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JUDITH R. LEVINE, PRESIDENT

LEXINGTON WELCOMES A NEW RUSSIAN FAMILY

On July 7, 1981, Lexington welcomed its second Jewish family from the Soviet Union. The Rozmans--Grigory, Viktoria, and Alexander--were mildly surprised to find television cameras filming their arrival but seemed very glad to see their uncle, Grigory Kaplan, again. After the interviews at the airport, they all went to the Rozman's new apartment which, compared to the one-room apartment they left, pleased them very much.

The Rozmans will start English classes on the 14th of July and their son will go to Bar-Y Camp for the same three weeks. They seem happy to be in Lexington; coming from Vilnyus, a town of 500,000, they are pleased with the size and greenery of Lexington.

Grigory Rozman, 31, is an electrical engineer who earned a doctorate in this field. The laws are such, however, that he could not take his dissertation out of the Soviet Union. Viktoria, 30, is a civil engineer who worked with construction of communication buildings. Both are eager to learn English and get a job. Right now, their greatest need is for social contacts. We hope that the members of the community will reach out to the Rozmans and make them feel welcome.

Again, many thanks to the people who spent a very warm Sunday moving furniture: Mike Ades, Matt Doctrow, Drew Fried, Bobby Levine, Anani Levitan, Natalia Simonovsky, Roman Simonovsky, Steve Sokol, Bryan Steinberg, and Laura Steinberg. We also thank Stanley and David Rose for use of the truck and Louis Ades for use of the warehouse space.

To put the finishing touches on the apartment, Susan Gerstel, Helen Levy, Theresa Newhoff, and Libby Scher cleaned, unpacked boxes, set up beds, and stocked the apartment with groceries. Thanks, ladies! It looks comfortable and inviting.

More thanks go to all the people who donated goods for this project. The Rozmans have gotten off to a good start, and we hope that they will be happy and prosperous in the United States.

Bobbi Fried, Grigory Kaplan,
Susan Mason-Project Coordinators



The vitality of any community service organization depends upon the involvement of its volunteers. CKJA is fortunate in that it can draw upon a large core of dedicated, hard-working individuals who do not hesitate to sacrifice personal time to work for the benefit of the entire Jewish community. Among the many who donate their efforts, certain individuals stand out by virtue of their leadership and special dedication to their jobs. Consequently, the CKJA Board of Directors is pleased to announce that, each month, it will select someone for special recognition whose volunteer service has significantly contributed to enriching Jewish community life in Central Kentucky.

This month we honor Nancy Hoffman as our Volunteer of the Month. Although Nancy has lived in Lexington for only three years, her impact on the Jewish community is extensive. She has been actively involved in the CKJA Women's Division Campaign. In addition, she has helped organize the pre-school parties sponsored by CKJA's Community Activities Committee. Her leadership as chairwoman of the Camp Shalom Committee has led to the development and implementation of standard practices and guidelines to be followed by camp personnel. Safety standards have been upgraded and a method for evaluating the camp program and personnel has been devised. Nancy has approached these difficult tasks with characteristic good humor and meticulous attention to detail.

Her involvement with other volunteer organizations is extensive. She serves on the Hadassah Board of Directors, is Treasurer of Temple Adath Israel's Sisterhood and participates in fund-raising activities for the Lexington Philharmonic Women's Guild and the Fayette County Medical Auxilliary.

So Nancy, we salute you--and we thank you for all your hard work and concern that makes you our Volunteer of the Month.

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Steve Caller, chairman of the Men's Division of the CKJA campaign, reported recently that a total of \$192,074 has been pledged so far during the 1981 fund drive. This includes money pledged to Project Renewal or in the form of special gifts.

Gail Cohen, Women's Division Chairwoman, reports a total of over \$26,000 pledged so far in the current campaign. When you are called, we hope that you will be generous in your support of this year's campaign.

FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMUNITY WORKER:

Shalom! We are pleased and proud to announce that the new CKJA office is open and operating. The office is located at 258 Plaza Drive, Suite 208, Lexington, Kentucky 40503. The new telephone number is: 277-8048.

The office is staffed by our summer secretary, Lois Germain, and me. Our summer hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 am to 12 noon, and Thursday afternoon from 1 to 4 pm. The office will be closed for all the major Jewish holidays and on Shabbat.

Personally, I feel privileged to be the first Community Worker employed by CKJA. I am excited by the possibilities this position offers to enhance the quality of Jewish life in our community. With a new office and professional staff, we hope to expand the services currently available through CKJA. The major committees of CKJA-- Social Services, Community Activities, Community Relations, Campaign, and Budget--are all reviewing their current activities and possibilities for expansion. We hope that you, the members of CKJA, will share with us your interests and concerns relating to the Jewish Community of Central Kentucky.

Judy Saxe, Community Worker

HELP US SERVE YOU

Let us know if you are moving, in town or out, so that we can keep our community mailing list up-to-date. Also, be sure to contact our office if you know of any newcomers to the Central Kentucky Jewish community. We are maintaining a central file for the use of all our constituent organizations, and in addition, we want to help all newcomers feel a part of our community by receiving our newsletters and other communications.

Remember, too, that we maintain a community calendar. All the constituent organizations have agreed to put the dates of their meetings and events on this calendar, and private individuals are welcome to utilize this service. Your name will not be published or used publicly if you do utilize the calendar, but it will be of great help to the organizations in planning their activities. Leona Stern is the coordinator for the calendar, and she can be reached at 277-0350 in the evenings.

SECRETARY WANTED

CKJA Secretary wanted for 10-15 hours weekly. Schedule can be arranged. Excellent typing and organizational skills required. Salary negotiable. To begin August 24th. Contact Judy Levine at 278-2846, or Judy Saxe at 277-8048, for further information.

CAMP SHALOM NEWS

Camp Shalom, a CKJA supported activity, was in session this summer from June 15th through July 3rd at Waveland State Shrine. Twelve 4 and 5 year olds attended the half day adventure group program with twenty 6 to 9 year olds in the all day group. Camp Director, Barry Remer, praised the work of the staff: Senior Counselors: Alycia Rozen, Amy Yessin and Elisa Shain; Junior Counselors: Alex Miller, Polly Goldman and Mark Farrell; and CIT's: Michele Mayer, Jon Berger and Beth Gewirtzman.

The theme for camp was "The Cycle of Jewish Life" which was implemented by celebrating four main holidays: Rosh Hashanah, Sukkot, Pesach, and Shavuot. In addition to learning about these holidays, the children tie-dyed T-shirts, played baseball and kickball and thoroughly enjoyed the newly purchased sprinklers.

The small number of campers allowed the children to take four field trips with much appreciated help from parents who volunteered to carpool. The campers visited the Kentucky Horse Park, the Blue Grass Gem and Mineral Club Show at the Lexington Center, and the Dairy Barn at Coldstream Farm. The Adventure group also visited the Lansdowne Public Library for story hour. In addition, the campers had two special guests: Bill Mallory, Agriculture Extension Specialist, and Karen Edelstein, who taught Israeli dances.

Last but not least, the overnight was enjoyed by all the campers. They were treated to a movie, ate popcorn and marshmallows, and slept in the Philip Gall and Son tents.

Many thanks to all who made this year's camp a success: staff, campers, parents(who provided carpools to and from camp as well as on field trips), Waveland staff, and CKJA. It is important for Jewish children of this age to associate with each other in an enjoyable setting.

Shalom until next year from Barry and the hardworking camp committee: Carol Arenstein, Suzanne Benninga, Harriet Fine, Nancy Hoffman(chairperson), Connie Loventhal, Marsha Matthews, Simone Salomon, Libby Scher, and Alice Weinberg.

CAMP SHALOM'S LOST AND FOUND

All items left at Camp Shalom this year and last year can be claimed until September 1 at the home of Phil and Nancy Hoffman, 3413 Pepperhill Road (phone number: 266-2380). After September 1, all clothes, towels, etc. will be taken to the CKJA office at 258 Plaza Drive.

ANNOUNCING

CKJA FORUM

We are pleased to announce a fine line-up of performing artists for the 1981-82 Forum Series. Our first event will feature the world-renowned clarinetist, Giora Feidman, accompanied by guitar and double-bass. Following the Feidman Trio, we are delighted to present popular lecturer and author, Max Dimont, whose fascinating book, Jews, God, and History, has become one of the most popular histories of the Jews written in the English Language. Our third event will feature distinguished English Actress, Thelma Ruby, and well-known Canadian actor, Peter Frye, in a theatrical presentation entitled "Stars In Your Eyes: A Dramatic Portrait of Golda Meir." Finally, we will present Cantor Sarah Sager, whose beautiful voice has already charmed many of our community members.

We look forward to a most pleasurable and successful series. Tickets will go on sale in September. More information will be forthcoming.

Susan Gerstel
Chair, CKJA Forum

CRC UPDATE

At its July meeting, the Board of CKJA approved the planned activities of the Community Relations Committee. This Committee will initiate the following programs: (1) Crisis Response will receive, investigate and take appropriate action in response to situations which arise within Central Kentucky in regard to anti-semitism and associated ills; (2) Speakers Bureau will provide speakers on issues of importance to the community; brochures will be printed and distributed to churches, service groups and other organizations; (3) Education Programs will be presented to selected groups such as attorneys, clergy, Sunday School teachers, etc.; (4) Dialogues between Jewish and non-Jewish groups in Central Kentucky will be established; and (5) Information will be provided for our local, state, and national elected officials about our position on various issues which affect the Jewish community. If you wish to be involved with these programs or just want additional information, please call David Wekstein, chairman of the Committee, at 269-4454, or Marilyn Moosnick, co-chair, at 277-3040.

EDITOR WANTED

Enterprising and enthusiastic individual wanted to edit community newsletter. Proposed monthly publication. Secretarial services provided, including contacting sources, typing and some writing. If interested, call CKJA President, Judy Levine, 278-2846, or CKJA office, 277-8048.

ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY

Israel Independence Day was celebrated in a big way by CKJA this year. On May 9th many people enjoyed Israeli food and an amusing Israeli full-length movie entitled "The Policeman." This event was held at the University of Kentucky Student Center Theatre. On May 10th a group gathered at a shelter at Jacobsen Park for a picnic. "Official" events included lighting and carrying a torch commemorating the Maccabean Games and some spirited dancing by the CKJA-sponsored Israeli Dance Group led by Karen Edelstein.

The following people deserve special thanks for their time and efforts in making Israel Independence Day a successful celebration this year:

Levi Rabinowitz, Program Chairman
Suzanne Benninga
Lisa Campbell
Millie Cohen
Heidi Fuchs
Dawn Haber
Arlen Lichter
Tom Stern
Laura Szekely

And don't forget the members of the Israeli Dance Group:

Beth Cohen
Jayne Fisher
Bobbi Fried
Susan Gerstel
Sharyn Sharer

PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGE

The CKJA constitution requires notification of its membership when the Board of Directors is considering a by-laws change. The following by-laws revision will be discussed at the August board meeting: Article VI, Section I, which now reads:

Appointment of Directors

Nine directors shall be selected from the membership as follows: Three (3) shall be appointed by the President of Temple Adath Israel; three (3) shall be appointed by the President of Congregation Ohavay Zion; one (1) shall be appointed by the President of the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah; and one (1) shall be appointed by the President of Lexington Lodge #289 of B'nai Brith.

would be amended to add "...and one (1) shall be appointed by the President of the Lexington Havurah."

Any CKJA member who wishes to attend this meeting to comment on this proposed change is welcome.

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July 21, 1981

Ms. Judith R. Levine, President
Central Kentucky Jewish Assoc., Inc.
P. O. B. 23086
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Dear Ms. Levine:

We wish to thank you most sincerely for the contribution of \$1,000 from your Association and have pleasure in enclosing your receipt.

Please accept our apologies for the delay in acknowledging your generosity, but we wish you to know and please to convey to all the members of your Association that we are deeply grateful for your assistance and for the opportunity you have provided us to purchase essential equipment for our operating room.

We have pleasure in also enclosing a certificate of appreciation of your support to our Medical Center.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Ida Hoffmann
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DENIS GOLDENBERG BAR MITZVAH

Our son, Denis Claude, will be called to the Torah as a Bar-Mitzvah on Saturday morning, August 29, 1981, at ten o'clock at Ohavay Zion Synagogue, 120 West Maxwell Street, Lexington, Kentucky. He will also conduct services Friday evening, August 28th, at eight o'clock. Please worship with us on this joyous occasion and join us at an Oneg Shabbat Friday evening. We also invite you to join us for the Kiddush luncheon following the Sabbath morning service.

Hildegard and David Goldenberg

COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS TO CONVENE
50th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

St. Louis, Missouri, will be the site of the 1981 General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations from November 10-15. This meeting will inaugurate the Council of Jewish Federation's Jubilee Year, marking 50 years of building the North American Jewish Community.

The agenda covers a broad range of topics of concern to American Jews--financial, political, social. CKJA has sent representatives the past two years, all of whom have been impressed with the high quality and wide range of subjects dealt with in the various workshops and plenary sessions.

Contact Judy Levine, CKJA President(278-2846), or Judy Saxe, Community Worker(277-8048), if you desire further information about the General Assembly.

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