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New Young Leadership initiative kicks off with potluck BBQ on August 15

In an effort to cultivate the next generation of Jewish leaders, the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass is excited to announce the first of its Young Leadership events. On Sunday, August 15 at 5:30 p.m., all members of the local young adult Jewish community between the ages of 21 and "40ish" are invited to a potluck BBQ to meet and connect with others in a welcoming and social environment.

Bill Lucas, Chair of the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass Young Leadership Committee, will host the event at the rooftop garden/patio of the Main & Rose condos in downtown Lexington. Lucas hopes for a big turnout: "We would love to see a huge crowd—young families, singles, new couples—all are welcome."

The BBQ will be the first of a series of events and programs organized in collaboration with other local Jewish organizations such as Adath Israel, Ohavay Zion Synagogue, and the Havurah. These future events will offer a variety of activities, ranging from educational to social, but all will be designed to encourage the strengthening of the bond between young members of the local Jewish community. Anyone who is interested in attending the BBQ on August 15 or would like to be included on future events should email Tamara Ohayon at tamara@jewishlexington.org or join the group "Young Bluegrass Jews" on Facebook. ☆

Lunch and Learn with the Rabbis program to begin

Beginning on Tuesday, August 31, the Lexington community rabbis will be teaching Torah and conducting discussions on the last Tuesday of each month at 12:00 noon at the Federation building. A dairy lunch will be offered at a nominal charge. The rabbis will be discussing the holidays, the Torah portion of the week, and other topics of interest. The first session will be taught by Rabbi Marc Kline of Temple Adath Israel.

If you are interested in attending, please call Judy Wortman at (859) 268-0672 so that we can order lunch for you. ☆

CAMPAIGN NEWS

Successful Benefactors Event held at Portofino

The Benefactors Event was held on May 23 at Portofino Restaurant. Our guest speaker was Ambassador Danny Biran of the Israeli Consulate in New York. Ambassador Biran, who was the administrator of the rescue operation and the field hospital in Haiti after the earthquake, discussed Israel's significant and under-reported role in the Haiti rescue.

the 2010 campaign. You don't have to wait to be called. Please call the office if you would like to make your pledge or use our website (www.jewishlexington.org) to make and pay your pledge on line. Thank you for your generous hearts. ☆

The Federation thanks Ambassador Biran for his visit to Lexington and Wayne Masterman for hosting us at Portofino. Those attending the event pledged \$60,846. This was a three percent increase over benefactors' gifts in 2009.

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Ronit Eres in conversation with Ambassador Danny Biran



Jonathan Satin, Rabbi Kline, and Leon Cooper share a moment.



Hanna Smith, Kae Schennberg, and Diogo Metz enjoying dinner.

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Brandeis names new president

Brandeis University's board of trustees ratified the selection of Professor Fred Lawrence as its next president. Prof. Lawrence, a distinguished legal scholar, is the current dean of George Washington University Law School. He is a world-renowned expert on civil rights law, a noted teacher and practitioner, and a visionary academic leader. ☆



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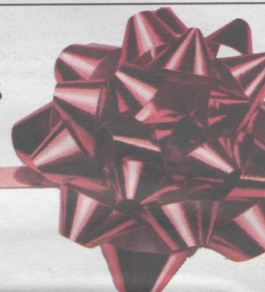
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Shalom Deadline

Deadline for articles for the September *Shalom* is August 9.
 Email articles to jfb.shalom@hughes.net

Know Your Board

New members begin terms

Amy Faust Mayer is an experienced educator, acting coach, and professional actress. She has worked as an educator and consultant for more than fifteen years at schools and performing arts centers in the Midwest. Amy served as education coordinator at Jewish Family Services in Cincinnati, where she taught parent education classes and workshops. She is a former faculty member at the Cincinnati Reform Jewish High School, where she taught Jewish history and culture. Amy is a graduate of the theatre arts program at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and completed her graduate studies at the University of Cincinnati in education and cognitive development. She is a member of the American Alliance for Theatre and Education as well as of Delta Kappa Gamma Society, an international honorary society for key women educators.

Dr. David Shraberg has roots in both congregations in Lexington that go back more than a hundred years. His grandfather David Shraberg was one of the Lithuanian Jews whose shtetl transported itself to Central Kentucky at the turn of the 20th century. He grew up at Ohavay Zion, where his grandfa-

ther had been a founder. His mother's sister was married to one of the early rabbis at OZS. His mother met and married David's father, Hyman, through a blind date. David recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of his bar mitzvah at Temple Adath Israel. Having grown up at both congregations has given him the sense of unity and purpose that the whole Jewish community must strive for. Having just left a period of service on the board and the presidency of TAI, he is more aware of the need for leadership. He would like to help the Federation meet the needs of our people locally and nationally and to enhance the sense of our common identity with Israel and its people. David is blessed with eight children and four grandchildren and a wonderful wife, Pat, whose service to the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass will be a hard act to follow. It is one that he plans to emulate.

Gail R. Cohen represents the Lexington Havurah on the JFB Board. She is a past president of the Federation and has chaired the Campaign Committee and the Camp Shalom Committee. She was the first chair for Russian

resettlement. Gail was president of the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah. She also served as Hadassah Region president, and is currently a member of the Hadassah National Board.

A member of Ohavay Zion Synagogue, she is retired from the University of Kentucky, where she was a research associate at the Sanders-Brown Center on Aging.

Gary Yarus is retired from the Information Technology industry. A graduate of Morehead College and the University of Kentucky, he is originally from Pikeville, Kentucky. He returned to Lexington from St. Louis when he retired in 2006. Gary is a member of Temple Adath Israel and has served on its executive committee and its board of trustees, and has chaired the music and worship committee. He attends Shabbat services regularly and participates in weekly Torah studies.

Gary volunteers as a control room engineer for the Central Kentucky Radio Eye, a radio reading service for people who are visually impaired. He also tutors students at the Ashland Elementary School.

Hanna Smith was a social worker for the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services for 21 years. For most of these years, Hanna headed the foster care program for medically fragile children in Fayette County. Before settling in Kentucky, Hanna worked for social services agencies in Ohio and Louisiana in the areas of child protection, foster care, and adoption.

Since retiring in 2007, Hanna has been engaged in volunteer work—she is a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for children who are committed to the state, a board member of Ohavay Zion Synagogue, and a member of the Jewish Family Services committee. She occasionally writes for *Shalom*.

Hanna is proud to have received the Champion of Children Award in 2005 and the Friend of Children Award in 2004.

For recreation, Hanna likes to garden, sew, or read who-dun-its. She is married to Rabbi Uriel Smith. ✪



Hanna Smith, Gary Yarus, David Shraberg, and Amy Faust Mayer

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New York - July 9, 2010: Jerusalem has been voted #1 Best City in Africa and the Middle East, and Tel Aviv #3, by the readers of Travel+Leisure, considered by many as America's leading travel magazine (Cape Town scored #2).

"We are thrilled by this result," says Arie Sommer, Israel Tourism Commissioner North and South America, "because it underscores the growing realization by sophisticated travelers that our two main cities are unique and extraordinary places to visit." Tourism to Israel in 2008 and 2009 broke all records, and early statistics show that 2010 will be the best year ever for tourism to Israel.

Published by the American Express Company, Travel+Leisure publishes its annual World's Best Awards in the magazine's August issue. The last time Jerusalem won was in 2000; this marks the first time Tel Aviv has appeared in the top three.

[For the list of Travel+Leisure's Top Cities in Africa and the Middle East, visit www.travelandleisure.com/worldsbest/2010/cities/africa-middle-east-cities/15. For more information about travel to Israel, visit www.goisrael.com.]



President's Message

Linda Ravvin, JFB (Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass) President

"That's what friends are for." We've all said that over the years, usually when we

have asked a friend for a favor or have been thanked by a friend for something we have done. I have thought a lot about this over the summer as I have tried to visit and be visited by as many friends as possible. We are all getting a little older now, some of us having grandchildren, slowing down or retiring, and going through changing health issues. It is a time to celebrate our relationships and a time to rejoice in those that are now memories.

Think of all the shared experiences you have had with your friends. We hope most of those memories are happy ones, but some might be sorrowful. Think also of those relationships that have lapsed, for whatever reason. Sometimes we let our insecurities and pettiness get in the way and that can

cost us dearly. It is a lot easier to make new friends at a younger age—our minds and our hearts tend to be more open and we are less set in our ways.

Are your friends mostly your family members? Do you reach out to others? Are you open and welcoming? Or do you say, as I have heard from someone elderly: "I had friends—I don't want or need any more"? We all need people close to us to share our thoughts, our hopes, and our concerns. Without these relationships, we run the risk of becoming isolated and perhaps a little brittle and bitter.

I recently had a visit from one of my oldest friends (in terms of length of our friendship, not her age). She is retired now, but a few years ago she told me that she used our friendship as a role model for her students. She was a social worker in the public school system in Florida and, as such, was teaching a class on bullying. And, no, I was not the bully! She had escaped from Hungary in 1956, following the

failed Hungarian Revolution, and arrived in Canada knowing very little English. She was different and not accepted because of it. In 1957, we met as classmates and became instant lifelong friends. She would tell her students that, apparently, I was the one who had made the difference for her by reaching out. I was the first Canadian friend that she had made in her new life. She still had a different look about her at the time, wearing old-fashioned European-style clothes and a haircut that was not the norm for Montreal in the 50s. But we became best friends. I helped her with her English and unknowingly opened the doors to other friendships for her. She in turn taught me a few words of Hungarian and let me eat as much of her grandmother's fantastic cooking and baking

as I could stuff in. We have shared all of the milestones of our lives together, whether in person or in spirit. We both have made other best friendships over the years, by opening ourselves up to new people and new relationships. We have moved forward, both physically—neither of us is in Montreal any longer—and emotionally: husbands, children, loss of grandparents and parents, but we still retain and treasure our connectedness to each other.

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Why am I writing about this? Relationships are what sustain us—family, friends, religion, traditions, and history. These all form the fabric of our lives. To thrive, both individually and as a community, we must make sure that we continue to embrace and treasure those that we already have and, at the same time, always open ourselves to new ones. ☆

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Third Opinion

Stanley Ned Rosenbaum, PhD

Jews and the Supreme Court: The case for Ms. Kagan

It's not the case that Jews invented justice; there are codes of law from Mesopotamia that date from 1,000 years before Moses' time. I will, however, claim that we invented the idea of equal justice for all men regardless of social station (and even a modicum of justice for women).

Despite our primacy in the field of jurisprudence, the first Jew to be appointed to the U.S. Supreme

Court—a mere 140 years after this country's founding—was Louisville's Louis Brandeis. So far six other Jews have served: Felix Frankfurter, Benjamin Cardozo (also the first Hispanic!) Arthur Goldberg, Abe Fortas, Stephen Breyer, and Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Many people think that Brandeis was the best justice ever and that Fortas was the worst. All of them, however—as well as the current nominee, Elena Kagan—were nominated by Democratic presidents. I find that significant, but it's not my point for this little essay.

Kagan's personal politics are obviously Democratic. As a Princeton student she got drunk when Elizabeth Holtzman lost her senate race to Alphonse d'Amato. She served in the Clinton administration as well as the current Obama administration. She's the first woman

to hold the post of solicitor general and was, until she left to join Obama, the first woman to serve as dean of the Harvard Law School.

Clearly, she has the intellect to do the job, but already people on the Left and the Right are worrying she's too liberal or not liberal enough. I think that's a good sign.

Right-wingers decry the judicial activism of the Left, thinking back to the days of Chief Justice Earl Warren and the pro-civil rights actions of his court. They conveniently forget

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that the present court is activist in the opposite direction, or that supreme courts haven't been impartial since the days of John Marshall. (Since I live in the South now, I will draw a discreet veil of silence over the Dred Scot decision of 1857.) I don't want a liberal justice, just as I don't want a conservative justice. I want a person who can interpret fairly what the law presently requires even if she doesn't agree with the present requirements. It's sort of like being a professor who is able to give good grades to students whose personal politics he disagrees with; believe me, I've had quite a few of those, and I venture to guess that Professor Kagan has, too.

I hope, in fact, that Dean Kagan becomes the prototype for a new kind of Supreme Court justice—indeed,

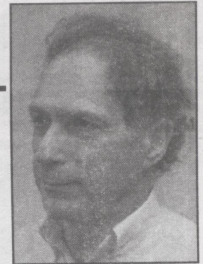
for a judge at any level—and that is a person who subordinates his/her personal ideology or religious views to a careful and balanced evaluation of the law as it applies in each case. I am, of course, a little concerned that she's a Mets fan.

Speaking of sports, I'm an Al Davis follower. He's the managing general partner of the Oakland Raiders football team and, by the way, also Jewish. Drafting people for his team, he doesn't look for kids who have played this position or that, but for the best athletes. They are the ones who can best learn to play the position they are put in.

In the past 40 years, and especially in the past ten years, our country has become ever more polarized. I understand that at present most Democratic and Republican congress people no longer socialize with each other after hours. The governor of Texas thinks his state has a right to secede from the Union!

Under these conditions we desperately need people who precisely can't be labeled as Right- or Left-wing because, like Billy Martin in the old beer commercial, they "feel very strongly both ways." By all accounts, Ms. Kagan is just such a person.

Oh, and as to the innuendo attending the fact that she is 50 and unmarried, I have a son.... ☆



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From the Director

Judy B. Wortman

On Jewish Camping

Many of us choose careers because of a passionate interest in a subject in school or because of the lasting impression of a particular role model. My choice of a career in Jewish communal service had no relation to my educational pursuits in high school or undergraduate studies. I did have a role model, but the role model was not a person. It was an institution. It was the Jewish communal overnight camp.

When my sister and I were 10, our parents thought it was time to send us to an overnight camp for eight weeks instead of to the private day camps we had been attending. They chose a Jewish communal camp serendipitously—probably because it was geographically closer than others they had been considering. Their choice proved an excellent one for me and had a tremendous impact on my adult life.

I attended for many years. I was a counselor and a staff member through college. When I was ready to graduate, I asked my camp director what I could do that would be like working in a Jewish camp year 'round. He suggested that I seek a position in a JCC. I ended up in the teen department of the JCC in Philadelphia and in their resident summer camp. In later years, when I was working part time, my young children grew up in the summer camp.

Spending decades in summer camp was not an example of the "Peter Pan Complex" or not wanting to grow up. The attraction was the joy of living in a dynamic Jewish community. The values in camp were different from those of the other ten months of the year. Possessions didn't matter as much. Television and computers didn't get in the way of human interaction. Religious services were outdoors and led by staff whose voices were accompanied by guitars and who encouraged group participation and discussion. Teenagers learned to take care of younger children and to develop their skills as teachers, artists, and athletes. Shabbat was a joyous day that was indeed different from the rest of the week. On Friday nights we dressed

in white like Shabbat brides, ate delicious dinners, and sang Hebrew songs long after we had finished our meals. Spontaneous dancing around the dining hall would inevitably accompany the singing. After services on Saturday mornings, we could spend time relaxing with our friends, visiting siblings in other divisions of camp, having picnic lunches, and spending the afternoons in activities of our choice or at the waterfront. Shabbat always ended with a beautiful Havdallah service, which I had never witnessed in my synagogue.

Recent research on the effect of Jewish camping on young people indicates that adults who had gone to Jewish overnight camps have a higher rate of observance, greater affiliation with the Jewish community, and a lower rate of intermarriage. This research has been sponsored by Brandeis University, the Foundation for Jewish Camp, and the Ramah Camps. Some of that data can be found on the Foundation for Jewish Camp's website. Many of my colleagues in Jewish communal service and in the rabbinate who attended Jewish resident camps as campers and counselors agree that these experiences influenced their career decisions.

Part of my reason for writing about camping now is that as you read this, we will be in our second week at Camp Shalom. I am sure that we will have another wonderful season. The other reason is that I would like parents and grandparents to begin considering a Jewish overnight camp for their children next summer. The Foundation for Jewish Camp offers generous scholarships for children attending camp for the first time and, in some cases, for the second year. The Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass also offers camperships for Camp Shalom and for other Jewish camps. It is not too early to begin to look at the options. You will be giving your children a wonderful gift—and who knows, possibly a new career option. ☆



TAI Religious School teacher leaves enduring legacy

By Jane Grise

This is the article I never wanted to have to write. Mentor, mensch, teacher, and friend: Anita Mersack, our first grade teacher for over 35 years, was all of these things and much more. Anita was a superb teacher because she loved her students, she always wanted to try new ideas, and she spent a great deal of time preparing to teach her kids. It is clear that Anita loved her students. In Anita's classroom, there were no "bad" students. She developed ways to reach kids where they were. She had patience for every type of student. Her kids knew that she loved them and responded to her love with a great deal of affection in return.

Anita loved to try new ideas and new curricula. Two years ago, we introduced a new curriculum for first grade and Anita delighted in testing out the new materials. When we introduced more Hebrew into the first grade curriculum, her students were learning all types of Hebrew words and songs. When we started our school garden, Anita's kids were out planting and weeding and harvesting. When we incorporated walking and exercise into our Sunday mornings, Anita was out there with her kids walking around the block. After a good walk, Anita always found time in her classroom for reading and books. She kept up to date on new authors and children's literature and made sure that our school had the latest Jewish books for our library.

Her students developed a great love of books and reading.

Anita was always working to prepare for her kids. Just two weeks before her death, Anita and I were on the phone planning for next year. She was one of the first teachers to arrive on Sunday morning and one of the last to leave (unless there was a UK basketball game, in which case Anita would dress in Kentucky blue and leave promptly at noon so that she could get to the game). Her detailed lesson plans will serve as models for years to come.

Finally, Anita was a superb teacher because of who she was. In a famous Hasidic story it is said, "I did not come to the Maggid of Mezeritch to learn interpretations of Torah from him but to watch how he tied his shoelaces." Our children learned how to be kind and generous and patient just by being with Anita. Another rabbi once said that a student is like someone who goes into a perfume-maker's shop. "Even though he did not take anything or give anything, nevertheless he takes out with him a wonderful scent. So, too, anyone who 'walks' with the righteous—he takes with him some of their good ways and deeds." Anita will be greatly missed by all of us. However, she will never stop teaching us. Hopefully, we can continue to make her good ways and deeds part of our lives. I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to know and learn from Anita. ☆

Recent research on the effect of Jewish camping on young people indicates that adults who had gone to Jewish overnight camps have a higher rate of observance, greater affiliation with the Jewish community, and a lower rate of intermarriage.

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Name this deli!

By Ruth Poley

Temple Adath Israel is going to be providing Lexington with authentic kosher style deli food on an intermittent basis in the near future. We will be open from time to time in conjunction with other events throughout the year. Our grand opening will be at the Temple Sunday, October 10, during our Such-A-Deal treasures sale.

Here's the problem—we need a name for this enterprise. We're looking for something cute and catchy that conveys the essence of our food, and that's where you come in. There's a deli naming contest, starting right now. You think of the right name and we'll give you a prize. And here's the best part—for your prize you get to pick the ingredients (from our list) for a sandwich and we'll name that sandwich after you (or anyone you choose).

Anyone can name a sandwich (for yourself, your spouse, your grandchild, your dog...) for a donation of \$500; your named sandwich will then be available on our menu for anyone to order and enjoy. If you enter the contest and win it, you get your name on a sandwich free of charge.

Put on your clever-caps, Lexington, and give us your ideas for our deli. Send your entries—suggested name of deli and your name and phone number—to Pat Shrager, patshra@aol.com. The deadline for entries is Wednesday, September 1; the winner will be notified by Monday, September 6.

And if you just want to name a sandwich, contact Marsha Rose at marsharose06@comcast.net. ✧

JFB visits Stewart Home in July



Jessica Foster, Ryan Lazur, Chaz Foster, Darren Foster talking to a resident.



Alison Courant playing a game with a resident.

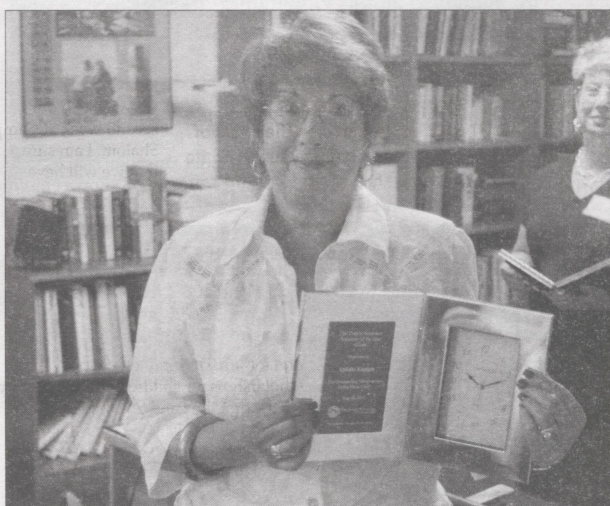
Awards conferred at JFB Annual Meeting



Bill Lucas, Young Leadership Award



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Odette Kaplan, Volunteer of the Year

JFS: At Your Service

By Paula Clancy, MSW, CSW, Director,
Jewish Family Services

Coping with cancer

Many people within the local Jewish community are coping with cancer. They suffer from various types of cancer with various potential outcomes.

To learn that you or someone you love has cancer means something different to each person involved. Prior cancer experiences of other family and friends often color the picture, sometimes clouding it with fear. Even though it's good to ask others about their cancer experiences and treatments, it's important to remember that each person's situation is totally unique. Maintaining a balance between having information and being bogged down by fear based on others' situations is tricky but important in fighting a good fight against cancer.

Each year new technologies, drugs, and proven combinations of treatments bring hope and save or extend lives. Early detection (because most people have been to a doctor's office recently) has greatly improved life span and quality time. Great strides have also been made in understanding that care of "dis-ease" is best accomplished from a holistic (mind, body, spirit) approach. We also now acknowledge that caring for the caregiver/family supports the patient.

We've come a long way since the days when doctors did exploratory surgery to take a look, closed the person up, and told the spouse, "Nothing we can do, but don't tell the patient." We have also learned that in life healing doesn't always mean curing and that comfort is as important in care as conquering.

Yet, while we've come a long way with more treatment tools and options available, navigating the sea of your particular unfolding course of treatment can be more confusing than ever. Having more specialists creates better outcomes, but as the health care system is so fragmented many patients and families struggle to know whether they are doing well overall and also whether they are making good choices. Thinking about your "odds" is very much like thinking about the weather; a 50 percent chance of rain is 100 percent if it's raining on you.



If you or someone you care about is struggling with these kinds of issues, I hope you'll call me at (859) 269-8244. Sometimes it helps to put heads together in confidence, face fears, and pinpoint needs. I can point you toward resources for information, support services, and support groups.

Following are a few such helpful resources:

Websites

American Cancer Society
www.cancer.org

Mayo Clinic www.mayoclinic.com

National Cancer Institute
www.cancer.gov

Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Organization www5.komen.org

UK Markey Cancer Center
<http://www.ukhealthcare.uky.edu/markey>

Local Support Groups
American Cancer Society
(859) 260-6574 - Look Good Feel Better

The Survivorship Program
(859) 260-6574 - Classes concerning fear of recurrence and the new normal, nutrition and physical activity, stress management and concentration, personal growth and volunteering

Central Baptist Hospital
(859) 260-4271 - Several support groups

Dr. Carol Kramer Women's Survivor Support Group (859) 323-7132 - Info/support for women diagnosed with cancer held at UK Markey Center

Time Out (859) 313-4659 - For patients/families, St. Joseph Hospital

B'nai B'rith cookout slated

On AUGUST 25 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., the Stanley Rose Lodge of B'nai B'rith will sponsor the 2010 edition of our Steak/Salmon Cookout in the social hall of Temple Adath Israel. We are pleased to announce that Doug Flynn will tell us about his experiences with the championship Reds during the days of Pete Rose, Joe Morgan, Johnnie Bench, and others. It is an evening you won't want to miss.

This program is open to the entire community, so bring a guest and tell your friends about it. The cost for the evening is \$15.00 per person. **YOU MUST RSVP BY AUGUST 18** and tell us how many to expect and whether you want steak or salmon. You can do this by emailing your reservation(s) to bbsteakdinner@comcast.net or by calling David Rose at (859) 221-0167 (email is preferred).

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Equine Division Event-Monday, October 11
Thank You Event-Saturday, November 6



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Upcoming Programs

Family Life Education Adoption Series

Wednesday, October 6th and

Wednesday, December 8th

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Additional details to be announced.



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For more information about these events, to RSVP, or to arrange transportation to the event location, please contact Paula Clancy at (859) 269-8244 or jfs@jewishlexington.org.

Ken Freedman Scholarship available

Applications due November 1

This December, the Ken Freedman Scholarship Fund will again award a deserving University of Kentucky student in memory of Ken Freedman. Ken was an advisor to the students and his service there meant a great deal to him. He was also an active member of Temple Adath Israel. His family has set up this scholarship to honor his memory.

To be eligible for this \$500 scholarship, students must maintain a minimum of a 2.5 grade point average and submit a statement of their involvement in campus and community life to Judy Wortman at the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass, 1050 Chinoe Road, Suite 302, Lexington, KY 40502 by November 1, 2010. The award will be presented at the Winter Dinner on December 5, 2010. ✧

Statement in response to Gaza Flotilla incident

The Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass joins in the grief and regret expressed over the recent loss of life in the attempt to break the Israeli blockade of non-humanitarian aid to the Hamas controlled Gaza Strip. Equally painful, however, is the situation which necessitated the blockade. Hamas, an internationally recognized terrorist organization, gained control of Gaza and has since used it as a base in the continuation of its commitment to the destruction of Israel. It has not accepted the leadership responsibility over its own people to improve their lot and lift them out of poverty and squalor.

Often, terrorist actions have originated in Gaza, including shelling of Israeli towns and villages. Hence the blockade against the provision of additional military or terrorist materiel to the Hamas regime was initiated. Contrary to the Turkish provoked violence, many ships prior to this incident and the Irish ship subsequent to the event were diverted peacefully, ultimately allowing strictly humanitarian aid to be delivered to Gaza.

While peace is always negotiated between enemies and not friends, real peace can only be achieved when both sides are truly committed to it. So long as Hamas remains violently opposed to peace with Israel, continues to engage in and support attacks upon the Israeli people, and resists any attempt at achieving a lasting peace in a Middle East where all peoples can live in peace and security, Israel must protect itself.

We ask all who seek a just, secure and lasting peace in the Middle East join

us in prayer that the cycle of violence cease, that Hamas recognize Israel's right to exist and bring an end to terrorist attacks, that the blockade no longer be a necessity and that a secure, just and enduring peace may create a Middle East that will thrive and bring education and prosperity to all its inhabitants.

Linda Ravvin, President
Judy B. Wortman, Executive Director
Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass

About the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass, Inc.

The Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass is the central planning and fundraising agency of the Jewish community of Central Kentucky. Its mission is to serve the Jewish community locally, in Israel and around the world through its provision of social, educational, and other community services. Through its Community Relations Committee the Federation promotes dialogue and understanding among the diverse populations of Central Kentucky and promotes awareness and social action to improve living conditions for everyone in our area and to fight anti-Semitism, racism and all forms of discrimination.

For more information contact Judy B. Wortman, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass, Inc. located at 1050 Chinoe Road Suite 302, Lexington, Kentucky 40502 or (859) 268-0672. She can also be reached by emailing to jfb@jewishlexington.org. ✧

Invitation to a movie on Columbus Day, 2010

Columbus Day will have a Jewish flavor this year at UK, since the Judaic Studies Program will be showing a film called *Out of Cordoba*, a celebration of the period in Spanish culture when the three Abrahamic faiths enjoyed a brief period of relative harmony and cooperation. Out of this cultural mixture Jewish thinkers flourished and worked closely with Muslim scholars; the great Maimonides is one of the most distinguished results of this process.

Jacob Bender, a filmmaker from New York City, made *Out of Cordoba* to celebrate this phenomenon. He will be in Lexington on October 11 for the showing, and will be available for

questions and comments afterwards. The Judaic Studies Program, supported by the Zantker Charitable Foundation and other sections of the University of Kentucky, is looking forward to making the film and its director available to the Lexington community, while at the same time we would like to make clear that we do not necessarily share or endorse any of the views expressed in the film.

The event will take place in the Main Auditorium, Young Library, University of Kentucky, starting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 11. It is free to the public and open to all. Further details will be available nearer the date. ✧

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Two new programs at the Federation office!



Last Tuesday of the month:

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of interests. A dairy lunch will be offered at a nominal charge. If you are interested in attending, please call Judy Wortman at 859-268-0672 so we can order lunch for you.

Every Monday and Wednesday:

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Perpetual Yahrzeits with Hadassah

By Kathie Kroot

We've all faced the question "Who will say Kaddish?" for either loved ones or ourselves. Hadassah provides the answer with its Perpetual Yahrzeit program in Israel. Under this program, every year, on the anniversary of the death, a notice is sent about the upcoming observance and a rabbi, under the auspices of Hadassah, says Kaddish during the *mincha* (afternoon) service. The service is held below the magnificent Chagall windows at the Fannie and Maxwell Abbell Synagogue located in the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center at Ein Kerem, Jerusalem. In addition, the donor receives a certificate regarding the Perpetual Yahrzeit and each honoree's name is written in a book with the names of all those to be remembered. This book is available for viewing at the Abbell Synagogue.

Last year Lou and I honored the memory of our son, Joseph, with a Perpetual Yahrzeit. While Joseph's siblings loved him, we were not sure they would be able to say Kaddish for him. Now we know he will be remembered for all time.

You, too, may wish to honor a loved one with a Perpetual Yahrzeit. A tax-deductible donation of \$1,000 to Hadassah insures your loved one will be remembered in perpetuity. You can choose to pay the \$1,000 with a single check or, alternatively, you can pay in four installments of \$250.00 or in ten installments of \$100 by credit card on line at www.hadassah.org. The installments must be completed within a year. If you have any questions, or want the application form to donate a Perpetual Yahrzeit, contact me at (859) 269-8034 or Kvkroot4660@aol.com. ✧

On the same page: Hadassah's Book Club offers enjoyment and inspiration

By Melanie Shapiro

Henrietta Szold, the founder of Hadassah, once said that education is best when it "looks into the past for inspiration and into the future for action." Following Ms. Szold's advice, the Hadassah Book Club selects books to help us see into our shared past and look forward to our future together.

During the past year, our group enjoyed reading such grand adventures as *Dreamers of the Day*, by Mary Doria Russell, and poignant stories such as *Sarah's Key*, by Tatiana de Rosnay. The highlight of this Book Club year was a phone discussion with author Dara Horn about her novel *All Other Nights*. Ms. Horn, a life member of Hadassah, accomplished scholar and writer and young mother of three, answered questions and shared information that clarified certain points in the novel, which is set in the Civil War. We were all impressed with her insight and intelligence, especially when she explained her clever use of puzzles and paradigms in the novel. Talking with

her gave many of us a new perspective on the book. We plan to speak with another author when we can.

The next meeting is August 29 from 2:00 to 4:00, when we will discuss *Niagara Falls All Over Again*, by Elizabeth McCracken, at Jane Chaput's. Future selections will be *Day After Night*, by Anita Diamant, *Bee Season*, by Myla Goldberg, and *Days of Awe*, by Achy Obejas. To receive a full list of the books and the calendar for the 2010-2011 Book Club year, or to be added to the email distribution list, please contact Melanie Shapiro at (859) 523-6166 or bluegrassgirl55@aol.com.

All Hadassah members are welcome to participate, as are those interested in learning more about our organization. Come when the book interests you. The format is casual, the atmosphere is friendly, and everyone is respectful of differences in opinion. It's a great way to make new friends and take part in stimulating discussions about topics of interest to members of the Jewish community. ✧

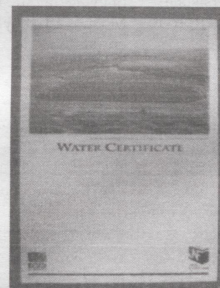
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Opinion

History repeats itself

By David Shakib

Ever since I was 4 or 5 years old, I have had disturbing thoughts when I remember my family talking about the fate of the German Jews during the latter years of World War II. I have always been puzzled by what possessed a group of people to watch and participate in the extermination of another group of human beings. I have traveled through Germany several times and I found Germans to be decent and not cruel. The question still persists in my mind because Jews cannot afford to face another Holocaust.

In my research into the Jews prior to the Second World War, I did not find any evidence that the Jews were of low character, murderers, thieves, or anti-German. Rather, they were by and large highly educated and considered themselves Germans who happened to be Jews. Before WWII, one Jew wrote to his friend in England, "I have found my Jerusalem in Germany." Further, I found the Jews were mostly bankers, lawyers, university professors, musicians, scientists, poets, teachers, engineers, physicians, politicians—prominent and useful members of their communities. In WWI, German Jews fought side by side with gentile Germans and some 12,000 Jews died for their country.* It is ironic that a Jewish lieutenant, Hugo Gutmann, awarded an Iron Cross to a 29-year-old corporal named Adolf Hitler; after Hitler took over in 1933, Gutmann had to leave Germany. Then again, why did ordinary Germans look away while Jews were initially being collected and forced into ghettos? And why did the Germans who lived near the extermination camps do nothing to stop it?

Recent happenings in the United States have opened my eyes to what might have been the reason for the calamity that came upon the European Jews. As I mentioned above, German Jews were productive and industrious and participated in the government. "The Weimar constitution was the work of a German Jew, Hugo Preuss, who later became minister of the interior."** The Jews tried to share their social justice agenda with non-Jews. Jews were bright and ambitious, they took over almost all of the banking, won many high positions in the judicial branch of government, and many were

recipients of Nobel Prizes. They were in control of several highly prestigious universities. They excelled in music and included classical musicians, conductors, and composers. They had rare art collections worth millions of dollars. They were on the cutting edge of medical science and they also spearheaded medical discoveries. They were owners of large companies, they were executives of large corporations; by all accounts, the Jews had a disproportionate influence over many areas of everyday life of the German people. Most of all, they were rich and influential.

Because of their influence and knowledge of the law, they took on unpopular causes and they tried to push their social agenda on the general public, thinking they knew what was best for everyone. Because of their positions and social standing, they assumed their way of life was the one everyone should live by. This very phenomenon, on a much smaller scale, happened in Iran prior to the fall of the Shah in 1979. Many attributed the Shah's fall to his having been too friendly toward Jews and to Jewish influence in Iran.

German Jews miscalculated the feelings of the general public and the silent resentment that was brewing before 1933. I am sure they meant well and thought that their actions were only for the good of the people. History has repeated itself many times over, and it could repeat itself again. Prior to the Inquisition in Spain, Jews had prominent positions in Spanish society and at times were treated like nobility. This was a period of renaissance in art, literature, and wealth in Jewish history. Eventually the Spanish Jews were expelled from Spain and its colonies.

After 5,000 years, anti-Semitism is still alive and thriving. Furthermore, the Jewish population throughout history has not fared well when they attained prominence and power, and when they tried to push unpopular social justice agendas that the majority were not comfortable with. I attribute most of these problems to the fact that the Jews are inherently bright and at times overbearing. Therefore, it is not unusual for non-Jews to be resentful, and for some of them to channel their resentment into negative actions toward the Jews. Contrary to some people's opinions,

American Jews are not looked at as victims anymore, but are perceived as elite. I believe that today's un-even-handed treatment of Israel by Europeans and Americans stems from this phenomenon.

I hope the influential positions that American Jews currently enjoy will not lead them down a path that some of our ancestors followed and that eventually became the instrument that almost destroyed all the Jews in the world. I hope that we choose worthy causes to champion such as promoting freedom, women's rights, and quality education.

Still, I hope that we allow people to select paths that do not perfectly fit an ideal Jewish-approved mold. Establishing a secular society and removing a cross that was erected 75 years ago in the desert is not a prudent strategy.

Since we do not live in a perfect world, I hope that we Jews look at the broader picture so we will have a better chance to pursue many more worthy important causes. I believe that Jews have had a positive impact on the human race and I pray for the Jewish people to survive several millennia to come. ☆

*http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_the_Jews_in_Germany

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Water balloons, wiffle ball, and watermelon were all part of the activities at the TAI Congregational Picnic on July 11. Close to 80 adults and kids gathered at Veteran's Park for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. It was a pleasure to see so many members of the congregation relaxing and enjoying each other's company, and everyone agreed this should be an annual event.

If you attended this picnic and enjoyed yourself, take a moment to thank the TAI Membership and Outreach Committee—Laura Creamer, Jane Grise, Jack Joffe, Lowell Nigoff, Beth Pitman, Ruth Poley, Elissa Weinstein, and Jerry Wurmser—for planning and executing this enjoyable event. Thanks also to David Morris and Ray Archer for helping with the games and entertainment and to Garry Hoover for taking the pictures. ☆



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ISRAEL 21c: Luring low- and high-tech to the Negev desert

By Abigail Klein Leichman



Negev Desert (Photo by Doron Horowitz/Flash90)

The largely unpopulated Negev desert in Israel's south comprises 66 percent—some 6,700 square miles—of the country's total area. With the resort town of Eilat at its southern point and the bustling city of Beersheba at its north, the remainder of the arid Negev is a development challenge. Nevertheless, Israel's founding Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion made the Negev his home and dreamed of making this desert bloom.

It is in tribute to Ben-Gurion and his dream that two former Israeli army colonels founded Green Group in the Negev town of Yeruham last year. Envisioned as a technology incubator for a range of start-ups designed to provide employment and services to the area and grow its population, Green Group has drawn interest and about \$5 million in investment pledges from private investors.

Capitalizing on Training Base City

In June, Green Group hosted meetings with potential high-tech and low-tech enterprises including cleantech and

biotech companies. "The idea is to have 10 selected startup projects," IT director Yossi Treistman tells ISRAEL21c. "I'm in charge of examining all the portfolios to determine which ones will get funds from us or will come to work in our headquarters."

The nascent company, comprised of less than a dozen employees, is putting the finishing touches on an office building that stood empty for several years after its construction—a testament to the difficult business environment in Yeruham.

The town of about 9,000 residents is enjoying a modest renaissance under the mayoralty of former Haifa Mayor Amram Mitzna. Green Group intends to further Yeruham's fortunes by capitalizing on the Israel Defense Forces' (IDF) plan to move its scattered training bases to one super-sized Negev Training Base City including residential zones.

"The government is requiring that a certain amount of the services provided must be in the south, so we are

planning many building projects, such as boutique hotels and 50 houses for IDF personnel to rent," says Treistman. "We will also be helping local businesses meet the needs of the IDF base."

One of the planned projects is a big laundromat. According to Treistman, laundry from an existing Negev officers training base is currently washed in a northeast Jerusalem industrial suburb, and some supplies are trucked down from as far north as Haifa.

Opening doors to new opportunities

Green Group's co-founders Yoram Moyal and Ronny Marom are investing their personal as well as their professional resources in the Negev. "They could have built the company in Tel Aviv, but they believe the goal of our generation is to develop the Negev and they both live down here with their families," says

Treistman. Their experience underlines the sparseness of the south; it took Moyal more than a year to find a house.

Both men come with experience in military training. Moyal—who was Treistman's commander—headed a training base for the Intelligence Corps, while Marom was head of a training course in the use of guided weapons. They are using their contacts in Negev businesses to recruit future instructors for Training Base City in order to realize local staffing goals for the project.

Green Group business development manager Nir Hindi told Israel's leading financial daily *Globes* that 40 percent of students at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev are studying technical subjects, but 95% of all students who complete their studies at BGU move to central Israel. The company aims to reverse that trend by creating and supporting regional opportunities.

"Sometimes you just need to open doors, because people here don't realize what they are capable of doing," Treistman concludes. ☼

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To the Editor

"There are those who ask us Who are you? We've never heard of you. And we tell them, We're the Scouts who've come with guitar, songs and smiles!"

- (Shir Tzofim) The Scouts Song -

The Israeli Scouts were the highlight of my childhood Tulsa summers. Their ebullience, their rich harmonies, and their lively humor enraptured me. I hummed those melodies for weeks (and now years) after the Caravan swung through Oklahoma.

Eventually I, myself, visited Israel with 25 other Jewish-American 16-year-olds. It's a remarkable place with ancient and modern architecture, unique social constructs like the kibbutz, fresh-Mediterranean foods, beaches, mountains, deserts, museums, and unmatched human diversity.

The Tzofim, young ambassadors for Israel, bring us an enthusiastic reminder: We Diaspora Jews owe it to our Israeli brethren—and to ourselves—to visit the Land, *HaAretz*, our shared his-

torical homeland. We need Israel and Israel needs us. What a celebration of our interdependence we enjoyed [that night] in Temple Adath Israel's social hall!

The Scouts' Song hasn't changed in 30 years. Neither has their message or their hope-inspiring appeal. Israel is a land fraught with political turmoil (much like our own) and religious friction (ditto?). At the center even of world political issues, it inspires lively debate. We value close relationships among our local congregations and Jewish organizations. Let us continue to emphasize our relationship with Israel as we learn her history and hear about her in the news. Let us continue to host the Scouts Caravan each summer as a joyful reminder to our children and to ourselves how timeless, precious and intricate are our bonds with Israel.

I express my heartfelt thanks to those who opened their homes for a night to these hardworking, gracious young Scouts. You, and Jana LaZur, gave our entire community a great gift! ☆

Stephanie Barrett



Scouts tour Gainesway Farm

Attention proud grandparents, parents, and students

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Letter from Natan Sharansky

Observations from my recent trip to Germany

Dear Friends,

On May 9, 2010, the 65th anniversary of the Allied victory over Hitler's armies, I spent that day as I often have in the last few years with Jewish veterans of the Red Army. As usual they were weighed down by their endless display of war medals and decorations, but buoyant with pride in their service in the Great Patriotic War. They were singing the same songs as every year, swapping the same stories, recounting the same memories, and even sang "Hatikva" at the end of the ceremony. But there was something strange, even awkward, about the scene this year—the location: Frankfurt, Germany.

These were veterans who had chosen with their families to move from the former Soviet Union and settle in Germany. So, why did I decide to spend this year's ceremonies in Germany? What is the special interest to the Jewish Agency of that community?

While most other Diaspora Jewish communities are shrinking, Germany's Jewish community has grown exponentially over the past 20 years. Some 20,000 Jews in Germany in the 1980s were joined by more than 200,000 Soviet Jews after the fall of the Iron Curtain. But as quickly as this community grew, it can just as quickly disappear since these Jews have a dangerously weak, vague understanding of their Jewish identity.

Unlike most other Diaspora Jewish communities, the Jews in Germany are not concentrated in just a few major metropolitan areas, but are scattered in over 100 German cities and towns due to a well-intended German government policy of re-populating Jews in numerous different areas. The biggest community in Berlin has a Jewish population of just 12,000. Most Jews, however, live in communities of just a few hundred, or even a few dozen. In addition, almost half-about 100,000 are not halachically Jewish, and are often not accepted in communities with strong and developed institutions.

Though my quick trip through several communities, and my meetings in each of these with Russian-speaking Jews supported my general concern for the Jewish future of these communities, I also found some reasons for guarded optimism. I spent time at a special Birthright seminar for alumni, where young men and women traveled from

all over Germany to spend three days in learning, study and discussion. They were enthusiastic, inspired and involved, and it was with a joy to talk to them. I spent time with student activists, who spend a great deal of time and energy focused on the Jewish future. They, too, felt connected to their Jewish roots and to the people and State of Israel.

Also gratifying, was time I spent with seven young people who were in the process of making aliyah. Clearly, this aliyah was of their own free choice and idealism, but these silver linings came with dark clouds. All of these Jewishly connected young adults with whom I spoke agreed that the overwhelming majority of their Jewish friends will likely stop being Jews in the near future. Each is at a crossroads in their life in terms of their identity. They are deciding now who they will be in the future: Germans of Russian descent? Europeans, with no additional identity? Jews who happen to live in Germany?

While they are at a crossroads, I believe, we at the Jewish Agency have a narrow window of opportunity to influence their decision. For example, Birthright trips to Israel have unquestionably had a big impact on their participants. Unfortunately, only about 200 young adults per year currently are participating. We need to bring them to Israel by the thousands. Similarly, Jewish Agency seminars following trips to Israel are very effective; but at the present we have just one or two such seminars per year, each with about 100-200 participants. We need many more. I met with dozens of Na'aleh families; but it is evident that the number of families willing to participate is many times larger.

That is why we in the Jewish Agency have created a special task force. Its mission is to develop a strategic plan which broadens existing successful programs for Russian-speaking German Jews, and to add new ones. The fate of this community could turn out to be one of catastrophic assimilation. Or it might be one of surprising success. A lot depends on us and the choices we will make.

Warm wishes for a Chag Shavuot
Sa'meach from Jerusalem ✪

Natan

The only Jewish military cemetery outside of Israel is in Richmond, Virginia

By Seymour "Sy" Brody

The Hebrew Confederate Cemetery, located in Richmond, Virginia, is the only Jewish military cemetery in the world outside of Israel. It was created by the anti-Semitism of the two Confederate military cemeteries, in Spotsylvania Court House and Fredericksburg. They refused to bury the Jewish Confederate soldiers killed in the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Wilderness. They didn't want "Jewish boys" in their cemeteries.

They brought them to the Hebrew Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia. They were buried in five rows, with six bodies in a row, in a self-contained hallowed area within the larger Hebrew Cemetery. Those buried came from Mississippi, Texas, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Louisiana.

In 1866, The Hebrew Ladies Memorial Association was formed to take care these graves. They raised money to pay for individual grave markers for the soldiers, they sponsored memorial services and they commissioned an elaborate ornamental iron fence to surround the hallowed grave area. In the 1930s, they gave the care of this area to the Hebrew Cemetery Company.

Major William B. Meyer designed an iron railing fence that enclosed the thirty graves. This fence is considered a work of art. The posts of the fence are furled Confederate flags with stacked muskets, with a flat Confederate soldier's cap on top of it. The railings between the posts are crossed swords and sabers hung with wreaths of laurel. The design is emblematic of the three branches of the Confederate fighting forces: muskets for the infantry and the swords and sabers for the artillery and cavalry.

In the 1930s, the tombstones were removed because of their deterioration and worn away engraving. They re-

placed them with a large granite stone with a bronze plaque attached with the names of all the soldiers buried. It was erected by Congregation Beth Ahabah, the caretakers of the cemetery

When Henry Gintzberger was killed in the Battle of Cold Harbor, he was misidentified and buried under the name of Gersberg. A hundred years later, local historians trying to locate his grave, found it in the Hebrew Confederate Cemetery. On October 20, 1963, a special memorial program was held at the cemetery and his birth name was restored with a plaque attached underneath the other one.

Many of the local Jewish Confederate soldiers killed are not in this military cemetery as they were buried in their family plots at the Hebrew Cemetery. One of these soldiers was Isaac Levy of Richmond, Virginia.

He was 21 years old when he was killed in the trenches near Petersburg on August 21, 1864. He was an orthodox Jew, who wrote his sister that he and other Jewish Confederate soldiers managed to have a Passover Seder with Kosher food.

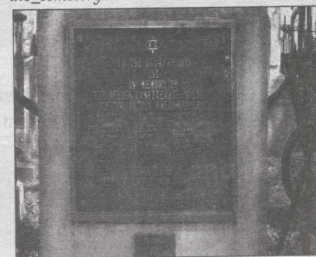
T.N. Waul, who commanded a Confederate Legion said, "Jewish soldiers were brave, orderly, well-disciplined and in no respect inferior to the gallant body in which they formed a prominent part. Their behavior in the field was exemplary and no Jew was ever before a court-martial. I never heard of any Jewish soldier shirking or failing to answer any call of duty and danger."

In the Civil War, Jews responded to the call of duty whether it was for the North or the South. The Confederate Hebrew Cemetery depicts the great sacrifices that Jews have made in defending their country. ✪

From http://www.fau.edu/library/confederate_cemetery.htm



The Hebrew Confederate Cemetery
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Sim Shalom dedicates new synagogue

By Jesse Weil

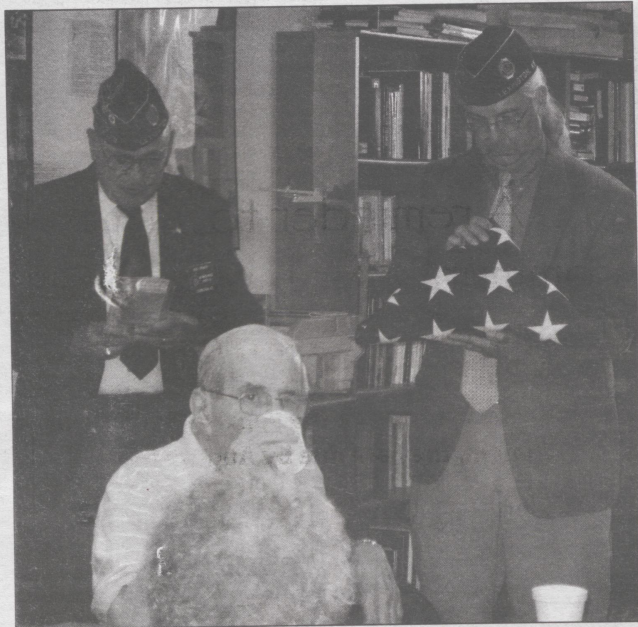
It was a great day on May 26, 2010, when Sim Shalom formally dedicated its new synagogue. More than a hundred people crowded into the synagogue, and it was standing room only for the latecomers because we ran out of chairs. Dignitaries attending included Israeli Ambassador to Hungary Aliza Bin-Noun, representatives of the Hungarian government, and many secular Jewish organizations and those of other religions with whom we work. To our great surprise and pleasure, the president of the Federation of Reform Jewish Congregations, Dr. Peter Feldmeier, also attended. This was the first official recognition of the existence of the Reform Movement in Hungary by this very conservative body, which has resisted us in every way possible for almost 20 years. It was noted on the Federation website as "a not insignificant event" that he attended.

Besides our own Rabbi Katalin Kelemen and President Gabor Radvanski, the featured speakers were Rabbi Joel Oseran, vice president of the World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ), and Jeffery Rose, past president of the European Region of WUPJ from London, one of our strongest supporters over the years.

At the end of the program we dedicated our new bimah, which was finished just in time and paid for by donations from Jeffery and Joyce Rose and the family of our past president Bernadette Gardos. It's the first time that we've had a proper support on which to place the Torah when it is being read, and the Torah was taken from the Ark as a witness as we said a *Shehecheyanu*. Taken together with the beautiful new light fixtures, it and the Torah Ark mean that we now finally have a proper and beautiful place to say our prayers and to read the Torah.

A gala reception followed. ☆

Leisure Club Patriotic Tea



Bob Orbach and John Kalbfleisch demonstrate flag folding ceremony

Opinion The far away land

By Bonnie Sobel

"So where can we move," I asked my husband as we sat at the kitchen table, "if our government becomes too intrusive in our lives or those in charge of our new health care program don't consider it cost effective to mend us in our old age?" As we discussed the merits of living in various foreign countries, we came to the stark realization that there is no other "America" out there for us.

My mind wanders back to Russia in the year 1906, and I picture the discussion that my great-grandparents must have had while sitting around the kitchen table drinking tea brewed in their brass samovar nearby. They had to have received some letters from their relatives in New York; they had a sponsor if they decided to move to America. But without much more information, they saw enough religious persecution and lack of opportunity to know Russia was not the place to raise their children. Still, as I try to picture myself moving to Mexico or Chile, or even Israel, I can only imagine how scared they must have felt moving to a land where they didn't speak the language, and beginning a new life with five little children, less than \$50.00 in pocket, and a samovar. But that is exactly what they did.

I know more about their life once they moved to this country, since I asked my 73-year-old grandfather to write his memoirs. In Russia, his father was a successful blacksmith for the railroad; in New York, for ten years he pushed a vegetable cart. Although they were "dirt poor," his mother was proud to say they never applied for

charity. She called their main meal "beef stew"; it consisted of cabbage, white potatoes, and onions. (Where's the beef?) Some years later, a Jewish organization found my great-grandfather a job as a blacksmith in Louisville, Kentucky. Small world!

After a few years, they moved back to New York, where my grandfather worked days and attended Cooper Union College at night, fulfilling his father's dream that he become a mechanical engineer.

America was a land of opportunity for their children, but will it continue to be one for ours? I am watching America change from a country of people who respect hard work and entrepreneurship to a land where people feel entitled to their neighbors' money, and see wealth redistribution as social justice. Instead of taking pride in not accepting charity, some are saying, "give me more." At the same time, our government leaders are imposing regulations on critics and punitive taxes on successful people whom they choose to scapegoat. Anti-Semitism has been known to thrive in climates such as these.

My great-grandparents' samovar is in our home. If it could talk, it would have some story to tell! It has been stamped by the Russian government, traveled steamer across the ocean, and even had a plumber's hammer drop on it. Soon it is moving to Florida to be a part of our grandchildren's lives. And with it go my prayers that America does not become more like Russia and this samovar never has to make another journey to a far away land. ☆

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B'tayavon (Hearty Appetite)

By Ruth Poley

A simple supper

In looking over some of my past columns, I see that I have not given you any typically Jewish recipes in a very long time. This month's dish was a favorite Sunday supper in my house when I was growing up. It's quick and easy to make and tastes delicious. And in those days when we were a lot less savvy about what our diet was doing to our health, it was sometimes just a snack. I can remember at least one occasion when my brother brought some friends home from college. They came in very late from an evening out and weren't any too quiet when they got home; they managed to wake up the entire household. So what do you do at 2:00 a.m. when you have guests from out of town and everyone is wide awake? If you're Jewish, and it's 1953, you eat! My father made lox and eggs—try it; you'll love it.

Lox and Eggs with Onions (makes 4 servings)

8 to 12 eggs (use the full dozen if you're making this for dinner)
a splash of milk
¼ pound sliced lox (regular, salty lox is best, Nova is OK, smoked salmon won't fill the bill), coarsely chopped (about ½-inch dice)
½ stick of sweet butter (more or less)
1 ½ to 2 cups diced onions
pepper to taste (you should not need any salt if you're using regular lox)

Melt about half the butter in a large frying pan, add the onions, and sauté until they are soft and translucent but not brown, about five minutes.

Break the eggs into a bowl, add the milk, beat together and then stir in the lox. When the onions are cooked, add the rest of the butter (or as much as you think is necessary) and melt it, then add the egg mixture and scramble to the desired degree of doneness. These are delicious with toasted bagels and cream cheese or with toasted challah. ☆

NOTE: If you have an appropriate food story you'd like to share, or a recipe you think others in the Jewish community might enjoy, please email me at rgp@insightbb.com



TAI announces new preschool director

Registration now open for 2010-2011

Temple Adath Israel (TAI) Preschool is delighted to announce the appointment of Katherine Henry as preschool director. Katherine has been lead teacher of our 4-year-old class for the past three years. She will continue in her role as lead teacher but also will oversee the day-to-day operation of the preschool.

Katherine, who has a master's degree in elementary education from Georgetown College and a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Ohio Wesleyan University, is an experienced teacher who taught at Cassidy Elementary, St. Mark School in Richmond, St. Edward School in Cynthiana, and in Ohio before joining TAI. She is knowledgeable about preschool curriculum and activities that are designed to promote social, physical, and intellectual growth in children. Katherine, whose two children attended TAI Preschool, knows and understands the TAI philosophy that young children should have a warm, safe, and stimulating learning environment outside the home where they can experience security, discovery, accomplishment, and a positive sense of self.

TAI Preschool also is pleased to announce that Alice Logsdon is back on staff. Alice was an assistant teacher in the 2- and 3-year-old classes for several years and is returning as lead teacher for those classes. Additionally, she will lead weekly music classes.

TAI Preschool offers classes for three age groups: the 2-year-old class meets two mornings a week; the 3-year-old class meets three mornings a week; and the 4-year-old class meets each weekday morning. All classes are 8:30 a.m. to noon. The preschool admits children of any race, color, nationality, religion, or ethnic background.

At our preschool, students are exposed to a wide range of learning experiences. Children are taught important social skills, such as sharing and communicating with others, and practical life skills. Our curriculum includes art, music, games, and storytelling. We also provide a Jewish education that focuses on the cycle of holidays and the weekly celebration of Shabbat, so all of our students are knowledgeable about Judaism and its valued role in the cultural and religious diversity in America. In addition, all of our families are encouraged to share their ethnic heritage through classroom enrichment experiences.

TAI is now accepting students for the 2010-2011 school year. If you have any questions or wish to receive more information about TAI Preschool, contact Katherine Henry at (859) 269-1915 or lizandchars@insightbb.com. ☆

A reminder to all community organizations

The High Holidays are almost upon us.
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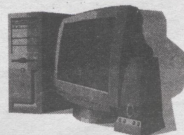
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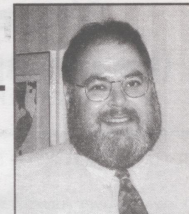


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Ask A Rabbi

Rabbi Marc A. Kline



Q: If a baby from a mixed marriage is baptized but is then raised Jewish, how does that affect the child's Jewish status?

A: This is a great question. If you ask five rabbis, you will get six answers. I am not sure, though, whether the differing answers fall strictly in line with the varying movements. There are some on-point thoughts on this matter, but there is also room for the discretion of the rabbi or community to "tweak" a final answer. Certainly some of the rest of this conversation will be more and less relevant based on the age of the child at the time of the immersion into Judaism.

The really difficult piece of this equation precedes the whole issue of baptism. We first have to deal with a major dispute within the Jewish world that will be determined along "party lines." The issue of matrilineal and patrilineal descent divides the Jewish world. The Reform movement incorporates the teaching of Torah and tradition and argues that the Torah passes identity from father to child (Abraham to Isaac, Isaac to Jacob, and so forth), while tradition recognizes the mother's identity as determining a child's status. Because of this disjunction, there are those who are considered Jewish by some and not by others. Who is right? Well, I wish it were that

easy to decide. As I see it, these are the salient points:

1. According to the non-Reform world, even if one has never identified as a Jew, if the mother's line is Jewish, the individual is Jewish. Elvis Presley's maternal grandmother was Jewish. His mother never practiced this faith, nor did he. If, on the last day of his life, he had wanted a Torah aliyah, he would have been granted one as a Jew. In a mixed marriage setting, if the mother is Jewish then the child is, regardless of upbringing; but if it is the father who is Jewish, the child will need to undergo a conversion process to be considered a Jew.

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2. The Reform movement has argued that, since Torah and tradition each accept a different parent, then either parent's Jewishness qualifies a child for Jewish status, but—and here is the kicker—that child must be raised to identify exclusively as a Jew. The decision to recognize patrilineality required that one's identity "is to be established through appropriate and timely public and formal acts of identification with the Jewish faith and people... Depending on circumstances, mitzvot leading toward a positive and exclusive Jewish identity will include entry into the covenant, acquisition of a Hebrew name, Torah study. ..." In a

Reform congregation, Elvis would not have been identified as Jewish without formal conversion. In a Reform Congregation, that child of a Jewish father would certainly be counted as a Jew; where circumstances might dictate some formal acknowledgement of the child's status, the naming ceremony or even a bar or bat mitzvah would serve as de facto fulfillment of any such requirement.

3. There are truths in both understandings of tradition, even while it creates two standards, but for the purpose of answering this question the "Jewishness" of the Jewish parent and the assessment of which parent is Jewish in this interfaith marriage will go a long way towards determining this child's status in a given community, even before we get to the issue of baptism. What is clear across the board, though, is that the baptism of an infant is not a matter of the child's consent, any more

than is early attendance at our own religious schools (since, in most cases, parents make these decisions). Our tradition is quite clear (*Shulkhan Arukh*) that if baptism occurs under duress (that is, without consent or with forced consent) then, as to the child's status in the community, it is as if it never happened.

As such, the traditional Jewish answer to every question is the one most appropriate here. If a baby from a mixed marriage is baptized but is then raised Jewish, how does that affect the child's Jewish status? Simply, it depends. ✧

Have a question?

Ask a rabbi

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The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah

Lynn Furness, President

Many things will change in the medical arena over the next few years. The newly passed rules for health care will be implemented. A new tower will open at the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center. While you can see the changes at the Chandler Medical Center first hand, we invite you to go to www.hadassah.org and follow the progress of the new tower at Hadassah Medical Center, Ein Kerem, Jerusalem. The timing for the towers at UK and Hadassah is similar because both hospitals were built around 1961 and both needed updating and improving.

Once you go to the Hadassah web site, you can view the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower, a nineteen-story structure with 500 beds, twenty operating rooms, a 50-bed ICU, and the ultra-modern Heart Institute. It will contain expanded Centers of Excellence for Invasive Angiography, Immune-mediated Disorders, Minimally Invasive Surgery and Computerized Assisted Surgery, Cell Therapy, and Molecular Medicine. In addition, the tower will house trailblazing research facilities to realize the promise of stem cell research and unlock the mysteries of heart disease, cancer, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and Alzheimer's disease.

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for its planned 2012 opening, also the year of Hadassah's centennial. Start saving your *shekels* to attend the Hadassah National Convention in Jerusalem in 2012 and celebrate both events.

If you do go to Israel for the 2012 Convention, perhaps you can take time to experience the other Hadassah projects while you're there. Plan to visit Hadassah College Jerusalem, which offers many fields of study for state-of-the-art professional career education to help Israel remain a leader in the global economy. Stop by one of the three Youth Aliyah villages Hadassah supports, where programs help the at-risk residents develop skills such as jewelry- and wine-making to earn a living after graduation. Or visit the forests and parks to see how Hadassah, in collaboration with Jewish National Fund, enhances the environment and promotes eco-Zionism—the connection between Judaism, the environment, and Israel.

There is a lovely human interest story associated with the Tower at Ein Kerem that makes its opening in the year of Hadassah's centennial especially appropriate. The original funding for the tower, \$75 million—the largest single Jewish philanthropic gift ever—was made by William Davidson in memory of his mother, Sarah. Mrs. Davidson became involved in Hadassah after Henrietta Szold visited Detroit to encourage Jewish women there to form a chapter. Later, Mrs. Davidson served as president of the Detroit Chapter.

Just as Henrietta Szold inspired Mrs. Davidson, she still inspires us today as Hadassah continues to respond to fulfill her mission of bettering lives. Surely she would be gratified that many women, and men, are standing shoulder to shoulder to carry her dreams to ever greater heights—to the top of a nineteen-story tower—while continuing the other projects that benefit so many. ☆

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By Judy Goldsmith, Past President

The Havurah has a new set of officers and board of directors for the coming year: President Jeremy Popkin, Vice-president David Wekstein, Secretary Kathy Grossman, Treasurer Terry Wilson, Chair of Religious Committee Phil Berger, Chair of Education Committee Ned Rosenbaum, representative to the Federation Gail Cohen. Congratulations to our new officers and board members.

When I stepped down, I offered to share the *Shalom* column with our incoming president. I have to admit that the positive feedback I received for my columns over the last year was a factor. We do the work we do for tikkun olam, but kind words don't hurt, either.

I've been thinking about weddings recently. I've attended two weddings and a post-elopement celebration, and have another on the calendar for July. Some of the events marked a change in the participants' lives, some an acknowledgment. All acknowledged community and family.

The image I have of tikkun olam is of gathering fragments, either to glue them together or to assemble something new, a mosaic. (I imagine the shattered spheres as having been of a celestial substance much like colored glass.) We do this in many ways. When we help a person or people get their act together—a fragment gathered. When we create community in some way—a segment of the mosaic. Laughter, hugs, and understanding color the fragments, create holy beauty.

We create community by talking and listening, by organizing and participating, by helping, and most of all by celebrating. A wedding does not create a marriage, only blesses and acknowledges it. But it ties a community together.

In feminist circles in the '70s and '80s, we talked about reweaving webs; the imagery was of textiles rather than brittle spheres and crystalline fragments. A wedding, in that metaphor, is a twisting together of threads, or a knot; a community is a web or fabric. And we are all tangled in many webs. I like both metaphors. I can imagine not only the puzzle of fitting pieces together and bringing order, or art, from confusion, but I can imagine the colors and textures of individual interactions and large gatherings. And in any metaphor, a joyful wedding shines and shimmers. ☆

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Gleaning with Faith Feeds

"Gleaning" is the traditional biblical practice of gathering crops that would otherwise be left in the fields to rot or be plowed under after harvest. Faith Feeds, a cooperative association of individuals and faith communities, is working with Lexington Farmer's Market to glean the market. Stated another way, the farmers of Farmer's Market have agreed to donate any excess food they have from their fields and from the markets to Faith Feeds. The Farmer's Market is held on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. Volunteers are needed to pick up the food at the Farmer's Market and deliver it to an emergency food agency ("EFA").

If you are interested in participating in this unique service or have a truck you can make available from time to time, please let me know. Contact Lisa Satin at (859) 338-3740 or JLIFSatin@insightbb.com.

Chavurat-Chochma (A Friendly Gathering of Wisdom)

We will meet on August 27 to gather and schmooze and enjoy an informative program. The cost is \$6 per person. Please RSVP by August 24.

Kollel Study Group
Joe Engelberg leads this study of fundamental ideas of Jewish life and thought. Among these are spirituality, the nature of God, biblical and traditional injunctions and laws, Jewish history, principles of the Reform movement, and the relation of Judaism to Christianity, Islam, and Buddhism. Drop in to the library on alternate Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. and join in the provocative and friendly discussion. August 7 & 21.

Torah Study

Rabbi Kline conducts the study of the Tanakh (the Bible) from the Book of Joshua and beyond

using the new Jewish Study Bible on alternate Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. in the library. August 14 & 28.

Parsha

Join us each Saturday morning at 11:00 a.m. to take a look at the Torah portion for each week. The rabbi will lead some, everyone will take turns leading others. We plan to reintroduce classical texts and write the new midrash that will become classical over the next hundred years. The format will be different from either Torah study or Kollel. Bring a bag lunch. See you in the library!

School openings

Preschool opens August 17.
Religious school starts September 12.

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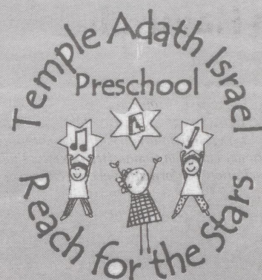
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Friday Morning Talmud Study

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

Weekday Minyan

A Minyan is held each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon at 5:45 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please come and help make a minyan.

D'Vine Minyan on Tuesdays

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

Kids' Shabbat

A monthly Friday evening Shabbat for children ages 4 to 9, with pizza, song, and schmoozing; 5:15 pm on August 13.

Tish Gathering With Rabbi Smolkin
Tish, n. (Yiddish, fr. German *Tisch*, table)

a gathering around the rabbi's table, usually on Shabbat, often with singing, story telling, or discussion. Each event will have a different topic to be announced in advance. The August Tish is scheduled for August 20 at 8:00 p.m.

Young Professionals' Shabbat

Young Jewish professionals in their 20s and 30s get together Fabulous Friday Nights for food, fun, and festivities. Please join us and feel free to bring friends. The next Young Professionals' Shabbat is scheduled for August 27.

August Shabbat Schedule

Celebrate Shabbat. The Friday night schedule for August is:

August 6 – Shabbat Service begins at 5:45 p.m.
August 13 – Kids' Shabbat at 5:15 p.m.
August 20 – Tish service begins at 8:00 p.m.
August 27 – Young Professionals' Shabbat at 6:00 p.m.

We hope you will join us for our spirited Shabbat Morning Service each Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. with Kiddush lunch following in the Social Hall.

Gan Shalom

Gan Shalom, OZS's preschool, opens for the fall on August 11. Please call Amy Howe at (859) 335-9922 for more information.

Religious School Schedule

Hebrew classes resume on Tuesday, August 17 and Religious School will start for the fall on Sunday, August 22.

Membership Committee

If you know someone new to the Lexington area interested in learning more about Ohavay Zion, please call Simone Salomon, Membership Chair, at (859) 269-1585.

Jewish Short Stories

Jewish Short Stories is a refreshing new program for the seniors of our community. Join us as we munch on lunch, and read and discuss a short story together. We begin on August 12 at noon. Please RSVP to Ohavay Zion Synagogue (859) 266-8050.

Introduction to Judaism

An eighteen-session course exploring key fundamentals of Judaism. We will learn the basics of Hebrew, Jewish Prayer, Kashrut, Shabbat, Holidays, Jewish Sacred Texts, Jewish Ethics, Jewish Philosophy, and Jewish History. This class is open for anyone seeking a greater connection to Judaism, and it is essential for all considering conversion to Judaism through OZS. The class begins on August 5, 2010 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and generally meets every other week. It is \$5 per session or \$50 for the entire course. Please email Rabbi Smolkin at Rabbi.Smolkin@gmail.com to register.



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"young bluegrass jews" potluck barbecue sun aug 15 5:30 P.M.

We're sending invitations by email to every 21-"40ish" person we know in the Jewish community.

If you don't receive one and want to participate contact Tamara Ohayon at tamara@jewishlexington.org or find us on Facebook.

This will be the first of many fun events for young Jewish adults in our community!



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 mitzvot, 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 jfb.shalom@hughes.net. Remember, we welcome photos, too!

Mazel tov to...

Jessica Schumacher, a graduate of Bates Creek Senior High School, who has been named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at The College of Wooster. Jessica, a junior political science major from Lexington, achieved a grade point average of 3.65 or above. She is the daughter of **Scott and Beth Schumacher**.

Beth and Aaron Yelowitz on the birth of their daughter, **Sydney Hannah Yelowitz**, on June 18, 2010.



Sydney Hannah Yelowitz

Brad and Jamie Fine on the birth of their son, **Mason Strauss Fine**, on July 6, 2010. **Bob and Libby Scher** are the proud grandparents and **Phyllis and Stan Scher** are the proud great-grandparents.

Condolences to...

Dr. Leonard and Judy Boral on the death of Dr. Boral's mother, **Renee Boral Trief**, on May 15, 2010.

Dr. Ira Mersack and Rebecca Young, Rabbi Melinda Mersack Jacobs, and Beth Brody on the death of their wife and mother, **Anita Mersack**, on July 4, 2010.

Barbara Straus, Bill Straus, and Betty Smith on the death of Barbara's husband and Bill and Betty's father, **Eugene Straus**, on July 12, 2010.

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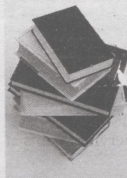
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First and third Sundays of the month



Yiddish Drop-in! 10:00 a.m. at the Jewish Federation office. An hour of Yiddish with Refoyl Finkl (Rafi Finkel). Beginners welcome, fluent speakers welcome, and

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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Yiddish Class at JFB Young Bluegrass Jews Potluck BBQ		Hadassah Board Meeting TAI Preschool opens				Havurah Potluck & Havdalah
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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