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(L-R) Tomas Milch H., Joel Eizenstat & Kim Slaton at the 100th Federation General Assembly

Report from the Federation General Assembly

By Joel Eizenstat

The 1995 General Assembly (GA) of the Council of Jewish Federations brought 3500 +/- Jewish communal leaders from around the world to Boston November 14-17 to discuss issues facing the Jewish community. Tomas Milch H., Kim Slaton, Judy Saxe and I had the distinction of representing Lexington and central Kentucky at the GA. And what an experience it was!

Leaving from Louisville at 6:00 AM, we arrived on Tuesday in time to attend the Small Federations Seminar. It was a terrific opportunity to share ideas with communities of similar

size who face similar challenges. The theme of the seminar was "Translating Vision into Action: The Role of Volunteer and Professional Leadership in Instituting Change." Following an inspiring address by Richard M. Joel, President of Hillel, on *The Changing Jewish World in Which We Live*, we participated in a leadership training course designed to help Federation leaders identify and cope with community transitions. Over dinner, we spent time with Maynard Wishner, President and Marty

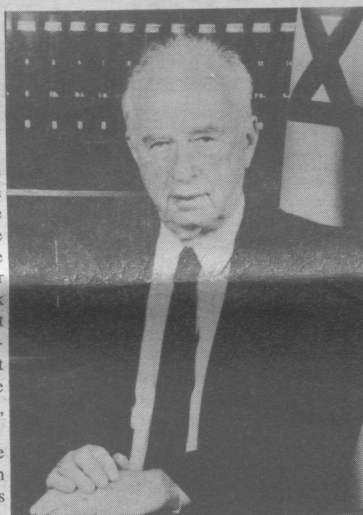
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Yitzhak Rabin: The Memory of His Life is Our Blessing

By Rabbi H. D. Uriel Smith

A hero is dead. His assassination has shocked us to the core. We are doubly bereaved. We are bereaved through the loss of a great leader. And we are bereaved even more through the loss of our own innocence. We have been severely shaken by these losses and are looking at the life of this hero in the hope of guidance in regaining our stability. We should look not only at his legacy, but also at the social and religious confluences that clashed and led to the tragedy of his assassination, for they are still with us.

We will not see anyone like Yitzhak Rabin again. He was unique in his heroism. Not just a hero in battle, leading elite troops of the Palmah, the shock-troops of Israel's new army, during the Israeli War of Independence; not just a national hero, directing Israel's armed forces as its chief of staff, as they won in unprecedented speed the battles of the Six Day War; not just a hero of peace, as Israel's Prime Minister, turning Israel along a new path towards peace with the Palestinians. Combining all these is rare, but



Yitzhak Rabin

Rabin did more. Our tradition proclaims: "Who is the hero? He who turns an enemy into a friend." We, who saw the tears in the eyes of King Hussein of Jordan as he eulogized Yitzhak Rabin of Israel, knew that the old enemies had become true friends. Leaders of two countries that had fought bitter battles for over two-score years, and yet somehow had become friends as they tried guid-

ing their countries into friendship. In retrospect, from a distance, Yitzhak Rabin looks like a hero of mythic proportions.

Yet he was shot in the back by a fellow Jew, a soldier in the elite Golani Brigade, a student of computer science, law and Talmud. Worse, he and some others have claimed the support of halakhah. How could a Jew act so dastardly, and distort our tradition so badly? And also, in our pain and incomprehension we have to ask, how could he not see that Rabin had put his own life on the line in the defense of Israel? How could anyone have thought him to be a traitor?

Rabin's life and death teach us the importance of plain truth in our communications. Rabin was a gruff plain spoken person, wearing no masks. What you saw was what you got. As a soldier he understood the importance of truth and accuracy in reporting. No excuses, no fudging of facts was acceptable. His life and the life of his troops and friends depended on knowing exactly what they were up against. Part of the reason that

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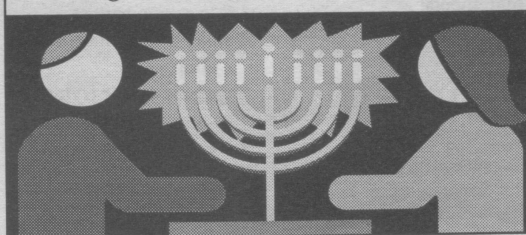
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Missy Herbert Joins CKJF Staff



Elena Domatov (left) and Missy Herbert (right)

Missy Herbert has been hired as the new Office Manager for CKJF. A native of Lexington, Missy has many varied and proficient skills applicable to the job.

Already the office has taken on a more welcome feel as Missy has put many hours towards its organization.

Elena Domatov remains with CKJF in a part time position assisting Mollye Schwab with resettlement.



The President's Spot

by Tomas Milch H.

Kentucky. We learned many new ways to bring the members of our community in contact with Jews all over the world. We were reminded of the pressing needs of Jews in Eastern Europe, Russia, the Balkans. We learned of fears and problems of the Jewish community in Francophone Canada. There were many moments of joy as we met new and old friends. There were, I must tell you, also moments of pain and sorrow as the General Assembly mourned the death, two weeks earlier, of Prime Minister Itzhak Rabin.

Large meetings are often boring with stuffed-shirted individuals mouthing platitudes to inattentive audiences. This was not the case in Boston this year. I sensed a new spirit, a feeling of Jewish identity, a Jewish renaissance, if you will. With the tragedy in Israel fresh in the minds of all attendees, I saw a

renewed willingness to come together and work for peace and understanding between all Jews and our neighbors.

Here in our community we can and must do our part in building such peace and understanding. I urge you to take part in our Federation programs, use your resources to build a fulfilling Jewish life in Central Kentucky, share your abundance with those Jews in need, both in Israel and in the Diaspora.

Please take time during the coming holiday season and include our New Americans in your plans. Your Federation office will be glad to put you in touch with them. Please also show kindness and understanding towards the community at large and have a safe and joyous new secular year.

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The Maccabees, the Oil and the Cheese?

The story of the Maccabees and their defeat of the mighty army of King Antiochus is well known. Frying foods in oil, reminiscent of the oil that lit the Temple menorah, is also well chronicled. However, did you ever hear the story of Hanukah and the cheese?

As the tale goes, Holofernes, a general from Asia Minor, besieged the town of Bethulia. The town was ready to surrender when Judith, a beautiful widow, came to its rescue. She went to Holofernes' camp and when the general met Judith he fell in love with her. One night she purposely served Holofernes a very salty cheese. The cheese made him so thirsty that he drank a lot of wine. When he passed out, Judith cut off his head with his own sword. With their leader dead, the army fled and the siege was over.

In honor of Judith, a recipe for **Cheese Pancakes**

Ingredients:
2 cups dry cottage cheese
1 cup sifted flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 eggs
2 tablespoons sugar
fat for frying

1. Separate eggs.

2. Beat egg yolks with sugar and salt.
3. Add cottage cheese and flour.
4. Beat egg whites until stiff. Fold into mixture.
5. Warm fat in frying pan and drop in the mixture by the spoonful. Flatten into oval shape. Brown on both sides.
6. Drain on paper towels.
7. Serve plain, sprinkled with sugar and cinnamon, or with apricot preserves.

Potato Latkes

Ingredients:
2 cups grated potatoes, packed tightly
1 egg
1/4 cup flour
1 1/4 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/8 teaspoon pepper
1 small onion, finely chopped
Vegetable oil for frying

1. Peel and grate potatoes.
2. Sprinkle and mix with

- soda. Let stand for a few minutes.
3. Squeeze liquid out of potatoes.
4. Mix all ingredients together.
5. Drop spoonfuls into the hot frying pan and flatten the latkes into oval shapes. When golden brown, turn over.
6. When ready, dry on paper towel and serve immediately with apple sauce.

"Sweet" Latkes

Ingredients:
1 cup grated sweet potatoes
1 cup grated white potatoes
1 medium onion
1/4 cup matzah meal
2 eggs
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
Dash of pepper
Oil for frying

1. Mix potatoes & onions. Add the eggs, salt, pepper, and matzah meal.
2. Drop by tablespoons into hot frying pan.
3. Drain on paper towel.

Happy Hanukah!

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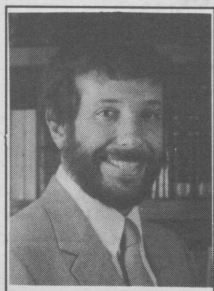
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Jonathan Satin, on the death of his mother, **Florence Satin**.



Rabbi Jon Adland Commentary

I realize that this column is used by my colleague Rabbi Slaton and me to discuss words of Torah. We may offer summaries of the Torah portions or a commentary on a verse of Torah. I believe that the word of Torah should be present in *Shalom* and I am certainly happy to be a part of this emerging voice of the Lexington Jewish community. There are times when we must consider other pressing issues as well.

This month, this issue, it is time to turn our hearts and minds to our brothers and sisters living in Israel and to every Jew in the world who cares about the fate of our people in this tiny land. We have suffered a profound loss in a tragic, terrible way.

Yitzhak Rabin's assassination pierces the soul of our people. It causes the heart to stop and the mind to shatter. Our recovery from this tragic event and our ability to move forward is still in some doubt. As the aftermath continues, finger pointing is already occurring; blame is placed in any number of areas and on a number of individuals and groups. Division and unrest leaves each of us unsettled as to what tomorrow may bring for the Jewish State. The worst case is civil unrest beyond any sense of control. The best case is the expunging of this extremism from our midst, returning to the level of debate which fueled Israel's rise and growth.

Let's think that Torah cannot help find answers or point us in the right direction, we all should note how skillfully our Christian President of the United States crafted his eulogy around the words of Parshat Vayera from the greeting of the visitors at the tent to the slaying of Abraham's hand from slaughtering his son, Yitzhak. We can even further as in the Torah's next portion, Hayei Sarah, beginning with the description of Sarah's death, the acquisition of a burial plot, and the finding of a wife for Yitzhak, we learn about how well neighbors get along in this part of the world. We learn about the positive outcomes of negotiation. We learn about family.

We begin the month of December with Parshat Vayetze. Jacob dreams a dream. Angels going up and down a ladder which finds its top in heaven. Jacob sees angels and talks to God. I think about Yitzhak Rabin as a man who dreamed dreams and a man who saw visions. Like Jacob, he was profoundly affected by what he saw and felt.

Yitzhak Rabin was not a gentle man. He was a warrior who learned to give orders and lead people into battle. He stood tall defending the only route into Jerusalem at the time of the War of Independence. He was a leader directing the speedy victory over the Arab armies in the 6-Day War. Yitzhak Rabin lived his life working toward securing the land of Israel for future generations. Yet, a moment came when he looked up and saw angels ascending and descending. He knew it was time to end the bloodshed between enemies and find a way toward peaceful co-existence. "God is in this place," thought Yitzhak Rabin, "and I, did not know it."

The last portion in January ends with the 10th plague over the land of Egypt. It is a plague of immense proportion. It is plague where death lashes out at almost every family in the land. Rabin's vision of the angels ascending and descending was a vision of peace. With his death, it may end as a vision of destruction.

This assassination causes a major breach that exists among ourselves to become even more obvious. The divisions within our Jewish world exist. Yes, we are one people of one covenant, but the similarities are getting harder to note and define. I am beginning to wonder what I have in common with rabbis who call for the death of even one person? What do I have in common with people who seek to exclude instead of include? I always thought that Jews were to be holy because the God of our ancestors is holy meaning to seek peace and pursue, not establish settlements as provocation for more violence. I thought it says in the Torah you shall love your neighbor as yourself. The hostility, extremism, fundamentalism, is not Judaism. It is not the Judaism of my neighborhood, my theology, my philosophy, my world. We are part of the same covenant, but

we understand this covenant very differently. I worry that the divisions may overshadow, even overwhelm, our relationship to each other in the years ahead. I fear that the differences may cause irreparable breaches.

We must find a way to use this tragic death to vault toward better understandings among Jews. Yitzhak Rabin had not yet put on his agenda the unification of world Jewry. His assassination calls this possibility into question. There are so many areas that divide us, yet we persist in holding onto the dream that we are one. Will we work to solve the areas of conflict that exists among Jews or will we allow these conflicts to separate us so far that we will become a multi-factioned people with different covenants to guide us?

There seemed to be a moment in the first few days after the assassination that all Jews shared a common pain. It was in our eyes and on our lips, but it faded. Maybe it faded with the dream of becoming one when an 800 number was established to call in support for Yigal Amir. Maybe it ended when a sign was put up on the West Bank saying *We are all Amir!!* I want the death of Yitzhak Rabin to mean something beyond the fact that we say a Jew should never kill another Jew. I want it to mean that not only will Jews and Arabs continue to work to solve issues still confronting them, but Jews and Jews can find the same path to a world of *shalom*.

The death of Rabin was *hillul hashem*, the profanation of God's name. Our job now is to find *kiddush hashem*, the sanctification of God's name. Shouting for death, working toward chaos, dividing our community is not the path toward the messianic age of peace and harmony. Becoming inclusive of all Jews, broadening our horizons, insuring a peaceful Israel with secure borders and making friends of our enemies, will mean something today and tomorrow, making this assassination of one man with the courage to not only dream dreams, but act on them, mean something for ourselves and our children.

Let us mourn for our fallen leader. Let us seek to heal. Let us make peace.



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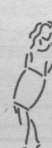
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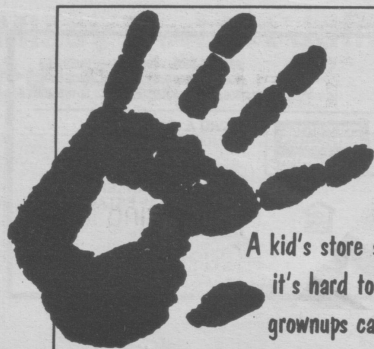


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CKJF October Board Highlights

•A committee will look into a proposal by Rabbi Adland to withhold some of the Israel allocation to be used instead to fund high school trips to Israel.

•A regional representative from UJA, Marcia Seltzer, met with the Executive Committee.

•Michael Grossman has agreed to chair the Community Activity Committee.

•Ken Mayer is the New CKJF Treasurer.

•The Social Services Committee is concerned about health care for the New Americans.

•The new office manager is Missy Herbert. Elena Domatov, the previous office manager will work part-time with resettlement.

•Kim Slaton is searching for a new site for Camp Shalom, as Woodman of the World is no longer available for day camps.

•Ellie Goldman reported that a statement to respond rapidly to inflammatory prejudiced racial and religious statements by speakers had been prepared for the Lexington Committee on Race Relations and that this group had appointed a subcommittee of four to deal promptly with such matters.

Letters to the Editor

To Our Friends in the Jewish Community,

On behalf of those in the Lexington Christian community who treasure the covenant people of G-d, we extend to you our heartfelt sympathy in the loss of Yitzhak Rabin, Prime Minister of the Jewish homeland. You are in our prayers as we seek G-d for your comfort. Our hearts will be joined with yours in love in the difficult days ahead. May we be found faithful even as the G-d of Israel is faithful.

Anne Snell
Lexington, KY

Ed. Note: The spelling (G-d) has been changed for publication.

Lighting the Hanukkah Menorah

Every year the menorah challenges us to remember our right from our left and how to count to eight. Start your first candle on the far right side, from then on add one each night from

right to left, however, they are lit from left to right.

On Friday night, the lighting of the menorah precedes the lighting of the Shabbat candles.

Editorial

Don't March to Farrakhan's Drum

An estimated 400,000 black men met in the nation's capital this past October to come together in solidarity. Solidarity for their race, their families, and for spiritual unification. What's wrong with this scenario? Louis Farrakhan - that's what is wrong.

The "Million Man March" was the brainchild of Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, a self proclaimed anti-Semite. Before the march some knew of Farrakhan's name, now everyone knows him. Television journalist Ted Koppel said, "(Farrakhan) may have to be called one the the most influential leaders in black America."

How could we let this happen? If the idea was so great, but the leader so repugnant, why not march two weeks later, and not give Farrakhan a platform to spout his insidious verbiage.

Time magazine further points out, "Farrakhan's clearest signal of success: he had forced every thinking black man in America to make a painstaking decision about his march. He was, finally, where he wanted to be - on everyone's mind, whether

they liked it or not." 400,000 people plus responded to Farrakhan's invitation, 400,000 people plus listened to what he had to say, 400,000 people plus have been directly influenced by this man.

Lest we forget what kind of person Farrakhan is, let his quotes speak for themselves:

"We know that Jews are the most organized, rich and powerful people, not only in America, but in the world. They're plotting against us even as we speak." *New York City, January 24, 1994*

"The Jews don't like Farrakhan, so they call me Hitler. Well, that's a good name. Hitler was a very great man." *radio broadcast, March 11, 1984*

"We know you (Jews) are plotting against us, but I want to tell you what my God is poised to do for you...Our God can't wait for you to make your move...He dares you to touch me. Come on, if you want to die...All of these wicked ones who have given Judaism a bad name, they are members of the Synagogue of Satan...I warn you in the name of Allah, leave us alone. Your time is just about up." *Chicago, Illinois, March 19, 1995.**

*Illinois, March 19, 1995.**

The following quote is not Farrakhan's, but sounds eerily similar:

"He (the Jews) is and remains a parasite, a sponger who, like a pernicious bacillus, spreads over wider and wider areas according as some favourable area attracts him. The effect produced by his presence is also like that of the vampire; for wherever he establishes himself the people who grant him hospitality are bound to be bled to death sooner or later."

The last quote was from a book entitled *Mein Kampf*, authored by Adolf Hitler.

Decades ago Hitler was dismissed by many as a fanatic. No one would listen to him, let alone follow him. Now we have Farrakhan. People say the same about him, no one will listen, yet 400,000 people plus showed up at his beck and call and small

groups are listening to representatives of the Nation of Islam spout their rhetoric daily.

After the march, Farrakhan said, "You will get better acquainted with Louis Farrakhan, and you are going to have to live with me. To some, I'm a nightmare. But to others, I'm a dream come true." Neither dream or nightmare, unfortunately Farrakhan is a reality.

**Farrakhan quotes supplied by the Anti-Defamation League.*

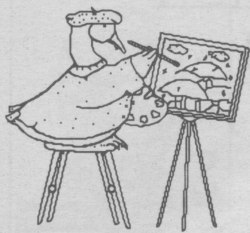
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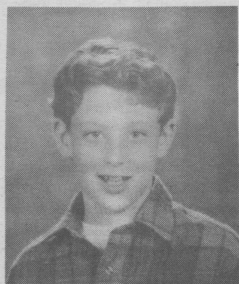
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Young Artist

December's Artist: BENNET GOLDSTEIN



Hello. My name is Bennet Goldstein. I was born in Lexington. My hobbies are art, music, swimming and playing with animals. I have a dog named Spencer, a cat named Cinnamon, and a bird named Freddie. My favorite subject is science. I would like to live in the Caribbean. My favorite bands are Hootie and the Blowfish, Del Amitri, Pearl Jam and Green Day.



Bennet Goldstein, age 10, recently had his art accepted and shown in the Juried Honors Exhibit at the Lexington Art League (Loudon House Gallery). The bowl that was selected (shown above) was raku fired, a Japanese process where the ceramic piece is fired outdoors directly in a flame and removed at its peak temperature (about 2000 degrees).

All artists, ages 8-18, submit your creations for the next issue of Shalom!

Journalist Baye's Anti-Semitism

By Michael E. Adelstein, Contributing Editor

Betty Winston Baye is a highly regarded, much admired African-American columnist for the Courier Journal. But in a recent column, she raised the ire of many Jewish readers by including the following paragraphs in an article devoted mainly to stating that the Million Man March was not concerned with integration.

"Unfortunately black-Jewish relationships have been strained for so long now that a generation of African-Americans has grown up unaware that there ever were close ties. Blacks born after the 1960s see only that many Jews oppose affirmative action. That Israel continued to embrace South Africa when most members of the family of nations condemned it as an outlaw nation. They hear consistent demands from Jewish leaders that blacks must repudiate and atone for any

perceived anti-Semitism. Yet young blacks do not hear Jews repudiating the Jewish intellectuals and scholars who write anti-black books and articles that have become the basis for efforts by which many would withdraw the nation from a civilized agenda."

"Of course, two wrongs do not make a right, but it is fair to say that painful insults and stereotyping have not been a one-way street."

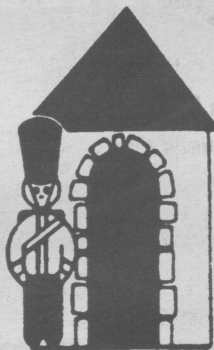
These paragraphs have provoked a flood of letters to the editor including a lengthy point-by-point rebuttal by Morton G. Wenger, a sociology professor at the University of Louisville.

Baye, a most intelligent and respected writer, who was formerly a Nieman Fellow at Harvard, mainly states the perceptions of young blacks. Yet there is little doubt that she fuels the

fires of anti-Semitism by publishing false charges without refuting them. She might have pointed out that few Jews, not "many," oppose affirmative action. That Mandela praised the Jews of South Africa for their support against anti-apartheid. That many American Jewish scholars have attacked *The Bell Curve*.

Baye was mainly interested in writing about the Million Man March but unfortunately strayed into the subject of black-Jewish relationships and in doing so, probably revealed a latent anti-Semitism. However, she may have done Louisville Jews a service by pointing out to them that much work must be done in educating young blacks in their community (and perhaps older blacks) about past and present Jewish efforts to attack racism against African-Americans.

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Here in Lexington, we may recall that Merlene Davis wrote a fine column about Rabin's death. But we might ask ourselves, do young blacks know much about the Jews who fought and died in the civil rights movement, who did *pro bono* work in the courts on behalf of black prisoners and causes, and who contributed large sums of money and worked for civil rights causes and organizations?

With the Holocaust Museum in Washington and with various other memorials around the United States, American Jews are educating the public about the Nazi atrocity. But we need to do more, as the Baye incident reveals, to inform people, particularly African-Americans, about our contributions to civil rights and to American culture and society.

Our New Americans

...Then and Now - Part III

Rachel Bashikhes, 68, had spent her entire life in Moscow until she moved to Lexington four years ago. Today Rachel, an engineer in her homeland, is still adjusting to life in the United States. Rachel continues to study English, yet breaking down the language barrier has been her most difficult adjustment.

Her favorite things about America are the courtesy extended by strangers, good service in shops, and her "wonderful" volunteer English teachers. Rachel appreciates and thanks the volunteers for their hard work and great patience. Another plus is the availability of complimentary aerobic classes, in which Rachel participates. Her least favorite thing is the problem of transportation for people like herself who cannot



Rachel Bashikhes

drive.

Though settled into a "peaceful life", Rachel does so with "a pain in the soul." Rachel

arrived in America with her son Michael, his wife and their two daughters. Rachel's daughter-in-law and grandchildren have since returned to Russia. Son Michael remains in Lexington.

When asked what she missed most, Rachel replied, "I miss a lot of things, the main nostalgia I have is for relatives dispersed around the world and failed hopes I had about my family."

Assessing the assistance provided by the Jewish community, Rachel felt in the beginning help was plentiful, however, "later connection with them (the Jewish community) was a little bit lost." She feels, more help adapting to the area, especially for elderly people, would be beneficial.



ASK Jewish Family Services

By Mollye Schwab

Ask Jewish Family Services is a regular column in *Shalom* that is intended to reflect personal and family situations that may provide information and resources to readers in the community. It is intended to provide general information, but it may not necessarily relate to all readers. Letters and phone calls to ASK JFS are welcome and can be sent to Jewish Family Services, 340 Romany Road, Lexington, KY 40502; or call (606) 269-8244.

Dear JFS,

My father is planning to relocate to Lexington after the loss of his wife. He is elderly and wants to live independently. I am concerned about the services in Lexington available to him and would like information about housing options for the elderly and activities that are available in the community. Could you please send me as much information that you can or tell me who to call?

Concerned of Services

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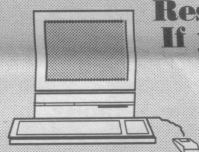
Securing appropriate housing in Lexington can be difficult in many ways, such as the availability, affordability, and accessibility for the elderly. Alternatives for housing come primarily in two forms: subsidized and privately owned. Subsidized housing is generally for individuals with limited income and usually includes age and financial eligibility criteria. If a person meets the eligibility requirements for subsidized housing, the rent is typically low.

Privately owned housing is an alternative that also has requirements but the criteria is not based on low income, rather the rent is relatively high in comparison. Typically, the eligibility criteria has to do with the physical status of a person and the ability to live independently.

Other resources may be available in regard to housing in Lexington in terms of in-home services like that of companion services, home health service aides, and meal preparation and delivery.

Recreation/social activities for the elderly in Lexington are readily available. There are several agencies and groups that schedule a range of social activities, travel, educational programs, and fitness activities for the Lexington seniors. For more information, call the local Senior Citizens Center on Nicholasville Road, the Parks and Recreation Department, and/or Golden Opportunities at Humana Hospital.

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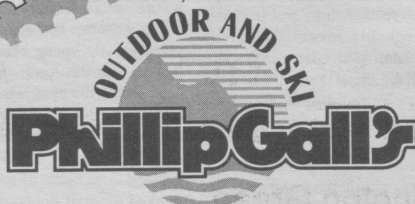
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The Financial Advisor

by
Ben C. Kaufmann

Born and raised in Kentucky, Ben has established roots both in the business world of financial planning and as an active contributor to the community. His business activities include life and disability insurance sales, real estate, financial planning, and he is a registered representative for a major broker. Ben is a past Treasurer of Temple Adath Israel and currently serves on the Temple Endowment committee. He also sits on the Board of Directors for Midway College, Ashland, and the The Henry Clay Estate.

RETIREMENT PLAN

Retirement planning for tax purposes takes two forms: Qualified and Non-qualified. The Qualified plan is one in which the capital you put away is tax deductible, it grows tax free, and when you take the money out for retirement purposes the income is taxable. The Non-qualified plan disallows a deduction of capital going into it, it grows tax free, and depending upon the funding vehicle, the income at retirement is either taxable or non-taxable.

The decision of making a plan, Qualified or Non-qualified is of primary importance. In many instances, particularly with income tax changes, many individuals have both a Qualified and Non-qualified plan. Examples of Qualified plans are: 401 (K), pension plan, profit sharing plan, defined benefit and money purchase plans.

Of course, those ineligible for a Qualified plan have the option of investing into an IRA. A Non-qualified plan can take many different forms. Where one invests the money is referred to as the "funding" vehicle.

Selecting the type of plan one wishes to implement is very important, and probably the next most important item is where one invests the capital. The different vehicles are savings accounts, money market accounts, certificate of deposit, mutual funds, individual stocks, and other equity type of products. In addition, there is an allowable plan where the retirement plan can buy the stock of an existing business. Of course the higher the rate of return one receives, the more money that will be available upon retirement. However, there should be a balance between the two, no matter whether it is a Non-qualified or Qualified plan.

As a rule of thumb, a person in their early years, between 20 to 50 should have 70% to 80% of their investments in growth equities with the balance in fixed. Between 50 to 60 to 65 this percentage should go to about 50/50 growth and fixed, and at age 65 and thereafter, the investment portfolio should be about 75 fixed and 25% growth. You need to have the growth investment in order to keep pace with inflation.

Another important item is to begin putting away as soon as possible. For example if a person

started investing \$2,000 per year into an IRA at age 18 with 10% rate of return, and only do this for 10 years until age 28; there would be more cash available in that account at retirement than if a person began investing the \$2,000 at age 28 and put it in until age 65 at the same 10% interest. The magic of compounding interest tax free works wonders.

There are many details that have not been brought up in this scenario, such as eligibility, vesting the selection of an administrator for your account, the trustee of your plan and associated costs. There are many providers of retirement plans, and it is my advice for each individual to talk with two or three organizations before they decide what they are going to do. Also, an individual should keep tabs on his retirement plan investment strategies, and update those periodically.

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For information contact Ms. Paula Sandfelder, Coordinator, 1327 Wyntercreek Lane, Dunwoody, GA 30338,

Phone (770) 394-2060.

Deadline for submission of manuscripts is January 15, 1996. Award winners will be announced May 1, 1996, and will be presented at the Thirty First Annual Convention of the Association of Jewish Libraries in Toronto, June 1996.

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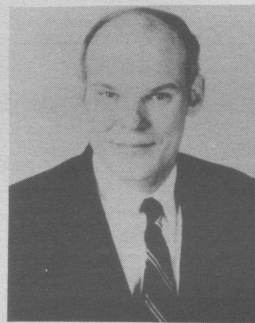
Carville and Matalin to Appear at UJA Young Leadership Conference

NEW YORK, NY...William Shakespeare couldn't have set a better stage. James Carville, in love with Mary Matalin, leads the campaign for Bill Clinton. Mary Matalin, in love with James Carville, is deputy campaign manager for George Bush. The campaign ends. Carville and Matalin marry, have a baby and live happily ever after. End of Act Once.

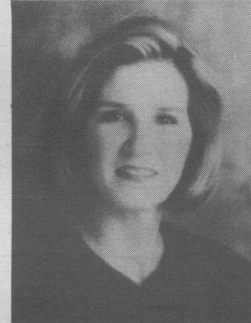
Fast forward to March 1996, and the curtain rises again. This time the dynamic duo takes the stage at the United Jewish Appeal's Young Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., March 17-19, 1996, the single largest gathering of Jewish lead-

ership in the United States. The biennial conference brings together some 3,000 25 to 45-year-old Jewish leaders from around the world. They convene to hear a

said Washington 10 Co-Chair Lynn Sachse Schroyer of Chicago. "It's such an important event, and really embodies all our hopes for Jewish continuity."



James Carville



Mary Matalin

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host of noteworthy speakers, to take part in thought-provoking workshops on a range of issues and to visit with Senators, Representatives and other top government officials. Carville and Matalin will fit right in.

He got his first job in Democratic politics-canvassing for a car dealer running for the Louisiana state legislature-while still a student at Ascension Catholic High School. She has been active in Republican campaigns since college and went to Washington during the Reagan Revolution. Today, he's gearing up for Clinton's re-election bid; she's set to become a CBS Radio talk-show host. Together they sparked the romantic imagination of the country; and then, as the politically savvy people they are, documented their tale in the best-selling book, *All's Fair: Love, War & Running for President* (Random House/Simon & Schuster, 1994).

The Carville/Matalin show is just one act in what promises to be the most exciting UJA Young Leadership Conference ever. "This is our opportunity to take our place in the global Jewish community,"

Ms. Schroyer's co-chair, Michael Rubenstein of Houston, agrees. "Every conference sells out earlier and earlier," he said. "The Washington conference is a gathering of 3,000 people committed to Israel, to the future of Jewish life and to each other. It's a powerful force that gains momentum with each outing. I think people feel compelled to be part of it."

Immediately following the conference, over 400 Washington 10 participants together with a select delegation of dignitaries will travel "Capital to Capital" on a special journey to Jerusalem. Participants will celebrate the 3000th anniversary of Jerusalem as the capital of the Jewish people, meet with members of Knesset and interact with Israeli peers during this unique moment in history.

For more information on Washington 10 and Capital to Capital: Journey to Jerusalem, please call the CKJF office at (606) 268-0672 or the UJA Young Leadership Cabinet, (212) 818-9100.

Rabbi Litvin of the Louisville Chabad
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Tuesdays, December 12 & January 9
at the CKJF office.
12:00 Noon.
Kosher luncheon provided.

Ohavay Zion Synagogue

December 1995

Kislev-Tevet 5756

December 1-2, Kislev 9
Shabbat Va-Yetzeh

Friday Evening 8:00 pm
Bima Jack Sharer
Oneg Joyce & Jim Mischner
Nancy & Phil Hoffman

Shabbat Morning
Preliminary Service 9:30 am
Shacharit 10:00 am
Bima Harold Roth

December 8-9, Kislev 16
Shabbat Va-Yishlach

Friday Evening 8:00 pm
Bima Judy Levine
Oneg Judy & Stanley Saxe
Judy & Robert Bowling
Rhoda & Neil Kay

Shabbat Morning
Preliminary Service 9:30 am
Shacharit 10:00 am
Bima Janice Brock

December 15-16, Kislev 23
Shabbat Va-Yeshev

Friday Evening 8:00 pm
Bima Kathy Stein
Oneg Susan & Steve Caller
Jan & Jerry Cerel
Sylvia Cerel & Jerry Suhl

Shabbat Morning
Preliminary Service 9:30 am
Shacharit 10:00 am
Bima Jonathan Hodes

December 22-23, Kislev 30
Shabbat Mi-Ketz

Friday Evening 8:00 pm
Bima Bret Caller
Oneg Jennifer Epperly & Bob Grossman
Sharon Wainshilbaum & Herb Fertig

Shabbat Morning
Preliminary Service 9:30 am
Shacharit 10:00 am
Bima Nancy Hoffman

December 29-30, Tevet 7
Shabbat Va-Yiggash

Friday Evening 8:00 pm
Bima Kathie Kroot
Oneg Gail & Ernie Cohen
Sara & Alex Charney-Cohen

Shabbat Morning
Preliminary Service 9:30 am
Shacharit 10:00 am
Bima Lou Kroot

January 1996

Tevet-Shevat 5756

January 5-6, Tevet 14
Shabbat Va-Yechi

Friday Evening 8:00 pm
Bima Jim Mischner
Oneg Fryda & Oscar Haber
Alice & David Weinberg
Kim & Rabbi Slaton

Shabbat Morning
Preliminary Service 9:30 am
Shacharit 10:00 am
Bima Kathy Stein

January 12-13, Tevet 21
Shabbat Shemot

Friday Evening 8:00 pm
Bima Rick Zimmerman
Oneg Marianne & Larry Fox
Marilyn Robie & Art Shechet

Shabbat Morning
Preliminary Service 9:30 am
Shacharit 10:00 am
Bima Harold Roth

January 19-20, Tevet 28
Shabbat Va-Era

Friday Evening 8:00 pm
Bima Rick Knight
Oneg Kathie & Lou Kroot
Susan & Craig Chasen

Shabbat Morning
Preliminary Service 9:30 am
Shacharit 10:00 am
Bima Sharon Wainshilbaum

January 26-27, Shevat 6
Shabbat Bo

Friday Evening 8:00 pm
Bima Jack Sharer
Oneg RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

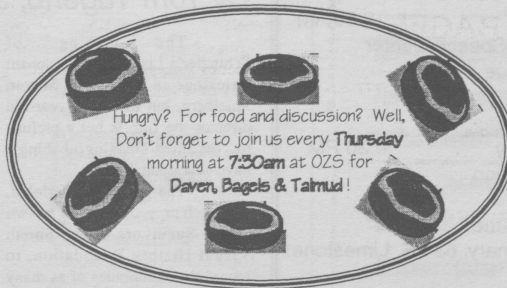
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Preliminary Service 9:30 am
Shacharit 10:00 am
Bima Jonathan Hodes



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20's - 30's Something!

The first of many 20's-30's Something social events will be held in January, 1996 in the OZS Social Hall (Time & Date TBA). Come join us for Israeli dancing (don't worry, we'll teach you!) and refreshments. For information call Matt or Kris Cordova at 268-6224.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December & January

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| December 3 | Religious/Hebrew School 9:00am
(Student eval. due from teachers) |
| December 5 | Torah Study 10:30 am
Hebrew School 4:45pm
OZS Board Meeting 8:00 pm |
| December 6 | Judaism 101 7:15 - 9 pm |
| December 7 | Daven, Bagels & Talmud 7:30 am
Social Action Committee at Hope Center 5:30pm |
| December 9 | Joseph Kroot Pre-Bar Mitzvah |
| December 10 | Religious/Hebrew School 9:00am |
| December 12 | Torah Study 10:30 am
Monthly Torah Study 12 noon
Hebrew School 4:45pm
Religious Committee Meeting 7:30 pm |
| December 13 | Judaism 101 7:15 - 9 pm |
| December 14 | Daven, Bagels & Talmud 7:30 am
Educ Comm Mtg 7:00pm @ OZS |
| December 16 | Children's Shabbat 10:45 am |
| December 17 | Religious/Hebrew School 9:00am
Teachers' meeting noon-1pm
Religious School Latkethon 5pm |
| December 18 | 1 Hanukkah |
| December 19 | Torah Study 10:30 am
Hebrew School 4:45pm |
| December 21 | Daven, Bagels & Talmud 7:30 am |
| December 24 | Winter Break - No Religious/Hebrew School |
| December 26 | Winter Break - No Hebrew School |
| December 28 | Daven, Bagels & Talmud 7:30 am |
| December 31 | Winter Break - No Religious/Hebrew School |
| January 2 | Torah Study 10:30 am
Winter Break - No Hebrew School
OZS Board Meeting 8:00 pm |
| January 4 | Daven, Bagels & Talmud 7:30 am
Social Action Committee at Hope Center 5:30pm |
| January 7 | Religious/Hebrew School 9:00am |
| January 9 | Torah Study 10:30 am
Monthly Torah Study 12 noon
Hebrew School 4:45pm
Religious Committee Meeting 7:30 pm |
| January 11 | Daven, Bagels & Talmud 7:30 am
Educ Comm Mtg 7:00pm @ OZS |
| January 13 | Children's Shabbat 10:45 am |
| January 14 | Religious/Hebrew School 9:00am
Teachers' Meeting noon-1pm
Hot Dog Lunch |
| January 16 | Torah Study 10:30 am
Hebrew School 4:45pm |
| January 18 | Daven, Bagels & Talmud 7:30 am |
| January 21 | Religious/Hebrew School 9:00am |
| January 23 | Torah Study 10:30 am
Hebrew School 4:45pm |
| January 25 | Daven, Bagels & Talmud 7:30 am |
| January 26 | RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SERVICE |
| January 28 | Religious/Hebrew School 9:00am |
| January 30 | Torah Study 10:30 am
Hebrew School 4:45pm |

Lexington Havurah

December 2	
Shabbat Shacharit	10:00 AM
Lexington Hearing & Speech Center	
162 N. Ashland Avenue	
December 17	
Chanukah Latke Party	6:30 PM
Call for more information	
Following services will be at the Lexington Theological Seminary, 631 S. Limestone:	
January 12	
Kabbalat Shabbat	8:00 PM
February 4	
Tu B'Shevat Seder	6:30 PM

Anyone interested in learning more about the Lexington Havurah is invited to attend services, and to call for more information: contact David Wekstein, (606) 269-4454 or Sara Charney Cohen (606) 276-4142.

Hadassah

Women's Discussion Group

By Merle Wekstein

Our next meeting will focus on two stories in Hadassah's publication "Ribcage," a collection of stories by 20th century Israeli women. This collection represents the first translation for these stories from Hebrew to English and will make us aware of some of the thoughts of Israeli women writers. The two selected are "N'ima Sassoon Writes Poems" by Analia Kahana-Carmon and "A Room on the Roof" by Sanyon Liebrecht. Other stories can also be discussed.

We will meet on Thursday evening, January 11, 1996, at 8:00 PM, at the home of Judy Baumann, 685 Shasta Circle. Many members purchased the book last year. The cost is \$10. If you do not have a copy and would like to order one, please call Merle Wekstein, (606) 269-4454. We hope you will join us for a lively and interesting discussion.

Hadassah Mediscope Brings Israeli Doctor to Lexington

By Susan Mason

November 9-11 the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah hosted Dr. Arieh Eldad, head of the Burn Unit at Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem. Dr. Eldad is also Commander of Medical Services in the Israeli Defense Forces. While in Lexington Dr. Eldad presented a program at the Chandler Medical Center on "Burn Treatment in Israel During Time of War, Mass Casualties and Disasters."

On Sunday evening Dr. Eldad informed and entertained an enthusiastic group at the Greenbriar Country Club. His presentation covered the developing burn center and the world's largest skin bank at Hadassah Medical Center. The program also included a glimpse of the outreach of Hadassah Medical organization into Africa during the recent medical emergencies and human suffering.

In addition to his two presentations, Dr. Eldad met with Dr.

Spielberg Project Databases Holocaust Stories

By Tom Tugend, JTA Press Service

The making of Schindler's List was a triumphant milestone in the life of Steven Spielberg, but to the 47-year-old director the film is but a prelude to "the most meaningful thing I have ever done."

The "thing" is a global, high-tech project, formally known as the Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation, to record the testimonies of as many as 150,000 Holocaust survivors.

During the shooting of Schindler's List and since its release, countless survivors "have come up to me and said, 'Let me tell you my story,'" he revealed in an interview in the office of his production company, Amblin Entertainment.

"But what they are really saying is, let me tell a camera, let me tell history my story."

With most survivors now in their 70s and 80s, time is running out, but "as long as there is somebody who wants to tell their story, there will be a camera and microphone for them to tell it," Spielberg said.

On the back lot of Universal Studios stand four large trailers, crammed with state-of-the-art computers and video processors, operated by 75 professionals supported by 1,200 worldwide volunteers.

One trailer holds 32 cataloging stations, where computer programmers and three full-time historians break down each interview into its precise components. Through a menu of thousands of key words, future scholars will be able to learn, for instance, how many survivors were chemists, came from a certain town, attended Hebrew school, played a musical instrument or mentioned latrine facilities at concentration camps.

In another section, experts work at the cutting edge of digital video technology, so that in a couple of years they will

be able to transmit by online computers thousands of interviews to educational institutions, museums or individuals.

Plans also call for the production of documentaries, books and CD-ROM applications for schools, in which students will virtually "walk through" a concentration camp barrack, see different faces and click on a face to hear that person's story.

Interviews with survivors are supplemented by docu-

Spielberg's goal is to collect and process 50,000 testimonies by the end of 1997 and to have an online database of close to 150,000 interviews by 2004.

ments, photo albums, maps and optional appearances by the survivor's family. None of the testimony is edited, and every survivor receives a free tape of his or her interview.

Spielberg objects to warnings by some Holocaust scholars that the interviewers are not professionals in their craft and lack a detailed knowledge of the Holocaust.

"It doesn't take a Ph.D. in psychology to be a good interviewer and get the most benefit from a survivor's story," Spielberg said. "I don't believe it's a science. It's an art and so we look for humanitarians who are highly intelligent, very compassionate and empathetic."

Interviewers, who attend a 20-hour training program and are paid \$50 per interview, include rabbis, lawyers, psychiatrists, teachers and survivors.

Spielberg is at some pains not to step on the toes of other institutions which have qui-

etly collected some 7,000 to 10,000 oral histories of survivors over the years.

Five of the leading institutions have been designated as repositories for the completed visual history material. They are the Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies at Yale University, Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York, Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. and Yad Vashem in Jerusalem.

The visual history project began in Los Angeles in June 1994. Spielberg's goal is to collect and process 50,000 testimonies by the end of 1997 and to have an online database of close to 150,000 interviews by 2004.

In addition, Spielberg said he wanted to interview gentiles who hid or rescued Jews, and Allied soldiers who took part in the liberation of the camps, in order to "see the Holocaust from every single perspective."

With an annual budget of \$20 million the project requires heavy financing.

Spielberg himself contributed \$3 million in seed money. Thanks to such contributors as MCA/Universal, NBC, the (Lew) Wasserman Foundation and Time Warner, \$23 million has been raised. Checks have also come from less affluent donors, such as the \$33 sent in by an elementary school class.

Anne Marie Stein, public relations director for the foundation, said project leaders want to hear from as many survivors as possible.

In the United States and Canada, the toll-free number is (800) 661-2092. From other countries, phone (818) 777-4673. The mailing address is P.O. Box 3168, Los Angeles, CA 90078-3168.

Henry Vasconez, the head of the University of Kentucky Hospital Burn Unit, and the professional staff of the unit.

The Hadassah Medical Organization has established the Mediscope program to bring outstanding doctors and other health professionals to the U.S. Our community was fortunate to be included in the Mediscope program this year. Not only does our Chapter benefit from the experience but other professionals in our community are made aware of the pioneering care at Hadassah Medical Center.

Our Chapter thanks Leona and Charles Stern for hosting a Shabbat pot luck dinner for Dr. Eldad and the Hadassah Board and Dr. Henry Vasconez for hosting a luncheon at the UK Medical Center for the staff at the Burn Unit.



Temple Adath Israel

SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, December 1

Erev Shabbat Service 8 PM
Torah Portion: Vayetze
Genesis: 28:10-32:3
Janet Tamaren will read Torah
Marilyn Langley will sing
Candle Blessor: Beth Engel
Kiddush: Catherine Cole
Oneg Shabbat Hostesses/Hosts
Lauren Baillard
Beth & Paul Engel
Susie & Gil Johnson
Ushers: Terri Potter
Starr Gantz
Child Care Available

Saturday, December 2

Torah Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM

Friday, December 8

Family Shabbat Service 7:30 PM
Torah Portion: Vayishlach
Genesis: 32:4-36:43
TAI Makhela will sing
1ST Grade Presentation
Story Sermon
December Birthday Blessings
Micah Kaufman will read Torah
Candle Blessor: Chela Kaplan
Kiddush: Ali Kaplan
Oneg Shabbat Hostesses/Hosts
Chela & David Kaplan
Carol & Paul Kaplan
Rosemary & Jim Levenson
Nancy & Peter Menard
Ushers: Jane Grise
Bill Wenmeker
Chas Hite
David Brown
NO Child Care Available

Saturday, December 9

Spirituality Study 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Friday, December 15

Erev Shabbat Service 8 PM
Torah Portion: Vayeshev
Genesis: 37:1-40:23
Rabbi Stephen Pinsky, guest speaker
Marilyn Langley will sing
5-9 Grade Choir will sing
Candle Blessor: Elayne Crystal
Kiddush: Cheryl Lynn Loventhal
Oneg Shabbat Hostesses/Hosts
Anne & Alan Bialik
Elayne & Ralph Crystal
Roger Fleischman & Liz Piercy
Karla & Warren Frank
Ushers: Charles Stern
Shirley Bryan
Mark Simpson
Child Care Available

Saturday, December 16

Torah Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM

Friday, December 22

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 5:45 PM
Torah Portion: Miketz
Genesis: 41:1-44:17
NO Oneg
Kiddush: Matthew Higdon
Ushers: Cheri Rose
Chas Hite
NO Child Care Available
Hanukkah Pot-Luck Dinner
following the service

Saturday, December 23

Spirituality Study 9:30-11:30 AM

Friday, December 29

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 5:45 PM
Torah Portion: Vayigash
Genesis: 44:18-47:27
Ushers: Alan Bernard
Al Kaplan
NO Oneg
NO Child Care Available

Friday, January 5

Erev Shabbat Service 8 PM
Torah Portion: Vayechei
Genesis: 47:28-50:26
Marilyn Langley will sing
Candle Blessor: Susan Cantor
Kiddush: Aaron Cole
Oneg Shabbat Hostesses/Hosts
Susan & Austin Cantor
Ann & Kevin Freund
Ellen Melcher
Zoya & Aleksandr Orlov
Anna & Mark Orlov
Child Care Available

Saturday, January 6

Torah Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM

Friday, January 12

Erev Shabbat Service 8 PM
Torah Portion: Shemot
Exodus 1:1-6:1
Candle Blessor: Bobbi Fried
Kiddush: Heather Ravin
Oneg Shabbat Hostesses/Hosts
Shlomit & Moshe Elitzur
Bobbi & Drew Fried
Bonnie Krasik
Child Care Available

SPIRITUALITY STUDY:

A Dialogue on
meaning, purpose, cosmic
vision. What does God
expect from me? What
do I expect from God?
Study 9:30-11:30 AM
Upcoming Dates:
Dec. 9 & 23;
Jan. 13 & 27

Saturday, January 13

Spirituality Study 9:30-11:30 AM

Friday, January 19

Erev Shabbat Service 8 PM
Torah Portion: Ve'era
Exodus: 6:2-9:35
Marilyn Langley will sing
Cheri Rose will read Torah
Candle Blessor: Betty Nigoff
Kiddush: Alicia Rose
Oneg Shabbat Hostesses/Hosts
Ellie & Alvin Goldman
Linda Haggin
Betty & Lowell Nigoff
Sam Silberman
Child Care Available

Saturday, January 20

Torah Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM

Friday, January 26

Erev Shabbat Service 8 PM
Torah Portion: Bo
Exodus: 10:1-13:16

Saturday, January 27

Spirituality Study 9:30-11:30 AM

Rosh Chodesh

a Jewish women's
spirituality study group
will meet at
T.A.I., at 7:30 PM
on January 23, 1995
All women are
invited to attend

Temple Adath Israel Outreach Program

PRESENTS:
A Three Part Series on
The Jewish Life Cycle

December 10: Brit Milah, Brit Hayyim,
Bar/Bat Mitzvah, and Confirmation
Brown bag dinner at 5:30 PM &
Discussion at 6:30 PM

February 12: The Jewish Wedding
Brown bag dinner at 5:30 PM &
Discussion at 6:30 PM

April 21: The Jewish Funeral
Brown bag dinner at 5:30 PM &
Discussion at 6:30 PM

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO THESE
DISCUSSIONS!!
Outreach is an elective class for Adult
Confirmation

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Trustees Tuesday, December 5, 7:30 PM

Vision Committee Tuesday, December 12, 7:30 PM

Budget Committee Thursday, December 14, 7 PM

Sisterhood Board Monday, December 18, 7:30 PM

Executive Committee Thursday, December 28 7:30 PM

Board of Trustees Tuesday, January 2, 7:30 PM

Budget Committee Thursday, January 11, 7 PM

Sisterhood Board Monday, January 15, 7:30 PM

Budget Committee Thursday, January 25, 7 PM

Torah Study & Shabbat Morning worship

Dec. 2 & 16
Jan. 6 & 20
Study at 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM

שבת שלום

Family Shabbat Service

DECEMBER 8,
7:30 PM



TAI Makhela will sing! Rabbi Adland will
tell a story! December birthday blessings
will be offered! First Grade presentation!!

Next Family Shabbat
February 9, 4th grade presentation
Tu B'Shevat Seder at 6 PM



B'nai Mitzvah Class to begin Feb. 13



Cost: \$50
(This class is available to TAI members only)

B'nai Mitzvah is a program of Hebrew enrichment, text study, and the opportunity to have a Bar/Bar Mitzvah as an adult. The class runs an hour and a half. The first part of class teaches Hebrew. (Introduction to Hebrew or the equivalent is a prerequisite for the B'nai Mitzvah class.) The second part of each class looks at the variety of Jewish texts from Tanach to Talmud to the literature of responsa.

Participation in the B'nai Mitzvah service includes several requirements including worship attendance and a short paper.

If you never had a Bar/Bar Mitzvah as a child and want the opportunity to fulfill this unique Jewish life cycle event, then sign-up for this course. Ask any of the people who have become B'nai Mitzvah in the past and I believe that they will all tell you what a special experience it was for them.

Class Dates are:

Feb. 13, 20 & 27; Mar. 12 & 19; Apr. 9, 16, 23, & 30; May 14, 21, & 28. The B'nai Mitzvah service is scheduled for May 31.

HOPE CENTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Temple Adath Israel will again be serving breakfast at the Hope Center on Christmas morning. We will start cooking at 7:00 AM and serve at 8:00 AM.

We will also be volunteering on January 1, 1996, one of the 12 days of Christmas, to provide, prepare, and serve dinner. We will serve this meal at 6:00 PM. We are not sure, at this time, how much preparation time we will need.

If you would like to volunteer for either of these meals, please call Lowell Nigoff at 233-1173 days, 278-5220 evenings, or Cookie Wencker at 269-4221.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Ashland Avenue Elementary School is in need of volunteers. If you are interested in helping a child succeed, contact Judy Hersh at 277-1357.

Annual Hanuka Pot Luck Shabbat Dinner

When: December 22nd
Time: Immediately following 5:45 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service

What to Bring: Main Course, Potato Latkes (and favorite topping) or Salad
Also: Bring Your Hanuka Menorahs and 7 candles for each menorah

RSVP to TAI office by Dec. 20th, so that we can adequately prepare
269-2979

Marathoners do it BET-er
Temple Adath Israel and The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation
A Hebrew Marathon

Learn to read Hebrew in a single day
Sunday, Feb. 25, 1996

at Temple Adath Israel

This is the nationally famous program that enables adult beginners to learn to read Hebrew and master basic prayers and blessings in just eight hours, led by Rabbi Noah Golinkin, the originator of the Hebrew Marathon.

Everyone is eligible: People with no Hebrew background and those who are contemplating an adult bar/bat mitzvah; anyone in Central Kentucky!!

Space is limited to the first 50 paid reservations.

The course fee is \$40. Make checks payable to TAI and mail to TAI, 124 N. Ashland Ave., Lex., KY 40502. Lunch and books are included with registration. Space is limited. For more info call TAI 269-2979.

Name(s) _____
Phone(_____) _____ Amount Enclosed _____

TAI SISTERHOOD NEWS

We will be having our second annual Hanukkah Party with the Brotherhood on December 17th - watch for more details.

The gift shop is full of great items for Hanukkah. Be sure and stop by to shop.

Starr Gantz, President

UPCOMING MEETINGS

December 17, 1995 - 12:00 Noon - *Hanukkah Party*
January 17, 1996 - 7:00 PM - *Books You Shouldn't Miss*
at Joseph Beth Booksellers
March 20, 1996 - Evening - *Cooking for Passover*
with Eileen McCormick at the Temple (Time TBA)

Sisterhood/Brotherhood Chanukah Program
December 17, 12 Noon, following Religious School

BYO Picnic Style Lunch
Latkes, Drinks, Desserts
provided
CHANUKAH SHTICKERS STILL NEEDED!!!

Looking for Kosher *Hams* for casting in a Chanukah shtick. No experience needed. You can read your part.
Call Sandy A. 271-3568
Michael and Tonya 879-2127

DEC. 10TH, AFTER RELIGIOUS SCHOOL. BRING YOUR LUNCH. TAI WILL PROVIDE DRINKS. THE COST IS \$10 FOR TWO GAMES. PICK UP AT TAI AT 2 PM.
A COUPLE OF DRIVERS ARE NEEDED

Inside Israel

The Hebrew University Experience

by

Daniel Caruthers

The summer of '95 held more surprises than I could have ever imagined. First, it would mark the ninth year anniversary of me leaving Israel. Secondly, it would be the first time to return and see it once again, but this time with a different perspective. The summer of '95, being the first summer without the heavy load of college football, enabled me to apply for several community and national scholarships. After long hours of paper work and phone calls, I realized that the national scholarships were already allocated, thus leaving only the community scholarships. Nonetheless, that was not the thing that bothered me.

What had me worried was my personal military status with the Israeli Armed Forces, and if once within the country would I be held there and not allowed to finish out school. Once that was verified and the worries were over, all that was left was to pack.

Some of the scholarships offered through the CKJF office required study at a designated university or Kibbutz in Israel. One such scholarship was the Zolondek Scholarship, which gave a choice. One of the choices was an opportunity for someone to study the Holocaust in Germany at a camp, while the other would be at a designated university in Israel. I jumped at the opportunity to fulfill a dream of someday returning home. The information that was available from the CKJF office gave descriptions of many programs and events going on in Israel during the summer, however, the one single program that jumped out at me was the Archeology of Jerusalem program at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

This program was something that any one would enjoy if they have ever wondered what some of the world's most prominent archeologists believed happened to the sacred holy objects that were once contained in the first and second Temples. Classes were a mixture of lectures and field trips. We began the class with the breakdown and origins of the city of Jerusalem.

According to the Bible, the first mention of the city of Jerusalem was found on clay tablets which were used to send messages back and forth from the Pharaoh of Egypt and kings of Canaan. Upon these tablets were curses that each king or pharaoh would place upon a city called Salem or a city named Urushalim. The fact was that the curses were meant for the city we know today as Jerusalem. This city which is positioned amongst the surrounding hills makes it a tactical position that was almost unconquerable, that is until King David and his army found its one weakness, a natural spring.

The spring, which today is named the Warren Shaft, was excavated out of sheer rock by David's army to tunnel into the city undetected. Upon conquering the city, which was still in the domination of the local Jebusites, King David established Jerusalem as a city of Israelites. This is a remarkable piece of history that can be relived even today as tourist of all ages travel, like myself, to the holy land of our ancestors.

This summer experience was a wonderful opportunity for me to attempt to reconnect the old ties with long lost classmates and see what had become of my family's home. After the course at the university was completed a week remained until my flight back to the States, so I jumped on an Eged bus and headed for the Egyptian border where I grew up. I could not believe how the small city of Ber Sheva, which I often visited, grew to be even nicer than before. I travelled by bus further south, taking me closer and closer to the Gaza Strip. The settlement where I grew up was initially part of the Sinai Desert that was given back in the late 70's. Our community know as a Moshav, which is an agricultural compound, was erected after the last one was demolished by the military, only 2.5 miles from the present Israeli-Egyptian border. As we pulled into the bus stop, I noticed old markings, including my own, on the old school bus stop. People who I had not seen in nine years did not recognize

me and so it was the other way around. It was me they said, but in a much bigger body.

What effect time has on the face of the earth - a place that was once home looked as unfamiliar as I did. Buildings were still erect but the picture in my mind from nine years ago was somewhat different, houses where once close friends lived were now being filled by strangers. The toughest and saddest part of the trip hit me, I realized that this is not home any more!

As I walked the streets to the home of friends I was to stay with, pictures were popping into my head as I saw myself running around nine years ago trying to elude my other friends while playing tag. When I came upon the door, I heard within laughing voices of very long ago friends. It was like a trip in a time machine, they almost automatically knew me, but hesitated to find the old Dan within my eyes before they jumped to greet me and adorn me with kisses. This was how I remembered things. Through the course of the week I found out that several of my old classmates had been killed while serving in the military and others by accidents, a total of nine students from my class. Those whom I remembered were easily found and contacted by reaching their parents. A week was not enough time to make up for nine years of not being there, however it was one of the greatest weeks of my life.

There is so much to say about my trip to Israel, but the only thing I can reemphasize is the land of milk and honey. The state of Israel is one where we as Jews can find our place amongst our people. A place where children don't worry about hiding their star of David because they are scared of someone finding out they are Jewish. Israel is our homeland where we can feel safe to practice the ways of our ancestors.

I would deeply like to thank the Jewish community of Lexington for their help, and Dr. Zolondek for keeping me on the right track.

UJA MISSIONS

Winter Family - December 24, 1995-January 3, 1996

Winter Students - December 24, 1995-January 3, 1996

Maimonides - March 3-13, 1996

Women's Campaign Spring '96 Outreach - April 21-29, 1996

Jerusalem 3000 - May 12-22, 1996

Summer Family :

June 9-19, 1996

July 7-17, 1996

June 23-July 3, 1996

August 18-28, 1996

Summer Singles:

July 7-18, 1996

July 28-August 7, 1996

Israel News on the Internet:

gopher://israel-info.gov.il:70/1m/new/isline

Sunday night, December 24th is the last candle of Hanukkah!

What will your family be doing? The movies are closed, most restaurants are closed.

You could stay home and watch re-runs or you could...

Join the Jewish community for a special dinner and fun time!

Children are welcome, and there will be activities for them.

Details will be mailed to you early in December. Mark your calendar now and watch for our mailing.

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Krar, Executive Vice President of the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF). They described the process taking place to change the national structure of the major national Jewish organizations by uniting CJF, the United Jewish Appeal (UJA), the United Israel Appeal (UIA), and the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) into a single, more efficient organization. Of particular interest was how this new structure would affect small Federations. The

each of the Institutes.

Of course, the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin hung over the entire General Assembly. It was most deeply felt, however, during the evening programs. On Wednesday evening, a gala celebration commemorating 100 years of the Federation movement had been planned. The evening began with a very moving Service of Remembrance and the celebration that followed was very sub-



Left to right: Tomas Milch H.; Steve Edelstein, Regional Director of CJF; and Kim Slaton.

seminar concluded with examples of two award-winning small Federations that are in the process of transforming their organizations: Berkshire County, Maine by changing the operations, programs and service delivery, and Charleston, South Carolina by moving the campaign to its million-dollar goal.

The centerpiece of the GA was the four core Institutes that each participant chose from. Each Institute dealt with an issue at the cutting edge of change within the Federation system, and, indeed, within the entire Jewish community and communal structure. *Jewish Identity and Continuity* addressed what it means to be Jewish, and how Jewish commitment and involvement can be strengthened; *Israel-Diaspora Relations* dealt with the very essential element of how American Jews relate to Israel; *Public Policy and Human Services Agenda* explored ways to replace government funding that is being cut off, enhance decision-making skills, stimulate creative solutions to problems and mobilize Federations for action; and *Financial Resource Development* examined our fundraising apparatus. With our delegation, we were able to send one person to

dued. In performance and conversation, some of the triumphs and trials of our people in the twentieth century were recounted by a distinguished company of celebrated personalities including Rosemary Clooney, Marty Glickman, Joel Grey, Lou Jacobi, Eli Wallach and Elie Wiesel. It turned out to be a very emotional evening.

Thursday evening was the night Mr. Rabin was to have been with us in Boston. Instead, the Thursday evening Plenary was a memorial to him. Prior to the Plenary, however, spurred on by the assassination, and organized by students from Brandeis University, a large rally was held outside the convention center complex. Braving temperatures in the 20's, more than 5000 people attended the *Peace by Peace: An End to Violence* rally and heard speaker after speaker condemn the assassination of Prime Minister Rabin and call for support for his vision of peace.

Following the rally, we reconvened in the Haynes Convention Center auditorium for *A Tribute to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin*. Among the participants in the evening's special program were Avraham Shochat,

Minister of Finance for the State of Israel; Itamar Rabinovitch, Israeli Ambassador to the United States; Henry Kissinger, former U.S. Secretary of State; William Weld, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and Avraham Burg, Chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel. Traditionally at the GA, the Prime Minister of Israel addresses the delegation at the evening Plenary, and the opposition party is given the opportunity to respond. Understandably, Israeli leaders could not be out of the country at this time. Acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres did address the participants, however, via a live satellite hook up from Israel. Looking strained and tired, he pledged to continue the peace process begun by his predecessor.

At the closing Plenary on Friday, Benjamin Netanyahu, leader of the opposition Likud party addressed the GA, also by satellite hook up. In what seemed to be an effort at reconciliation, he condemned the assassination, pledged to support the current government until the next scheduled elections, and stated his desire for peace. He stopped short, though, of endorsing the current peace proposals. With the closing Plenary, the GA ended for us.

In reflecting on the events of this week, I feel very fortunate to have attended the 1995 CJF General Assembly and to have represented Lexington and central Kentucky. It was exciting to spend time with some 3500 committed, articulate Jewish leaders from around the world. More, of course, than we have right here in central Kentucky! It was an opportunity to listen, to learn, to experience, to network, to mourn, to feel a part of 100 years of Federation history. We all came back more inspired than we left. I wish every one of you could share this kind of experience. It was a call to action. Over the coming weeks and months, we will be trying out many of the ideas we brought home. Next year's General Assembly is in Seattle. Make plans to join us!

Sonnet to the memory of Yitzhak Rabin

Y R THE BIRDS SOARING SO HIGH
Y R ALL PEOPLE STRAINING TO CRY

Y R MEN AND WOMEN FIGHTING WITH PRIDE
Y R PEACEFUL FEELINGS UNABLE TO HIDE

Y R WE CHILDREN ALL OF ONE FAITH
Y R YOUNG AND OLD TOGETHER WITH GRACE

Y R THESE DAYS OF HOPE WE ENTER
Y R WE WILLING TO SEARCH FOR OUR CENTER

Y R GIVING AND HOLDING AND LOVING
Y R THESE GIFTS FOR ALL TO BE HAVING

Y R TEARS BORN FROM GOD'S BREATH
Y R THE STRONG FEELING SOUL'S DEPTH

Y R HEAVEN'S GATES NOW OPEN DIVINE
Y R THE ANSWERS HERE IN EACH LINE

Witt Jennings
Winchester, KY

Former Lexington Rabbi, Dr. Jacob Rader Marcus Dies

Remembered by
Rabbi Jon Adland

It is with profound sorrow that I announce the death of one of the former rabbis of Temple Adath Israel, Rabbi Dr. Jacob Rader Marcus. He died November 14, 1995 / 22 Cheshvan 5756, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Rabbi Marcus served Temple Adath Israel in 1919, returning in the late 1920's to conduct Confirmation services. Temple Adath Israel, Lexington, Kentucky, is the only congregation Rabbi Marcus ever served. Until his death, he proudly used the pocket watch presented to him in appreciation of his service here by Skuller's Jewelers. He spent the remaining years, more than 70, as a member of the faculty of Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, Ohio, teaching, researching, and writing until last year.

Rabbi Marcus is credited with the creation of American Jewish History as an academic discipline. Beginning in 1947, he began collecting documents from every community and congregation in the United States as a way to document and maintain the record of the Jewish presence and contribution to this society. His efforts produced the creation of the American Jewish Archives located on the Cincinnati campus of the Hebrew Union College. The Archives is used by scholars throughout the world for research.

Dr. Marcus' presence will be missed by every student who studied with him and every rabbi, both men and women, he called one of his "boys."

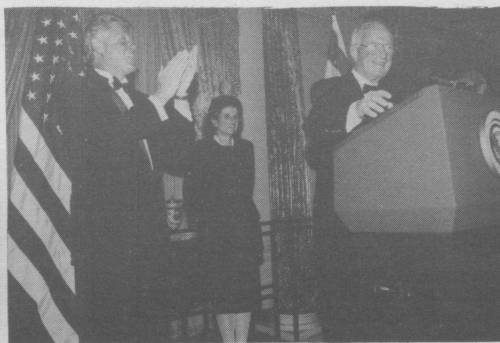
Zecher Tzaddik Livracha - May his righteous memory be a blessing to us all.

Yitzhak Rabin 1922-1995

UJA Mourns the Tragic Loss of Yitzhak Rabin

The UJA family is greatly saddened by the loss of its steadfast friend, the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, of blessed memory. His unyielding support of the UJA and its mission will continue to give us strength well beyond these very trying days.

A short time ago, at the UJA International Leadership Reunion, which was Mr. Rabin's last public appearance in the United States, he presented President Bill Clinton the Isaiah Award for Mr. Clinton's efforts to "hasten the prophet Isaiah's vision of peace for all people." As it has been noted repeatedly over the last few weeks, these are words that could have easily been said about Mr. Rabin himself. And it was on this stage that Mr. Rabin reinforced his long-held belief that the partnership between Diaspora Jewry and Israel is at the very center of the



UJA Press Service Photo by Robert A. Cumins

President Bill Clinton applauds the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin at a United Jewish Appeal meeting in Washington D.C., Mr. Rabin's last appearance in the U.S. before a Jewish audience.

revitalization of Jewish life around the world. It is a belief we share and will strive to

embody, as Mr. Rabin did.

Our only grace during a very difficult period of mourning is the hope that this overwhelming sadness will move all American Jews to reach out to the vast majority of Israelis who share Mr. Rabin's vision for the future of Israel and Diaspora Jewry. That this great tragedy will strengthen our resolve to ensure that the Jewish people will flourish as one.

Richard L. Pearlstone,
National Chairman

Joel D. Tauber, President

Rabbi Brian L. Lurie,
Executive Vice President



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(L-R) UJA Executive Vice President Rabbi Brian Lurie, UJA National Chairman Richard Pearlstone, CJF President Maynard Wishner, CFJ Executive Vice President Martin Kraar, UJA Honorary National Chairman Marvin Lender, and UJA President Joel Tauber pause for a moment on Mt. Herzl, Jerusalem, before the funeral of Prime Minister Rabin.

Rabin...

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the Israeli army was so successful was that it could trust the reports of its soldiers, while the Arab leadership could not rely on the same accuracy. Clovis Maqsood, the Secretary of the League of Arab Nations once told a western journalist, "For you (Westerners) facts are something static, facts are God. For us facts are subjective, something fluid; they change." This fluidity is heard not just in political speeches and in the Arab news broadcasts. It also has colored the army reports, making it difficult for Arab generals to respond quickly to changing circumstances.

But this "fluidity" has also entered the daily speech and activities of Israelis. It has long penetrated the heart of Israeli politics, in the Knesset. For many years the left has been just as culpable as the right. We have seen recently the cartoon pictures, putting Rabin in an Arab head-dress or, worse, in Nazi uniform. This was a counter part of the verbal abuse perpetrated by the left on the Likud. In 1986 Shulamit Aloni in the Knesset branded the party of Menahem Begin as the "National Socialist (Nazi) party." Other left-wing ideologues have been just as abusive. However, in the last couple of years the symbolic violence has escalated on the right into physical violence, culminating in the murder of Yitzhak Rabin.

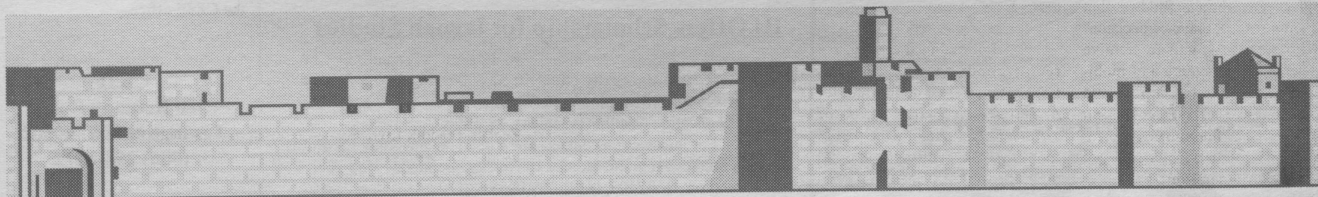
The physical violence is a symptom of many fears, some exaggerated, some completely valid. But the distortions in communication have made it difficult to allay those fears. Worse, the fluidity of miscommunication has entered Israeli daily life. The mutual mistrust is symbolized by a new term in Israeli slang, "frier," a person who is too trusting, who is easily cheated, and so has the work of others piled upon him. No Israeli wants to be a friyer. But the fact that they have

to worry about it, even though their lives depend on mutual trust, is a sign of how this unstable "fluidity" has distorted the daily interactions of the Israelis.

Only plain-speaking people, countering this "fluidity" could gain the trust of the Israelis. And it makes no difference whether they come from the left or the right. Menahem Begin at this time was often outspoken, but his eye was always an eye, and his nay was always a nay. Yitzhak Rabin was blunt and often harsh in his language. His inability to use flowery language led to a greater trust in him among the majority of Israelis, since they knew he would not conceal his goals in half truths. But, Rabin never realized that the demand for truth and accuracy found in the military sphere could have been transferred also into the political arena.

In Israel relations with the Arab world are conducted on a tight-rope. Israel can win many wars. It can lose only once. The situation is like that of security for the prime minister. It succeeded many times. It lost just once, fatally. Rabin conducted the peace talks like a general, knowing that some troops may be killed in the battle, but saving many more lives in the future. So, even with the attack of Hamas, even after the over 100 deaths that have occurred, he was trusted enough to continue the peace talks. Peres does not have the same trust, because unlike Rabin he has been known to be polyannish, and he has joined in the exaggerated verbal attacks on the right. Words should be used honestly. You cannot convince someone that he is wrong by lying to him about his own views.

A democratic nation can survive only through mutual trust. If we learn one thing from the pain of our loss, it is that we should seek honest communication, the plain truth. Expressed with equal respect to friend and foe. Truth.



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CKJF Leisure Club Luncheon & Chanukah Party

December 14, 1995

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Temple Adath Israel

Come and enjoy homemade

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Carolyn Weinberger

Madeline Weinberg

&

Lore Pappas

Play Dreidel
& Eat Latkes

Free Admission

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Central KY Jewish Federation

The Leisure Club

Annette Milch is New Volunteer Coordinator

The Leisure Club, begun under the auspices of Temple Adath Israel, offers senior members of the Jewish community the opportunity to participate in numerous programs and events throughout the year. For the past four years two tireless volunteers,

Janice Newman and Janet Zusman, have organized and seen to all the details necessary to make each function come together.

The Leisure Club is now undergoing changes. First, the Central Kentucky Jewish

Federation will now oversee its operation, and second, Janice and Janet have passed their volunteer leadership jobs to Annette Milch. Annette has been very active helping with resettlement, and CKJF welcomes her involvement with the Leisure Club.

Janet Zusman and Janice Newman have earned the community's gratitude for their four years of hard work, kind demeanor and dedication to the members of the Club. Fortunately Janet and Janice cannot make a clean break, and plan to remain involved with the Leisure Club.

If you know of anyone that would benefit from the Leisure Club, or if you would like to be one of the much needed volunteers, please call the CKJF office at (606) 268-0672.



Left to right: Janet Zusman, Janice Newman and Annette Milch.

Scholarships & Studies

UK Announces New Judaic Studies Program

The University of Kentucky has announced a Judaic Studies minor for students who wish to become acquainted with the culture, language, literature, religion, history, and philosophy of the Jewish people through history, from antiquity to the present.

The minor requires 18 credits of course study over a two year period.

Daniel Frank is the Director of Judaic Studies.

DePauw Offers Judaic Fellows Scholarship

DePauw University has established the Judaic Fellows Scholarship Program, a \$5,000 renewable merit scholarship for students entering the University. Admittance to the program is competitive. Applicants must be admitted to DePauw and include an essay about their personal journey toward Jewish identity.

Selection is based on academic achievements, involvement in extracurricular activities and recommendations from rabbis and community members. The scholarship is given regardless of family financial circumstances and is renewable annually for those that remain in academic good standing.

Applications should be submitted by February 15, 1996.

For information call the Office of Admission or Rabbi Joseph Levine at (800) 447-2495. Or write to Rabbi Levine, Student Affairs Office, DePauw University, Greencastle, IN 46135.

IU Offers Scholarship for Jewish Studies

Indiana University offers the \$2,500 Irving Glazer Student Scholarship for Jewish Studies to freshmen for the 96-97 academic year. Application deadline is January 15, 1996.

For information contact: The Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns Jewish Studies Program, Indiana University, Goodbody Hall 308, Bloomington, IN 47405, (812) 855-0453.

Central Kentucky Jewish Federation Scholarships & Endowments

Youth Leadership Education Endowment:

This grant shall be for the purpose of funding the Lexington Community Jewish Youth, ages 13-17, to attend national as well as district conventions for Young Judea and Union of Synagogues Youth.

This is a need based grant, awarded by the CKJF Scholarship Committee.

Applications are available through the CKJF office.

CKJF Scholarships & Camperships, 1996

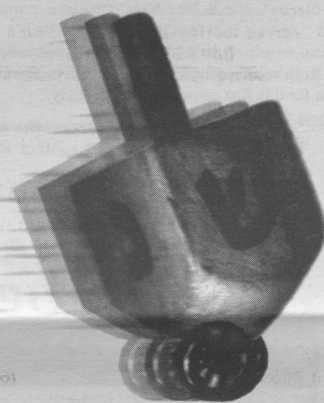
Application forms for scholarships for Camp Shalom, Overnight Jewish Camps and Israel Study are now available in the CKJF office.

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Book Review Henry Roth's *Mercy of a Rude Stream*

By Michael E. Adelstein, Contributing Editor

The following review was written before the October 14, 1995, death of Henry Roth, who had "the most mysterious career in modern American Letters" according to the lengthy half-page obituary in the N.Y. Times.

Author of *Call It Sleep*, which literary critic Robert Alter named "among the few great American novels of the 20th century," Roth received little initial acclaim for this first novel, which sold about 4,000 copies.

Then some twenty years

later, in an *American Scholar* article entitled "The Most Neglected Books of the Past 25 Years," the novel was the only one to be mentioned by more than a single distinguished critic.

Praised by Alfred Kazin and Leslie Fiedler, it was reprinted in paperback and sold over a million copies. Other critics added their superlatives. Henry Roth was called "one of the major creative novelists of the twentieth century."

For years readers awaited another work by this major

Jewish-American author. Finally, sixty years later in 1994 it arrived. Critics stated that it was as if J.D. Salinger had written a sequel to *Catcher*.

Mercy of a Rude Stream is a six volume work. To date, two have appeared: "A Star Shines over Mr. Morris Park" and "A Diving Rock on the Hudson." Both books reveal the talent of a master craftsman, both are enjoyable reading, but both are marred by serious flaws that will probably impede the six volume work from becoming another classic.

The two published books trace the alienation, mishaps, and adolescent problems of a boy, Ira Stigman, and his immigrant Jewish family from the end of World War I to the late 1920s. Mr. Roth has thoughtfully provided family trees of Ira's family, which include nine children on his maternal grandparents' side and five on his paternal grandparents' plus their offspring

The works are biographi-

cal in form, but the narrative about Ira is interwoven with comments by the octogenarian author to his computer called Ecclesias ("The whole thing is nuttier than a fruit cake, Ecclesias; to an old man, sex is nuttier than a fruit cake.")

These reflections, much like Hamlet's soliloquies, allow Mr. Roth to wax philosophical. But often they deal with remote subjects, such as his attack on James Joyce because his Jewish character Bloom in *Ulysses* observes no Jewish practices and has no Jewish characteristics. Such digressions from the main story line are often tedious, seemingly self-indulgent, and certainly disconcerting.

The form of the two juxtaposed narratives--that of the young boy and that of the old man reflecting on his life, on life itself, and on the life he is creating in his book--is sometimes refreshing and engaging but often annoying and distracting.

To what extent is the work biographical? Mr. Roth claims it is not ("This is a work of fiction...certainly not an autobiography.") But the two books published so far seem in some ways to be a retelling of *Call It Sleep* with a sensitive son tormented by other children and frustrated by his own sexuality, with a protective mother to whom the boy is attracted, and with a harsh father who is often unemployed. This repetitive triangle from the former novel plus the similarities between Mr. Roth's own life and his character's (growing up on the Lower East side, family's move to Harlem, etc.) makes one suspect that there is at least a large autobiographical element in the "novel".

What then are we to make of the confessions in the two published books? The theft of the pen that causes Ira to be expelled from Stuyvesant High School and to be forced to attend DeWitt Clinton in the Bronx is petty stuff.

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But what of Ira's incestuous relationship starting at fourteen and continuing for six years with his sister Minnie, to say nothing of his intercourse with his young cousin? Are these events true? Have they weighed on Mr. Roth's mind and caused his silence for these sixty years? Are the books an attempt to expiate his sin? Or, are these accounts fictional, the stuff of make believe?

Regardless, the fact that these encounters do not weigh on Ira's mind is disquieting. He worries about getting caught but not about his sin or its effect on his sister and cousin. On the one hand, it is difficult to accept a fictional character who could be so callous as not to show guilt or remorse. On the other hand, it is difficult to view the works as autobiographical in view of this incomplete and inconsistent por-

trayal of Ira. Nevertheless, many of the other incidents in the books may well be based on the author's personal life.

Despite the often digressive voice of the old author talking to his computer and the lack of credibility in the portrayal of Ira, *Mercy of a Rude Stream* is engrossing and enjoyable. Mr. Roth provides details that enable readers to live with the characters on the Lower East side, and then move with them to Irish Harlem in an age of Prohibition, virulent anti-Semitism, early Zionism, and racism.

The next four books of Mr. Roth's epic work should be published soon. Whether he can maintain interest in Ira Stigman and his problems remains to be seen. It is doubtful, however, that *Mercy* will win the critical acclaim of his first novel.

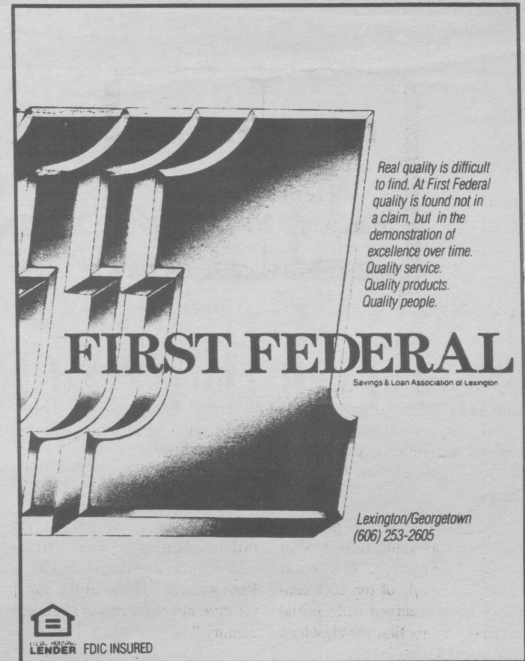
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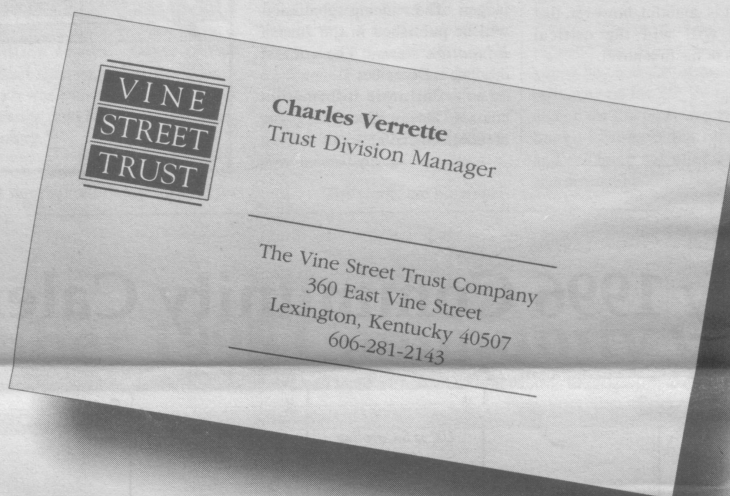
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