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Fifth Annual Women's Community Seder

Jewish Women Come Together to Celebrate Life

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By Toni Reiss

On March 28, Women from the Central Kentucky area will gather together to celebrate the fifth annual Women's Community Seder. In keeping with the tradition of Passover, we will address what we consider to be the **Four Questions of the Women's Community Seder**:

1. Why have on this night a Women's Community Seder?

Jewish tradition is based upon coming together as a community as well as welcoming the stranger. When the many Jewish organizations in Central Kentucky join together for the Women's Community Seder we, in essence, do both. We join with those we know from our small community, members of the Jewish organiza-

tions in which we are active, and we welcome those with whom we are less familiar at the same time.

2. Why doesn't the Women's Community Seder have a full meal? A key element of the Passover seder is to recline, relax, and rejoice. Often the women who are hosting seders at home find themselves spending much of their time in the kitchen cooking or serving others. By eliminating a main meal, the Women's Community Seder is designed to allow for maximum participation by everyone.

**At the Women's Community Seder
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role of women in Judaism...**

toms and traditions have impacted the life of women. At the Women's Community Seder we set aside time to reflect on the role of women in Judaism and the way our history and the com-

mandments, mitzvot, and blessings of God impact on us specifically as women.

4. Why should I attend? You are a part of our community and you are a part of our Jewish heritage. We are providing a unique forum for a multi-generational conversation of women. Your ideas will make an important contribution to the lively discussions that the Women's Community Seder inspires.

And, by the way, the commandment of telling the Passover story applies to YOU. For once you were a slave in Egypt and now you are free — free to attend an afternoon of celebration that is the Women's Community Seder.

The Community Women's Seder will be on Sunday, March 28 at the Temple Adath Israel from 2 - 4:30 PM. It will be entertaining, thought provoking, and spiritual. The dynamic community of women from Temple Adath Israel, Ohavay Zion

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Speaker Named for Major Gifts Event Scheduled for Early May 2004

2004 UJC/CKJF Community Campaign Features JDC Official

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Chairpersons Odette Kaplan, Susan Goldstein, and Marty Barr announce the featured speaker for the 2004 UJC/CKJF Major Gifts event scheduled for Saturday evening, May 8, 2004 will be William Recant of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC).

As the Assistant Executive Vice-President of the JDC, William Recant serves as the senior staff person regarding all of JDC's non-sectarian and disaster relief programs. In this capacity, he coordinates projects relating to the rescue, relief, and renewal of Jewish communities worldwide and develops non-sectarian programs.

Mr. Recant is also the Desk Director for Latin America and Europe Community Development at JDC headquarters in New York, which involves him in the effort to relieve the Argentinean community in crisis.

While serving as the Washington representative for JDC, Recant helped secure JDC's license to work in Cuba. He has visited Cuba over two dozen times and has helped establish JDC's programs of community development and Jewish renewal.

Recant has also worked with US government agencies and Congressional members to brief them on issues specific to rescue and relief, and with Private Voluntary Organizations (PVO's) in program coordination, partnership development, and cooperation.

see **Gifts event**, page 8

Reform Judaism Academic Head Speaks at TAI

Dr. David Ellenson Acclaimed as Rabbi, Scholar, Here for Celebration of TAI's 100th Anniversary

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The president of the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, Dr. David Ellenson will be the guest speaker at Temple Adath Israel's Friday evening services on March 12 in honor of the congregation's 100th anniversary celebration.

Dr. Ellenson is the eighth president in the 125 year history of HUC-JIR. He received his Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1981 and was ordained a rabbi at HUC-JIR's New York School in 1977. He is also a Fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute of Jerusalem and Fellow and Lecturer in the Institute of Advanced Studies at Hebrew University in Jerusalem (1999 to present).

Dr. Ellenson's work describes the writings of Reform, Conservative, Orthodox, and Reconstructionist leaders in Europe, the United States, and Israel during the last two centuries and

see **Judaism Reform Speaker**, page 5

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- Evelyn Kossoff Goodman, sons Steven and Philip and their families on the death of their husband and father, **Larry Goodman**, on February 20.
- Sandy and Marvin Heymann on the death of Sandy's uncle, **Melvin Scissors**, on January 25, 2004.
- Micah and Mimi Kaufman on the death of Micah's grandmother, **Frieda Shumart**, on February 1, 2004.
- Etta Pollan and Bruce and Mary Engle on the death of Etta's brother-in-law and Bruce's uncle, **Abraham Blucher**, on January 31, 2004.
- Harriet Ades on the death of her mother, **Libby Fleishman**.
- Sue Dworkin on the death of her brother, **Lawrence Dworkin**.
- Carole Wilson on the death of her mother, **Sylvia Bernstein**.

Mazel Tov to...

- Rebecca Sharer on the birth of her son, **Dylan Thomas**.
- Jennifer and Neal Kash on the birth of their son, **Judah Samuel**.

Refuah Shlemah (Get Well Wishes) to...

- Cookie Wenneker
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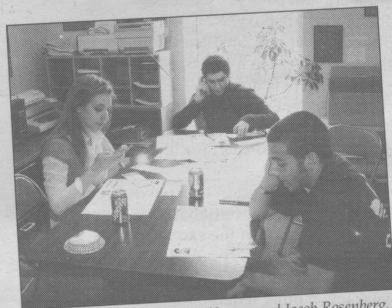
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Super Sunday Breaks Records

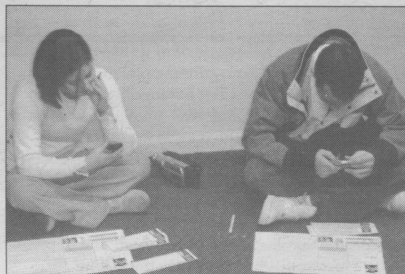
February 8th brought many volunteers to CKJF to work on Super Sunday. They phoned Jewish households across the Bluegrass to ask for support of the annual UJF/CKJF campaign. Proceeds from the campaign support Jewish communities here at home, in Israel, and across the world. Equally important, the phone campaign



Liza Goldenberg, Solomon Alkhasov, and Jacob Rosenberg.

offers an opportunity to engage members of the community one-on-one in a Jewish dialogue and to make them aware of the programs and services offered by the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation; it offers a connection.

Owing to the efforts of the many who came and made phone calls, the day was a rousing success, with 172 gifts representing \$13,685 and an average increase of 36% in each gift. Sandy Goldberg and Pat Shtraberg co-chaired the session; Steve Caller, Marty Barr, Barbara Barr, Steve Kesten, Bonnie O'Neill, Stanley Saxe, Evelyn Geller, Rose Rita Wurms, Robert Orbach, Stuart Kaufman, and David Feinberg were the volunteers. In addition, a contingent of our youth joined the task. Thanks to Jacob Rosenberg for organizing the young people,



Danielle Roth and Jeff Westerman.

and thanks to those who came and worked: Salomon Alkhasov, Penina Goldstein, Heidi Zimmerman, Asher Finkel, Jeff Westerman, Ariel Elias, Liza Goldenberg, and Danielle Roth.

Special thanks also go to Jeff Kaplan and Subway for helping feed the volunteers, to Elise Klein for donating special gifts for our youth volunteers, and to AT&T wireless for donating the use of the cellular phones for the day. Thank you most of all to all those who answered the call to help us provide for people in need.



Penina Goldstein and Heidi Zimmerman.

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Faith In Action Program Promotes "A Neighbor's Independence"

By Angie Ornstein, Tikkun Lexington Volunteer

Fayette County ranks second in percentage of population over age 65 in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. In the year 2050, over 20% of all people in the United States will be 65 or older. "A neighbor's independence depends on you" was the theme of the first Faith In Action training program held at the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation offices in late January. Dr. Gary Stewart led

the three-hour training program with the assistance of training facilitators Beth Hunter and Bob Voll. The follow-up to this program occurred in early February and we now

have nine certified volunteers on board to help people who are in need.

Faith In Action's mission is to assist older adults and their fami-

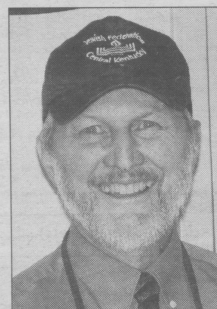
lies to maintain independence, dignity, and quality of life by providing quality home-based volunteer caregiving services. Their goal is to help older adults by training volunteers to fulfill the mission of the Faith In Action program which is funded by the Robert Woods Johnson Foundation. The Central Kentucky Jewish

Federation is one of the community organizations which benefit from the program.

Volunteers in attendance represented a wide range of the Central Kentucky Jewish community, including members of Temple Adath Israel and Ohavay Zion congregations, Central Kentucky Jewish Federation representatives, and members of Tikkun Lexington. Those present were Daniel Chejfec, Andrea Tapia, Fran Morris, Jack



Janice Kuperstein, Ruth Moser, and Dawn Moore participate in training session.



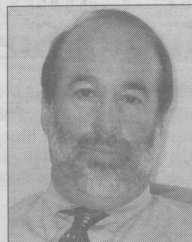
Dr. Gary Stewart leads training session for Tikkun Lexington volunteers.

Miller, Julie Smoak, Barbara Barr, Angie Ornstein, Dawn Moore, Ruth Moser, Janice Kuperstein, Anne Graff, and Jana LaZur.

The two primary focus-see **Faith In Action**, page 17

President's Message

David Feinberg



Can You Believe It??

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It happened one Sunday. I am not usually one for talking on the telephone any more than necessary, but today was different; it was SUPER SUNDAY. My father always said that money does not grow on trees so it was clear that we needed to go out and get those pledges to continue our programs. Asking for people's money as a professional providing a service is one thing; it's quite another to ask in the name of CKJF. Although in our community there is a well-established tradition of charitable giving, still, asking for people's money is a bit of a challenge. I felt bolstered by the camaraderie of my fellow solicitors. I was on the early shift, which this year was staffed mostly by "old hands" who had done this many times before.

It was my third Super Sunday and, surprisingly, went much more easily than I had recalled. The people I called were virtually all polite and most knew it was Super Sunday. I asked people to add to what they have given in the past and I was impressed by most people's willingness to do so. Some people who had not given in past years were willing to pledge. It was very gratifying I must say. It was a validation that CKJF was moving in the right direction and that people wanted to sup-

port it. I know more and more people are showing up for Federation events, but having them also support our goals and programs financially was very pleasant. Some of the people I called were talkers who wanted to tell me some anecdote about Federation. Others had to think a minute before saying what they were comfortable pledging. A few needed to be coaxed with reminders about all the programs that Federation sponsored and supported. Most gratifying of all was the warm response to my requests made by people whom I knew personally. As success grew, I found that instead of my two-hour shift I had been telephoning for almost four hours. The excitement of a positive response added to my enthusiasm and to my effectiveness in sharing with others my sense of the importance of their financial support.

I certainly would like to thank all of the many volunteers involved in this effort. Particularly deserving of recognition were the youth that co-chair Sandy Goldberg enlisted as solicitors. He and Daniel Chefec helped with their training and turned them loose on the telephones. If there is substance to our desire to have younger people involved in Federation, this was a concrete embodiment of their involvement. I have to be honest, I was not sure how the young people would do. I came away impressed and thankful for their enthu-

siasm and chutzpah. I want to personally acknowledge staff and Super Sunday co-chairs, Pat Shraberg and Sandy Goldberg; they are busy people and we appreciate their efforts for CKJF. For the second year in a row Sandy has done a very fine job. He is doing so well that we have set yet another Super Sunday record. I have yet to mention this to Sandy but I am thinking of making him Super Sunday co-chair for life.

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the tremendous efforts of Marty Barr and Harriet Cooper, the co-chairs of the extremely successful 2003 CKJF Campaign. The 2003 campaign was more successful than any other we have ever had. In a year when other federations have seen decreases in their campaign pledges we set a new record.

I feel very blessed that CKJF and our community have such fine people willing to give their time, ability, and money to support our goals. Thank you to our volunteers and thank you Central Kentucky for your generous support of your Federation.

5th Annual Women's Community Seder

Sunday, March 28, 2004

7:00-4:30pm

at Temple Adath Israel



Passover from a Woman's Perspective...a Multi-generational Experience

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This is the same Haggadah from our previous seders and is written from the women's perspective.

You can order a copy of your own. We recommend that each person has her own copy.

Some copies will be available for sale at the Seder.

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Canadian Professor First Luckens Prize Lecturer

By Dan Frank, Director, UK Judaic Studies Program

The Judaic Studies Program at the University of Kentucky inaugurates the Luckens Prize lectureship in Jewish Thought on Monday 1 March, with a lecture by Professor Aaron Hughes of the University of Calgary (Alberta, Canada).

The topic of the lecture is "Jewish Imagination and the Italian Renaissance: The Case of Judah Abravanel's Dialoghi d'amore." The lecture will be held on campus in room 363 of the Student Center at 8pm. There is ample parking in the lot adjacent to the Student Center.

The Luckens Prize honors the late Mark and Ruth Luckens, who wished to establish an international prize in Jewish thought at UK. For this inaugural year we received submissions from Canada, Europe, Israel and the US. Our first winner, Aaron Hughes is an assistant professor of religious studies at Calgary, where he specializes in medieval Jewish and Islamic thought.

We look forward to greeting many of you at this event, which promises to establish Judaic Studies at UK as a program of distinction.

We Laughed and Laughed

Comedy Off Broadway Night Enjoyed by All

By Ruth Policy

About 80 members of the Central Kentucky Jewish Community had their funny bones royally tickled when they attended Comedy Off Broadway on the evening of February 7.

The program started with opening remarks and chuckles by the house emcee Scott Wilson, who is also the morning deejay for the the Bull radio station. He was followed by Cleveland (that's one name—like Madonna or Beyoncé). The man was funny. His humor was topical (you know it's topical when Janet Jackson's Super Bowl fiasco is part

of the commentary) and he had the crowd laughing and nicely warmed up for the headliner, Louisville's own Mark Klein.

Klein, who's been in the business for more than 20 years, knows how to work the crowd. He started off with a bang and built from there. There was hardly a moment when he did not have the audience laughing and clapping at his humor. We left feeling it was an evening well-spent and looking forward to repeating the experience in the future.

The event was organized by the Community Activities Committee of the Central Kentucky



Ruth and Neil Policy and David and Pat Schraberg enjoy the comedy of Mark Klein at recent evening at Comedy Off Broadway.

Jewish Federation. If you would like to be involved in planning future community activities, or have an idea you would like to see developed, call Jana Lazur at 268-0672, ext. 4#.

Judaism Reform Speaker (from page 1)

employs a sociological approach to illuminate the history and development of modern Jewish religious denominationalism. His application of this method has allowed him to emphasize the interplay between Jewish religious tradition and modern society in unique ways, and has prompted him to write and lecture on topics ranging from early Reform and Orthodoxy in 19th century Germany and conversion to Judaism at the beginning of the 1900s to the problems of medical ethics in present-day America.

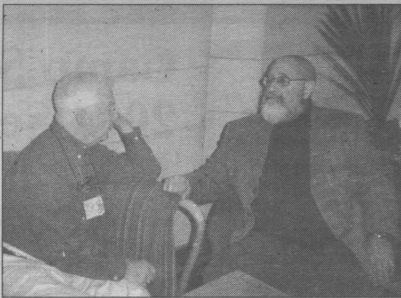
He has written over 200 articles and reviews in diverse academic and religious journals and books. His academic lectures have been delivered at such institutions as Charles University in Prague, Ben Gurion and Bar Ilan Universities in Israel, Haverford College, Harvard, Yale, Brown, and the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Born in Brookline, Mass., in 1947, Dr. Ellenson was raised in Newport News, Virginia. He is married to Rabbi Jacqueline Koch Ellenson, who was ordained at HUC-JIR in New York in 1983 and is Chaplain at the Harvard-Westlake School in Los Angeles.

State of Israel Bonds Purchased by Unique Loan Arrangement

Led by the organizing efforts of Leon Cooper, 46 people in Lexington over the past few years have enabled the purchase of \$1.475 million in State of Israel Bonds.

Working with his co-chairs, Leon Ravvin and Steve Caller, Leon has approached Central Kentucky residents to be guarantors of three substantial loans. Half-million dollar loans were made from local banks for the most recent purchases of Israel Bonds in 2000 and 2002. The bonds will mature in five years. As a good-will gesture to the local Jewish community, Fifth Third Bank agreed to make the loan for the most recent bond purchase.



Leon Cooper and Michael Ben-Ami in Jerusalem.

and help resettle over one million immigrants from the former Soviet Union and other countries. And the State of Israel has repaid \$20 billion to investors who have submitted bonds for redemption while making every payment of principal and interest on time and in full.

During the recent UJC/CKJF Mission to Israel, Leon, who was one of the Central Kentucky people on the Mission, met with a State of Israel Bonds official. Leon writes of that experience in the following:

"At the request of the Cincinnati Bond office I got a call from Michael Ben-Avi, of the international Bond Office in Jerusalem. He wanted to meet a representative from the Central Kentucky Jewish community and express the appreciation of the Bond organization for our outstanding contribution toward the sale of Israel Bonds.

We met in the lobby of the Sheraton Plaza Hotel in Jerusalem. He said it is remarkable that in a community of our size we were able to provide Israel with a million dollars through the sale of Bonds. It is also indicative of our dedication that we were able to get 40 people to guarantee the loans that were used to purchase the two half million dollar bonds that are currently in force. I reminded him that we previously purchased \$475,000 in seven-year Bonds that matured in 2000 using the same technique of getting a group of guarantors to underwrite the loan.

I thanked him on behalf of all of us who were instrumental in getting the job done.

At my request the tour guide on our bus pointed out several projects that were done, or in progress, using the funds that we provided. This included the new North-South toll road that we rode on going to Haifa."

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Svetlana Alkhasova is giving piano lessons for adults who would like to sharpen their minds, and for children at all skill levels. Svetlana Alkhasova was educated in Russia (St. Petersburg Conservatory). She taught at the college level for 20 years and has taught for four years at the University of Kentucky. If you want to schedule a lesson and/or get more information please call (859) 263-2327 or e-mail her at syalkh0@hotmail.com.

Each of 20 people guarantee \$25,000, or one-twentieth of the \$500,000 loan and pay \$125 per year to cover the difference between what the bond pays in interest and the cost of the bank loan. Since some of these people have volunteered to be guarantors more than once; there is currently a total of 46 people in the community who have aided in these purchases of State of Israel Bonds.

Since the first bond was sold in 1951, the Israel Bonds program has produced more than \$26 billion in investment capital to build Israel's economy

From the Executive Director

Daniel Chejfec



Who is A Jew?

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Nestor Kirschner, the current President of Argentina, stated at the beginning of the presidential race that his grandparents came from Eastern Europe and first settled in an agricultural colony called "La Esperanza." Let us think on this for a while. "La Esperanza" was one of the colonies set up by the Alliance Israelite Universelle headed by Baron Maurice Hirsch, and the name was chosen after the song "Hatikvah" (the hope, or in Spanish - La Esperanza). The last name, Kirschner, is a Central European Jewish name, and the historical circumstances appear to point to the fact that Kirschner's grandparents were Jewish. Yet shortly after arriving in Argentina, his family left the colony for the city and lived as practicing Catholics. Their son was raised in the Catholic faith.

Madeleine Albright discovered that she was a "Holocaust baby," given away to a non-Jewish family, but she personally was never involved with Jewish life.

Presidential candidate John Kerry has a Czech-Jewish connection. Evidently, his grandfather changed his name from Fritz Kohn to Frederick Kerry just before immigrating to America. They lived as practicing Catholics and distanced themselves from their Jewish origins as much as they could. Their descendants for the most part did not know of the Jewish connection.

These stories pose the same question, Are these people Jewish? The answer is complex and simple

at the same time. According to Halachic Rule, to be a Jew means to be "the child of a Jewish mother, or a convert to Judaism, who is not practicing another religion." This rule is followed by Orthodox and Conservative congregations and has been adopted with a modification to include patrilineal descent as a standard by the Reform Movement. In the three cases, there was an active practice of another religion, so from a strictly legal standpoint, these people were not Jewish. Can we, however, accept that their descendants are banned from the Jewish people?

At Passover, we read from the Hagaddah a portion which states that, "In each generation each person must see him or herself as coming out of Egypt," and it is also said that we receive the Torah in each generation. What does all this mean? It means that each generation must appropriate the Jewish heritage and make it its own. Without this pre-requisite of commitment and acceptance, there is no Judaism. So if my father chose to abandon Judaism, does that put me outside the pale?

There is, however, another way to look at the issue. We are shaped, not only by heritage, but by experience. This is the age-old argument of "Nature vs Nurture" To be Jewish means to be born into it, but also to be inducted through education into it. Hence the Halachic rule contemplating both situations: Jew by Birth and Jew by Choice. The prob-

lem arises, though, when people actively abandon Judaism. In these cases, individuals go the extra mile to cut the connection. In other words, they will actively distance themselves or even attack Judaism. The case of Daniel Burroughs, an Orthodox Jew who became the Grand Dragon of the New York Ku Klux Klan, is a case in point. People who actively abandon

Judaism are less likely to transmit love of Judaism and the Jewish people to the next generation (after all, it is hard enough for committed Jews to achieve that).

Another layer of the problem is that Judaism demands action, not just belief. And action demands commitment and not just adherence. To be Jewish demands one to be truly active and to participate in Jewish life. It is only

through the Jewish environment of activism that the values can be made real.

So Mr. Kerry, Ms. Albright, and Mr. Kirschner: I am flattered that there is some distant genetic connection between me and you, and I am delighted that that does not seem to constitute an obstacle for your political careers. I have to say, however, that you are not Jewish because being Jewish is not a right of birth but a right of choice; the choice to be active and the choice to accept the mandate to improve the world in the context of Jewish principles.

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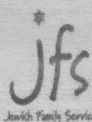
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Camp Shalom Plans for 2004 Season

By Eileen Keplinger

Plans for the 2004 season for Camp Shalom are well underway. The camp, sponsored by CKJF since 1967, is for children aged four to ten and is open to children in the Jewish community and the general public.

This year Camp Shalom will be held from August 2 through August 13. Activities include arts and crafts, games, swimming and a variety of other activities to keep the children interested and excited about camp. Kathy Feinberg will return as camp Director for another year and expects that this will be a banner year for the camp. Kathy will be joined by Elissa Brown, who will serve as Assistant Director. Elissa teaches Hebrew and fourth grade at Temple Adath Israel's religious school; she also works at the TAI preschool. Kathy announced that applications are now being accepted for counselors (ages 15+) and counselors-in-training (age 11-14). Applications will be accepted through April 2, 2004. Job descriptions are available through the CKJF office; call Jana LaZur at 268-0672, extension 4#.

Applications will be available at temple Adath Israel and at Ohavay Zion Synagogue. Sign up for camp now and plan for summer fun.

For further information, contact the CKJF office.

Hillel Happenings at U.K. and Area Colleges

By Andrew Grossman

After a month of school has passed like a weekend, UK's students are in the groove and ready for some activity. At JSO/Hillel we're enthusiastic about the new semester and look forward to our spring programming. For those who don't know, JSO/Hillel stands for Jewish Student Organization and we are a small but active bunch from area colleges and universities and would be happy to accept any other college students from near or far who want to join us.

Starting in January, we began to host Sunday bagel brunches, a great opportunity for students, faculty, and staff to share a meal, stories from our stressful weeks and, of course, hot coffee. This programming, back by popular demand, takes place just past noon at Panera's on Richmond Road.

Last semester, we tried several new ideas, as well as a few time-tested activities to bring new students into the fold. An exciting day-long excursion to Red River Gorge attracted some adventurous newcomers, and our last event of the year, the annual Chanukah party, had the largest attendance of any event thus far. We also have once-a-month Shabbat dinners held at different families' houses and we truly enjoy the home cooked meals! Our next Shabbat dinner will be hosted by the Feinberg family at their home on March 12th at 7 PM. Many thanks to the Craft family for hosting the February dinner. As usual, all faculty and students are welcome to attend. Please call Jana at the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, 268-0672

extension 4#, or email tikkun@jewishlexington.org to RSVP.

This year we plan to carry the momentum of the fall into another successful semester. With so many of our students set to graduate in the coming year, it's important that we find new leaders to take charge of Hillel when the current leadership has gone. The enthusiasm of our new members gives me confidence that we'll be leaving the organization in capable hands.

Many students see Hillel as simply the sum of its activities each year which, unfortunately, misses the point entirely. As a religious/social organization, we have many resources available to us that can help our students through the oft confusing maze of the UK college experience.

For those who haven't met our faculty advisor, Austin Cantor, I urge you to stop by his office, or just give him a call. After years of serving on UK's faculty, Austin is a fantastic resource who can help students make the most of their university experience. Whether it's scheduling jams, dealing with roommate troubles, or providing academic counseling, Austin can either help or point you in the right direction. We're really lucky to have him on our team.

For those interested in taking a leadership role in our programming, Jana LaZur at CKJF is the facilitator par excellence. She can help you plan events, find resources, and spread the word via our list-serve. Give her a call at the CKJF offices (268-0672

extension 4#) if you're interested, or just drop in on our weekly bagel brunches to meet Jana and her two kids, our youngest Hillel members.

For those new to campus, I urge you to get in contact with our student members. As upperclassmen, we can help you sort through the maze of UK to have a successful college career. Leah Craft, Gabe Sperber, I, and the other senior members of Hillel are always willing to chat, and you can reach us through CKJF.

There's plenty of reason to be excited about the spring semester. If you're new to our organization, come check us out and share a meal. We love meeting new members of our community, and as anyone who attended last semester will tell you, the Hillel can be a welcoming bunch.

For members of the Jewish community outside UK, I hope you'll make some time one Sunday to stop by and say hello. Building bridges between the community and the campus is a great way to help students acclimate to the university and the city, and it helps students recognize and maintain their Jewish identity. We hope to be a resource to the community through service projects, and we hope the community that has been so supportive of us in the past will continue to show Hillel members that they are valued members of the Lexington congregation.


So, here's to a wonderful semester! *L'chaim!*

Substance Abuse Prevention Workshop for Teens & Parents

By Fran Morris, JFS Director

Middle-school teens and parents are invited to a workshop to discuss the dangers and realities of drug and alcohol use. The program will feature two specialists from the Bluegrass Prevention Center, a non-profit agency dedicated to educating our community about substance abuse. The format will allow for group and separate discussion, so that parents and teens will have an opportunity to share together and then split up. Also featured, will be a parent who has been through the trials and tribulations of drug addiction with her child. Hopefully, we can all learn from this experience. If you have any questions, please call 269-8244 or send an email message to jfs@jewishlexington.org.

The event is scheduled for Sunday, March 21st, from 12:30-3 p.m. at Ohavay Zion Synagogue. This workshop is for middle-school teens and their parents. Lunch will be provided. This event is sponsored by Jewish Family Services of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, in conjunction with Temple Adath Israel and Ohavay Zion Synagogue.



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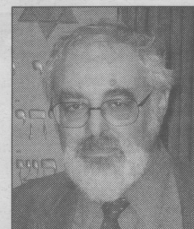
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Rabbi's Corner

Rabbi H. D. Uriel Smith



The Schools Are the Defenders of Israel



Rav Abba bar Kahana claimed, that as long as the voice of children is heard studying in the schools, and as long as students chant their studies in religious academies, the people of Israel will survive, for the Torah says, "The voice is the voice of Jacob, and the hands are the hands of Esau" (Genesis 27:22). When the voice of Jacob is heard it overrides the hands of Esau. When the voice of Jacob ceases, the hands of Esau can win. (Genesis Rabbah, 65:20)

Rav Abba bar Kahana spoke more accurately than he knew. In the second century B.C.E., the Jewish community confronted the Hellenistic Empire, an empire that wanted to introduce the culture of the Greek polis (town) everywhere, a culture with memories of philosophy (Socrates, Plato, Aristotle), of sacred plays (both tragedy and comedy), and of sanctified sports in the gymnasium and arenas ("a healthy mind in a healthy body"). Many Jews were tempted by the Greek culture, which in many ways was far more sophisticated than theirs. Others instead offered a suicidal response. When Antiochus's forces tried to force the Jews to worship Greek gods and break the Sabbath, many fled to the Judean desert and hid there in the caves. When they were attacked on the Sabbath they refused to desecrate the Sabbath by using weapons, and thus, being defenseless, they were all massacred. The stories of other martyrs, such as Hannah and her seven sons and Eliezer the Elder, are told in the books of Maccabees (2 Macc chaps 6-7).

When you have two religious cultures in conflict, and the two are on different levels of sophistication, differing by two or more levels, members of the less sophisticated religion will often find themselves in a catch-22 situation, where they cannot logically support their own religious stance and yet they cannot change their religion. As Kohlberg and

Turiel have shown, people cannot understand methods of thought that are two or more levels higher than their own. Some, since they no longer know how to live with their religion, choose to die.

The Maccabees chose a different path. The Bible (Leviticus 18:5) states that that people should fulfill *mitzvot* "and live through them." The Maccabees agreed that choosing life was the right path (1 Macc. 2:41): "It is better that we desecrate one Sabbath, so that we can keep many other Sabbaths, rather than die and no further Sabbaths are kept." They also started an education process, showing their fellow Jews how to live as Jews.

In the third generation of the Hasmonean dynasty Rabbi Shim'on ben Shetah, the brother-in-law of Alexander Yannai the Hasmonean (reigned 104-78

Today, when fundamentalist Islam has dropped back to the Ishmaelian level, the Al-Qaeda and Hamas leaders encourage their followers, who cannot see any other honorable way out, to choose death.

B.C.E.), organized regular schools in Jerusalem (y. *K'tubot* 8.11). The school system was slowly expanded till the high priest Joshua ben Gamla (served 63 C.E.) arranged universal education for Jewish boys throughout the land (b. *Baba Batra* 21a). Through this education the males throughout the Jewish community were raised to the level of sophistication I call Ishmaelian, named after Rabbi Ishmael ben Elisha. (In Orthodox prayer books we still recite each morning the *Baraita d'Rabbi Yishmael*, showing how to interpret the Bible on this level.) The Greeks, on the other hand, had a "failure of nerve," and retreated from the Aristotelian level of thinking. Jews thus were enabled, challenging the Greeks in all areas of thought, equaling and often surpassing them in sophistication.

Through the following centuries the Jewish community remained in the forefront of cultural thought, enabling them to respond to challenges in many different countries and cultures. Only at the end of the eighteenth century, when Europe entered the level beyond the Aristotelian, introducing Galileian level science, merchandising, and plu-

ralistic democracy, did the Jewish community find itself behind the times. At this point they realized that they needed to educate also their daughters, and they started the Bes Yaakov schools for girls. With both parents being educated, children in Jewish households gained the ability to enter all walks of life on the most sophisticated level around, and they were never tempted again by their religion to run away from life.

Others were similarly tempted under similar catch-22 problems. Karen Armstrong describes how in 9th century Cordova, where the Muslims had reached the Aristotelian level of thought, some Christians (who were two levels lower in sophistication) publicly abused the name of the prophet Muhammad, so that the Muslim judges were forced to condemn them to death (Armstrong, *Muhammad* [San Francisco: HarperCollins, 1993], 22-25). Today, when fundamentalist Islam has dropped back to the Ishmaelian level, the Al-Qaeda and Hamas leaders encourage their followers, who cannot see any other honorable way out, to choose death. Moderate Muslims, who could show a life-giving honorable advance (after all, in the Middle Ages Islam had reached the Aristotelian level), are too scared to speak out against this death-culture of fundamentalist Islam.

The Torah states (*Deuteronomy* 30:19-20),

I call heaven and earth to witness to you this day, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live, loving the Eternal your God, obeying His voice, and cleaving to Him; for that means life to you and length of days, that you may dwell in the land which the Eternal swore to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to them.

The best education for all, helping all boys and girls reach the highest levels of sophistication available to them, together with the emotional security given to us by our religion, will enable us to continue to choose life. *L'hayyim*.

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Sunday, April 18, 2004
7:00 pm at Ohavay Zion Synagogue



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Gifts Event (from page 1)

He has acted as an intermediary to embassies and officials of countries in which JDC is active and has traveled overseas to coordinate and evaluate existing and potential JDC programs in Cuba, China, Somalia, Kenya, Kosovo, Ethiopia, Sudan, Israel, Turkey, The Gaza Strip, Egypt, Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, and Eastern Europe.

Chairpersons Kaplan, Goldstein, and Barr have planned the evening event to begin with a reception and dinner. The minimum expected pledge to the 2004 UJC/CKJF Community Campaign for the Major Gifts event is \$ 750 per person or \$1,000 per couple.

JFS SHABBAT

Friday, March 19, 2004

at The Lexington Havurah

Friday, April 2, 2004

at Temple Adath Israel

Saturday, April 3, 2004

at Ohavay Zion Synagogue

Join us when JFS representatives are invited to speak from the bimah about the mission of Jewish Family Services.



Jewish Family Service Shabbat 2004

On the weekend of April 2-3, 2004, Jewish Family Services of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation will be participating in the national Jewish Family Services Shabbat program, marking the third year for this endeavor. JFS Shabbat 2004 will be celebrated in synagogues and temples across North America, on the Sabbath immediately preceding the special Sabbath (Shabbat HaGadol) that falls just before Passover.

JFS board members and professional staff will be at Temple Adath Israel on Friday night, April 2, and at Ohavay Zion Synagogue on Saturday, April 3, to give short presentations during services about the mission of Jewish Family Services, and the kinds of services JFS provides in the Lexington Jewish and secular community. There will also be a presentation given at the Lexington Havurah, on Friday night, March 19, 2004. Presentations will focus on the Jewishness of the human service enterprise, its relationship to the Torah portion (Tzav) and Haftarah (from Malachi), and the unique contributions and needs of our local agency as well as the larger North American Jewish network in which all of this takes place.

JFS Shabbat is sponsored by the Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies, the umbrella organization of over 145 family and specialized human service agencies located throughout the U.S. and Canada. Headquartered in East Brunswick, NJ, AJFCA provides information and consultation services and advocates on behalf of its member agencies in the organized North American Jewish community, in legislative bodies, and in national human service networks. If you would like more information about JFS Shabbat 2004, please call 269-8244, or send an email message to jfs@jewishlexington.org.

Tikkun Lexington Volunteer Recognition Brunch March 14

New and Old Volunteers Encouraged to Attend

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By Jana LaZur

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 14th for a Volunteer Appreciation Brunch. Tikkun Lexington, the volunteer corps of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation is honoring its fabulous volunteers. If you have helped with past activities or want to be more involved in the future please come and enjoy the afternoon, and have brunch provided by the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation in appreciation of your good works. The recognition brunch will be at 12:30 PM. at the Ohavay Zion Synagogue social hall.

In the past 18 months, Tikkun Lexington has painted and repaired the Hospital Hospitality House, had Mitzvah Day and Day of Giving on Christmas Day of 2002 and 2003, helped in the Four Miles for Paws Race which benefits animals of the Lexington Humane Society, and increased visits to the Jewish residents of the Stewart Home School in Frankfort.

This group of dedicated volunteers has also telephoned and visited the sick in our community in

coordination with the Jewish Family Services, another service of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation. Many meals were made for families who had illnesses or injuries.

If you have participated in any of these events, even if you are not an official member of the Tikkun Lexington Committee, we encourage you to attend this brunch.

Another exciting new activity of Tikkun Lexington is the Faith in Action program which cares for the elderly in the community. The goal of Faith in Action is to keep older adults in their own homes as long as possible through home visits, shopping trips, respite care, and other tasks. This program is funded by a grant through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and is an interfaith opportunity within the community. Services are free to the recipients.

Be a part of the Tikkun Lexington Committee which is devoted to performing mitzvot. Please join us either to do a task or help with the leadership of the committee. Tikkun Lexington is only as good as its volunteers. Email tikkun@jewishlexington.org or call 268-0672 extension 4#.

Major Ceramics Exhibition at UK Art Museum

Unique Exhibit of Tuska Works Also Shown

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A unique aspect of the ceramic exhibit which opened in late February at the UK Art Museum is a small exhibition of works by John Tuska, distinguished Kentucky and American ceramic artist.

The major exhibition, A Ceramic Continuum: Fifty Years of the Archie Bray Influence, is scheduled to run through April 25, 2004. The Archie Bray Foundation, a non-profit educational institution dedicated to the ceramic arts and located in Helena, Montana, celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2001. To honor this milestone, the Holter Museum of Art, in cooperation with the Foundation, organized a major in-depth exhibition of 85 pieces drawn from the Foundation's permanent collection.

To accompany the major Bray exhibition, the UK Art Museum is showing many Tuska works never exhibited before, selected from the private collections of Seth and Stephan Tuska, the artist's sons. The Tuska works will be installed in the museum's "By Special Request" gallery.

John Tuska and his wife, Miriam, came to Lexington in the early 1960s with their two sons, when John accepted a faculty position at the University of Kentucky Art Department. Many people in Central Kentucky knew the couple both as talented artists and as uniquely warm and gifted persons. Sons Seth and Stephan have now enabled the University of Kentucky to acquire the Tuska archives. This new exhibition of Tuska works is in honor of the acquisition by UK Special Collections.

Located at Rose Street and Euclid Avenue, the UK Art Museum is free and open to the public.



The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation is now accepting application requests for:



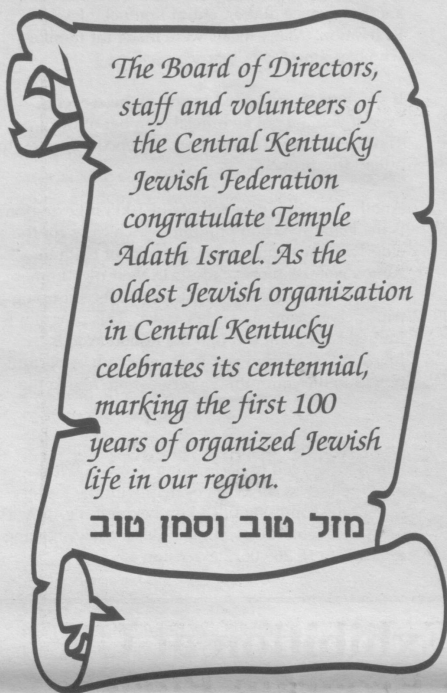
- * **CAMPERSHIPS** to non-profit Jewish camps
- * **SCHOLARSHIPS** for Israel programs

THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 31, 2004

Send your 2004 application in soon so your child can be considered for this year.

To request application call 269-8244 or email to jfs@jewishlexington.org

Congratulations to Temple Adath Israel for 100 Years!



*In recognition of Temple Adath Israel's 100th Anniversary
and their continuous service
to our community for the past century,
we congratulate*

Temple Adath Israel

*on reaching this important milestone.
may you go from strength to strength
as you begin your next century of Jewish life in Lexington.*

The members of Ohavay Zion Synagogue

The Officers, Board and Members of The Lexington Havurah Congratulate Temple Adath Israel, its members, Board of Directors, and Rabbi on a century of leadership in the Central Kentucky Community.

Hazak, Hazak, V'Nit-Hazek!

*The Members and Associates of
The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah
congratulate Temple Adath Israel on 100 years
of working to re-enforce Jewish identity
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What is **Faith in Action?**

Faith in Action is a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for Elder Outreach Volunteer Services Program. FIA helps meet the needs of persons who are challenged to live independently and adopts the idea that a neighbors' independence depends on you.

The mission of FIA is to provide quality, home based volunteer care-giving services to frail, elderly and other elder adults who are homebound due to chronic illness or a disability of some kind. The goal is to help older adults maintain their independence and dignity and stay at home as long as possible.

Faith In Action is an interfaith program that works in conjunction with 28 other religious organizations within the BlueGrass area.

Applications Being Accepted for the Kenneth Freedman Social Action Award

The Kenneth Freedman Social Action Award was established in 2002 by the family and friends of the late Kenneth Freedman to provide a cash award annually for Jewish students at the University of Kentucky who excel as social activists on campus. The initiative is honoring Ken Freedman's lifelong dedication to the principles of Tikkun Olam and social justice. This year we will be selecting the second winner of this award. Applicants can apply by themselves or be nominated by a member of the campus or religious community. Please see the following requirements:

ELIGIBILITY: Any Jewish student currently enrolled at the University of Kentucky is eligible to apply.

REQUIREMENTS: Applicants must be active in social issues concerning the University campus or the general community, and be in good academic standing.

SUBMISSION: Applicants must submit a cover letter indicating their personal information and status as a U.K. student, accompanied by a letter (no more than 250 words) explaining his or her involvement, and a description of the project where the applicant is involved. The application

also must include the name of at least one reference. In the case of students being nominated by others, they will be notified of their nomination and will have to follow the same application process.

DEADLINE: Applications must be received by March 12th, 2004.

MAIL APPLICATIONS TO:
"Kenneth Freedman Award"
c/o Central Kentucky Jewish Federation
1050 Chinoe Road # 203
Lexington, KY 40502

OR E-MAIL TO:
ckjf@jewishlexington.org
Subject: Kenneth Freedman Award

OR FAX TO:
(859) 268-0775 — "Kenneth Freedman Award"

If you have questions or comments, please contact Daniel Cheffec at (859) 268-0672 Ext 6#

COMMUNITYWIDE CELEBRATION

YOM HA'ATZMAUT 2004

ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY

12:00 NOON
- 3:00



- * SpongeBob Moonbounce
- * Artisans-local & Israeli crafts
- * Music
- * Middle Eastern Food & Subway sandwiches
- * Israeli Dancing



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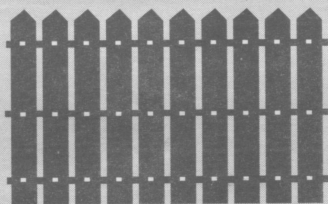
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As part of its ongoing Schmooze with Jews series, Central Kentucky Jewish Federation Young Leadership program presents...

Are You On the Fence?



An open conversation about the construction of the security fence in Israel

WHO: Adults Ages 25-45 are the Target but Others Welcome
WHAT: Dinner and Dialogue
WHERE: Portabella's Restaurant
WHEN: Saturday, March 13, 7-9 PM

Cost is \$10 per person at the door.
Please R.S.V.P. by March 1 to Rachel Belin,
@ 269-5678 or RBurg99@aol.com

Leisure Club Purim Program Pleases

Last month, a spirited group of senior adults met to speak with Marc Kline, the newly-installed rabbi at Temple Adath Israel. The topic was "The Meaning of Purim," and Rabbi Kline explained to us how the story of Esther has significance for us today. We know all too well how the bigotry of a few can make life difficult for many. But we also hope that the ignorant minority never will prevail over the greater good of humanity. We hope tolerance and goodness will always prevail, and, as



Sonya Zhukovskaya, Rachel Bashikes, Bob & Sheila Orbach shmooze during lunch.



Pauline Ravoin & Lu Kirkland enjoy some coffee while listening to the talk.

Jews, we are expected to uphold such virtues each day. Jeff Kaplan's Subway and CKJF provided lunch for this event and we thank them.

Be sure to mark your calendars for our next Leisure Club program on March 18th, 2004, when we gather for a very special concert by the SCAPA orchestral students. We will meet at Ohavay Zion Synagogue at 12:15 p.m., and a pizza lunch will be provided free of charge. Personal notices will be mailed to remind you before the event. Leisure Club is a program for older adults sponsored by Jewish Family Services of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation.

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Why Me Part 2

Jerry Wurmser and his wife, Rose Rita, have lived in Lexington since 1961. They have four children: Judi Wurmser, married to Paul Cable; Terri Wurmser, married to Bart Lubow; Jeffrey Wurmser; and Linda Noffsinger, married to Jeff Noffsinger. Jerry and Rose Rita have four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

The following is part two of an excerpt from Jerry's autobiography. In this excerpt he describes his experiences as a U.S. Army Air Force fighter pilot in World War II. Part one was printed in the February 2004 issue of Shalom.

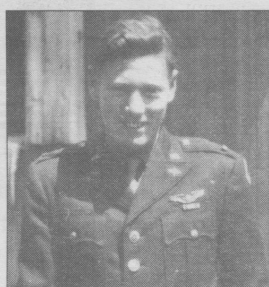
By Jerry Wurmser

In a flash, I saw the air speed indicator go past the 500 MPH mark and I knew I had to get out. I gave a quick tug on the canopy handle to open it and it, too, was frozen fast. At this instant, I thought I was a dead man. Somehow, though, I got my feet on the floor and straightened up really fast, repeatedly banging my head on the canopy in an attempt to get out. Then I spied the red "T" handle on the dash, labeled "pull for emergency release" and I gave it a mighty yank. The canopy blew off, and I was sucked out of the cockpit, luckily just missing the tail.

The plane pulled away from me as if I were going backwards because the throttle was wide open and the plane was still accelerating. I immediately started slowing down once I exited the plane because the terminal velocity of a falling object is only about 120 MPH, quite a difference from the still accelerating speed of my aircraft. Proper procedure now would have been to wait several seconds to slow down further before opening my parachute. If I had been cool and collected, I would have done this, but when I saw the plane explode on the ground, I yanked the ripcord. So, even though I was in the process of slowing down before opening the 'chute, I was still falling at an extremely high speed, and as a consequence, when the 'chute "popped", the sudden jolt was strong enough to pull off one of my laced up shoes and my oxygen mask. The 'chute itself split in a long gash causing me to descend way too fast, and had I not landed in a thick forest and got entangled in a tree, I probably would have broken both my legs. As it was, I was dangling about 10 ft. above the ground, swaying back and forth. Lt. Hickman, in his statement after the crash, said he had tried to follow me but decided to break it off when he saw how fast he was going, and that he was finally able to level out at 1000 ft. with an indicated air speed of 500 MPH.

Through the Freedom of Information Act, I have copies of all four of our official statements made immediately following the crash, mine given from the hospital and the other three pilots' statements given after they landed. In my statement, I noted that I didn't know how fast I was going, which wasn't true, because I did remember seeing the air speed indicator passing 550 MPH. The interviewing officer had remarked that attaining such a speed was highly unlikely and told me to say that I didn't know how fast I

was going. He was a high ranking officer, and I, still rattled and a lowly second lieutenant, followed his order. The official accident report I have credits "pilot error" (that's me) for 25% of the cause, with 75% being "undetermined." On June 13th, four days after the crash, I was out of the hospital and flying again.



Jerry in his dress uniform as a second lieutenant in World War II.

five months, 12 of the 14 in our group of young pilots had gone down. Six were killed in action, five were missing in action, and one, H.E. Wilson, thereafter known as "High Explosive" Wilson, was severely injured when his plane blew a tire on the takeoff run and a 500-pound bomb hanging from his wing exploded. Joe Reidy and I, however, never got so much as a scratch. Of the MIAs, I know for a fact at least one turned up alive after being released from a POW camp, and I still have the letter he sent me a week later. This chap, Edmund Wright, was a Jewish boy from N.Y., and while I've searched for him in the last few years, I've had no luck finding him.

At the cessation of hostilities, I had completed 66

combat missions, primarily dive-bombing and strafing in close support of the infantry. Though I was in several dogfights, our main mission was tactical support of the ground forces. Our group was also instrumental in seeing to it that nothing.... trains, trucks, horse-drawn vehicles, motorcycles, nothing in fact, could move on the German highways or rail system during the daylight hours without the risk of being dive bombed and strafed by us or some other roaming squadron. On December 22, 1944, a flight from our squadron ran into a flight of German planes and shot down six of their ME 109s, losing only one of our planes. The pilot of that plane, Edmund Wright, bailed out successfully but was taken prisoner by German ground troops.

After my discharge from the Air Corps in November 1945, and before leaving Camp Atterbury in Indiana, I joined the Reserves for a five-year stint. Upon my return to Louisville, I

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enrolled at U of L for my junior year in January of '46, and met a cute little incoming freshman by the name of Rose Rita Levens. And that was the beginning of the end of my college career. Rose Rita and I were married nearly 18 months later. As a reservist, I flew on weekends out of Godman Field at Ft. Knox and later out of the newly opened Standiford Field in Louisville. As the Korean conflict had arisen, all enlistments were frozen so I continued flying with the Reserves for an additional three years. By the time my enlistment ended in 1953 I was the proud father of two little girls and Rose Rita did not relish the possibility of my being called back to active duty.

Now, here I am, almost 81 years old, and still searching and wondering, Why Me? Why was I spared, and not others? What plan, if any, did God have in mind for me? Many times I think of Norman Robida, the first one of our 14 who was killed. He was studying to be a priest and had dropped out of divinity school to enlist in the Air Corps. He was the first one to get his required hour or so of orientation flying in when we arrived in France, and he was the first one killed, while on his initial mission.

Every now and then a current incident or plane crash item in the local paper will revive a memory of some long forgotten event. Were we mature patriots or just a bunch of barely-out-of-our-teens youngsters who didn't realize what we had gotten ourselves into by volunteering for



Rose Rita and Jerry Wurmser.

see *Why Me?*, page 15

Musings

Harriet Rose

Contrasts

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We live in a world of contrasts. In fact, our lives are probably made more interesting by the interplay of light and shadow, of gorgeous autumn days and their alternate of rain and gloom. One contrast is the one between lies and truth. I don't like that one and sometimes it is hard to know from our readings which we are seeing.

Last month, I read a most troubling book titled *Breaking Ranks*. It is a small volume, written by one of the Refuseniks in Israel. It contains interviews with nine of the Israel Defense Force detailing their reasons for refusing to serve in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. It was compelling in its sincerity and I was bothered by the incidents they describe, just as we Americans were appalled by the revelations about My Lai. We are the good guys; we are not supposed to behave brutally; what has become of our Jewish standards?

I had read other criticisms of the Israeli conduct of its defense by American journalists who are usually on my side politically. They are Gentiles, I reasoned — how could they be expected to reject the Arab propaganda? This book was the first time I had heard it from Jews. I

spent a few bad days; I spoke about it in Kollel, to my rabbi and a few friends.

Then my *U.S. News and World Report* came. I read the long article by Mortimer Zuckerman about the new anti-Semitism emerging all over the old world, not only in the Middle East. *Graffiti on History's Walls*, a seven page long essay, not only reminded me of what I already knew but also renewed my understanding of the Israeli position in the unending conflict. As Amos Oz says, European graffiti used to be "Jews to Palestine." Today it has been changed to "Jews out of Palestine." The message to Jews, according to Oz, is simple, "Don't be here, don't be there, don't BE."

**"Don't be here,
don't be there,
don't BE."**

Although contrast makes life more interesting and I don't want to be one who says, "Don't confuse me with facts; my mind is made up,"

these are contrasting views I can live without. Even-handedness in the media on this subject is hard to come by. I was succumbing to a sort of anti-Semitism of my own, in expecting Jews to be somewhat super-human, not to react to violence as any other people would normally do. I wonder if *Graffiti on History's Walls* would even have been published if Mortimer Zuckerman were not the Editor-in-Chief of *U. S. News and World Report*.

Lexington Memories UK FIDDLLED MIGHTILY WHILE ELVIS SANG THE BLUES

They suspended classes at 11 a.m. that Monday in March at the University of Kentucky — not because Elvis Presley was being inducted into the army that very same day.

"Fiddlers," Adolph Rupp called them — but concert violinists, he suggested, they'd become. Two days earlier, they had won an unprecedented fourth national championship.

Kentucky had played on its home court in the Mideast Regional, shocking heavily favored Notre Dame 89-56 as Vernon Hattton — the local boy from Lafayette High — scored 26 points and was named an All-American that year.

In Freedom Hall, record crowds

in excess of 18,000 watched the Wildcats shock Seattle and the great Elgin Baylor 84-72 in the title game. Typically, UK had fiddled around, trailing by as many as 11 before taking command.

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As for Elvis, he was asked what he thought his biggest adjustment to Army life would be. "These fellows get up," he said, "about the time I go to bed."



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Tikkun Lexington Visits the Stewart Home

The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation's Tikkun Volunteers drove to Frankfort in mid-February to celebrate Shabbat and Valentine's Day with the residents at the Stewart Home. We were delighted to present the residents with hand-crafted wooden boxes made by our very own Tikkun Lexington's Charles Goldstein. The students personalized the boxes with their names and we filled them with additional treats in honor of Valentine's Day! Thank you to Charles and his children, Nathaniel and Emily, who have been long-standing volunteers, as well as the many dedicated people who have continued to support this project. Thank s also go to Dawn Moore, Janet Scheeline, Angie and Rich

Ornstein, and the Goldsteins for their participation in this visit.

It is always a joy to light the candles and discuss what Shabbat means to each of us. The residents lead the blessings and truly love having visitors, as well as the challah and juice. They tell us stories about their families, where they are from, and what they enjoy. Our volunteers truly are the ones who benefit from these trips, and the residents have grown to know our faces and make us feel very welcome upon arrival.

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Ask JFS About....Transportation for the Elderly

Ask JFS is a monthly advice column with questions from members of the community requiring assistance with a wide range of issues. If you have a problem or a concern that you would like addressed in this Shalom column, please send your queries to Ask JFS c/o Jewish Family Services, 1050 Chinese Road, Suite 203, Lexington, KY 40502. You can also call in your confidential questions at 269-8244 or email them to us at: JFS@JewishLexington.org.

This month, we are featuring the issue of the growing transportation needs of the elderly and what the Jewish community, both locally and across the nation, must do to address the needs of this population. The following is an excerpt from the Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies (AJFCA) newsletter, *Tachlis*, from Fall, 2003, Volume 9, Number 2. It is reprinted with permission from AJFCA.

"Many of the concerns of frail elderly — making and keeping doctors appointments, getting out to meet friends, doing some grocery shopping — all revolve around the major issue of transportation. Without adequate means of getting to these places of importance, the elderly can become lonely and virtual shut-ins.

And that is why more and more JFS agencies have literally been answering the call for help.

In response to a request for information about their transportation programs for the frail elderly, 20 local agencies reported they currently offer such services. A wide array of options were reported, including the types of vehicles used — vans, buses, private and donated automobiles — as well as differing funding structures. A transportation coordinator or volunteer coordinator typically manages this service. In some instances Federal and/or State funding has been obtained and many agencies report that local Federation dollars are provided.

'We have the Buz-A-Bus program that has been in operation by our agency for over 20 years,' says Esther Schuster, Collat JFS Executive Director in

Birmingham. 'We have a 14 passenger wheelchair lift van that operates five days a week and serves about 100 seniors. This is a costly program but it is highly visible and we have no problem raising money for it.'

So popular is the program that the agency has recently started a supplementary program, Call-A-Car, using volunteer drivers to meet the needs that the bus is unable to fulfill.

Similarly, JFS Detroit has been in the business of providing transportation to seniors for over 12 years. 'We have a community-wide escorted transportation program that includes 10 cars and mini-vans and has a budget of \$600,000,' reports Karen Fink, Associate Executive Director. 'The majority of our rides are for medically related appointments. Our clients are the frail elderly who cannot use public transportation. We run five days a week with a paid staff of 10 drivers, two dispatchers and one director.'

The local Jewish community funds the Detroit program through the Jewish Fund and major grants from Federation trusts. Additionally, Detroit JFS accepts contributions of vehicles from individuals. Those cars with low mileage and in good shape are added to the transportation fleet while others are sent to auctions with the proceeds used to support the overall project."

Here in Lexington, as in the rest of the country, the issue of transportation for seniors constitutes a major difficulty for many. The service, Wheels, operated by the Red Cross, is available to seniors or the disabled, for a minimal fee. The problem is

that the service is overloaded. Too many needs, and not enough vans and drivers, means that sometimes seniors must wait up to one hour to be picked up to go to their destination or to be driven back home. The long wait time is frustrating to users of the service, and many complain that going somewhere with Wheels represents a day-long event.

Here at Jewish Family Services of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, we have struggled with the same issue for some Leisure Club members. Currently, able-bodied members arrange to pick up those that don't drive, or family members provide transportation to events. Recently, we have found another solution. A JFS committee member, whose family owns a local non-medical home care agency for seniors, has donated a caregiver and car once per month, to transport a limited number of Leisure Club members to and from events. Last month we tried it with great success. According to Damon Farnum, of Home Instead Senior Care, "Once my mother and I realized the need for help in this area, we felt we had to do something. We are glad that through our business, we can give to the Jewish community, and it is very meaningful for us." Thanks to innovative solutions like this, smaller communities can help bridge the gap between senior needs and services provided.

For a copy of the complete article on Transportation issues by AJFCA, please contact Jewish Family Services of the Central KY Jewish Federation. A voice message can be left at 269-8244, or you can send an email request to: jfs@jewishlexington.org.

Tikkun Lexington Delivers... Every Month

Volunteers Deliver Meals Every Second Thursday for Moveable Feast

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Volunteers are the heart of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation's Tikkun Lexington program. Due to the vast support and interest of the December 25th Day of Giving, volunteers have requested this delivery service be provided on a regular monthly cycle. Our first scheduled Tikkun Lexington delivery night was February 12th, and many thanks go out to the three teams of volunteers: Emily, Nathaniel, and Charles Goldstein; Rich and Angie Ornstein; and Jessica, Ryan, and Darren Foster joined by Ryan, Kevin and Jana LaZur.

Moveable Feast is similar in nature to Meals on Wheels; however the meals are created in the Saint Augustine Episcopal Church kitchen and delivered to shut-in AIDS patients as well as Hospice patients. These nutritious meals are provided free

of charge. They are delivered Monday through Friday, every week of the year. Many organizations donate food and services to make this program function and Tikkun Lexington is very proud to be a part of this worthwhile endeavor.

The process of becoming a volunteer is very simple. First time deliverers must ride with someone who is trained. Two people are needed in each car, although a third person is helpful. The routes take between 45 minutes and 90 minutes to complete. We have many trained volunteers who would be happy to help train new arrivals. Our official night is every second Thursday each month and Tikkun Lexington is responsible for three of the six routes on these nights. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please email tikkun@jewishlexington.org or call Jana at 268-0672 extension 4#. It is a wonderful opportunity to share with your children, friends, or family, and a great way to give community service to a great cause. Please see the boxed notice on page 13 of *Shalom* for the specific dates and sign up today.

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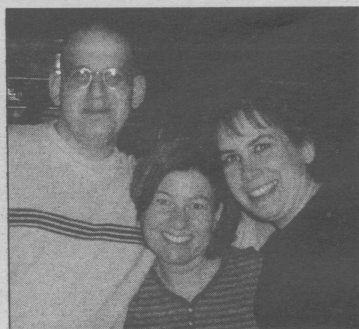
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JewLS Goes Cosmic

By Eugene Zeldin, Jewish Lexington Singles

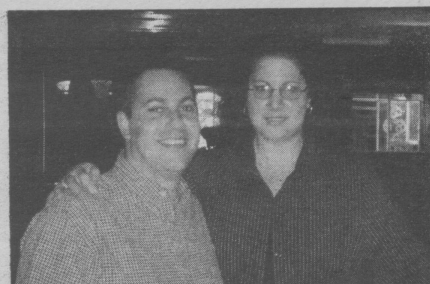
Valentine's day was the setting for the first JewLS singles event of 2004. The fun-filled night consisted of dinner at Ruby Tuesday followed by cosmic bowling at Southland lanes. With the lights turned off and music playing everybody had the chance to showcase their bowling talents. Singles from the Cincinnati and Lexington areas came together to make this an enjoyable and successful event. A special thank you goes to Sara Shapiro for baking valentine cupcakes and bringing heart-shaped candy for a sweet ending to our evening. Thank you to all who attended from out of town. Thanks also to CKJF and the JewLS planning committee for organizing new and different events for JewLS each time.

JewLS hopes everybody comes out to Keeneland on Sunday, April 4, 2004 to enjoy a day at the races. This is opening weekend for the spring meet! We



Sam Goldman, Beth Mindlin and Rose Spector still smiling after a long night of bowling.

are going to meet for lunch in the Phoenix room before the races begin, then spend the day watch-



Kevin Brown and Kim Morris take a break between frames.

ing races together. Cost will be \$30 per person, and includes admission and program, as well as a buffet lunch. An Evite will be sent to all JewLS members soon with all the details. Please contact jfs@jewishlexington.org or call 269-8244 for more information. JewLS stands for Jewish Lexington Singles, and it is a program sponsored by Jewish Family Services of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation.

Why Me? (from page 12)

this dangerous but glamorous role? I'm thinking of our group commander, a bird colonel, who was tragically shot and killed by one of our own sentries about a week after the war ended. I'm thinking about Lt. Trenary, who, while on a flight that ran into worsening weather, followed his leader as they climbed through the overcast. When the flight broke out on top, all the planes were there except Trenary's. What happened? No one will ever know for sure, but it was thought that he probably got vertigo, became disoriented in the "soup," and crashed. I'm also thinking about Capt. Kantz, who became airborne before he really had attained flying speed, bounced and came down hard. Result: his two bombs fell off and exploded, killing him. The smoke hadn't even cleared when the tower radioed the next man in line, "Go number 3, you're clear to go." Then Dick Treitz, whose wing I was flying that day, taxied out to take off. Someone shouted over the radio, "Hey Dick, think you'll make it?" His response was "Old 77'll make it!" He made it, and I did too, following at the normal 20-second interval after he started his roll. This makes me think of *Catch-22*. Were we all crazy? I don't think so, but why did we continue on? Why did Treitz and I and the other ten planes all on that particular mission make it, but not Kantz?

Why am I still here? Why Me? I recall one of several incidents that could have easily caused my death. On a formation take-off my flight leader carelessly drifted to the left just as we left the ground, causing my left wing tip to strike a tractor that was parked off the runway. (Tractors were often used to pull us through the mud and onto a hard stand in preparation for taking off.) A large gash was cut in my wing, just a couple of feet away from where a 500-pound bomb was hanging. Was a guardian angel riding with me that day? Who knows, I certainly don't. Again I question, Why Me?

In the past couple of years, through the power of the Internet, several individuals have contacted me, all seeking information about a loved one whom they thought I might have known. In many

cases the answer was in the affirmative, and I supplied them with photos and information. One was a college professor in Maine seeking information about his father. It so happened that his dad and I roomed together for a short while, and I had several pictures to send him. Another was a woman from Florida seeking anyone who remembered her Grandpa. She was surfing the web one day, ran across our website (www.316th.com), and sent a request for information. I remembered her grandfather clearly, and have two pictures of him, which I forwarded to her.

The more I think about it, the less sense it seems to make. I did things in service that I'm very proud of, and other things of which I am not so proud. I often wonder who were in those many trains I strafed and bombed, enemy soldiers or refugees. Or, perhaps they were people on their way to the gas chambers. I think of an old man with a full flowing beard, plowing a field way deep in Germany. I had a fleeting glimpse of him as I flashed by after a strafing run on a train. As we circled around for another pass at the train, my flight leader radioed, "Hey Red, knock that old guy off on this pass," and I gave him a "Roger." We came around for another run; I had him in the gun-sight of those eight .50 caliber guns, but didn't pull the trigger. His horses were both rearing up, and he was trying to hold them, completely ignoring us. Had he run instead, I probably would have done it. I'm glad now that I didn't. In bull sessions, most of us agreed that a farmer or production worker was as much of a soldier as those at the front. Indeed, they were producing the food and goods necessary to continue their war effort. These thoughts and flashbacks continue to haunt me, and I don't think I will ever be able to sort them out during my lifetime.

Since my retirement in 1984, I've tried to give somewhat more of myself, now that I don't have to spend most of my time providing for my family. I guess I'll just stick to the old sayings — "old age ain't for sissies" or "one never gets out of this world alive" — and let it go at that. One thing from that terrible day that is still vivid to me is the

trapped feeling of being locked in the cockpit, and the thought that raced through my mind that I wasn't going to be able to get out before I hit the ground. When you're moving at somewhere around eight miles per minute, it only takes about 30 seconds to reach the ground from 20,000 feet. So, if it took me seven to ten seconds to realize I was in trouble, and another six or seven tugging on the stick, and yet another six or seven to get out of the plane, there weren't too many ticks left before I would have hit the ground. Had I wasted a couple of more seconds, it would have been too late to execute the escape. I remember, way back in Primary Flight School, one of the cadets asked our instructor how a pilot would know when it's time to bail out. "Don't worry about it," he said, "you'll know!" I guess I did know it was time to go, and I don't know if I'm still here because of training or instinct, or because of the intervention of a supreme being, or something else. All I know is that somehow I survived, while many of my cohorts didn't, and I'll probably ponder this each time I recall the Yahrzeits of those with whom I flew and felt very close.

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TAI Guest Artists to Perform Saturday, March 13

As part of its 100th Anniversary celebrations, guest artists Judy Caplan Ginsburgh and David Syme will be performing in our Temple Adath Israel Social Hall. Judy Caplan is a professional singer and recording artist, who has won many awards, including twice receiving the prestigious Parent's Choice Award. Many people are familiar with her highly praised Havdalah Pajama music concert for Jewish families. She is currently a cantorial soloist at Touro Synagogue in New Orleans, Louisiana.

David Syme is a Juillard-trained pianist who has performed in Lincoln Center, Kennedy Center, and in major music halls throughout Europe. He has represented the U.S.A. in international piano competitions in Moscow and Warsaw to critical

acclaim. His extensive recording career includes 20 CD's with orchestras such as the Royal Philharmonic, the London Philharmonic, the Vienna Symphony, and the Minéria Orchestra of Mexico City. His Gershwin concert with the Mexico City Symphony is shown repeatedly on ARTS TV stations. Because of the tremendous exposure of this video clip, David is becoming known as a definitive interpreter of Gershwin.

Together, Judy and David will present an evening that will include Jewish traditional and heritage music as well as classical and popular standards. A reception will follow the concert. The community is invited to attend.

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Some Purim Vegetables

It's Purim, time to celebrate Queen Esther and her triumph over the evil Haman. When we think of food in connection to Purim, 99.99 per cent of us think "hamantaschen." And that's a good thought—they're delicious. But, if you're serving a Purim dinner, you really need to have a bit more than dessert. Tradition has it that vegetarian menus are customary (although by no means required) for Purim. Supposedly, Queen Esther became a vegetarian after her marriage to Ahasueros so that she could avoid eating meat that was not kosher. Thus, vegetables and Purim. This month I've selected a vegetable kugel and a spinach salad for your enjoyment. Both of these recipes come from Faye Levy's book, *1,000 Jewish Recipes*.

Vegetable Kugel with Dill

serves 6 to 8

This mixture of grated vegetables is tasty as well as nutritious. You can chop and grate all the vegetables in a food processor, thus making the preparation quick and easy.

- 3 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 3 large carrots, coarsely grated
- 1/2 pound each of zucchini and yellow squash, coarsely grated
- 2 large baking potatoes, peeled and coarsely grated
- 3 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 1 to 2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill or 1 teaspoon dried
- 1 teaspoon paprika, plus a little more for sprinkling
- 1/4 cup bread crumbs

Preheat the oven to 350°. Heat 2 tablespoons oil in a skillet, add onion, and sauté over medium-low

heat until softened, about 10 minutes. Transfer to a large bowl and let cool. Add grated carrots.

Put zucchini, yellow squash, and potatoes in a large strainer and squeeze out excess liquid. Add to bowl of vegetables. Add eggs, salt, pepper, dill, paprika, and bread crumbs.

Put 1 tablespoon oil in a 2 quart baking dish and brush around all sides. Heat dish in oven 5 minutes then add the vegetable mixture to the hot dish. Sprinkle with 1 teaspoon oil, then shake a little paprika on top. Bake about 1 hour or until brown and set.

Persian Spinach Salad

serves 4

This easy, aromatic salad of cooked spinach originated in ancient Persia, now Iran, where the Purim story took place. You can serve this salad with other appetizers and pita at a meatless Purim meal.

4 cups tightly packed spinach leaves, rinsed and chopped

- 2 to 3 tablespoons olive oil or vegetable oil
- 2 white onions, halved and thinly sliced
- 3 large cloves of garlic, chopped
- 1 cup non-fat or low-fat plain yogurt
- salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste
- cayenne pepper, to taste

Bring about 1 inch of water to boil in a sauté pan. Add spinach, cover, and return to a boil. Cook over medium heat, stirring often, about 3 minutes or until wilted. Drain in a colander, rinse with cold water, and drain well again. Squeeze gently to remove excess water.

Dry the pan, add oil, and heat. Add onion and sauté over medium-low heat about 7 minutes or until golden. Add garlic and cook 1 minute more. Stir in spinach and cook for another 2 minutes. Transfer mixture to a bowl and let cool.

Stir yogurt in a bowl until smooth. Add spinach mixture and stir gently to blend. Season with salt, pepper, and cayenne. Serve cold.

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More than 25 years ago some Jews had a great idea: "doing Jewish" in a non-hierarchical, fully participatory and egalitarian way. And then in 1979, the first National Havurah Committee Summer Institute took place. At 25 years "young" (and still going strong), we continue to study and learn together each and every summer. Now I would like to invite members of the Central Kentucky Jewish Community to attend NHC's 26th institute, August 2-8, 2004 in Rindge, NH, for what is to be a special summer celebration. You don't have to belong to a havurah to attend. This year's theme And You Shall Be a Blessing speaks to the experience that so many of us have together at the Institute — finding the NHC institutes to be a blessing in our lives and an encouragement for us to be a blessing in our home communities. The Planning Committee is enthusiastically at work on programming and complementing the work of the Course Committee. Children's Program planning is in capable, experienced

hands, and new program ideas are planned for teens. Morning Minyanim (prayer services) will be diverse as always and will include a hike up Mt. Monadnock with Shacharit (morning prayers) at the top, as well as creative davening at the nearby Cathedral of the Pines. Special classes will be offered by two Poretsky Artists-in-Residence, as well as a wide variety of workshops to complement a full program of classes and other activities.

In honor of the 25th Anniversary of the NHC's Summer Institute, Rabbi Arthur Green will be presenting two sessions, including one on the history and impact of the Havurah movement in America. Dr. Green is the Philip W. Lown Professor of Jewish Thought at Brandeis University. Educated at Brandeis University and the Jewish Theological Seminary, Arthur Green taught at the University of Pennsylvania and was Dean and President of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. He is the author of many scholarly works, and Institute planners are thrilled that he will be joining us this summer.

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn, to study, and to have a fabulous week this summer. For more information log on to <http://www.havurah.org>. Feel free to contact Judy Baumann at shasta@uky.edu for more information.

BAR/BAT MITZVAHS

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Ittai Eres

Ittai Eres, son of Ronit and Avi Eres, will become a Bar Mitzvah on March 26 and 27 at Ohavay Zion Synagogue. Joining in the celebration of this life cycle event will be Tomer, his nine year old brother, Merav, his seven year old sister, and many members of his family from Israel.

Ittai, a seventh grade student at Middle Montessori School of Kentucky, has undertaken two tasks for his Mitzvah project. Currently he is teaching an older adult to become computer literate. In addition, he will be collecting Legos which he then will donate to Kentucky schools.

One of Ittai's primary interests is karate, an art in which he holds a black belt and for which he is presently training to be an instructor. He also is a member of *Shalom's* Youth Forum.

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Tristan Asher Morris Smith

Tristan Smith, son of Nancy and Carey Smith, will become a Bar Mitzvah on April 2 and 3 at Temple Adath Israel.

Tristan is a seventh grade student at the Lexington Traditional Magnet School, where his favorite class is science. He says he learns a lot even though the subject is not easy. His Mitzvah project involves working with four year olds at the Salvation Army's Children's Haven. He feels rewarded that the "little kids love me," particularly so when he has the opportunity to work with the young boys.

Tristan's interests include playing the violin, performing magic tricks, making balloon animals, and writing essays. He has been recognized for his writing by being named a "distinguished writer."

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Faith In Action (from page 3)

es of the January and February training sessions were aging issues, such as biological changes and aging identity problems of older adults, and "compassionate communication" guidelines to assist volunteers in improving their skills as overall communicators.

With positive turnout for the first training session, Dr. Stewart promises additional training programs for members of the Jewish community who are interested in volunteering their time for such a wonderful cause. To inquire about future training sessions with Faith In Action which will take place March 17-18, 2004 from 6-8p.m., please contact Jana LaZur at the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, 268-0672 extension 4#.

Special thanks to Federation for providing a spectacular Chinese New Year feast for the volunteers in attendance at the January session, and pizza in February.

It is clear that volunteers are the heart of this much needed organization that Dr. Stewart has brought to the Fayette County community, and with the obvious local need for this program, your neighbor's independence really may depend on you.

Women's Seder (from page 1)

Synagogue, Lexington Havurah, and Lexington Chapter of Hadassah have come together with the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation to plan this event. Come join them.

Look in this issue of *Shalom* on page 4 for your registration form or watch your mail. And, as a Community Seder implies, your help in setting up and cleaning up is needed. Please note the area(s) in which you are willing to participate and make plans to come and enjoy the evening. We'll cap the night off with coffee and dessert. Please call Jana LaZur at the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation if you have any questions at 268-0672 extension 4# or email activities@jewishlexington.org.


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TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL NEWS

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Temple Adath Israel is Creating Its Own Kind of March Madness

March's calendar provides an incredible array of events as part of our 100th Anniversary Celebration. On March 5, Temple Sisterhood (a.k.a. Women of Reform Judaism) will be honored and they will lead our Shabbat worship service.

The next evening, March 6, is the 100th Anniversary Purim Ball. There will be a catered dinner, open bar, and DJ entertainment. You're invited to come in the dress of your favorite decade.

Rabbi David Ellenson will be our guest speaker at worship services on March 12. Rabbi Ellenson is the President of Hebrew Union College- Jewish Institute of Religion, and is, by acclaim of Jewish leaders in and across the Jewish world, as one of the premier scholars of our time. He is a teacher's teacher and a rabbis' rabbi. Rabbi Ellenson will be here to share in our celebration and to share with us, his perspective, hopes, and thoughts about where Judaism and, in particular, Reform Judaism, are headed in the future.

Guest performers Judith Caplan Ginsburgh and David Syme will perform a concert of music and song in our Temple social hall on March 13.

Former Temple rabbis and Temple confirmands are invited to a reunion on March 26 when Rabbi Gary P. Zola, will speak. Rabbi Zola is the Executive Director of the American Jewish Archives. As he helps us celebrate our 100th anniversary, he will bring us into our country's 350th Jewish anniversary as well. His discussions and presentations come from one of the world's finest and most complete Judaica collections. His sessions will help us move back and forth through our own history, allowing us much greater insight to our own cultural and religious foundations in this Commonwealth and the greater land of opportunity.

Rabbi Zola is an historian with expertise in the history of Jews in the early years of the United States.

The calendar is packed with educational and entertaining programs. Come join us and celebrate our 100 years!

Craft & Kibbitz

We continue to look for people to join us for the Handcrafters group. The times may change to enable more people to participate. Watch your bulletin or an e-mail to keep informed of the days and times of the meetings.

Please call the Temple office at 269-2979 and join this great group of people.

Books!

Volunteers in the Adopt-a-school program at Ashland Elementary have discovered that kindergarten level and easy reader storybooks are urgently needed for classroom use. Used books are welcome. There is a donation box in the lobby of the Temple.

Books and Bagels

What could be better than Books and Bagels? The TAI Social Action Committee will be hosting its 3rd fun-filled fundraiser in support of service programs such as the "Adopt-a-School" program at Ashland Elementary.

On Sunday, March 21, from 9-12 noon, a USED BOOK SALE will take place at the Temple. Please help by:

1. Donating used books in good condition (adult and children's)
2. Purchasing books and bagels on March 21.

A bin has been placed in TAI's entrance hall for your donations. Join us as we bring together these two great Jewish traditions (food and learning) and raise some money in the process. For further information, please contact Anne Graff (264-9424)

or Austin/Susan Cantor (278-2530).

Hope Center Dinners

The TAI Social Action Committee announces an additional opportunity to serve our wider community. We will be preparing and serving dinner at the Hope Center on March 28. Please contact Nancy Schoenberg at 323-8175 or at nesch@uky.edu. If you can donate special food items (i.e. fresh fruit or dessert), or wish to make a cash donation or can help prepare the dinners, we'd love to have you help us!

Food Transport!

We have expanded our participation in the Kentucky Harvest Food Rescue Program and need a few more volunteers to work for one hour a month, transporting day-old bread. Our routes run from the Beaumont Kroger to the Salvation Army on Main Street and from the Hartland Kroger to the Community Action Council on Georgetown Road. Pick-ups are on Mondays anytime between 8 AM and Noon. Please contact Karen Petrone at 226-9145 to volunteer.

Oy Vey!! What Bargains the Sisterhood Gift Shop Has for You!

Your mother won't believe the bargains that are now available on Chanukah items in the Sisterhood Gift Shop. Come by and get them while they last. About 75% of the Chanukah stock is now on sale. Get your items for next year at these closeout prices.

March for Freedom of Choice!

On April 25, 2004, the Reform Movement will join with pro-choice organizations including the National Organization for Women, Planned Parenthood, and NARAL/Pro-Choice America for a march in Washington, DC to protect women's reproductive rights. You too can be a part of this historic event-for more information, please visit the web pages at www.rj.org/choice, or contact the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism at 202-387-2800, choice@rac.org.

TAI Cinema of 2004 Presents A Treasury of Jewish Film

The TAI Cinema has compiled a film library including Yiddish and Israeli films with English subtitles. The films range from the 1930's, starring actors from the Yiddish theatre, to contemporary Israeli film.

Donation for nosh and film - \$2.00

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Join us on March 28, 2004 AT 3 PM for the next film: "Yidl Mitn Fidl (Yidl with a Fiddle)"

Molly Picon (Yidl) poses as a young man in order to join a band of traveling musicians. She falls in love with one of her colleagues with humorous results. Yiddish with English Subtitles 92 min.

The April 25th fill will be announced. The May 30th film will be A Brivele Der Mamen (A letter to Mother). The June 27th film will be Song of the Siren.

How can
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Temple Adath Israel Brotherhood is proud to host

Leon Cooper

who will discuss unique ways to help financially support Israel in a BIG way for a small amount of money!

Dale Jarvis

who will discuss the Sar-el volunteer program (he participated in last year)

For a preview of the program, check <http://www.sar-el.org>.

Come find out how to turn your thoughts into actions!
Leon and Dale will speak and answer questions!

Date: Sunday, April 18, 2004 • Time: 10:00 AM •
Place: Temple Adath Israel

For additional information, please call:
Lowell Nigoff 278-522 or Wayne Graff 264-9424
Co-Presidents Brotherhood

OHAVAY ZION SYNAGOGUE NEWS

2048 Edgewater Court • President, Nancy Hoffman • (859) 266-8050

We look to March with a sense of joy as we enter the month of Adar and celebrate Purim. Tradition tells us that with the arrival of Adar, we are to rejoice and "be happy." We wish everyone a very happy Adar and a Purim filled with fun.

Purim at OZS: Megillah Reading and Purim Carnival

Join us on Saturday night, March 6th at 7:30 PM, as we read Megilat Esther – the Scroll of Esther – in celebration of this unique and joyful holiday. We will begin in the lobby with Havdala followed by Ma'ariv and the Megila reading complete with costume parade, singing, and a performance by the "Not-so-Ready-For Prime-Time OZS Players." There will also be a special activity for our young ones after which they will join everyone in the sanctuary for the remainder of the reading. Of course, a "nosh" of Hamantashen will follow the festivities. Don't miss out on the fun!

Our annual **Purim Carnival**, sponsored by OZS Kadima and USY will take place on Sunday, March 7th, from 12 - 2 PM in the social hall. Food (lunch!), games, costume contest, and a car wash (weather permitting) are just some of the Carnival activities scheduled. Proceeds support the USY and Kadima programs, so come help this worthy cause and have fun while doing it!

Adult Education News

Our Scholar-in-Residence weekend was a wonderful success as Rabbi Lisa Gelber, Associate Dean of the Jewish Theological Seminary, joined us for a wonderful Shabbat of study. We thank everyone who helped organize this special program and look forward to other similar events in the future.

The Adult B'nai Mitzva Class is now under way! The 2005 Adult B'nai Mitzva Class has begun as we prepare for the Adult B'nai Mitzva Celebration to be held Parashat B'midbar, June 3-4, 2005. If you are interested in joining the class it is not too late. Please call the office and leave your name with Crystal. For more information, call Rabbi Cohen.

Making a Difference: Social Action

We are happy to have established an ongoing relationship with God's Pantry as we visit their facility

the third Thursday of each month to help sort and bag food items for distribution to those in need. Come and join us with the whole family as we work together for this wonderful cause. Our next God's Pantry Night will be Thursday, March 18th from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM. Call Ziggy Rivkin-Fish at 269-3990 to sign up.

OZS Religious School News

In February, our Religious School students participated in a very special Tu bi-Sh'vat Seder organized and conducted by our Religious School Aides. TAI students joined us for this fantastic hands-on learning experience. This month, we look forward to the Megila Reading and Purim Carnival, March 6th and 7th. The next Religious School Service is on Friday evening, March 12th, at 7:30 PM. The students have been working hard on learning their *t'filot* (prayers) using both Traditional melodies and new ones taught by Aviva Bowling, Sharon Katz, and Marilyn Robie.

Our **Junior Congregation** program continues on March 20th at 10:30 AM in the Music Room. The program is coordinated by Steve Davis-Rosenbaum and led by Penina Goldstein with help from our Religious School Aides. We encourage parents to attend with their kids!

Our OZS and TAI Jewish study program for 11th and 12th graders, **Senior Chai**, will meet on March 3rd, and on March 24th, at 6:30 PM. In recent months, we have studied the *real* story of Hanuka, the philosophy of Maimonides, and the Jewish views of Abortion. If you are interested in participating and need more information please contact Rabbi Cohen or Rabbi Kline.

Daily Minyan

Our daily minyan continues to meet each afternoon Monday-Thursday at 5:45 PM in the Sanctuary. Please come and help make a minyan!

Youth Group News

OZS' Kadima and USY has a very busy March planned. Headlining the month is the annual Hamantashen baking project and Purim Carnival. Please support both activities as proceeds go to USY and Kadima for future projects. The Stewart Home School students will be making their annual OZS Purim Carnival visit at 2 PM on Sunday, March 7th. This is always a wonderful activity for both the Stewart Home and our Youth Group members. We are thankful, once again, for the opportunity to host the Stewart Home School for this special program.

Many of our LEXUSY Seniors will be attending the Spring USY Senior Retreat in Cincinnati, March 12th-14th. This is always a very special weekend as our Seniors celebrate their final months as members of USY. Also, LEXUSY members will be heading to Washington, D.C. March 19-21st, for a special trip to the Holocaust Museum. We look forward to hearing about their experiences upon their return.

Shabbat at OZS

Celebrating Shabbat is always the focus of our weekly events here at OZS. We have an alternating Friday evening schedule. On the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month, the service is at 6 PM, while on the 2nd and 4th Fridays, the service is at 7:30 PM. On Friday, March 12th, at 7:30 PM, the service will be led, and D'var Torah presented, by our Religious School students. Stewart Home will be here for their monthly Shabbat at OZS on Friday, March 19th, at 6 PM. Join us for our spirited Shabbat Morning Service each Saturday morning at 9:45 AM. Kiddush Lunch follows each week.

On March 26th - 27th we will celebrate with Ittai Eres as he is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzva. Mazal Tov Ittai!

THE LEXINGTON CHAPTER OF HADASSAH

Elise Mandel and Di Sobel, Co-Presidents

In the Image of Esther



Each year, as we celebrate Purim, we look to Queen Esther. Hadassah members are reminded that our founding meeting in 1912 was held on the feast of Purim and that Hadassah is also the Hebrew name for the biblical heroine Queen Esther. Her name resounds through the annals of Hadassah's long history and so began our special love affair with Purim and Esther.

Esther's actions resonate as a model to all women for her courage and risk-taking — the courage to stand up, as Esther did, to speak up for a people

and thereby save a nation. Most of us cannot save a whole nation, but by our everyday acts of providing necessary community programs, of fundraising for our projects in Israel that hear and save lives, of educating ourselves and our community on the critical issues that face women and families today, and of creating awareness through advocacy on the important legislative concerns that impact our very lives both here and around the world, we are in fact, taking on the communal responsibility of saving people.

Think about it. What if Esther had said, "It's not my job — not my concern" ?

The test of generations is that each of us must be

accountable. We are obligated to leave the world a better place and not to say, "Someone else will do it. It's not my job." Yes, it is our job — the job of each and every one of us. No matter how small that task may be, we are all accountable as Jewish women and men to do what we are able, to help maintain Jewish life here in the United States, in Israel and around the globe for the sake of our children, grandchildren and future generations. Hadassah provides the opportunities and programs so that each of us may rise to the moment. From the hundreds and thousands of simple everyday acts we can, together, save a nation.

Hadassah offers us the possibility to be like Esther.

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AROUND THE COMMUNITY



CKJF - Central Kentucky Jewish Federation • 1050 Chinoe Road • Suite 203 • 268-0672 • David Feinberg, President

OZS - Ohavay Zion Synagogue • 2048 Edgewater Court • 266-8050 • Nancy Hoffman, President
Daily Minyan Mon.-Thurs. at 5:45 PM; Kabbalat Services on the 1st and 3rd Friday evenings at 6:00 PM,
on the 2nd and 4th Friday evenings at 7:30 PM • Shabbat Services Saturday at 9:45 AM

TAI - Temple Adath Israel • 124 N. Ashland Avenue • 269-2979 • Judith Hersh, President
Shabbat Services Friday 7:30 PM; Worship Service Saturday 10:30 AM

HAD - The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah • Elise Mandel & Di Sobel • Co-Presidents

HAV - The Lexington Havurah • 269-4493 • Judith Saxe, President • Shabbat Services monthly. Call for schedule.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	• Community Activities Committee Meeting	• OZS Board Meeting • TAI Board Meeting		To'anit Esther - The Fast of Esther	Sisterhood Shabbat - TAI 100th Celebration	• 100th Anniversary Ball - TAI 100th Celebration • Havurah Purim Party & Megillah Reading
29	March 1	2	3	4	5	6
• Purim • OZS Purim Carnival	Shushan Purim	Chabad - Rabbi Litvin visits	JFS Committee Meeting	• Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra in Danville • Tikkun delivers Moveable Feast	• Rabbi David Ellenson - TAI 100th Celebration • Hillel Shabbat Dinner	• Judy Caplan Ginsburgh & David Syme - TAI 100th Celebration • Schmooze with Jews
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Tikkun Lexington Volunteer Recognition Brunch			Faith in Action Training Session	• Leisure Club Program at OZS • Faith in Action Training Session	Havurah Kabbalat Shabbat Services	Hadassah Fun-Raiser
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
JFS Teen Substance Abuse Workshop		Rosh Chodesh Nisan	• CKJF Executive Committee Meeting • CKJF Board Meeting		Honoring Rabbis Dinner - TAI 100th Celebration	OZS Bar Mitzvah - Ittai Eres
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Women's Community Seder	Fayette County Schools 'Spring Break'	Fayette County Schools 'Spring Break'	Fayette County Schools 'Spring Break'	Fayette County Schools 'Spring Break'	• Fayette County Schools 'Spring Break' • JFS Shabbat at TAI	• JFS Shabbat at OZS • TAI Bar Mitzvah - Tristan Smith
28	29	30	31	APRIL 1	2	3
	Passover Begins at Sundown First Seder	• Passover • OZS Board Meeting • Second Seder	• Passover • TAI Board Meeting	• Passover • Tikkun delivers Moveable Feast	Passover	Passover
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
• Passover • Havurah Annual Retreat 10-4	Passover	• Passover • Chabad-Rabbi Litvin visits	JFS Committee Meeting			• Bar/Bat - TAI • Hadassah Art Fair
11	12	13	14	15	16	17