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# Noted Author Gloria Goldreich To Speak at Forum Series

Gloria Goldreich, prize-winning author of Jewish interest novels, is the featured speaker for the final program of the 1986-87 CKJF Forum Series on Sunday, June 7 at 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium of Temple Adath Israel.

This presentation is the second annual Forum program endowed by the Rosenberg family in memory of Elizabeth Rosenberg. It is free and open to the public.

"An Author's Insight into Her Writing" is the topic for her lecture.

Goldreich's novels include Leah's Journey, Leah's Children (a sequel), Four Days, This Promised Land, and This Burning Harvest, a projected trilogy following the lives of an Israeli family from pre-Independence to the present. In 1979, Leah's Journey won the National Jewish Book Award, and in 1981, Goldreich was presented with the Federated Arts and Letters Award.

Commentary, Midstream, Ladies Home Journal, Ms, and Hadasah, a diverse selection of nationally distributed magazines, have published Goldreich's essays and short stories. She has two novels out for young adults, Season of Discovery and Lori, and has ventured into non-fiction with What Can She Be, a book on women and careers.

A graduate of Brandeis, Goldreich first came to national prominence as winner of Seventeen magazine's short story contest.



Following her undergraduate studies, she served as assistant to the director of Jewish education of national Hadassah until leaving for Israel to pursue a degree in Jewish history. She now resides in New York.

West of Eden, Gloria Goldreich's newest novel will be available for purchase, and the author will be pleased to autograph copies of her books.

Forum Chair Susan Cantor and her committee arranged for Gloria Goldreich's appearance on the Series through the Lecture Bureau of the Jewish Welfare Board.

# WHERE THE MONEY GOES

The three graphs on the following pages show "Where Your Money Goes". Figures represent collections and subsequent expenditures during 1986.

The first graph, 1986 CAMPAIGN COLLECTIONS, shows the designated areas into which collections fall. Campaign expenses come from each area of campaign. A little more than one percent of all campaign collections went back into the process of raising money.

The 1987 campaign is being conducted under the expert leadership of Simone Salomon. She took over this position when Gail Cohen was elected president. Men's Campaign is led by Bob Baumann; Women's Campaign by Nancy Hoffman, Ellie Goldman and Cheri Rose; Super Sunday, for the second year, by Vinnie Dubilier and Joe Rosenberg; Israel Bonds Campaign by Charles Stern; and the Project Renewal Campaign by Judy Baumann.

Under the chairmanship of Simone Salomon, the 1988 CKJF-UJA Campaign will start planning soon for the fall events. Simone headed the 1986 Women's Division Campaign, is the second vice president of the Federation, and coordinates activities for the CKJF leadership development

program, Interact III.

In addition to involvement in CKJF activities, Simone is very active in Ohavay Zion Sisterhood.



Simone Salomon

Heading the 1988 effort for the Men's Campaign is David Rose. A lifelong resident of Lexington, Rose is past treasurer and president of B'nai B'rith, a former member of the CKJF board, and was active on the Temple Adath Israel building fund committee.

David is married to 1988 Women's Division co-chair Cheri Rose.

When asked about his thoughts on Campaign '88 David said, "I don't think of campaign as charity as much as <u>responsibility</u>. We're not just raising money, we're being responsible for ourselves, our children and Jews the world over."

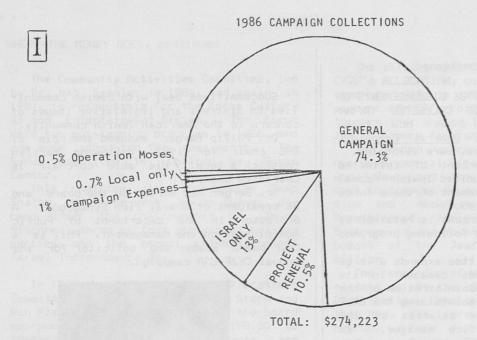


David Rose

Set to lead the Women's Campaign to another record setting year is Ellie Goldman. Ellie is presently co-chair of the 1987 Women's Campaign, at-large member of the CKJF Executive Committee, former Project Renewal chair, and Hadassah representative to the CKJF Board of Directors.



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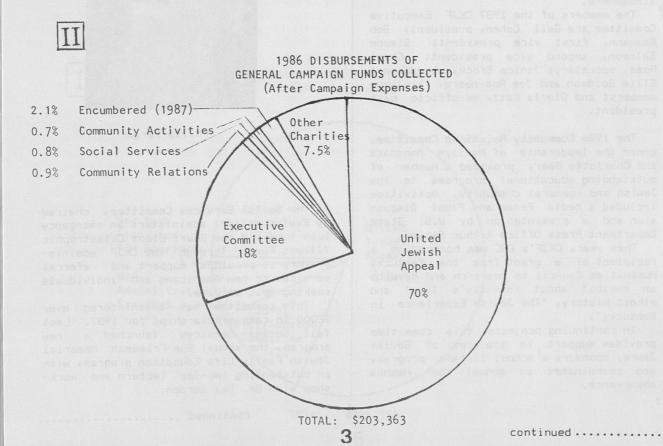
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The second graph, 1986 DISBURSEMENTS OF GENERAL CAMPAIGN FUNDS COLLECTED (After Campaign Expenses), shows how funds collected in the 1986 General Campaign, minus campaign expenses, were allocated.

As always, 70 percent of collected funds go directly to United Jewish Appeal (UJA). (Their disbursement of these funds is explained in Graph #3.)

The remaining 30 percent is retained by the Federation for the following programs.

The Executive Committee expends a large amount of these funds because in its charge is the actual administration of the Federation, including maintaining the CKJF office and paying the salaries of the administrator and office manager. In addition, this committee oversees the Board of Directors, leadership training and workshops, the CKJF newsletter, and the annual "Shalom Lexington" welcome to newcomers. They also lead the effort to other local Jewish work with organizations' leadership in a cooperative atmosphere.

The members of the 1987 CKJF Executive Committee are Gail Cohen, president; Bob Baumann, first vice president; Simone Salomon, second vice president; Cheri Rose, secretary; Janice Brock, treasurer; Ellie Goldman and Joe Rosenberg, at-large members; and Gloria Katz, ex-officio past president.

The 1986 Community Relations Committee, under the leadership of Marilyn Moosnick and Charlotte Baer, provided a number of outstanding educational programs to the Jewish and general community. Activities included a Media Forum and Panel Discussion and a presentation by U.S. State Department Press Office Arthur Berger.

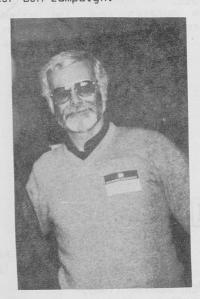
This year, CKJF's CRC was honored as a recipient of a grant from the Kentucky Humanities Council to research and develop an exhibit about Kentucky's local and ethnic history, "The Jewish Experience in Kentucky".

In continuing projects, this committee provides support in the area of Soviet Jewry, sponsors a school liaison program, and coordinates an annual Yom Hashoa observance.

Subcommittees deal with Jewish communities in distress and legislative issues of concern to the American Jewish community.

Dr. Philip Berger assumed the role of CRC chair for 1987, following Marilyn Moosnick's term. His able co-chair is Charlotte Baer.

Dr. Berger has served on the board and as president of Ohavay Zion Synagogue. A professor in the department of Public Administration and Management, Phil is a CKJF board member and solicitor for the annual CKJF-UJA campaign.



Philip Berger

The Social Services Committee, chaired by Evelyn Geller, administers an emergency loan fund and the Shari Eldot Catastrophic Illness Fund. Through the CKJF administrator, it provides support and referral services to new Americans and individuals seeking this service.

This committee has administered over \$2000 in camp scholarships for 1987. Last fall Social Services launched a new program, the annual Sue Friedman Memorial Jewish Family Life Education program, with an outstanding two-day lecture and workshop with Dr. Sol Gordon.

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ith -kThe Community Activities Committee, led by Dr. Nat Sandler in 1986 and again in 1987, is responsible for the Forum Cultural and Entertainment Series. The Forum held two outstanding programs in 1986 and one more scheduled for next month. The Forum Committee is chaired by Susan Cantor.

This committee also coordinates Camp Shalom, the three-week Jewish summer day camp under the chairmanship of Joyce Mischner, three or four pre-school holiday parties, and the annual celebration of Israel Independence Day.

In 1987 the CKJF Budget and Allocations Committee, co-chaired by Charles Stern and Ron Fleischman, recommended, and the board approved, allocations of \$18,198.50 to "Other Charities". These grants are determined in 1987, but the allocations were made from 1986 collections.

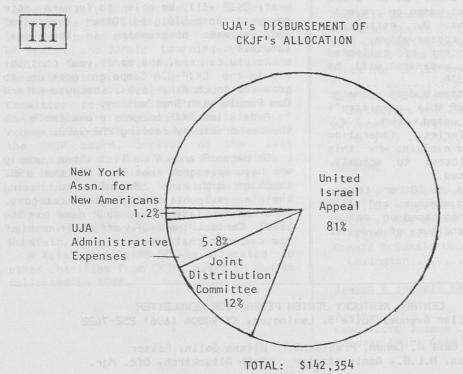
A complete list the CKJF's 1987 Allocations to Other Charities can be found on page 7.

The third graph, UJA's DISBURSEMENT OF CKJF's ALLOCATION, shows how the money we send to UJA is disbursed. Again, 81 percent of UJA's collections are channeled through the United Israel Appeal to the Jewish Agency for Israel.

The Jewish Agency is an international non-governmental organization that links world Jewry and the people of Israel to meet challenges in areas such as Immigration and Absorption, Ethiopian Jewry Resettlement, Immigrant Housing, Rural Settlements and Youth Aliyah. The 1986-87 budget of the Jewish Agency is \$381 million.

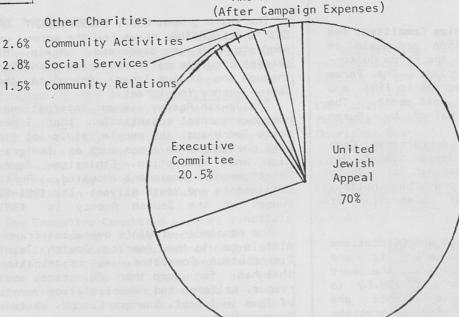
The remainder of UJA's overseas transmittals go to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, an organization that has, for more than 70 years, met rescue, welfare and rehabilitation needs of Jews in Israel, Eastern Europe, Western Europe, Moslem countries and Latin America.

A certain amount of funds remain in the U.S. to support similar programs of the New York Association for New Americans.





# 1987 PROJECTED GENERAL CAMPAIGN COLLECTIONS AND APPROVED BUDGET



Estimated Total: \$173,300

In the final graph, 1987 PROJECTED GENERAL CAMPAIGN COLLECTIONS AND APPROVED BUDGET, we attempt to show, as in Graph II, the 1987 CKJF Budget based on projected campaign collections. Our estimation of 1987 collections is conservative.

As always, 70 percent of collected monies (after campaign expenses) will be sent in allocation to UJA.

The Executive Committee budget remains stable as almost all of this committee's expenses cannot be adjusted down, i.e., insurance, rent, salaries, federation dues, taxes. This also explains why this committee comes the closest to actually spending what is budgeted.

The amount allocated to "Other Charities" is a guaranteed minimum and will most likely increase when based on actual giving and careful expenditure of budgeted funds.

With a successful 1987 Campaign and increased giving on each individual's part, CKJF will be able to forward more money to both UJA and "Other Charities" and increase programming in the local community.

As you can see, the money you contribute to the CKJF-UJA Campaign goes on to grow and touch many lives...because we are One People with One Destiny.

A detailed CKJF budget is available to the membership by calling 252-7622.

On pages 8 and 9 we list those people who have pledged thus far to the 1987 Campaign and have consented to having their names published by gift category. It's not too late to add your name to the list. Contact the CKJF office or one of the campaign chairpeople.

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# CKJF Announces Allocations to "Other Charities"

According to the constitution of CKJF, seventy percent of all general campaign funds received, minus campaign expenses, must be forwarded to the United Jewish Appeal for allocation. Monies received which have been designated for a specific purpose, such as Project Renewal, are sent directly to the UJA and are not included in the general campaign total.

A portion of the remaining funds are used for operating expenses which include the many activities coordinated by CKJF committees such as Camp Shalom, Forum, Interact, Shalom Lexington, the annual Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration, etc.

Finally, from even prior to CKJF's existence, come the allocations to "Other Charities". These allocations represent our community's participation in the welfare of the local community as well as the American and world Jewish communities.

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Several years ago, in an attempt to clearly define the areas of our responsibility and concern, the Budget and Allocations Committee divided all requests into five broad categories: Preservation of Jewish and Judaic Learning, Welfare, Medical, Social Action, and Jewish and Israeli Youth.

This year's Budget and Allocation Committee, co-chaired by Charles Stern and Ron Fleischman, examined the multitude of requests and with some adjustments made by the CKJF board, arrived at the list presented here. As always, the decisions were made after intense discussion by the committee and board. Serving with Stern and Fleischman were Martin Barr, Harold Baker, Gail Cohen, Evelyn Geller, Ellie Goldman, Erle Levy, Tomas Milch and David Wekstein.

A total of \$18,198.50 was allocated to other charities from CKJF, based on monies collected in 1986.

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# "One People, One Destiny" 1987 CKJF-UJA Campaign

Following is a list of contributors to the 1987 CKJF-UJA Campaign who have agreed to have their gift published by gift category.

We salute all the contributors to this year's campaign.

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# The Case for Meaningful Giving in the 1987 Campaign

Editor's Note: The following is reprinted from the <u>Jewish Digest</u>, the Federation newsletter of Greater New Bedford, Massachusetts.

How do we recognize the turning points in a nation's life? In 1967, it was clear that more than borders had changed when Israel's soldiers touched the Western Wall. But some turning points are not so obvious. They occur gradually, behind the headlines.

Twenty years after the Six-Day War, Israel is at another turning point: this time the major issue is economic development.

Small and relatively poor in physical resources, Israel is rich in human potential. On rural settlements, in cities and development towns — in the Negev and in the Galilee — Israel is struggling to expand its technological capacity. New industries are in their infancy. New economic ventures and modes of organization are taking shape.

The nation's economic survival depends on this process — and progress will depend on the development of a well-trained and highly-skilled work force. But can a 39-year old nation, with a population gathered from the four corners of the earth, achieve this goal?

For the moment, there are problems. Israel's defense bill is 25 percent of the total national budget — a staggering 22 percent of the GNP. Taxes on personal income can reach as high as 65 percent without deductions. And, as a result of the brave — and largely successful — austerity program that has reduced annual inflation from 495 percent to single digits, Israel's agricultural economy is in crisis and unemployment is climbing. More than 100 moshavim are in serious trouble, and there are 105,000 people out of work compared with 85,000 a year ago.

Cuts in social services, education and health care -- and a resulting decline in the standard of living -- threaten gains that have been made in closing the social and cultural gaps between Israel's "haves" and "have-nots".

The children of Ethiopian aliyah, of Project Renewal neighborhoods, of Youth

Aliyah villages and of faltering rural settlements wonder what their options are going to be in Israel's high-tech future. And we all wonder what will happen to plans for economic development in the event of another sudden wave of immigration.

Our Campaign will make the critical difference -- because the programs we support prepare people to participate productively in Israeli society.

If we choose progress, then Israel will not have to choose between educating underprivileged children and ensuring a secure defense.

If we choose the future, then Israel will not have to decide between retraining the unemployed and continuing to control inflation.

A turning point in history is not easy to recognize — until it has passed. In a few years, when we look back on transformations now occuring in Israel, we will hold ourselves accountable and ask these questions: Did we help ease the economic burden when help was needed? Did we encourage optimism and growth while plans were being made? Did we give enough — at the turning point?

#### CKJF Community Relations Committee Sets Direction

Mr. Irwin Schulman, Senior Community Consultant for the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC), was the guest of the CKJF Community Relations Committee at a dinner meeting held on May 10. In addition to committee members present, Rabbi Adland and Rabbi and Hanna Smith participated in the session.

The purpose of the meeting was to explore ideas for local CRC programs and to discuss ways to better organize the activities of the CKJF CRC.

"Although this brief summary cannot capture the richness of the interchange or the enthusiasm of the participants, it's all the editor would allow," said CRC Chairman Dr. Philip Berger.

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# Get in Gear for Summer '87

On Sunday, June 7 at 10:30 a.m., parents and campers will gather to meet Camp Shalom Director Mark Scarr and his counselors and to learn more about the fun-filled, action-packed camp session that lies ahead. Parents will also have opportunity to arrange for carpools, and parent volunteers will be sought for field trip chauffeurs.

The orientation takes place at the camp site on the corner of Athens-Boonesboro and Walnut Hill/Chilesburg (take Richmond Road past Jacobsen Park and turn left on Walnut-Hill/Chilesburg). Temple Adath Israel is the alternative in case of rain.

Camp Shalom, which runs from June 8 to June 26, will continue to take applications until full. Applications and brochures are available through the CKJF office.

Mark has rounded up an enthusiastic group of counselors for the 1987 camp session. They include Elise Mandel, Kelly Jo Waterbury-Eichhorn, Pam Doctrow, Rebecca Mersack, Josh Cantor, Naomi Clewett and Laurie Clewett.

Parents and campers are urged to attend orientation together and meet these young adults who will be the driving force behind Camp Shalom's Summer '87 experience.

# Camp Alumni Alert!

Whether last year was your first camp experience or twenty years ago was your last, you and your family are invited to the twenty year Camp Shalom reunion on Wednesday, June 17 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the camp site. Everyone is asked to bring their own picnic style dinner. Dinner is at 6:00 and a program, featuring the talent of the event committee, is at 7:00 p.m. Come out and reminisce at this informal affair!

# Volunteering for Israel

Editor's Note: This article is reprinted from the Near East Report, April 13, 1987.

Like most good ideas, it was simple. And its success has been invaluable.

In the fall of 1982, with many Israeli reservists still on active duty as part of the war in Lebanon, crops on some northern kibbutzim and moshavim went unharvested. Gen. Aharon Davidi, who had been commander of Israel's special forces in the 1967 Six-Day War, discussed with a few friends the idea of recruiting short-term volunteers to help. Soon 650 Americans were working in the fields and even assisting with guard duty.

After that initial success, Davidi suggested to the army that using volunteers from overseas to supplement Israel Defense Forces (IDF) civilian reservists be made a permanent program. Since then 10,000 people, including 4,500 Americans, have worked on military bases across the country through Volunteers for Israel.

During the day volunteers load fuel drums, clean and lubricate armored vehicles, paint naval vessels, package spare parts, work in kitchens or do any of the other chores necessary for military preparedness. Their uniforms identify them as civilian volunteers. Unlike some of the program's first participants, they do not handle weapons or pull quard duty.

At night volunteers study Hebrew, hear lectures from a teacher or professor on reserve duty, or leave their bases for a trip to town -- when one is nearby. Weekends include both shabbat and a second day off for organized tours throughout the country.

A fringe benefit, according to staffer Clark Evenchik, is that participants' round-trip tickets are subsidized and are good for six months. So after completing their stints at an IDF base, volunteers still have more than five months which they can spend in an academic program, on a kibbutz or in other ways.

The program recruits people from 18 to 65 years of age. In addition to college students -- who can earn credit for a four-week stint -- and senior citizens,

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volunteers have included professors, retired U.S. diplomats, antique dealers — "you name it and we've had it," Evenchik said.

Interest in Volunteers for Israel has surged, drawing participants not only from the U.S. but also Canada, Mexico, Costa Rica, Argentina, South Africa, England and France. Previously run by volunteers, the program itself now has two full-time staffers, with more planned.

For more information, contact Volunteers for Israel, 40 Worth St., Suite 710, New York, NY 10013.

#### Lexingtonian Attains Presidency of Central States Region of Hadassah

Judy Saxe recently became the third member of the Lexington chapter of Hadassah to ascend to the position of President, Central States Region. Hadassah, the world's largest Zionist organization, has over 385,000 members in the U.S. and only 36 regions. The Central States Region encompasses Kentucky, Ohio, and a portion of West Virginia, 17 local chapters in all.

Saxe has a long history of involvement with local and regional Hadassah and has shown commitment to a variety of other Jewish organizations as well. Her Hadassah activities have run the gamut, from fundraising to educational programming, and from 1972 to 1974 she served as chapter president. Leadership in the local chapter led to involvement in the regional apparatus, where she has chaired various committees. A highlight of her regional work is her involvement in youth programs such as Young Judaea.

During her three year term as regional president, she will have a position on the national Hadassah board and will act as a conduit of information and policy between national, regional and local bodies. Although her main responsibilities are leading a regional board and running a regional conference, she will have opportunity to travel to and speak with individual chapters.

CKJF President Gail Cohen (regional Hadassah president, 1981-84) remarked recently, "This is an honor not only for Judy but for the local chapter and for the

entire Jewish community of Lexington. That three, out of seven, regional presidents over the past twenty years have come from Lexington (Marilyn Moosnick served from 1969 to 1972), is indicative of an unusually strong percentage here of Jews active in Jewish causes. Considering that the region encompasses cities with much larger and longer established Jewish communities, Lexington Jews have shown that it is not just numbers that count but the meaningful work of individual Jews and of local organizations."



Hadassah's 75th Anniversary Celebrated in Israel

Judy Saxe, of Lexington, a third generation Life Member of Hadassah, recently joined 2,000 other Hadassah members and their husbands in a joyous parade through the streets of Jerusalem on Purim, the Jewish carnival festival.

In Israel for Hadassah's three-quarters-of-a-century milestone, the Lexington contingent included Saxe, Gail and Ernie Cohen, and Marilyn Moosnick. The members of Hadassah showed Jerusalemites a new aspect of the famous women's organization — their capacity to have fun. Many of them wore fancy dress and wigs.

Judy Saxe, pictured above, dressed as the Mad Hatter. The Hadassah parade was led by Mayor Teddy Kolleck and Hadassah National President Ruth Popkin, riding in a lavishly decorated horse and carriage.

The people of Jerusalem, lining the pavements, responded to the parade by shouting, "Hadassah, we love you!"

## FCI Lexington Fills Religious Needs of Jewish Inmates

A town with a Conservative Synagogue, a Reform Temple, a Havurah and numerous social and charitable Jewish organizations, Lexington offers 2,000 or so Jewish citizens a multitude of opportunities for asserting their Jewishness. Many play a role in these groups, attending religious services, sending their children to Hebrew school, and volunteering their time for Jewish causes. Some do not play a role. Most Lexington Jews have opportunity and choice. They are free to choose a balance between Jewish and secular activities.

Sixty-five Jews in Lexington are not free to make these choices. They are part of the inmate population at FCI, the minimum security Federal Correctional Institution, on Leestown Road. Surprising to people not familiar with the U.S. penal system, inmates have basic opportunities to maintain, and even to increase their knowledge of, their Jewish heritage. Special accommodations are made for food and study as well as religious worship.

As a federal institution, one with special medical facilities, FCI houses prisoners from all over the U.S. The Jewish inmates come from many geographical locations, and their religious backgrounds are equally varied.

From Cincinnati, Chabad Rabbi Sholom Kalmanson serves as consultant rabbi to the prison's chaplain, Rev. Warren Schave. One day a week he visits FCI, inspecting the kosher kitchen, visiting and counseling Jewish inmates, holding study sessions, and leading discussion groups. Regular Friday evening and Saturday morning services are conducted by the inmates.

Rabbi William Leffler, former rabbi at Temple Adath Israel, preceded Kalmanson and served in this position for many years.

According to The American Israelite (April 2, 1987), approximately one half of all Jewish inmates are involved in Judaic studies, one third observe Shabbat, many eat at the kosher kitchen, and many participate in Jewish holiday activities. On the surface this would indicate a devout group of Jews, but in a prison

setting there are factors which encourage and increase religious activities.

Mark Simpson, one of Lexington's few Jews involved with FCI, is one of five professional psychologists on the prison staff. He has been there four years, beginning when he was a graduate student at the University of Kentucky.

Simpson, who works with both Jews and non-Jews, finds a variety of motivating factors in the religious activities of inmates. Incarceration brings an opportunity to reflect on one's life, he observes. Rabbi Kalmanson is a dynamic person and he pushes those who attend services and discussion sessions to clarify their Jewish identity.

According to Simpson, there is no pressure, from prison officials or the system itself, to participate in religious activities, but the circumstances do encourage it. With only a limited number of activities approved for the inmates, religious opportunities give prisoners a choice in their schedule. And food from the kosher kitchen, unlike the blander institutional variety, has a reputation for being tasty.

Jewish inmates come from a wide spectrum of religious backgrounds, and to meet the needs of even the most observant Jew, services and holiday observances lean toward an Orthodox format. This lack of choice might outrage some at first, but one must remember that by definition an inmate is one who has lost freedoms that those on the outside are entitled to.

Mary Birenbaum, also from Lexington, works at FCI as a volunteer chaplain. She counsels Jews and non-Jews, mostly women, on religious and non-religious matters. As one of the few people in their lives not part of the penal system, she enables the inmates to stay in touch with the world that one day they will prepare to face again.

"I see myself as a stable force in their lives," she explains. "For instance, one woman asked me recently, 'What are you cooking for dinner tonight?'"

This type of conversation doesn't seem monumental, she continued, but each inmate needs time to talk about normal things, things beyond their walls.

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As a regular volunteer, Birenbaum has opportunity to see aspects of the prison's religious life from which normal visitors are barred. She can attend services and holiday events, and her access to prisoners sometime provides her with information that is not public.

According to Birenbaum, prison visitors are needed to see inmates on a one-on-one basis. Although there is red tape involved, one national organization, Prison Visitation and Support, matches up a potential visitor with an inmate according to common background factors. For information, write Prison Visitation and Support, 1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

CKJF's support of FCI's Jewish services comes in the form of a small grant, under the "other charities" allocation category, earmarked for the purchase of Judaica materials.

Most Jews in Lexington are aware only of Anne Henderson Pollard, the most conspicuous member of FCI's Jewish population, but her presence in Lexington is not nearly as significant to this community as is the presence of a thriving Jewish group. This small pocket of Jews should be nurtured and encouraged in their religious and cultural activities by the larger Jewish community of Lexington.

#### YOUR VIEW

#### CKJF Bulletin Invites Your Thoughts on the Waldheim Issue

The CKJF Bulletin is mainly concerned with keeping members of the Jewish community abreast of local happenings and abreast of national and international Jewish affairs not easily accessible. Although it generally refrains from printing the opinions of board and staff, the Bulletin welcomes your thoughts on Waldheim's ban from the U.S., especially because this issue has been overshadowed by other events in recent weeks.

Was the U.S. justified in banning Waldheim at this time? Was the evidence substantial enough to support the decision? Are there additional actions the U.S. can and should take and what are they? How does this turn of events change your opinion of the United Nations and its major actions under Waldheim who served 10 years as Secretary General?

How large a role did Jewish pressure and timing have on this decision? What political factors came into play? What does Waldheim's election say about the Austrian people? In light of this "new" evidence, what would be the honorable thing for the Austrian public to do?

Many express indignation over the fact that volumes of evidence have been, and continue to be, under lock and key. What countries have an interest in keeping it this way, and what are the motivating factors? And more specifically, does the U.S. have an interest in keeping some of these documents out of the public eye?

Please send YOUR VIEWS to the CKJF Bulletin, 333 Waller Avenue, Lexington, KY 40504.

## Dinner Planned to Honor the late Stanley Rose

B'nai B'rith Lodge #289 invites you to join with them in a dinner honoring the memory of Stanley Rose, Saturday, May 30th beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Temple Adath Israel.

Rose held numerous leadership positions in the Jewish and general community, was chairman of the Advisory Board of the Regional Board of the Anti-Defamation League, and was chairman of the Society of Fellows for Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana for the same organization.

The honoree of the 1981 CKJF Israel Bonds Tribute Dinner, Stanley Rose held a position on the CKJF board of directors at the time of his death.

Reservations may be made by calling Harvey Hirsch, Lodge president, at 268-2513. The cost of the dinner is \$45, \$75 or \$100 per couple. The latter two include donations to the Anti-Defamation League.

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# CRC, continued

Small communities can have a very real impact on national and international issues. We should continue to write, phone, or otherwise communicate our concerns to Washington, Moscow, or wherever.

The CKJF CRC should consider widening its programs to include activities on behalf of moral or ethical issues that are not uniquely Jewish, but which are consistent with Jewish values and teachings.

There are opportunities to expand our activities on behalf of Soviet Jewry. For example, school classes could adopt a refusenik child; we could phone refusenik families on Passover; and we could urge local elected officials to adopt a refusenik family.

We should seriously rethink the way the CKJF CRC is currently structured. There was agreement at the meeting that we sould move to a subcommittee structure in which small groups would act fairly autonomously in their program areas.

The CRC should develop a mechanism to establish program priorities which are consistent with community needs and appropriate to the resources available for CRC activities.

Ideas for CRC meeting formats were discussed. There was wide recognition that well attended and informative committee meetings were important to the success of CRC.

The CRC committee invites you to join its activities and help shape its programs and activities for the next two years. Call CKJF Administrator Linda Ravvin at the CKJF office or the CRC co-chairpersons Phil Berger (277-0997) or Charlotte Baer (277-3072).