

Shalom

Bulletin of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation



CKJF Bulletin Takes New Format

As can be seen by the new masthead, by the new format, this is a new era for the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation publications and communications department. This community news report, to be published nine times during the year, will educate you, entertain you and offer you a vehicle to both learn and to express yourself as a Jew and as a member of the Central Kentucky Jewish community.

As the publication of CKJF, these pages are open to you, the member; it is your voice to advertize, to write articles about your organization's events, to announce your simchas or to express yourself in letters to the editors. The contents are yours, for YOU are the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation -- YOU are why this publication exists.

Articles in this premier edition are compiled from events in our community as well as from national and international sources. It is our hope that each and every member of our community will come to find these pages as their own, that each and every member of our community will both look forward to and contribute to the articles found monthly.

Deadline for submissions will be the 15th day of the month preceding publication. Pictures, which take a few days to process for print, should be submitted a few days prior to the 15th in order to guarantee inclusion. Although articles are accepted from all, naturally, editorial discretion must be permitted.

As the masthead of this edition states, "Shalom!"

Deadlines: 15th day of month

All members of the community are welcome to submit articles or advertisements for their organizational programs or personal simchas at no charge. If a picture that requires a halftone process is submitted, the cost of processing must be borne by the submitting individual or organization (usually \$3.00.)

Commercial advertizing rates are \$4.00 per column inch. Camera ready copy is required.

The deadline for material is the 15th day of the month preceding publication.

Articles longer than 10 single column lines should be submitted on MS-DOS computer readable disk whenever possible.

Any questions will gladly be answered by the CKJF Office at 268-0672.



Rafi Finkel gives a lesson in Judaica to students attending the Multicultural Festival at the University of Kentucky. The CKJF booth was a huge success.



March 1993

M. L. King Jr. Day Parade

Solidarity with minority communities throughout Central Kentucky was the order of the day as CKJF and the Jewish community marched in honor of the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.

A New Push For Peace

Secretary of State WARREN CHRISTOPHER'S adept diplomacy, which earlier this month thwarted Arab efforts to enact UN sanctions against Israel, has also created new opportunities to promote peace.

In a telephone conversation, Christopher told Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin that Israel's offer to immediately return 101 of the ousted Islamic radicals marks the end of the affair as far as the U.S. is concerned, and the two discussed ways to move ahead with the peace process. The bilateral talks are expected to resume in April - after Ramadan and Passover. Christopher is going to the Middle East this week to lay the groundwork for the parley.

The new Israeli Ambassador to the U.S., Itamar Rabinovich, expressed a desire to resume the talks as soon as possible. Rabinovich, and the other heads of the Israeli negotiating teams at the talks, met with Assistant Secretary of State for Near East and South Asian Affairs EDWARD DJEREJIAN to discuss the next round, specifically the Palestinian track. Israeli officials said the meeting was also focused on Christopher's upcoming trip. At the UN, the PLO continued

to push for sanctions. Nabil Shaath, political adviser to Yasir Arafat, declared that even if Israel agreed to return all the ousted Islamic radicals, the peace process would likely fail unless Israel acquiesced to a host of Palestinian demands.

State Department officials met with Palestinian spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi, warning her that any delay in resuming the peace process would play into the hands of enemies of peace such as Hamas. Ashrawi subsequently appeared to back away from the PLO's demand for sanctions against Israel, saying that Palestinians would be satisfied if they can achieve their objective without sanctions.

Rabin stated that Syria was the most convenient and least negative element on the Arab side, while

describing the PLO as the most negative factor on the political scene. "The Palestinians are in complete disorder," Rabin stated. "The more the PLO loses its authority, the more progress there will be in the peace process." Rabin added that it is not in Yasir Arafat's interest to relinquish his power in return for Palestinian autonomy (*Yediot Aharonot*, Feb. 9).

Rabin believes that 1993 will be a "crossroads year" for the peace process. He vowed to "make progress in any sector where this is possible" (*Al-Hamishmar*, Feb. 9).

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Letters To The Editor

Mazel Tov!

To all of us at the inception of our Jewish Community Newspaper! To the many members of our community who have helped make this publication a reality. To Howard Ross our new Executive Director who has, with his enthusiasm and unfailing good humor, brought all of our efforts to fruition.

Mazel Tov to Evelyn Geller, who has made a rapid move from Jewish community Professional to consummate volunteer. She has just accepted the Chairmanship of the New Americans (formerly Russian Resettlement) Committee. Our deep gratitude to Gail Cohen who served first as a Co-Chair and then Chair of this Committee since its inception almost four years ago. Kudos are also due Sharyn Sharer, Program Director who has been resident expert and anchor for this committee.

The Community Relations Committee has met with Mayor Pam Miller and Congressman Scotty Baesler. Our first Town Meeting with the Mayor will be held March 3, and Congressman Baesler has promised to be part of a similar meeting this summer.

The Campaign Committee is working enthusiastically to reach our highest ever goal of \$425,000.00. To attain this new level of achievement we need your help. By making a serious and substantial pledge when you are called you will enable our community to offer even more services and programs not only to help others but to benefit ourselves.

I have not gone into detail about every Committee because there is so much to say. Rather I will save some of our exciting developments for next month.

Let's all be part of this exciting new era in the life of the Central Kentucky Jewish Community so we can turn to each other and exclaim - Mazel Tov!

--Judy Saxe

"Mezze - Felafel, Tahina and more..."

by Judy Bauman



The Citadel of David, inside the Old City of Jerusalem at the Jaffa Gate, stands majestic against the clear blue sky. On a cold, but sunny day last December, our family stood high on its ramparts, above the rooftops of the walled city. Below us, reminiscent of Jerusalem's past and of its distinctive flavor, vendors sold bread from pushcarts and further down the alleyway, others hawked their fresh produce. The magnificent archeological site on which we stood is now the City Museum of Jerusalem. Wonderful exhibits reflect the ethnic diversity of Israel's capital, and our favorite was "3,000 Years of Eating in Jerusalem." In a huge room adorned with fruits, vegetables, spices, breads, grains, and more, we sampled pita and *labanah* (a cheese-like mixture of milk and yogurt). We sat at an enormous banquet table while pictures of markets, restaurants, and foods typical of Jerusalem's past and present moved around the center of the table. Our "guidebook" contained this wonderful passage: In the middle of the Street of the Chain, at the right, alleyways lead to the Western Wall. To the left, directly past the largest Arab bread bakery in the city, is the turning to Hebron Street. In the springtime, they would also roast in this oven *Chamle Melane*, green chick peas in its husks, tied together in sheaves like a broomstick. The sheaves are roasted in the bread oven. Then they are arranged in rows on a wooden block and sold three or five sheaves, still fresh and hot from the oven for 10 prutot (pennies). You pluck husk after husk, throw away the peel and eat the contents, and when the sheaf is finished, you throw away the broom in the middle of the street, for passing donkeys to finish off. The chick-pea season reached its peak at Lag Ba'Omer, when it was un-thinkable to make pilgrimage to the tomb of Simeon the Just without partaking of roasted chickpeas.

Gad Frumkin in *The Way of a Judge in Jerusalem*, 1955

Though not as tantalizing to our sense of smell but certainly to our palates, chickpea spread, or *hummus* is a delectable treat. *Hummus* and *baba ganouj* became staples in our refrigerator. Alone or with other salads or vegetables, we spread them on pita, fresh from the ovens at Mahane Yehuda, Jerusalem's large outdoor market. Forget hamburgers and pizza -- we lunched on *falafel*! *Falafel* (spicy chickpea patties), chopped onions, cucumbers and tomatoes, *tahina* sauce and hot sauce to taste are loaded into a pita pocket and sold as "*falafel*" for two shekels, or 76¢.

Collectively, these tasty salads and appetizers are known as *mezze* (*mezza* or *maza*) and are served throughout the Middle East either before a festive meal or as a meal themselves. Historically, the creation of a fabulous array of *mezze* was the result of many women in an extended family working together and sharing wisdom, advice and, of course, recipes! You'll find *mezze* ideas in collections of Armenian, North African, Jewish, Eastern European, Middle Eastern and vegetarian recipes. Select four or five authentic dishes that can be prepared several hours and/or days in advance. Try *tabouli*, lentils, black bean or white bean salads (*ful*), olives, eggplant dips, yogurt cheese (*labanah*), walnut patés, or stuffed grape leaves. Here are a glossary and some recipes to get you started for a simple *pita and felafel supper* or an elegant *mezze*.

Tahini: Sesame seed butter or paste, available in Middle Eastern food markets or specialty stores; different from tahina spread

Hummus: Chickpea spread

Baba Ganouj: Eggplant and tahini salad/spread

Pita: Middle Eastern pocket bread - look for fresh, puffy pita

Falafel: Small, spicy chickpea patties

Note: Both Hummus and Tahini Spread are available canned.

Canned Tahini Spread may need to be diluted with a little lemon juice and/or water and additional seasonings added to taste. Hummus and falafel can also be purchased as dry mixes to which you add water.

Hummus (or Hummous) about 2 1/2 cups

Preparation tips: Hummus is most easily prepared in a food processor, but it can be made in a blender, in small batches, or the chick peas can be pureed in a food mill. Hummus can be made days— even a week— ahead and refrigerated.

Serving suggestions: Serve chilled or at room temperature in a small bowl. Israelis like to pour on a little olive oil and chopped parsley just before serving. Serve with pita bread. If desired, split pita and cut in triangles; toast lightly or bake at 350° for about 5 minutes. Also good with assorted vegetables or crackers as 'dippers.'

1 2/3 cups (15 oz. can) cooked chickpeas, drained and the liquid reserved
1/4 cup tahini
1/4 cup lemon juice
Water, if needed
3 large cloves garlic, peeled and crushed
1/2 tsp. ground coriander
1/4 tsp. cumin
1/4 tsp. paprika
Dash cayenne
1/4 cup minced scallions, for garnish
2 Tb. minced fresh parsley, for garnish
In a blender in batches, or in a food processor, process the chickpeas, tahini, and lemon juice until the mixture reaches the consistency of a coarse paste; use as much of the chickpea liquid and/or water as needed. Add the garlic, coriander, cumin, paprika and cayenne, and process the ingredients again to combine them thoroughly. Transfer the hummus to a bowl, and stir in the scallions. Cover the hummus, and chill it until 1 hour before serving time, adding the parsley garnish just before serving the dip. From Jane Brody's *Good Food Gourmet*

Tahina Dressing about 3/4 cup

1 clove garlic, or garlic powder to taste
1/2 cup Tahini
1/3 cup water - approximately
2 Tb. lemon juice
1-2 Tb. minced onion, to taste
1/2 tsp. salt (or to taste)
Ground pepper to taste
1 tsp. cumin
Parsley flakes, for garnish

By hand, using wooden spoon: Mince garlic. Combine all ingredients except water and mix till smooth. Add water, a little at a time, and continue mixing till desired consistency is achieved. Consistency should be like mayonnaise or slightly thinner.

Using food processor and steel knife: Drop garlic through feed tube while machine is running. Process until minced. Add remaining ingredients and process until smooth, about 10 to 15 seconds. Consistency should be like mayonnaise or slightly thinner. Add more water if needed. Recipe may be doubled successfully.

Baba Ganouj ("Ga-NOOSH") 4-6 Servings

Preparation Tips: The instructions call for baking the eggplant, but you can prick it with a fork and place in a microwave on HIGH for five minutes, or until eggplant is tender. If you have the opportunity to grill it over hot coals or to roast it over a direct flame, the Baba Ganouj will taste even better.

Serving Suggestions: Transfer to an attractive serving dish, cover tightly, and chill. Drizzle the top with a little olive oil and sprinkle with minced parsley just before serving. Serve with crackers or pita.

Cooking oil spray
1 medium (7 inch) eggplant
2 medium garlic cloves, minced
2-4 Tb. lemon juice, to taste

1/4 cup tahini
1/2 tsp. salt, to taste
black pepper and cayenne, to taste
olive oil
freshly minced parsley

Preheat oven to 350°. Lightly oil baking sheet. Slice the eggplant in half lengthwise, and place face-down on the baking sheet. Bake for 30 minutes or until very tender. Cool until it's comfortable to handle. Scoop out the eggplant pulp, and discard the skin. Place the pulp in a food processor or blender, and add the garlic, lemon juice, tahini, and salt. Puree until smooth. (Another alternative is to mash by hand, leaving the eggplant a little chunky.)

Adapted from *Moosewood Cookbook*, 15 Years Collection

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HAPPY EATING!

EDITORIAL OPINION

The Hamas Deportees: who are they?

Over the past weeks, there has been a great deal of discussion on the international and the local levels of the Hamas deportees now living in the "no man's land" north of Israel. The covenant of the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) gives us a clue to understanding these individuals:

Our struggle against the Jews is very great and very serious. The Islamic Resistance Movement is but one squadron that should be supported until the enemy is vanquished and Allah's victory is realized. It strives to raise the banner of Allah over every inch of Palestine. It is one of the links in the chain of the struggle against the Zionist invaders.

The Prophet, Allah bless him and grant him salvation, has said: "The Day of Judgement will not come about until the Muslims fight the Jews (killing the Jews), when the Jews will hide behind stones and trees. The stones and trees will say 'there is a Jew behind me, come and kill him'". There is no solution for the Palestine question except through Jihad. Initiatives, proposals, and international conferences are all a waste of time and vain endeavors. Palestine is an Islamic land.

Zionist organizations under various names and shapes, such as Freemasons, Rotary Clubs, espionage groups and others, are all nothing more than cells of subversion and saboteurs. The Islamic peoples should perform their role in confronting the conspiracies of these saboteurs.

Muslim society confronts a vicious enemy which acts in a way similar to Nazism. He has deprived people of their homeland. In their Nazi treatment, the Jews made no exception for women and children.

Our enemies took control of the world media. They were behind the French Revolution and the Communist Revolution. They were behind World War I, when they were able to destroy the Islamic Caliphate, making financial gains and controlling resources. They obtained the Balfour Declaration [and] formed the League of Nations through which they could rule the world. They were behind World War II, through which they made huge financial gains by trading in armaments, and paved the way for the establishment of their state. It was they that instigated the replacement of the League of Nations with the United Nations and the Security Council to enable them to rule the world through them. There is no war going on anywhere without [them] having their finger in it.

The Zionist invasion is a vicious invasion. It does not refrain from resorting to all methods, using all evil and contemptible ways to achieve its end. It greatly relies on the secret organizations it gave rise to, such as Freemasons, the Rotary and Lions Clubs and other sabotaging groups. All these organizations work in the interest of Zionism. It is behind the drug trade and alcoholism, so as to facilitate its control.

Writers, intellectuals, media people, orators, educators and teachers, and all various sectors in the Arab and Islamic world, all of them are called upon to perform their role[s], and to fulfill their duty, because of the ferocity of the Zionist offensive and the Zionist influence in many countries exercised through financial and media control, as well as the consequences that all this lead to in the greater part of the world.

The Zionist plan is limitless. After Palestine, the

Volunteer of the month



Sue Ezrine finds time for her commitment of bettering the lives of her fellow Lexingtonians in a number of ways. As Super Sunday co-chairperson for CKJF, coordinator of the National Conference Green Circle program, member of the CKJF Women's Division Board, member of the Board of Baby Health and 1st Vice President of Congregation Ohavay Zion, Sue makes her statement as a volunteer who makes a difference. The support of her husband Barry and her children, makes her efforts on behalf of others a family affair. We are proud to be able to recognize Sue Ezrine as volunteer of the month.

(Volunteer of the month is a regular feature, recognizing the volunteer efforts of members of the Jewish community of Lexington. Nominations from the community are welcomed.)

BAT MITZVAH

My parents and I invite you to join us when I am called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, April 24, 10:00 am, Ohavay Zion Synagogue Kiddish Luncheon immediately following services.

Hillary Bobys

Zionists aspire to expand from the Nile to the Euphrates. When they will have digested the region they overtook, they will aspire to further expansion, and so on. Their plan is embodied in the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion", and their present conduct is the best proof of what we are saying. Leaving the circle of struggle with Zionism is high treason, and cursed be he who does that.

With these words, Hamas defines itself and its mission. Enough said!

Jewish Camp Night

March 16, 1993 7:00 pm
at Temple Adath Israel

CKJF is sponsoring a Jewish Camp Night. Come and join us for an evening of Jewish Camping opportunities.

Camp Shalom
Camp Livingston
Camp Young Judea
Camp GUCCI

Stop by and talk with representatives of the camps to ensure a fun-filled summer for your children.

Facts and Figures from the JDC

A project funded by the Jewish Agency offers courses combining training in construction and Jewish studies. Students learn construction while actually helping to build the administration wing of their school. To date, all graduates of the Lahav Project have found work and two have gone on to become building contractors.

The Jewish Agency and the Israel Defense Forces have launched a new program for young olim primarily from Ethiopia and the CIS. The program helps acquaint young olim with the IDF before they are called up for military service.

A group of 28 Russian

immigrant engineers graduated from two retraining programs sponsored by JDC, the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs and the Absorption Ministry. One course prepared olim with a computer background to work with computer software; the other trained immigrants in the use of specialized fiber technology and chemistry to fill the needs of Israel's textile industry.

A recent direct flight from Dushanbe, Tadjikistan, brought 127 olim to Israel. Some 11,600 Jews remain in the republic. Of those, about 10,000 have expressed a desire to go to Israel.

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VOLUNTEER
TODAY!



Camp Shalom at New Site – 1993



How Do We Tell Our Children?

The Holocaust was an event of such significance that historians and philosophers routinely refer to the post World War II period as the "post-Holocaust" era ... Hundreds of books, articles, documentary and commercial films have exposed Hitler's fanaticism and the poisonous Nazi anti-Semitism that culminated in the Final Solution ... Prayer books have been written to attempt to explain the Holocaust, and to remember its victims.

How do we tell our children about the Holocaust?

The Bureau of Jewish Education of Indianapolis has joined with The Children's Museum of Indianapolis to offer the first major Holocaust exhibit designed for, and about, children. "Remember the Children" tells the story of Daniel, a fictitious young German Jewish boy and his family during the Holocaust. The exhibit takes visitors to Daniel's normal, happy childhood, through social ostracism, legal persecution, deportation to a Polish ghetto, and transportation to a concentration camp. There, Daniel loses his mother and sister. The exhibit ends with Daniel's liberation by American soldiers. At the conclusion of the exhibit experience, there is an interactive section where children can talk to Holocaust survivors and express their feelings about what they have seen.

The exhibit will be on display and supplementary programs will take place from February through May, 1993.

For more information about visiting the exhibit, contact the Indianapolis Bureau of Jewish Education, (317)255-3124.

Camp Dates

June 7th through 25th

Dear Parents,

It is time to start thinking about summer, because believe it or not it will be here before we know it. The Camp Shalom Committee wants you to start thinking about Camp Shalom. Our committee has

worked hard this winter to make the necessary preparations for three great weeks this summer.

This is an important year for Camp Shalom, you might call it "The year of change". Camp has a new location. The first two weeks will be held at Woodman of the World Camp. It is located approximately eight miles south from New Circle Road on Bates Creek Road. The camp is fully equipped. Transportation will be provided as well. The bus schedule will be printed in the Camp Brochure. The last week of camp will be at Temple Adath Israel.

The next important thing about camp is the staff. This year we are happy to announce that Sara Hoffman will be the director and Sue Little will be the assistant director. Sara and Sue are teachers at St. Michaels Pre-School. Sara has a BS in Elementary Education and has been an art teacher for six years. Sue has a BS in Physical Education and has taught at St. Michaels for 5 years. Sara has worked as director at Camp Shalom and Sue has worked as head counselor at Camp Shalom. Both women have vast

experience working with children.

Sincerely,
Jessica Ross
Camp Shalom Committee
Chairman

Temple Adath Israel
and
Temple Adath Israel Sisterhood
present

A Denim To Diamonds

Monte Carlo

Saturday, April 17, 1993
6:30 P.M.

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LEXINGTON YOUTH ARE ALL INVITED TO THE FIRST ANNUAL

PRIVATE ROLLER SKATING PARTY

WHEN: Wednesday, March 17, 1993
TIME: 4:00-6:00 pm
PLACE: Champ's Skating Rink

Your UJA contribution at the door entitles you
to admission and skate rental. Join us for this
exciting Jewish Community-wide event!

RSVP (a must!) to the CKJF Office - 268-0672
Rickl Rosenberg - 269-2300
Sandy Adland - 271-3568

NOTE TO PARENTS:

Donors have rented Champ's for our children so that all
donations from the children will go directly to the United
Jewish Appeal / Federation Campaign. We hope that you will
encourage your children to participate in this special
community-wide event.

A Letter to the Business Leaders in the Jewish Community from the Resettlement Committee

Since our first Soviet Brethren arrived in Lexington in 1991, our local Soviet Jewish Resettlement committee has been actively pursuing successful integration of our new Americans in the Lexington community and we have successfully resettled thirty-one new Americans. Many new Soviet families are at long last being reunited with family and friends previously resettled by the Lexington community. We are also expecting a few others to arrive who have neither close friends nor family. They have made the courageous decision to begin a new life in the United States, in our Lexington community.

A key element in the process toward successful integration into life in their new country and community is the achievement of economic self sufficiency i.e., a job. Our new community members come to us with a

variety of skills and experiences. Many are highly trained and educated, but all have one thing in common, the need and desire to find gainful employment as soon as possible. This may mean that some will not be able to pursue the careers they followed in the Soviet Union for a period of time, due to the lack of English skills and other barriers. Though many will overcome these barriers in time, the first job many of our new community members need to accept will be unskilled entry level positions. They do this out of necessity to provide for themselves and their family following the initial support provided by the Jewish community through the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation.

We strongly urge that you consider the employment of these energetic, hard-working, dedicated individuals when employment opportunities become available through your firm. We believe they will be a credit to your business.

Please call CKJF to inquire about our new Soviet community members and to list any positions you may have.

AnyTown, USA Recruiting Participants

Anytown, USA (Kentucky), recognized as one of the most effective youth leadership programs in America today, is recruiting participants for their 1993 summer program.

A week long workshop results in changes in attitudes, awareness for the participants, as well as increased sensitivity to religious, racial, gender and ethical issues.

Open to incoming high school juniors and seniors, the participants live together for one week, bringing to each other the experiences of their diverse cultural, ethnic, religious and economic backgrounds. Anytowners meet in discussion groups and workshops where they participate, offering their ideas and listening to the feelings of others -- including leaders of Kentucky cultural, professional and religious communities.

Around since 1957, listening to the hopes, fears, frustrations and dreams of all kinds of high school students, Anytown is sponsored by the National Conference.

For further information, contact the National Conference at 2029 Bellefonte Drive, Lexington, KY 40503 or the CKJF office at 268-0672.

Richmond Hospital partners with Jewish Health Care

Pattie A. Clay Hospital of Richmond, Kentucky and Jewish Hospital Health Care Services (JHHS) of Louisville entered into a management partnership as of January 1, 1993.

A full package of management services will be provided for the hospital by Louisville-based JHHS. This will include physician recruitment, strategic planning and group purchasing.

This is not the first partnership agreement between the two. In November, 1991, the two opened a diagnostic cardiac lab at the Richmond hospital.

Purim

by William J. Leffler

Judaism is a religion with many and varied traditions some with deep theological significance and others of lesser meaning. But together all of these traditions weave the fabric of Judaism, with its myriad of teachings, moods and insights.

Purim is very much a part of this fabric. Yet, within this fabric, it stands out as different, vividly different from most everything else we find in our religious tradition.

Purim is a holiday of release -- release from the evil decree of Haman. Instead of Purim being a day of "sorrow" and "mourning", it becomes a day of feasting and gladness, a day of joy and festive celebration.

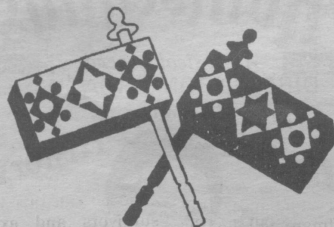
And what a celebration it became, totally different from any other Jewish observance. It became a day of seemingly reckless abandon. It was the time in the year when it was permissible for a Jew to be drunk -- so drunk that he was no longer able to distinguish between Haman and Mordecai. It was the time for raucous celebration in the synagogue, even more raucous than Simchat Torah could become, with greggians to drown out the name of Haman during the reading of the Megillat Esther. It became a time of festive costume balls that were a highlight of the social year among the otherwise staid German-Jewish communities of this country during the latter part of the last century. It was a time for imaginative Purim "Shpeils" in Jewish communities around the world, often recounting their personal deliverance over the centuries from the wicked decrees of history's other Hamans. It was a holiday for the children. They should know the story of Queen Esther and her bravery. It was a Jewish "fairy tale" and the children needed to learn its lesson appropriately.

The traditional injunction against pictorial art was disregarded. The Megillah had lovely illustrations to maintain their interest and attention.

While I lived in Israel in 1960, I witnessed the extensive Adloyada parade in Tel Aviv, marking this holiday with elaborate floats and marchers from almost every school in the country -- a magnificent display which, unfortunately, is no longer held because the school population has become so large that the parade became unmanageable.

Yes, Purim is different in many ways. A bright, festive holiday of release. But release has its opposite side -- awareness. An awareness against that which triggered the need for the release. The need to be alert to the possible signs of hatred, discrimination, intolerance, bigotry. Mordecai learned of Haman's evil intentions and alerted Esther. Esther realized the need for her to act to prevent Haman's plan from materializing and so she did. Thus, we have a hero -- villain "fairy tale" for Jewish youngsters. At the same time, it became a real life tale for Jewish communities throughout the ages, an occasion for far more than just merrymaking.

Purim is a holiday with a message ever new for every generation, regardless of how secure it may think it is. Certainly, the Jews of Shushan must have thought themselves secure with a Jewish queen.



Preschool Purim Shpiel at Children's Museum, March 21

The CKJF Preschool Holidays Parties Committee, in conjunction with Hadassah Moms and Tots and the Lexington Children's Museum, will present a Purim Shpiel at the Lexington Children's Museum on Sunday, March 21, 1993 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The event will include educational opportunities, storytelling, singing and arts and crafts. Children may attend in costume if they wish. Members of the Jewish Community may enter the Museum free of charge for the purpose of attending this program, but Free Admissions Passes must be picked up at the CKJF Office by Friday, March 19th. RSVP (a must!) to the CKJF Office at 268-0672. Come out and celebrate Purim with us.

For further information, contact Sandy Adland or Ricki Rosenberg, CKJF Preschool Parties co-chairs.



Take Me out to the Ballgame

With baseball season fast approaching, Temple Adath Israel and Ohavay Zion Congregation want to remind you that their teams will be forming soon. Get into the swing and join a team. Contact either the Synagogue or the Temple for further details.

Presidents Issue Statement

Commenting on the Israeli Supreme Court ruling that the Hamas leaders sent to Lebanon are not in danger and that they are not in no man's land but on Lebanese soil, the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations said in a statement issued by Shasohona Cardin, chairman, and Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice chairman:

"Let us recognize that these are architects of violence and murder. They are not innocent victims excluded for political activity but the leaders of an army of

assassins -- guided and supported by the fundamentalist Iranian government -- that has taken an oath to destroy any possibility of Arab-Israeli peace, to liquidate Israel and to seek the violent overthrow of secular governments throughout the Middle East.

In Israel, Hamas killers have slain men, women and children in cold blood -- Jews and Palestinian Arabs alike. Nor have they restricted their attacks to Israel. In Egypt alone Islamic fundamentalists have murdered 80 civilians in recent months.

The savagery of their attacks, which has created a climate of fear and alarm throughout the region, has led Arab

governments to respond more strongly than Israel. Egypt has outlawed Islamic fundamentalists and imposed the death penalty on those found guilty of terrorism. In Tunisia, almost 300 extremists have been sentenced to death. Other Arab countries are taking similar measures.

The temporary exclusion of Hamas leaders to Lebanon is among the least punitive measures Israel could have taken. The international outcry against

Israel's action echos the hypocrisy of past resolutions and condemnations of Israel's efforts to safeguard its security.

Shed no tears for the leaders of Hamas, which seeks to prevent by means of violence and assassination the possibility of peace and reconciliation between Arab and Jew. Let us rather sympathize with the innocent victims -- Israelis and Palestinian Arabs alike -- who have been maimed and slain by Hamas thugs, and for their grieving families.

In excluding leaders of Hamas from its midst, Israel has acted to protect itself from a ruthless and extremist cult sworn to destroy it. In so doing, it has served the cause of peace and stability in the Middle East."

ADL 1992 AUDIT OF ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENTS RELEASED

COLUMBUS, OH, . . . A total of 1,730 anti-Semitic incidents in the U.S. were reported last year according to the 1992 Audit of Anti-Semitic Incidents, a nationwide survey released today by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). This figure, the second highest in the 14-year history of the audit, represents an eight percent decrease over 1991.

In Kentucky, seven anti-Semitic incidents were reported to the ADL regional office in Columbus, Ohio in 1992. In 1991, there were five incidents reported in Kentucky.

"While we welcome the reported reduction of anti-Semitic incidents reflected in the Audit," said Melvin Salberg, ADL national chairman, "one year of decline is not a trend. Unfortunately, we still face a serious problem in our country. Behind each of these statistics lies a community outraged, a family intimidated, an individual humiliated and demoralized."

"The fact that there have been more attacks against Jewish individuals than against their property for the second straight year," said Salberg, "is very disturbing and of great concern." The Audit documents 874 reported incidents of harassment, threat and assault compared to 856 reports of vandalism against Jewish institutions and private and public property.

In Kentucky there were two reported incidents of harassment of Jewish

individuals and five reported incidents of vandalism against private and public property.

"This 'in your face' anti-Semitism may signal a new tendency to engage in direct confrontations with Jews and further erodes the taboo against open bigotry," the ADL leader said.

Anti-Semitic incidents on college campuses were in an upward spiral in 1992, increasing by 12 percent -- 114 incidents reported at 60 campuses across the country. "There is a troubling atmosphere on campus," Salberg said. Since 1988, the number of incidents has more than doubled.

On the positive side, the report reflects a decline in the most serious crimes of vandalism. There were 28 reported incidents including arson, attempted arson, cemetery desecrations and the bombing of a synagogue. This is the lowest number since 1988. Also, there was a lower proportion of anti-Semitic vandalism incidents (18%) targeting Jewish institutions, indicating that they are being better protected by improved security measures. (The largest number of such acts targeted public locations, which are more numerous and less secure.)

In discussing reasons for the overall decline of anti-Semitic incidents, Salberg said "counteraction efforts are finally kicking in" and he applauded law enforcement agencies "for their increasingly effective attention to the hate crimes problem thereby sending a strong message that society will not condone such crimes." He cited strong law

enforcement actions leading to far more arrests in connection with hate crime investigations - 86 arrests compared to 52 last year; the Federal Bureau of Investigation's more aggressive efforts on neo-Nazi Skinhead activities; and increased security at Jewish institutions. Nineteen incidents involving neo-Nazi Skinheads were listed, an 84 percent drop since the high-water mark of 116 in 1989.

In Kentucky, two of the reported incidents, one in Lexington and one in Louisville, are linked to neo-Nazi Skinheads.

"Jewish college students are feeling especially vulnerable," said Salberg, "as they are confronted by an intensified wave of anti-Semitism." One of the most troubling and unusual campus episodes cited in the report took place at Queens College in New York City. Dead cats stolen from the animal science laboratory were dropped into toilets in another university building with a warning written on the wall: "We're going to do to Jews what we did to the cats."

At Brown University in Providence, RI, there was a rash of anti-Semitic graffiti which included defacing clothing in dryers with "Jews Go Home," and "No Jews."

The 1992 Audit, prepared by the Research Department of the ADL Civil Rights Division, includes data from 39 states and the District of Columbia, as reported to ADL regional offices by victims, community leaders and law enforcement officials. It is an account of overt acts or expressions of anti-Jewish bigotry or hostility, some of

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With the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation approving 28 new Americans to be resettled in 1993, the Resettlement Committee has established a new program - Family to Family.

The goal is resourcefulness and support. By pairing two or more Lexington families with a new American family, the program will offer friendship, education and support; sharing a cup of coffee, a Shabbat dinner, a trip to the zoo, bank, grocery store or just calling to say "hi - how's your day?"

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which are not crimes -- for example, distributing neo-Nazi pamphlets or directing slurs at Jewish individuals. Thus, there may be some discrepancies between the totals of anti-Semitic incidents reported in the ADL Audit and those contained in official police reports of bias crimes.



Jewish Singles To Meet In Memphis

This spring, April 23-26, Jewish Singles from over 30 states and Canada will have a fun filled week-end in Memphis. Over 300 singles are expected to attend. Workshops are planned as well as dinners, dances, mixers and tours. A private showing of the Napoleon Exhibition, from France, is also scheduled.

The beautiful Adam's Mark Hotel will house the event which commences on Friday afternoon and ends with a formal Dinner-Dance on Sunday evening.

This is the 3rd Singles Week-end sponsored by the Memphis Jewish Family Service. All Jewish Singles over 30 Years old are invited to attend.

The entire event, which includes all meals and transportation is less than \$200.00. Room rates are not included.

To obtain a brochure of the event, contact Annie Trott or Bob Silver at (901)767-8511 or write to Jewish Family Service, Singles Week-end, 6560 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38138 or FAX (901)767-7128.



Community Calendar March, 1993

- 2 Hadassah Board Meeting
- 3 Town Hall Meeting with Mayor Pam Miller 7:00 pm @ Temple Adath Israel
- 4 Hadassah Moms/Tots 2-4 pm.
- 7 Purim Festival 11-3 pm at OZS
- 9 Camp Shalom Meeting 7:30 pm at CKJF office
- 10 CKJF Community Relations Committee Meeting 7:30 pm at CKJF office
- 11 National Conference Banquet
- 14 Havurah Retreat
- 14 Hadassah Lox Box Delivery
- 15 Hadassah Moms/Tots 2-4 pm
- 15 CKJF Social Services Committee Meeting 7:45 pm at CKJF office
- 15 University of Kentucky Spring Break Begins
- 16 Jewish Camp Night - Informational meeting, 7:00 Temple Adath Israel
- 17 TAI Sisterhood Inter/Intrafaith Meeting at 1-3 pm at FCI
- 17 Kid's Campaign Skate 4-6 pm at Champ's Rollerdom
- 21 CKJF/Hadassah Moms/Tots Purim Event, 2-4 pm at Children's Museum
- 24 TAI Leisure Club - "Richmond Place Home Health Care" 12 pm at TAI
- 24 CKJF Board of Directors Meeting
- 25 Hadassah Women's Discussion Group Meeting 7:30 pm
- 29 Fayette County Public Schools Spring Break
- 31 Hadassah General Meeting

Singles Missions to Israel

The United Jewish Appeal Hatikvah Summer Singles Mission to Israel, 1993, will feature the Maccabiah Games opening ceremonies. Two trips are planned for the summer of 1993: June 27 - July 8 and July 4 - 15. Cost for the Mission is \$2,283 (which includes a National UJA subsidy) from New York, double occupancy. The mission is open to all singles ages 25 - 40 who make a gift of \$500.00 or more to the annual UJA / Federation Campaign.

For singles 35 - 45, a special mission will be held from May 30 - June 9. Cost for the Mission is \$2367 per person, based on double occupancy from New York. A UJA pledge of a minimum of \$500 will be requested, although not mandatory.

For further information on either Mission, contact the CKJF office at 268-0672.



Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park

The true story of a Jewish Immigrant in Galveston, Texas circa, 1910. *The Immigrant* has sold out theatres across the country. Deeply felt human experience is revealed through humor and the conflict of cultural diversity as people from two different worlds come together. The theatre will glow in the warmth of this unique American drama.

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CKJF Seeking Representative

As part of its Community Relations efforts, the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation maintains membership on the Lexington Council of Peace and Justice. Currently, no CKJF representative is attending the meetings of this community-wide body. The Board of Directors of CKJF welcomes participation from all members of the community and thus, is calling upon the community for a representative.

The representative would represent the Jewish community on this organizational body, submit a written analysis of the activities of the Council of Peace and Justice to the chairperson of the Community Relations Committee on a regular basis and assist the CRC in arrangements for Jewish communal participation in activities such as the Trialogue between Jews, Christians and Muslims.

If you are interested in participating in this exciting and important part of the work of the Community Relations Committee, contact the CKJF office at 268-0672.

From the Program Director:

The Multicultural Diversity Day is a day where we as Jews can take pride in who we are. It is a time to share with others who want to learn who the Jewish people are, when our holidays are and why they are significant, language, foods, customs and what makes us a unique group.

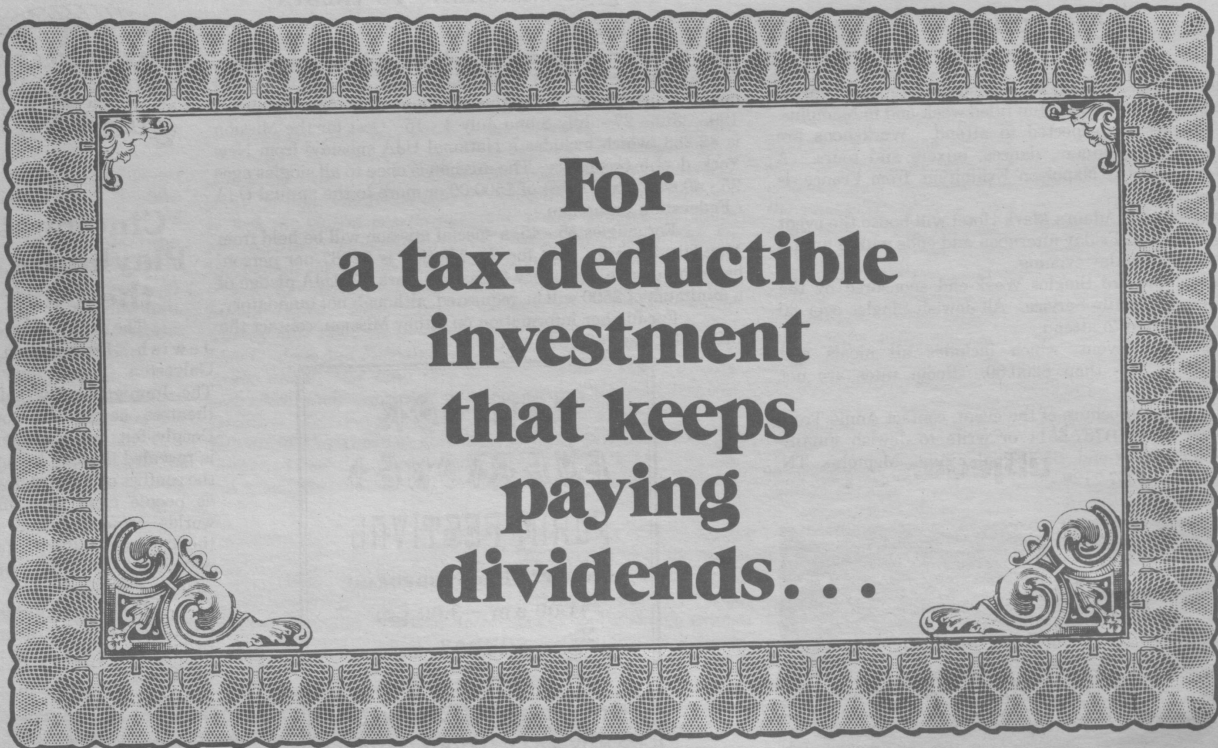
For the last 3 years I have played a critical role in the planning committee and have coordinated the exhibit for CKJF at the University. It continues to amaze me how much others do not know about Judaism and Jews. However, on the other hand, I am encouraged that so many people asked questions. This year I smoozed with the many Arabs who are always drawn to our booth. I again felt very encouraged when four Arabs from different countries expressed their desire for peace with us.

Next year, think about what you would like to share with others about being Jewish and maybe think about visiting our booth or sitting in at the booth as a volunteer. A special thanks as always to Susan and Austin Cantor, and to Ruth Osser and Susan Goldstein who volunteered their assistance at this years booth. A very special thanks to Raphael Finkel who cheerfully wrote hundreds of students names in Hebrew calligraphy.

A thank you also to Rabbi Eric and Kim Slaton for providing us with Judaica and to Bernice Herman the librarian at Ohavay Zion Synagogue for sharing with us a wide assortment of Jewish Books.

People often ask me how they can be a part of the Jewish community. My answer is always the same, volunteer, get involved or be a participant. For the month of March we really have a wide assortment of things to choose from. From the Purim Schpiel at the Children's Museum, Bowling for Kids Campaign, Jewish Camp Night and the Mayor's Town Hall meeting. Hope to see you at one or all of our great new programs.

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