

Central Kentucky Jewish Association

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE



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As charged by the By-Laws of the Central Kentucky Jewish Association, the Community Relations Committee shall "encourage within the membership individual concern about and response to the social problems of the times."

The problems are many and the responses have been prompt and varied

The Central Kentucky Jewish Association, through its Community Relations Committee, will participate with God's Pantry-Crisis Food Center to help establish a Food Bank here in Lexington. God's Pantry, an ecumenical effort to meet the significant hunger needs of the Greater Lexington



area, will expand its services and become a Food Bank with space to receive food which can be distributed to non-profit agencies feeding the ill, elderly and infants. Members of the Jewish community are strongly urged to help. Please bring NON-PERISHABLE foods to Ohavay Zion Synagogue between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 16 or 23. Items such as boxes of hot or cold cereal, spaghetti and it products, flour, rice and corn meal; cans of tuna, milk, vegetables and unsweetened joices; and infant formula and infant cereal are most desirable. Please!! Help those in Lexington who are hungry.

DID YOU KNOW there are approximately 150 Jewish faculty on the campus of the University of Kentucky? The Community Relations Committee has compiled a listing of these faculty members and is in the process of organizing a meeting with them. The purposes of the meeting are to develop a plan to counteract the pro-Arab anti-Israel activities which occur all too frequently on the campus of the University; to determine how the Jewish faculty can be most effective in expressing their concerns over the abridgement of the academic freedom of their Jewish counterparts in the Soviet Union; to investigate the feasibility of establishing a certificate in Jewish studies on the campus; and most of all to give all the faculty an opportunity to meet each other. The Committee hopes that it will be able to maintain ongoing activities with the Jewish faculty at the University of Kentucky.



AND I WAS THERE Many of you had the opportunity to see the television program "And I Was There," co-sponsored by the Community Relations Committee and Channel 18. The program was shown in prime time last month featuring five residents from Central Kentucky each of whom had personal experiences with the Holocaust, with Otis Singletary, President of the University of Kentucky, as the moderator. The Committee expresses its sincere thanks to Dr. Oscar Haber, Mrs. Sylvia Green, Mr. Henry Darmstadter, Colonel Bruce Coleman and Dr. Leonidas Mostowycz for their superb participation. We also

express our great appreciation to Dr. Otis Singletary and his office staff for the time and help they provided us. Mr. Harry Barfield, station manager of Channel 18, provided us with an outstanding staff and all of the facilities of the channel. All of this help resulted in an extremely professional production. Since the airing of the program the Committee has received a phenomenal amount of extremely positive feedback, including requests for copies of the tape to be stored in several libraries, and a request to show the tape in a number of classes at the University. Copies of the tape are available for showing in private homes and at all types of group meetings. For further information please call Dr. David Wekstein at 269-4454.

SCHOOL LIAISON PROGRAM INSTITUTED , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,

In response to the problems and needs of our Jewish public school children within the Christian-oriented society, the Community Relations Committee has inaugurated the Liaison Program with the Fayette County Schools. Each school in the county which has Jewish students has been assigned an individual from the Central Kentucky Jewish Association whose role it is to communicate directly with the principal. The liaison is not only intended to help the principal avoid calendar conflicts during Jewish holidays, but also to assist educationally as the need may arise. Parents may also use the liaison persons in their children's schools to serve as a third party, or buffer, if problems of anti-semitism or discrimination erupt. The Community Relations Committee does encourage parents of our school children to contact their respective liaisons if any problems do arise. The liaison will not act on the problem unless requested by the parent, but will be able to keep track of various problems and be able to identify where, if any place, in the school there seem to be chronic problems.

The Christian orientation of the music curriculum of the schools, both at Christmas time and throughout the year, has long been a source of concern to our public school children and their parents. Members of the Community Relations Committee have met with a group of music teachers from the various schools to discuss the problem. A full morning was spent in dialogue with these teachers at which time we had the opportunity to describe and explain our concerns. No concrete solution was achieved, but in an area where interpretation and perception are key factors, consciousness was raised on both sides of the issue. The Community Relations Committee feels comfortable in telling parents and public school children that the schools are beginning to listen. We are headed in the right direction.

If you want more information about our programs with the public schools, please call Sheila DeKosky at 268-0627.

CHAIRMAN OF AUSCHWITZ COMMITTEE TO SPEAK

Mr. Mel Mermelstein, Chairman of the Auschwitz Committee of the United States will present a film on the Warsaw Ghetto and talk about the Holocaust on Wednesday, October 19, 1983. The presentation will be at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Congregation Ohavay Zion, 120 West Maxwell Street, Lexington. Mr. Mermelstein is a survivor of the Holocaust, an author of the book By Bread Alone which tells his story. In 1981 he filed suit against the Institute for Historical Review which claimed the Holocaust was nothing but a hoax. He won his suit in the California Courts. Mr. Mermelstein has lectured extensively on the topic of the Holocaust. Please plan to attend.

CRC Chair, David Wekstein, and Co-Chair, Charlotte Baer, advise us that we need a 16 mm sound movie projector and screen to project a movie Mr. Mermelstein is going to share. If possible we need a big screen - not one used in home living rooms. Are you the person who can solve the need? Volunteer the screen and projector by calling CKJA at 277-8048.

CRC continued....



BOY SCOUTS ANNOUNCE SPECIAL SIGN-UPS FOR JEWISH YOUTH

For many years, the Bluegrass Council of the Boy Scouts of America has held sign-ups at local schools on the first Thursday after Labor Day. This year the date fell on Rosh Hashonah. Through the efforts of the Community Relations Committee, and with the full cooperation of the Bluegrass Council office, alternate arrangements have been make for all Jewish youth interested in entering scouting.

Don Cohen has agreed to serve as the liaison between CKJA and the Boy Scout Council. If your children are interested in participating in this excellent program, contact Don at 223-9578 for information concerning registration.

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OOPS!

BAR/BAT MITZVAH TWINNING - A POSTSCRIPT

We apologize for inadvertantly omitting mention of Becky Birenbaum who celebrated her Bat Mitzvah in May at Temple Adath Israel, sharing it with Frida Mullokanov of the Soviet Union.

Young people at the Temple preparing for Bar/Bat Mitzvah work closely with Rabbi Leffler in making a decision whether to "adopt" a Soviet "twin." Information from an organization called Action for Soviet Jewry is distributed to all pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah students.

If you or your children are interested in obtaining further information about this project, please call Rabbi Leffler at 254-8815; David Wekstein, CRC Chair at 233-6671, or 269-4454 (home); or Charlotte Baer, CRC Co-chair at 257-5932, or 277-3072 (home).

ISRAEL BOND COMMITTEE

The 1983 Central Kentucky Israel Bonds Campaign was kicked off during the High Holiday Season. Chaired by Roz and Morris Rozen of Richmond, co-chaired by Steve Caller, and supported by a large, active committee, this year's effort will be a telephone and personal solicitation campaign rather than a dinner honoring a local person. It is felt that because less than 10% of our Jewish community actually attended the dinners, the new format will reach a larger segment of possible bond purchasers.

This year Israel Bonds offers a minimum \$250 bond which is not interest bearing, but is readily convertible to cash. The \$500 bond, and increments above, bears the usual 4% rate and matures in 15 years. There is also an excellent bond available to IRA's, Keogh plans, building funds and other such non-profit institutions at a competitive rate of $7\frac{1}{2}\%$ plus half the difference in the prime rate. Today it is paying $9\frac{1}{4}\%$!

Funds raised through the sale of Israel Bonds go to help build Israel's economic infrastructure and to create jobs. This, of course, is the best route for Israel to become self sufficient and able to compete in the world financial community. The next decade will feature the construction of a water carrier-channel from the Mediterranean Sea to the Dead Sea. This will provide hydroelectric power for Israel as well as restore fresh salt water to the nearly depleted Dead Sea.

When you are called to purchase a bond, please respond with a positive and supportive reply. For more information, contact Roz and Morris at 606-623-3865 or Steve Caller at 266-1314. The need for money never goes away; it sits on one side of a see-saw -- it can only be balanced by caring and giving. We are the carers and the givers, aren't we?

INTERACT IN ACTION

On Saturday evening,
October 1, the Interact Group
met with Sylvia Green of
Winchester to take "A Glimpse
at Jewish Roots." Sylvia
shared her memories of family
life in pre-Holocaust Europe.
Coming up is an evening

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an ah workshop on November 12, with Judy Freundlich-Tiell of the Jewish Family & Vocational Service in Louisville. An outstanding leader in the field of Jewish Family Life Education, Ms. Freundlich will discuss "The Modern Jewish Family."

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You are cordially invited to participate in the

United Jewish Appeal

East Central — Midwest Leadership Conference

"WEAVING THE FABRIC OF OUR FUTURE"

Friday, October 21 through Sunday, October 23, 1983

at the

Michigan Inn Southfield, Michigan

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Project Renewal Multimedia Presentation; Domestic Issues Confronting American Jewry; Israel - Diaspora Relations; Arab Influence on the Campus; Jews in Distress Around the World; Special Sessions For Graduate Students; and UJA Past, Present And Future.

Among the speakers will be Honorable Lowell Weicker, U.S. Senator from Connecticut; Honorable Sander Levin, U.S. Congressman from Michigan, Dan Halprin, Economic Minister to the Embassy of Israel, Irwin Cotler, Ph.D., McGill University, Thomas Dine, Executive Director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, Dr. Arych Nesher, Director of the UJA Operation Breakthrough, and national officers of UJA.

Lexington will also be well represented on the program. CKJA Campaign Committee Chair Gloria Katz will make a presentation at the session on Small City Campaign Planning; and Erle Levy, Men's Division Chair, will chair a workshop on Super Sunday.



COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS 52nd General Assembly

The General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations is the central focus of the CJF year. It is an opportunity for lay leaders and professionals from all over the United States to meet and discuss the multitude of issues facing the American Jewish community. It is a time for sharing, learning, and expanding personal horizons.

CKJA President Jack Miller, Vice-President Marilyn Moosnick and Judy Saxe, Community Worker, will be attending.

If you are interested in learning more about this exciting conference, call the CKJA office, 277-8048.

November 16-20, Atlanta, GA



Israel-Diaspora Relations

Confronting the "New"

Anti-Semitism Financial Resources
for Federations — Developing a LongRange Approach The Middle East — A Challenge to the Peacemakers Reconnecting with the
General Community — Meeting our Responsibilities for
the General Welfare Unity Amid Diversity: Creative Management of Differing Viewpoints in the Jewish Community
Federation's Role in Support of Aliyah Programs Strengthening Contacts with the Resurgent Jewish Communities in Europe
and Around the World Engaging Women Effectively in the Jewish
Communal Enterprise The University Campus as a Testing
Ground for the Jewish Future Jews on the Move: The Challenge of
Organizing an Increasingly Mobile Jewish Population Federation
Response to the Severe Curtailment of Soviet Jewish Emigration
The Jewish Family in a Period of Change

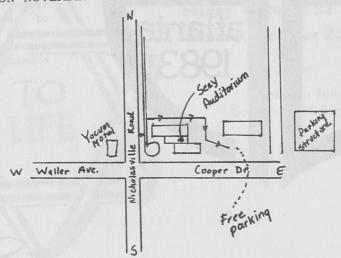


ISRAELI '83 CHASSIDIC FESTIVAL COMES TO TOWN

The next attraction of the Jewish Cultural Entertainment Series --The Israeli Chassidic Festival --- is a treat for the whole family!!
Children under 18 of Series Ticket holders are admitted free, and
Single Event Tickets for full-time students are \$1 (available only
at the door). Future programs feature Arnold Fine, humorous
lecturer, on February 19 and the folksinging duo GEMINI on March 11.

Our realistically priced \$20 Patron Series Ticket and \$10 Series Ticket are excellent buys and will enable you and your children to enjoy this unique series. Please see the enclosed flyer for ticket information and order your tickets today!

SEE YOU ON NOVEMBER 3 AT 7:30 P.M. AT SEAY AUDITORIUM



*The front door to Seay Auditorium is on Nicholasville Road. Entering the Auditorium from the back door (which you will do if you park in area marked "Free Parking" on map) will necessitate walking down and up again one flight of stairs. For elevator information call the CKJA office, 277-8048.

Dear Editor,



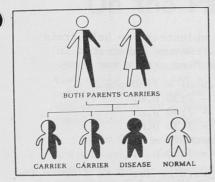
I'd like to express my thanks and give three cheers to the Pre-school Party Committee. Who are these creative and giving people? They deserve recognition for making Sukkot an exciting, educational experience for the participating pre-schoolers.

With such memories as making and decorating his own Sukkah and modeling clay into fruits and vegetables, it's no wonder my four-year-old adores these parties. I am appreciative that CKJA and its volunteers provide this type of Jewish play for the community's children.

Susan S. Willer

Editor's Note: 1983 Chairwoman of Pre-school parties is Sharyn Sharer who was helped by Elayne Crystal and Kitsy Newburg.

Tay Sachs testing program on October 16



On October 16, 1983, Kentucky's first community-wide Tay Sachs testing program will be held at the Jewish Community Center in Louisville. The testing program, sponsored by the Child Evaluation Center, Jewish Hospital, the Jewish Community Federation, the Jewish Community Center, and endorsed by the Louisville Board of Rabbis, is aimed primarily at all married and engaged individuals, as well as single individuals, 21 years of age and older.

Tay Sachs disease is a rare inherited condition which occurs predominantly in Jewish children of

Central and Eastern European ancestry. Approximately 50 children are born in the U.S. each year with Tay Sachs disease. This is a particularly tragic disease since the Tay Sachs child appears normal until about 6 months of age when mental and motor retardation begins and rapid deterioration ensues. Over the next several years, the child loses all of its abilities to turn over, to crawl, to sit up, to eat, to smile, to see and eventually, to live.

Tay Sachs disease is inherited from two normal healthy parents who both carry the gene for this disease. The gene has no meaning for the person's health or well-being. The only time the Tay Sachs gene can create a problem is when each of the individuals

pass on their copy of the gene to their child.

Tay Sachs is 100 times more common in the Jewish population. About 1 in 30 Jews are carriers of Tay Sachs disease as compared to 1 in 300 among non-Jews. If both parents are Tay Sachs carriers, the risk per pregnancy is 1 in 4. Because of recent medical breakthroughs, all carriers can now be detected through a simple, accurate and inexpensive blood test. Once identified, couples can be helped to have unaffected children.

The cost of the test is \$20.00 which includes both the laboratory expense and the cost of shipping the samples to a special laboratory in California. This test is also available year-round through the Child Evaluation Center. However, because of individual shipping costs to the laboratory, the cost is higher.

The testing is to be held from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 16, 1983, at the Louisville Jewish Community Center. For further information and to make an appointment, call the Louisville Jewish Federation at 502-451-8840 between 9-5 and on weekends and evenings, call Barbara at 502-426-4986.



The Cincinnati JCC is sponsoring a Jewish Marriage Encounter Weekend, November 5-6-7 at Vernon Manor in Cincinnati. For information contact David and Celia Lasse, 4717 Elizabeth Place, Cincinnati, 45242, (513) 984-0163.



OPERATION: SAFETY-PRINT



Temple Adath Israel Sisterhood needs volunteers to help train others at the Safety-Print workshops. Anyone interested in learning how to fingerprint or in teaching others may come.

October 6: Lafayette High School - 7:30 p.m.

October 10: Synagogue - 7:30 p.m.

October 26: Synagogue - 7:30 p.m.

November 3: Synagogue - 7:30 p.m. November 8: Tates Creek Elementary - 7:00 p.m.

November 14: Synagogue - 7:30 p.m.

Several volunteers are needed to go to the schools in the morning for 1 to 2 hours to watch and help out the PTA's. Call Ruth Baker at 278-4038 for the schedule of dates for the different schools.

TEMPLE SISTERHOOD MITZVAH CORPS

The Temple Adath Israel Sisterhood's Mitzvah Corps extends an invitation to all eligible Kentuckians to join its ranks. Mitzvah Corps is a club for Jewish citizens over 55 who get together for social, educational and, above all, enjoyable meetings.

The first meeting of our New Year will be a festive get together October 25th in the Vestry of Ohavay Zion Syngagoue. Lunch will be served promptly at noon and after a short business meeting, the treat of the afternoon will be a most interesting and enjoyable program: Ted Friedman will speak on Jewish Humor. This meeting will mark the second anniversary of the Mitzvah Corps.

The dues for the club are \$10.00 a year. Ruth Bell, Treasurer, will look forward to receiving a check from you. She lives at 2121 Nicholasville Road, Lexington, 40503.

The Corps is most appreciative of Ohavay Zion's gracious OPEN DOOR. They look forward to the hospitality extended while they are a club without a clubhouse. You owe it to yourself to join Mitzvah Corps. Friendship, entertainment and involvement are yours when you climb aboard.

WANTED Male/Female; The CKJA Campaign Committee is looking for a couple of good people to become Co-Chairmen of Super Sunday '84. No experience needed. Will be trained by present chairmen and then move up to top spot for Super Sunday '85. Must be fun loving and willing to devote a few months coordinating an exciting and worthwhile project. For more information contact Susan Caller (266-1314) or Harriet Cooper (269-1136) immediately. Positions must be filled immediately.

On the Paintings of J. James Tissot

It is not too difficult to perceive why J. James Tissot's gouache paintings of the Bible remained in obscurity for over fifty years. Realistic and illustrative works (executed at that explosive moment in art history when impressionism - cubism - expressionism and countless artistic modern experiments burst forth upon the awareness of a long art-retarded world) could hardly be accepted, or seriously considered to be creative or original.

With the present resusitation of things Victorian, a new look, perhaps less prejudiced, is incumbent upon us. Tissot was undoubtedly a romantic realist in a changing world. However, his paintings were the culmination of considerable research in the realms of archaeology, ancient geography and the Bible. They could well serve as an ABC artistic primer of the Bible including, as they do, illustrations from Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Deuteronomy, the Psalms, Isaiah, Joshua, the Kings, ad infinitum.

A trip to the Museum with your children could engender in them a new excitement in their Sunday School material when faced with illustrations of (then) Palestine and Biblical heroes in living color (gouache).

The technique and interpretations of Tissot manifest many influences - from Mantegna to Whistler - from Bellini to William Hunt. The one oil painting included in the exhibit of Elijah is handled as though it were gouache, not oil. There is a great dependence upon line/outline to establish form rather than through the use of color values and tonality. Notwithstanding, the colors are bright, clear and definitive; the content involves artistic imagery, perceptive observation and reconstruction of historical and archaeological data.

There are modern Rabbinical scholars and Biblical authorities who dispute Tissot's accuracy and argue that he was guilty of basic misconceptions. Surely these arguments must be irrelevant when viewing these paintings as creative works of art and not documentaries. The privilege of reduction, deletion, distortion and even misrepresentation for purposes of composition belongs to the creative artist.

Despite their smallness of size, this suite of 160 paintings is moving and powerful. There is a strong sense of movement manipulated through design. Look for "Joseph Converses with Judah" and "David Plays the Harp Before Saul" for superb design — and for emotionality and power, "Elijah Raiseth the Widow's Son" and "Adam and Eve Driven from Paradise."

These paintings do not speak the language of the 20th century, but they are articulate and dramatic. Don't miss them.

Ada Gaif

addendum to Honey Cake recipe, August-September Newsletter
....before slicing, pour additional 1/2 cup brandy over cake.

Jackie and Bill Milman cordially invite you to attend the Bar Mitzvah of their son (

Damon

at Ohavay Zion Synagogue at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, October 15, 1983 A kiddush luncheon will follow the services.



Mackie and Stephen Bobys cordially invite you to worship with them at the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter

Diane Meredith

at Ohavay Zion Synagogue at 8:00 p.m.
Friday, October 21, 1983

It would be an honor to have you join them at the service and the Oneg Shabbat immediately following the service.

Please also join in the celebration Saturday evening, October 22 at 8:30 p.m. for a reception in honor of Diane at the Lansdowne Club.

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9 ^{2 CHESHVAN}	10 3 CHESHVAN 7:30 Oper.Safety Print-OZS COLUMBUS DAY CANADIAN THANKSGIVING	11 4 CHESHVAN	12 5 CHESHVAN	13 6 CHESHVAN 7:45 pm Social Services Comm Nat Sandler's	14 7 CHESHVAN Damon Richard Milm	15 8 CHESHVAN an-Bar Mitzvah OZS Lech Lecha
16 9 CHESHVAN	17 10 CHESHVAN	18 11 CHESHVAN OZS Sisterhood	19 12 CHESHVAN 12 pm TAI Sister-hood 7 pm-Auschwitz Speaker-OZS	20 13 CHESHVAN 12 pm Hadassah Discussion 7 pm Hadassah Dinner-Veal's	21 14 CHESHVAN Diane Meredith Bob	22 15 CHESHVAN ys-Bat Mitzvah OZS Vayera
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Break-the-fast at the Miller's home was a delicious and delightful evening with more new faces.

Our members come from New York, Israel, India and Lexington, etc...so be sure you come to the Second Annual Sundae Sunday on October 23, at the Greenhouse Clubhouse from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m.

Create a scrumptuous sundae and meet the new (while renewing the old) singles on the scene...all for only \$1.

Watch your mailboxes for further information...and remember, you can put a friend on our growing mailing list by calling Judy Saxe at the CKJA office, 277-8048; or Jack and Susan Miller, co-ordinators, at 269-5986.