretary at Israel's delegations to Uruguay and Argentina. In 1951 he served as secretary to Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, and from 1952-1963 he served as Chief of Staff to the Prime Ministers of that period - Moshe Sharett and David Ben Gurion. From 1952-1963 he served as Chief of Staff to the Prime Ministers of that period - Moshe Sharett and David Ben Gurion. From 1963-1965 he served as head of the culture division of the Education and Culture Ministry. While serving in this capacity, he initiated the "Illiteracy Eradication Operation" which was aimed at helping adults acquire an education.

From 1965-1978 he served as a member of Knesset, first with the Rafi Party and later after the unification of Rafi with Ahdut HaAvoda and Mapai he served on behalf of the Labor Party. During his service in the Knesset, he served as Temporary Speaker, as Deputy Speaker and as Chairman of the Foreign and Defense

Committee. He also served as Chairman of the Zionist Executive Committee.

In 1978, he was elected to serve as the fifth President of the State of Israel. During his term in office, Navon spent much time touring the country: the cities, neighborhoods, the agricultural settlements, development towns and minority settlements, and won tremendous personal popularity. His term in office was characterized by political, social and ethnic tensions throughout the country, and this period also witnessed the outbreak of First Lebanon War.

As President, Navon worked tirelessly to build bridges between the ethnic groups in Israel, between religious and secular Jews, between Arabs and Jews and between residents of the outlying areas and the center of the country, and to allay high tensions following the evacuation of Jewish settlements in the Sinai Peninsula pursuant to the peace agreement with Egypt.

In 1980, he was a guest of Anwar Sadat in an impressive state visit to Egypt. During the Lebanon War of 1982, following the massacre committed by the Christian Phalange militia in the Palestinian refugee camps of Sabra and Shatila, Navon demanded that an official inquiry committee be convened to ascertain the circumstances of the massacre, a demand which led to the formation of the Kahn Committee.

In 1983, he ended his term as President, and later returned to political life and served as a Knesset Member for the Labor Party, as Deputy Prime Minister and as Minister of Education. As Minister of Education he initiated the "Culture Basket" Endeavor, strengthened the study of Arabic and the teaching of Eastern Jewish heritage and acted to emphasize democratic values and Jewish-Arabic co-existence.

Cultural Activity

Yitzhak Navon, as a successful writer and playwright, wrote a number of works dealing with Sephardic heritage: "The Sephardic Romancero", a concert of liturgical and secular songs produced for the stage in 1968. "Sephardic Bustan", his work dealing with the life of a Sephardic family in Jerusalem, won the "Kinor David" prize and won great acclaim among the general audience. Navon also wrote many stories dealing with Jerusalemite folklore and presented a historic television series called "Jerusalem in Spain", which unfolded the history of Jews in the Iberian Peninsula. He also published a collection of essays about David Ben Gurion.

An additional obituary can be found at

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/nov/08/yitzhak-navon>

ISRAEL21C: 5 best tours to see Israeli high-tech in action

Meet the people who build globally important startups, formulate groundbreaking technologies and create agricultural miracles.

By Viva Sarah Press NOVEMBER 9, 2015



The Library co-working space is on the Tel Aviv Startup Tour. Photo courtesy of Tel Aviv Municipality.

ISRAEL21c is all about uncovering Israel. And while reading about the most creative startups and their fantastic technologies is always enlightening, getting a hands-on experience of Israeli-innovation-in-progress can't be beat. You don't have to be a CEO or coder to access Israel's flourishing startup scene.

Add these five technological travel destinations to your next itinerary if you're interested in meeting the people who build globally important startups, formulate groundbreaking technologies and create agricultural miracles.

1. TEL AVIV STARTUP TOURS

The Tel Aviv Startup Tour raises the curtain on the city's dynamic innovation. The group tour – led by a certified tour guide – takes visitors behind-the-scenes of the city's brewing startup scene. It begins with a quick overview of how this first modern Hebrew city founded in 1909 went on to become a global city and one of the most important financial centers in the world.

Rothschild Boulevard – the street best known for its collection of Bauhaus buildings – is a focal point of the tour. The outside architecture of these UNESCO-designated buildings is not the only interesting feature along this central thoroughfare. Many of the city's startups and sparkers of innovation are found inside, and the city has the key to let you in.

The tour also includes a visit to its municipal library, which serves as a co-working space for up-and-coming high-tech entrepreneurs; the HerzLilienblum Museum of Banking and Tel Aviv Nostalgia; Independence Hall, where Israel was declared a state; and a



This spiderlike creature was displayed during this year's annual DLD Tel Aviv Innovation Festival. Photo by Guy Yechiely

startup company.

The Tel Aviv Startup Tour, which must be booked in advance, is one of 20 specialty paid tours offered by the municipality. The city also runs four free walking tours on different themes.

2. SALAD TRAIL

Israel's tastiest tourist attraction is more than just a touch-and-taste farm. Agronomist Uri Alon, the founder of this educational farm in the Hevel Habesor region of the northern Negev, encourages visitors to get a firsthand feel for Israeli agriculture technologies in use.

This is the place to see, touch, taste and learn about Israeli water and agriculture technologies helping Alon and other farmers succeed in growing 80 different crops in the desert.



On the Salad Trail (Shvil Hasalat). Photo: courtesy

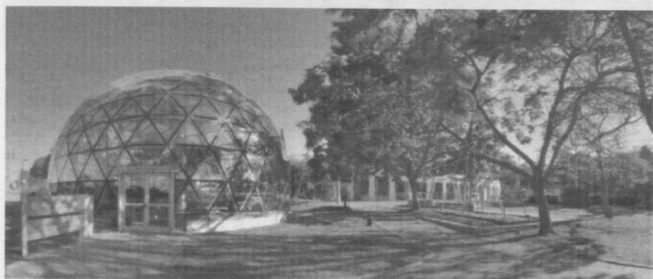
3. WEIZMANN INSTITUTE VISITORS CENTER

The world-renowned Weizmann Institute of Science regularly ranks high on global lists grading research institutes. You may have heard about the top-quality research going on within the

Israeli public research university's labs in Rehovot, but you may not know that you're welcome to come inside for a tour.

The Weizmann's Levinson Visitors Center presents interactive exhibits and a state-of-the-art multimedia experience. Tours of one to three hours are available in English and Hebrew and must be arranged in advance.

Visitors can also explore the Weizmann House, the home of Israel's first president, Dr. Chaim Weizmann; and the world's only outdoor science museum, the Clore Garden of Science. Among the hands-on exhibits here are a solar furnace that sets wood on fire, water sprinklers that surround visitors with a full-circle rainbow, a moon-walking simulation, and a water channel that shows the physics of wave action. Audio guides in English and Hebrew are available at Weizmann House and the Clore Garden of Science.



Clore Garden of Science. Photo: courtesy

4. ARAVA VIDOR CENTER

The Vidor Center is an interactive museum that introduces visitors to advanced agriculture – showing off the country's best technological advances in growing produce no matter how little rainfall or how rocky the land.

Other innovations tied to the Arava include better biological pest-control methods, groundbreaking water solutions and aquaculture advances.

Tours run every hour from 9am, seven days a week, and cost ₪22-NIS 28 per person. The tour – which is English friendly and wheelchair accessible – includes a 3D film, a visit to local greenhouses, and time in the interactive museum.

5. SCIENCE MUSEUMS

Six of Israel's 12 Nobel laureates won for their scientific breakthroughs. While having a one-on-one tea time with them is unlikely, visitors can take in a fun scientific day at one of the country's science museums.

MadaTech, Israel's National Museum of Science, Technology and Space in Haifa, offers more than 20 interactive science and technology exhibitions that beseech visitors to touch, try and experience science up close.



MadaTech's outdoor Energy Park. Photo: courtesy

The Technoda in Hadera has an interactive science museum, an outdoor scientific lab, a medical simulation unit and a stellar observatory.

The Carasso Science Park in Beersheva has an interactive museum, a scientific outdoor garden with hands-on activities, and an interactive fountain. The exhibits cover various fields of science including genetics, microelectronics, nuclear energy and communication.

There's also the aforementioned Clore Garden of Science in Rehovot that is best combined with a visit to the Weizmann Institute.

And the Bloomfield Science Museum in Jerusalem is all about arousing curiosity with its interactive science and technology displays. If possible, time a visit with the annual Jerusalem Mini Makers Faire to see young Israeli "makers" transform common household items into new products with technology. This event mashes together creativity, technology and fun and is a highlight of the museum's exhibits.



The Carasso Science Park, the largest museum of its kind in Israel, is fronted by a vintage Turkish building. Photo courtesy

This article, including more photos, can be found at <http://www.israel21c.org/5-best-tours-to-see-israeli-high-tech-in-action/>

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

As we approach the festival of lights I find myself reflecting on the things which illuminate my life.

I have been traveling quite a bit this past year. My favorite stops usually involve visits to my children and grandchildren. While I might wish that they lived closer to Lexington, they do live in places which are lovely to visit. Those places are made all the more enjoyable because I share experiences with my loved ones.

Recently, I combined two trips to celebrate two wonderful occasions with the families of former members of the Lexington Havurah. I was reminded how important long-term friendships are, and how these friendships illuminate my life.

Living in Lexington as long as I have, many people, of several generations have become very important to me. Certainly, my involvement with The Lexington Havurah and other organizations in the community has enriched and illuminated my life.

So, there you have it! Family, friends, community – all are things which have illuminated my life. Has that been true for you too?

On Sunday, December 6, the first night of Chanukah, The Havurah will have its annual Chanukah celebration at the home of a Havurah member. We would love to have you join the celebration as we light our Hannukiot. We will also sample our favorite latke recipes, some of which may not be so traditional. For more information, call me at 272-1459.

On Sunday, January 24, we will have our annual Tu b'Shevat Seder, a time for fun, learning and noshing. On this holiday, we celebrate the natural world around us. If you would like to participate, call me at 272-1459. We would be pleased to have you join us.

The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah Advocates for Gender Equality in Medical Research

Members educate Kentucky Congressman Andy Barr as part of "Day in the District" Initiative



From L to R: Lynn Furness, Dianne Bazell, Betty Nigoff, Rep. Andy Barr, Melanie Shapiro, Lisa Satin.

NEW YORK Nov. 12, 2015 Today the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc., met with U.S. Rep. Andy Barr to support initiatives aimed at addressing gender disparities in medical research. Hadassah chapters across the country have continuously participated in "Day in the District" initiative throughout the legislative session and will be holding meetings during the remaining Congressional recesses.

"Now is the time to act. Women continue to be under-represented in medical research," said Melanie Shapiro, President of the chapter. "By meeting with Congressman Barr today, we hope to make a real impact in Washington and help ensure that future research takes into consideration the safety and health needs of women."

Gender disparity in medical research is a major priority for Hadassah, which launched the Gender Equity in Medical Research (GEM) Initiative last year. Hadassah has committed to mobilizing its 330,000 Members, Associates, and supporters to educate U.S. legislators and the American public about this issue.

"With a unique, grassroots perspective, Hadassah members are committed to community service and empowerment," said Hadassah National President, Marcie Natan. "We have members in every congressional district in America, and we intend to ensure that our relationships are strong and our voices are heard with our representatives in Washington."

THE LEXINGTON CHAPTER OF HADASSAH

Melanie Shapiro, President

Dear Hadassah
Friends,

Some people think the
days are getting shorter
and shorter as we go
through December. In



fact every day is the same 24 hours long – it's just that the hours of daylight are getting fewer and the hours of darkness are increasing. That situation will begin reversing itself after the winter solstice on December 22. And before then, we will welcome the Festival of Lights. It's easy to imagine how the Jews of 2,000 years ago wished to remember going from the darkness into light, from Roman domination into the light of liberty brought about by the Maccabees' victory. When it feels as though we are still suffering the darkness of terrorists with knives, we hear stories of patients at Hadassah's Hospitals bringing their victims back into the light. Here is one of those stories, which appeared on Hadassah's website.

"Naor, 13, was putting air in his bicycle tire when he was stabbed and critically injured by, Palestinian Ahmad, also 13. As he tried to run away the Palestinian boy was hit by a car, severely wounded, and was transported to Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem. Naor was evacuated to the ICU at Hadassah Mount Scopus in critical condition. After seven days on a respirator, Naor is currently awake and breathing on his own. A complicated surgery was performed to save Naor's life. His recovery is attributed to Prof. Ahmed Eid, head of the department of general surgery, his staff, and particularly Dr. Inna Akopnick, a vascular surgeon, who came from Hadassah Ein Kerem to assist. Naor has improved and has been discharged from Hadassah-Mt. Scopus.

Since Naor's identity was kept out of the media, the press was unsure if the boy was alive or dead. Hadassah confirmed that he was alive, in good hands, and was heading into surgery. Ironically, Ahmad, his attempted murderer, was claimed to be dead by PA Prime Minister Abbas. He is alive, was hospitalized at Hadassah and eventually released into police custody."

Since Hanukkah has become a time of giving gifts or gelt (money), let the story you just read encourage you to bestow a generous gift in honor of Hadassah's life giving work. You can contact VP Fundraising Jane Chaput at chaput1@windstream.net or go online to Hadassah.org and click Donate – no stamps needed.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Chanukah Party on Dec. 10. The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah will install its officers for 2016 on January

17 at Malone's Banquets (above Sal's Chophouse on Tate's Creek Rd) starting at 12:30pm. These women will lead us forward to meet and exceed our goals to add new members and raise the funds needed for our Hadassah work to continue. I want to take this opportunity to thank Jane Chaput, Kathie Kroot, Betty Nigoff, Linda Ravvin, Kathy Feinberg, Dianne Bazell and Evalyn Block who comprised the executive board for the past 2 years. I must also thank the extended board for their service and hard work as well as valued friends and advisors like Lynn Furness, Odette Kaplan, Judy Saxe, Gail Cohen and Vinnie Dubiler. These women are priceless not because we don't pay them, but priceless because they are invaluable. It has been my great honor to serve as the President of this amazing chapter. I have grown as a person and as a leader and I will always cherish the memories of the activities and accomplishments we have shared together (and yes, even the rowdy board meetings). We can all be very proud of what our chapter represents in this community...a uniting force, a collaborator with all...the bridge of peace that Hadassah inspires us to be. But here's the best news of all...we are just getting started! Over 15 women have joined our chapter since Sept. 1 and we are still counting. The best really is yet to come. Stay tuned for an exciting 2016 and beyond!

With Affection and Gratitude,
Melanie

Save
the
Month

Tzeason of Tzedakah is coming!

Join us as we volunteer
throughout the month of
December.

Volunteers will be placed at a specific job based on preference and availability. You can also become a TOT sponsor and help cover the cost of supplies!

Contact Talia at 859.268.0672 or e-mail
talial@jewishlexington.org to volunteer.

Volunteer. Donate. Make a Difference.



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OHAVAY ZION SYNAGOGUE NEWS

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WELCOME

Ohavay Zion Synagogue is a warm and welcoming congregation in Lexington, Kentucky. Through the framework of Conservative Judaism, we explore our Jewish identities and form a community. We celebrate our diversity and welcome newcomers. Please join us!

JELLI RETURNS!

The Jewish Education Lexington Learning Institute is back! On **December 6th and 13th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.** our Lexington Jewish community will come together to learn. Rabbi Smolkin and Rabbi Wirschafter will each teach a two part series. On both of the dates: Beginning at 3:00 p.m., Rabbi Wirschafter will teach "Adventures in the Apocrypha: Exploring Chanukah Folklore". From 3:50 to 4:10 p.m., we will Nosh. Then at 4:10 p.m., Rabbi Smolkin will teach "The Killing of Innocents in War as Viewed in Jewish Law."

CHANUKAH CELEBRATIONS

Please contact the OZS office at office@ozs.org to learn more about other Chanukah Celebrations this year.

A MOVIE, DINNER, AND A SERVICE

Please join us at OZS on **December 25th at 3:00 p.m.** as we watch a movie, have Chinese Food for dinner, and bring in Shabbat together. For more information and to RSVP, please contact the OZS office at office@ozs.org

KABBALAT SHABBAT

Please join us in **December on the 11th and 25th and in January on the 8th and 22nd at 5:30 p.m.** for our Kabbalat Shabbat Services. 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 on **December 18th and in January on the 15th 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 **Fridays at 5:30 p.m.** at Ohavay Zion Synagogue on the following dates: **February 19, March 18, April 15, May 20.** For more information or to RSVP, email [Dominique Olbert](mailto:Dominique.Olbert@domino456@aol.com) at domino456@aol.com.

STEWART HOME KABBALAT SHABBAT

Please join us for a brief but spirited Shabbat service in **December on the 11th and in January on the 8th at 5:30 p.m.** as our friends from Stewart Home come for a visit. For more information please call 266-8050 or email at office@ozs.org. All are welcome!

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

Please join us any Saturday morning of the year, as OZS 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 Monday** 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 and Facebook for date and 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, please call the office at 859-266-8050 or email Rabbi.Smolkin@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you!

TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL

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WHO WE ARE

Temple Adath Israel is a Reform Jewish congregation - We celebrate Torah, Justice, Tradition, and Faith. Our mission is to inspire Jews, to ensure a vibrant Jewish present and future by nurturing a multi-generational love for our tradition. Our "Community Center" approach to Judaism gives families a host of unique ways in which to love living relevant, soulful and experiential Jewish lives. Please call the Temple Administrator for more information if you are interested in affiliating with the Temple. The phone number is 269-2979.

KIDS' SHABBAT

Our **Kids' Shabbat** service is held on the last weekend of each month (during the school year) and is geared towards children 7 years old and younger and their families. **Our next Kids' Shabbats are December 12th and January 8th at 12:00 p.m.**

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 its historical aspects of our 4000-year tradition. The emphasis is on dialogue and exploration. Please join us any time. **Our next sessions will be December 12th and 26th and January 9th and 23rd.**

TALMUD STUDY

We are studying the *Pirke Avot*, a section of the Talmud 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 December 5th and 19th and January 2nd, 16th and 30th.**

PARSHA

Join us each Saturday morning at 11 AM 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 December 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th and January 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th.**

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Our Sisterhood is not a destination, but a journey.

December Events

Join us on Wednesday, December 2nd at 6:30 p.m. for Supper with Shana at Travinia at Fayette Mall to schmooze with our "new" Rebbetzin, Shana Sippy. Please also join us for our lunch and learn with Rabbi Wirschafter on Wednesday, Dec. 9th at noon at Temple. RSVP to Laura by Dec. 7th..

Flower Fund

The Flower Fund is a Sisterhood fund. Donations made to the Flower Fund are used to beautify the pulpit with fresh flowers every week. Congregants make donations to the fund in memory or in honor of their loved ones. This is written on the yahrzeit card as well. Yahrzeit cards are sent to congregants who have requested yahrzeit notification. For questions about the Flower Fund or Yahrzeit Cards, please contact Judi Gewirtzman at 223-2893 or imcre8tiv@twc.com

It's Never Too Late To Join

For membership information, please contact Laura Creamer at 269-2979 or lcreamer1@hotmail.com.

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:

- Dec. 4th (Friday) Dinner - Chinese food out
- Dec. 6th (Sunday) Cookies and Cocktails Chanukah Party
- Jan. 1st (Friday) Drinks Out (Place TBA)

Please contact Reva Schottenstein at rschott86@hotmail.com or call her at 859-221-9473 to reserve your seat.

IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the passing of Irma Rosenstein on Friday, November 6th. Irma was the mother of Rob (Kim) Rosenstein and Ann (Bill) Rosenstein-Giles and grandmother to Ross, Kyle and Jamie Rosenstein.

ATTENTION PROUD GRAND-PARENTS, PARENTS, & STUDENTS

We want to publish any original writing produced by our community's elementary- and high-school-age children. If you're proud of something written by one of our kids, either fiction or non-fiction, please email it to shalom@jewishlexington.org

Community Winter Dinner

Sunday, Dec. 13

5:15 p.m. @ OZS

Vegetarian Chinese Food

\$ 15/adult

\$ 5/kids under 12

+

\$ 2/person or
2 cans donation
for God's Pantry

Bring your
hanukkah
and 9 candles!

RSVP is required by Wednesday, December 9 to
guarantee food is ordered. Contact the JFB office at
859-268-0672 or pay online now at www.jewishlexington.org



**Hadassah Chanukah Party
and
Kentucky Children's Hospital
Mitzvah Project**

Thursday December 10, 2015

7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

At the home of Kathy Feinberg
2609 Clubside Court
Lexington, KY 40513

For our traditional gift exchange, bring a
wrapped or bagged gift valued at \$10
and a snack or dessert to share
(vegetarian, dairy or parve)

Mitzvah Project

Bring items for babies or adolescents who are patients at
the Kentucky Children's Hospital
Bring unwrapped, new items only

Please RSVP by Dec. 7 to Evalyn Block at
eblock3375@gmail.com



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**Blue Grass Community Foundation
honored Joe and Ricki Rosenberg at
29th Annual National Philanthropy Day
Celebration held November 12**



(Lexington, KY) – Blue Grass Community Foundation honored Joe and Ricki Rosenberg for their many contributions to our community during the 29th Annual National Philanthropy Day Celebration held November 12. “Joe and Ricki believe in the Jewish teaching of Tikkum Olam, that each good deed helps repair the world, and they honor this tradition through their philanthropy,” said Lisa Adkins, President/CEO of the Community Foundation.

National Philanthropy Day is a way for nonprofits to recognize donors who make significant contributions of time and resources to charitable purposes. Also honored was this year’s Distinguished Philanthropist, Warren W. Rosenthal. Lexington Mayor Jim Gray, who was in attendance, officially proclaimed November 12 as National Philanthropy Day in Lexington.

National Philanthropy Day is organized by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Bluegrass-Chapter. AFP is a worldwide association of fundrais-

ing professionals that advances philanthropy through ethical and effective fundraising. For more information, visit www.afpbluegrass.afpnet.org.

About Blue Grass Community Foundation

Blue Grass Community Foundation was founded in 1967 as a public charity dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in Central Kentucky. BGCF helps individuals, families, businesses, and nonprofits establish charitable funds and endowments while also leading, convening, and facilitating on important community issues. To learn more about Blue Grass Community Foundation, visit www.bgcf.org or contact President/CEO Lisa Adkins at 859.225.3343.



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Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 18, 2016

10:00 a.m.

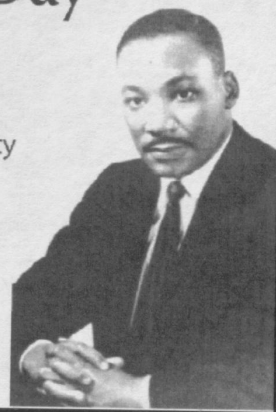
Join our wider Lexington community and march with us under one Jewish community banner as part of the Lexington March for Freedom.

Line-up for the march begins at 9:00 a.m. outside the Lexington Center Heritage Hall

11:00 a.m.

A Commemorative Program will begin at 11:00 a.m.

Contact JFB for more information at 859-268-0672 or tamara@jewishlexington.org.



--- 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!

Mazal Tov to:

- Congratulations to Jim Ridolfo whose book 'Digital Samaritans' was published in October 2015. Dr. Ridolfo is Assistant Professor of Writing, Rhetoric and Digital Studies at the University of Kentucky."
- Steve Baumann and Amanda McGinnis who were married September 27, 2015 at Buffalo Trace Distillery.

Condolences to:

- The family of Irma Rosenstein. Irma was the mother of Rob (Kim) Rosenstein and Ann (Bill) Rosenstein-Giles and grandmother to Ross, Kyle and Jamie Rosenstein.
- Tamara Ohayon and family, on the passing of her uncle, Daniel Ohayon.
- Jeremy Popkin and family, on the death of his mother, Julie Popkin.

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Chai - \$18; Double Chai - \$36;
Three Times Chai - \$54; Haboneh (Builder) - \$72; Gibor (Hero) - \$90

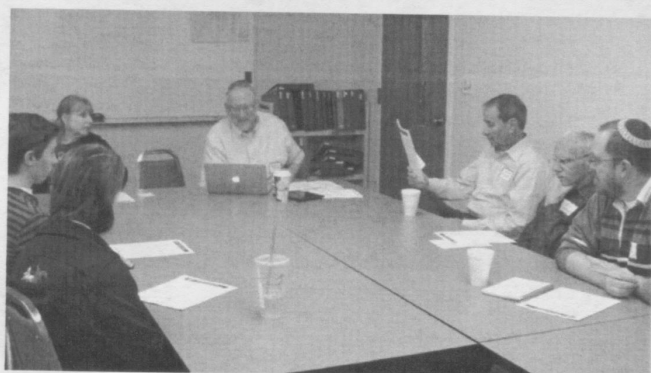
JELLI Returns!

The Jewish Education Lexington Learning Institute is back. Save these dates: December 6 and 13 3 to 5 pm at Ohavay Zion Synagogue

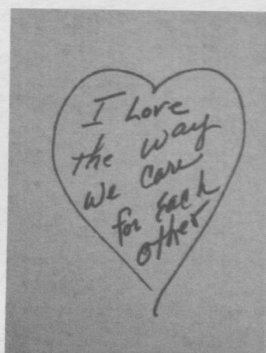
Plus, please **RSVP to the Federation's Winter Dinner** and join us **on the 13th** at OZS right after JELLI.



Global Day of Jewish Learning - Nov. 15, 2015 @TAI



This year's workshop facilitators included (L toR): Shana Sippy, Erin Salomon, Scott Diamond, Shayna Sheinfeld, Kathy Grossman, Vinnie Dubilier, David Shragberg, and Mark Klar.



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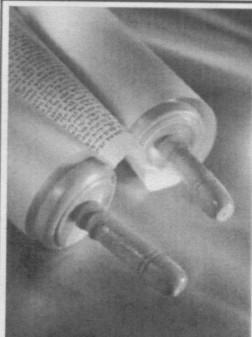
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