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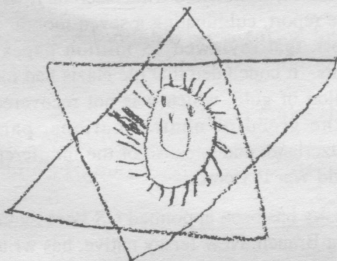
by Joel Eizenstat

Following May's very successful "No Stuffed Shirts Allowed!" Campaign event, the 1997 UJA/Federation Annual Campaign has slated two more events for June. The first is a "Men's Night Out!" on Thursday, June 5. This \$150 minimum pledge Men's Division event will be held at *Portabella's* (formerly the *Italian Oven*) and will be an evening of wine, dinner, camaraderie and inspiration. The cost for this event is \$15.

For the Women's Division, Nancy Hoffman will host a "Dessert Reception" at her home on Thursday, June 19. There will be a speaker, program, and group solicitation. A minimum gift of \$100 is required to attend. The speakers for these events have not been finalized, but will be from the UJA Speakers Bureau. Watch your mail for invitations to these events, and be sure to attend!

## Camp Shalom

August 4 - 15, 1997

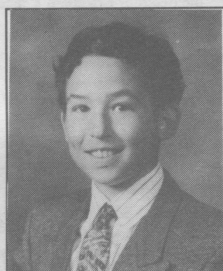


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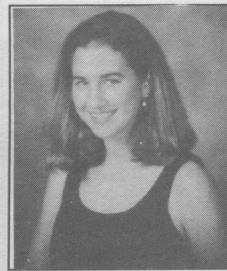
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Benjamin and Rachel Ezrine  
(bringing our parents Barry and Sue)

For more information call Joel Eizenstat at the Federation office:  
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## Do a Mitzvah - Become a Mentor

by Cindy Derer

Beating President Clinton to the punch by a good six months, a group of volunteers from Ohavay Zion Synagogue participated in a mentoring program at Harrison Elementary, a Lexington inner city school, this school year. The mentors included Ricki Rosenberg, Kathie Kroot, Cindy Derer, Simone Salomon, Nancy Hoffman, Ben Hoffman, Rhoda Kay, Sue Ezrine, and Charlotte Levy.

Each of these adults spent about an hour a week inter-

acting with one to three children in a primary (first and second grade) classroom. A GREAT time was had by all reading together, playing games, working puzzles, doing arts and crafts, and simply talking. The children benefited with improved reading, social skills, and self esteem. The adults received a warm and heartfelt weekly welcome.

This program has been such an unqualified success that it's being expanded to include more classrooms next year. Volunteers from all over the community are encouraged to join the

fun. Can you spare an hour a week? No teaching experience is required, just the ability to consistently be there for a few kids who need a positive adult role model. You don't need to know what to do in advance - either the teacher or the kids will guide you.

Please contact Cindy Derer at 266-0622 or any of the other mentors mentioned for more info. Be prepared for a surprisingly enthusiastic testimonial from these people! Join us!

## COMMUNITY

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### Mazel Tov to:

Former Lexington residents  
**Georges and Mary Birenbaum**  
for receiving the *Decade Award*  
for *Service to Earlham and*  
*Mankind* from Earlham College.

### Condolences to:

**Rick Zimmerman**,  
on the death of his mother,  
**Betty Zimmerman**.

**Paula Bayer**,  
on the death of her father,  
**Gene Sprinkles**.

**Herb Liebman**,  
on the death of his sister,  
**Sophie Mellinger**.

**Elizabeth & Robert Scher** on  
the death of Elizabeth's sister,  
**Lee Wayne Hicks**  
on May 2, 1997.

## Format changes for Shalom

You may notice some changes in this issue of *Shalom*. First, the President's Spot is missing. That will return when the new Federation president has been officially seated.

Secondly, the Torah portions for June and July are absent. Currently a new format for our rabbis written presentations is under consideration.

Rather than reiterate the Torah portions each month, the rabbis may comment on current trends, controversies, or policies. The column may express both

opinions and factual information.

Topic subjects are wide open. As readers of *Shalom*, please let us know your feedback. What topics are you interested in reading about; do you agree with the format change; should each rabbi write every other month, or should they do their viewpoints on the same subject each month?

Your input is important. This is YOUR newspaper, published by YOUR Federation. Any suggestions or comments are welcome. Please send all correspondence to the Federation office at 340 Romany Road in Lexington.

Also, *Shalom* is always looking for articles of interest to the Jewish community. If you would like to submit a story, please call Holly Barnhill at the Federation office (606) 268-0672.

## Jewish-Americans in the NEWS

by Michael E. Adelstein

**Felix Rohatyn** is our new ambassador to France. A leading Wall Street investment banker, he gained an international reputation as the leading architect of a financial rescue that averted bankruptcy for New York City.

**Saul Bellow**, **Norman Mailer**, and **Philip Roth**, called the "heavy hitters of American lit" by *Newsweek*, have had their recent books reviewed in numerous periodicals. These J-A authors have published 68 books, won three Pulitzers, five National Book awards and a Nobel Prize (Bellow in 1976).

**Julius Epstein** wrote the classic movie *Casablanca* with his brother Philip. They were paid only \$15,208 for "Play it, Sam" and other memorable lines. He, Fay Wray (remember King Kong?), and others are seeking a change in the copyright laws, which now allow the studios to retain all fees for movies written before 1960.

**Abbey Joseph Cohen**, Wall Street market strategist, was featured in *Vanity Fair* and the *Wall Street Journal*. The financial newspaper wrote about her having "one of the most devoted followings Wall Street has seen in years" with the power to "rock the markets." The article went on to mention her cooking a Passover repast for her extended family.

**Stuart Eizenstat**, Commerce Undersecretary, wrote a 256-page report, culminating a seven month, 11 agency effort, that reviewed 15 million pages of documents. It concluded that the Nazis had looted \$600 million of gold, which was not recovered because of the greed of neutral nations, particularly Switzerland, and because of the indifference of the World War II victors.

**Robert Pinsky** has been appointed US Poet Laureate. The Long Branch, New Jersey native, has written several books of poetry, two collections of essays, and a best seller translation of Dante's *Inferno*. His work deals with Jewish themes and persons, such as Sandy Koufax, who is praised in *The Night Game* for refusing to pitch on Yom Kippur in the 1965 World Series.

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June 4  
Yom Yersalayim



June  
11 & 12  
Shavuot

**The Deadline  
for the August issue  
of Shalom is  
Tuesday, July 15.**



## COMMUNITY

### CAMP SHALOM

When: August 4 - 15, 1997

Where: Temple Adath Israel mornings, swimming or field trips in afternoons

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Kinderkamp Shalom 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

#### What is Camp Shalom?

Camp Shalom is a day camp held for two weeks at Temple Adath Israel, 124 North Ashland Avenue in Lexington. Children of all denominations, ages 4\*-13, are eligible to attend. Sponsored by the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, Camp Shalom is a Jewish camp which offers a unique experience through games, music, drama, nature appreciation, and arts and crafts. Let Camp Shalom show your child two weeks worth of reasons to love being Jewish in Lexington! Create new friendships and a lifetime of memories!

\*Must be 4 by August 1, 1997.

#### New This Year!

New site! New time! New theme and activities! Camp Shalom mornings will be at Temple Adath Israel (TAI). Once again our Camp Director,

Assistant Director, and Counselors will be working with three specialists: Drama & Music, Arts & Crafts, and Nature & Physical Education. After lunch our Camp Shalom Campers will board the school bus for swimming at the Lansdowne Club or enjoy one of many exciting field trips. We will return to TAI for pick-up at 3:30 PM.

We will continue our special Avodah Pre-CIT (Counselors in Training) Program for our oldest campers, ages 11-13. Those in Avodah will be assisting the counselors and specialists throughout the morning. Avodahniks will join their group to participate in the Camp Shalom afternoon activity. For half tuition, your child can take advantage of this special training to help develop leadership qualities including working as a team, choosing age-appropriate activities,

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Campers 4 years old  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Avodah ..... \$112.50

Pre-CIT Program 11-13 years old  
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Non-refundable registration of \$50.00 due with application by July 1st, balance of tuition due by August 1st.

Lunch and drink must be provided by each camper.

No orientation this year. All details will be provided by mail with your confirmation and medical form.

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## EDITORIAL

### CKJF Board Briefs

April 1997 Meeting

Submitted by Michael E. Adelstein

The Board passed the following motion: It is CKJF policy that Israel Independence Day be celebrated as the major holiday for which CKJF is responsible. It should be supported and publicized accordingly.

The problems arising from the proselyting of the new Americans at the Porter Baptist ESL classes were discussed, and suggestions to alleviate the situation were offered.

UJA/Federation contributions received to date from major donors have increased 10% over their giving last year. Solicitors have been trained and plans made for Super Sunday.

The Board approved the policy of providing a subsidy of \$250 for an individual attending a UJA singles mission for the first time. It is understood that an applicant will make a UJA/Federation pledge for the trip (minimum pledge \$500) and will provide service under the aegis of CKJF to the community for one year upon return.

The new family's resettlement has been delayed because of illness.

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the August  
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# Editorial

Who knows the score?

I never thought I'd be writing about Kentucky basketball, and yet, here I am about to expound on the most recent media blitz. I'm not referring to that "will he or won't he" stuff written about the nice looking guy in the Armani suit, I'm talking about his replacement--Tubby Smith.

The local news media has once again created its own headlines. Not satisfied with just the facts, the question of race has perpetuated more printed and electronic releases than the subject of points or winning percentages.

Like most people relatively unaware about college basketball (yes, I believe there are a few) I was expecting Tubby Smith to be a rather portly gentleman in a loud sports coat. His thin, almost scholarly look is what took me by surprise. My preconceived image was shattered. I truly failed to notice he was African-American.

Then, I began skimming the headlines and one leaped off

the page. A descendant of Adolph Rupp said that he thought Coach Rupp would gladly welcome Mr. Smith to the ranks of UK coach.

Two things came to mind--oh sure, about as welcome as a visit to the gynecologist (urologist for all the male readers), and second, who cares what Coach Rupp's offspring thinks he would think!

The final straw was the open letter to Coach Smith from Lexington Herald-Leader columnist Merlene Davis. She urged Coach Smith not to take the job because Kentucky fans would never accept a black coach, and thus, he was doomed to fail.

I must admit, I did not read the letter myself, I stopped reading Ms. Davis months ago. If I wanted to hear a negative, self-centered, whiny dialogue, I could have a conversation with myself (this applies on bad days only, of course). However, talk of the Davis letter was the focus of a discussion during a recent Bat

Mitzvah.

All this made me wonder, would this fuss have taken place if the new coach had been Jewish? Would the fans have worried 1) That their beloved players may be forced to wear matching yarmulkes with their uniforms; 2) That the coach may forfeit a game rather than play on a Jewish holiday (surely Passover would never interfere with March Madness; 3) That the team wouldn't be allowed to chow down all those healthy pork products?

Also, with the Jewish ethic of study would education become as, or possibly even more, important than the sport of basketball? Thank goodness the fans and the journalists were sparred these earth shattering fears.

My point is, race and/or religion really don't matter when choosing a coach. Character, expertise, and a winning bottom line are what is important. These are the issues the media should

have focused upon.

Merlene, get a life, or better yet, let every one live theirs. To the other yellow journalists (this refers only to their style of writing), check the wire services, get some real news! To Coach Smith, good luck and best wishes with your new "dream job," as most of us know, dreams don't come easy.

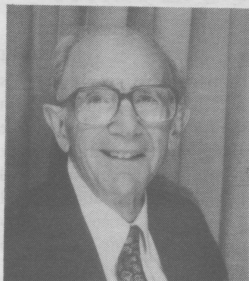
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## FEATURE



### Hark to the Jewish-American Moms!

by Michael E. Adelstein

**Y**ou may not have listened to your mother but millions of people are avidly heeding the advice of two Jewish-American mothers--Ann Landers (Esther "Eppie" Pauline Friedman Lederer) and Dr. Laura Schlessinger.

Dr. Laura, as she is known, is the hottest person in talk radio with a daily audience estimated at 12 million, second only to Rush Limbaugh. But while Rush fills much of his time with monologues, Dr. Laura receives 60,000 calls a day to 1-800-DR LAURA, has them screened, selects about 20, and has the callers hang on the line for an hour or more before talking to them on the air.

You can catch her every morning on WBLG (1300) from 10-12 and read her in the *Herald-Leader* every Wednesday in the "Community" section. But if you tune in, brace yourself because Dr. Laura is one tough babe. She's a caustic, sarcastic, unsentimental, loud, rude, brash, angry derisive, earthy, assertive, cocky, wise-cracking dame. Few callers escape her derision. Most are looking for pity and consolation; they usually get scorn and belittlement.

Dr. Laura is as conservative in her values as Rush is in his politics. She is vehemently opposed to people living together ("shacking up" is her term). She is almost equally upset at feminists, whom she considers to be anti-men, anti-family, and anti-children. Pro-Choice advocates are wrong: Pregnant girls should place their babies up for adoption, if necessary, not abort them.

Anything or anyone who does not place children first is denigrated. She opens her program by stating, "This is Dr.

Laura. I'm my kid's mom." She sells T-shirts for \$16 with this slogan as if to promote her idea that mothers should mother, not place their children in day care. Children need "loving, caring, attentive adults who will focus time and energy on that child's emotional and practical needs." That means quality and quantity time.

Dr. Laura almost lives what she preaches. She had her son when she was 38 and took two years off from her radio work to stay at home with her child, although the family had little money.

Once divorced (she's opposed to divorce if children are involved--but she had none at the time), this conservative Jewish mother, grew up in Brooklyn, has a Ph.D. in physiology from Columbia, a karate black belt, and taught at the University of Southern California. Referred to by the *New York Times* as "the most successful therapist in America," Dr. Laura is licensed as a marriage and family counselor. But she claims to be concerned about moral health, not mental health, and bases her morality on the Old Testament and the Talmud.

There is no mistaking her Jewishness. She inserts Yiddishisms in her remarks, talks about the holidays, mentions her religion frequently, keeps kosher "95% of the time," and wears a Star of David around her neck. She is opposed to intermarriage even though her husband is an Episcopalian, but he is converting.

Dr. Laura is proud of her Judaism unlike many people she knows who do not state in public that they are Jewish. She "takes seriously that we're a nation of priests and a role model...Judaism keeps me focused. It gives meaning to my life." She feels that Jews were put on earth "to show good to other people and to teach other people."

In addition to promulgating her views on radio, Dr. Laura appears on television, gives talks, and writes books. She is the author of two self-help best sellers: *Ten Things Women Do to Mess Up Their Lives* and *How Could You Do That?!--The Abdication of Character, Courage, and Conscience*.

How are we to account for Dr. Laura's amazing popularity? First, she espouses conservative family values, a highly popular view these days. Second, she puts on a good show for listeners who enjoy her hard-hearted approach of telling people to stop feeling sorry for themselves, thinking about themselves so much, and blaming others. And then there is her sassy personality--that explosive often forced laughter, crude language ("so you knocked her up"), breezy Brooklyn style, and clever wisecracks. Will people tire of this Jewish mom? Only time will tell.

If Ann Landers, that other incredibly popular Jewish American mom, is any example, people will not tire of listening. Despite writing to the lovelorn and other distressed folk for over 40 years, 79-year-old Eppie Lederer, better known as Ann Landers, continues to be flooded with mail. To handle it, she works a seven day week, rising early, being driven in her Rolls by a chauffeur from her ornate apartment at 209 East Lake Shore Drive to her office at the *Chicago Tribune*, where her eight secretaries and two clerks process the thousand letters mailed to her each day. She uses an IBM Selective II typewriter to write her column, which appears in over 1,200 newspapers (including the *Lexington Herald-Leader*) with an estimated ninety million readers! Usually she writes her own answers but sometimes she phones her many friends, deferring to their expertise about issues

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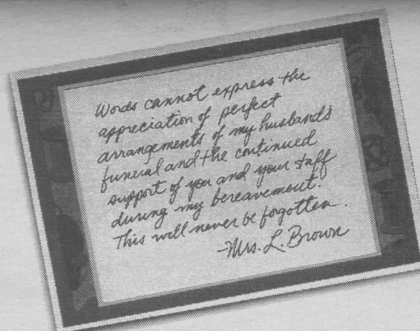
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## The perils of the single parent

by Steve Sivan, UJA Press

LOD, ISRAEL--Rosa Goncharov, 35, finally reached Israel after several years of

haggling in the Russian courts over the right to bring her two children with her. The gates of the former Soviet Union have been open for several years,

but for a substantial number of Jews they remain closed. Court orders obtained by former spouses often prevent children from being taken out

of the country.

Goncharov eventually won her case and made *aliyah* with her son Valentin, 10, and

daughter Iona, 5. She is one of thousands of single parents who have made *aliyah* from the former Soviet Union. The Association for Single Parent Families in Israel, supported by the UJA Federation Annual Campaign, estimates that 90% of single parent families in Israel are new immigrants.

Goncharov bought an apartment in the Neve Avivim development of Lod, near Tel Aviv, with her mother Rais and brother Yevgeny, both of whom made *aliyah* in 1992. "I don't know how I could have coped without the support of my family; both emotionally and financially," Goncharov said.

Goncharov was born and raised in Tula, an outer suburb of Moscow. She graduated from the local university with a BA in Education and became an elementary school teacher. Despite her teaching degree, she has been told that her qualifications are not good enough to teach in Israel.

Upon completion of an advanced Hebrew language *ulpan*, she is still not confident enough to keep control of a class in Hebrew. "Perhaps in a few more years when I am better adapted I'll think about becoming a teacher," she says. Goncharov is currently enrolled in a government-sponsored secretarial course that she expects will lead to employment.

"I have always felt a very strong sense of Jewish identity even though I grew up in a town where there was virtually no Jewish community," Goncharov said. "What I like best about Israel is the freedom that my children have here. They have so many more friends, feel free and are given the opportunity to express themselves at school. In fact, the decision to come to Israel was no decision at all."

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## FEATURE

# What are the real laws of conversion?

by Rabbi H. D. Uriel Smith

In March this year the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada voted that, "There is only one Judaism: Torah Judaism. The Reform and Conservative are not Judaism at all, but another religion." There was only one thing new in that declaration--politics. These rabbis are supporting their Orthodox colleagues in Israel in their attempt at passing a civil law blocking Reform and Conservative conversions there.

Rabbi Aryeh Ralbag, a member of the union's executive board, declared, "We consider a secular Israeli to be more intellectually honest than a Conservative rabbi," because the former "doesn't change the religion." Rabbi Ralbag is thinking in such a narrow-minded fashion, that he does not realize that this vote is a boomerang hitting the noses of his own union of rabbis.

Their attempt at blocking all non-Orthodox conversions in Israel involves several *halakhic* innovations in the laws of conversion. Since the Orthodox have thereby changed tradition, by their own definition they are not Jewish. "Anyone who disqualified [others], uses his own defect to disqualify." (b. *Kiddushin* 70a)

The *Shulhan Arukh*, *Yoreh De'ah* 268:3, states that conversion involves three rites, all which should occur *a priori* in the daytime (when a court can convene) before three scholars who have the authority to act as judges: (a) informing the convert (male or female) of *mitzvot* (halakhic commandments) so that he or she should accept them, (b) circumcision (for a male), and (c) total immersion (for male or female convert). There is a lot of flexibility in these rites, but in their attack against Conservative and Reform conversions the Orthodox community is either hiding or denying that flexibility.

First, the tradition notes that when the *beyt din* (rabbinic court) of three explains the *mitzvot* to the proselyte, "they neither overwhelm [the convert] with information nor go into great detail" (b. *Y'vamos* 47b; *Shulhan*

*Arukh*, *Yoreh De'ah* 268:2). The Talmud (b. *Y'vamos* 48b) thereby notes that proselytes normally did not know the *mitzvot* in the way that a born Jew knew them. There are repeated examples where the converts misunderstood Jewish laws and customs or converted for the wrong reasons (e.g. b. *Shabbat* 31a; b. *M'na'hot* 44a; *Tana d'Bey Eliyahu Rabbah* 29; *Mishneh Torah*, *Issurey Bi'ah* 13:15), and the conversions were still recognized as valid (cf. b. *Y'vamos* 24b).

Despite this, the Orthodox community claims that every detail of the system of *mitzvot* must be accepted. Many Orthodox authorities, including the Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi, Yisrael Meir Lau, quote a statement found in the *midrash* (*Yalkut Shim'oni*, *K'doshim* 217): "A proselyte who states that he will accept all the Torah except for one matter is not to be accepted."

A contextual analysis of this quotation shows that it applies to a proselyte openly telling the court that he is going to pick and choose which parts of Judaism he will accept (cf. b. *B'khorot* 30 b). It does not refer to somebody who overlooks various details *a posteriori*. If the convert did not follow certain details merely because he did not know them, or because he follows a different rabbinical tradition, or because he followed the larger Jewish community, it is not a case of deliberate rejection, and thus cannot be a basis for rejecting the validity of the conversion rite. In fact, a rabbi may disregard this ruling, and convert the proselyte just as Hillel did (b. *Shabbat* 31 a; *Avot d'R. Nathan* A, 15; cf. *Beyt Yoseph to Tur*, *Yoreh De'ah* 268).

*Mitzvot* are means of communicating with God, enabling us to communicate with our whole being, just as a loving couple can communicate (cf. the *Song of Songs*). The Orthodox leadership in Israel and the Union of Orthodox Rabbis here disregard the traditional flexibility of the *mitzvah* system, and instead demand both *a priori* and *a posteriori* acceptance of every commandment and every rabbinic interpretation of such command-

ments. Their rigidity has ossified Jewish tradition, turning *mitzvot* into stumbling blocks which they place before potential converts.

A second area of flexibility (which the Orthodox rabbinat in Israel is concealing from the non-Orthodox community) concerns the *a posteriori* leniencies associated with the rules of conversion. According to Joseph Karo, the author of the *Shulhan Arukh*, it is sufficient if only the beginning rite (accepting *mitzvot*) or the final rite (immersion) occurs in the daytime before three persons (thus also Rosh to b. *Y'vamos* chap. 4; *Bayit Hadash to Tur*, *Yoreh De'ah* 268). If the acceptance of *mitzvot* was conducted before such a *beyt din*, the other rites would be acceptable *a posteriori* at night before only two witnesses, or even if the immersion was merely to remove the taboo of nocturnal emission or menstruation, and not for the purpose of conversion (*Yoreh De'ah* 268:3). If the immersion occurred in the daytime in the

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## FEATURE

### Jewish Family Services Commentary

by Mollye Schwab



strategies, professional social work theoretical practices, and various theories and approaches to funding a Jewish Family Service agency.

ment and their services and then ask the question, "What kind of services does our community need?" and "Are we providing those services?"

The Jewish Family Services column is for informational purposes to the readers of *Shalom*. For other personal and confidential requests for services, contact the JFS office, 340 Romany Road, Lexington, or call (606) 269-8244.

In May, I attended the annual two day conference of the Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agency (AJFCA). The AJFCA is a membership organization with over 145 Jewish Family Service agencies located throughout North America. AJFCA provides support and consultation to the JFS agencies and acts as a "clearing-house" for information on issues and activities in the North American Jewish community.

After attending this year's conference, it is now time to find ways in which to apply the conference experience and education to the present challenges facing our Jewish Family Service agency in central Kentucky.

This year's conference material included education on program/agency development

Just as last year, I felt the almost overwhelming experience involved in meeting professionals, board members, and volunteer leaders from other JFS agencies throughout the United States. Almost every state was represented with more than 300 participants from over 100 JFS agencies.

When mixing with other agencies representing 45,000 Jewish population communities and operating incomes of \$1 million, it's hard not to feel like a small agency. However, this year I can most assuredly say that JFS in Lexington is on the right track in consideration of service delivery and program development activities.

It was, certainly evident that each Jewish Family Service agency is different, especially in size and income. It is also evident that each agency has common values--the mission of helping members of the Jewish community develop and maintain strong individuals and families, wherever that community may be.

In making those values and missions a reality, agencies must check their mission state-

It is our time to ask that question within the central Kentucky Jewish community: "What kind of services would the central Kentucky Jewish community benefit from?"

This question was at the forefront of consideration during the first days of my coming to Jewish Family Services two years ago. This same question was echoed fairly consistently while at the conference. This question I suppose will always be presented as times and communities change, and as agencies grow. Environmental changes are always occurring in population growth and population groups. Similarly, changes occur as welfare reform takes effect.

As the Social Services Committee of Jewish Family Services and myself look to the future challenges of further program development and funding options, think about the question. Let me or a member of Social Services Committee know your thoughts. *This is your Jewish Family Service agency.* Let's protect it and watch it grow together.

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### The Financial Advisor

by Ben C. Kaufmann

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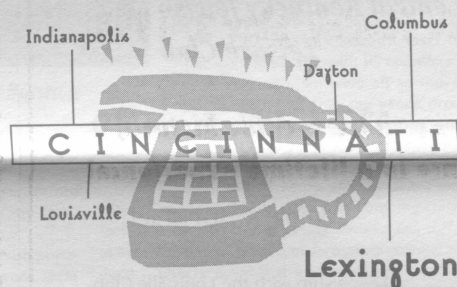
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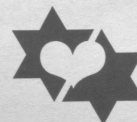
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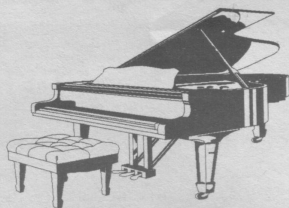
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that she is not fully informed about.

Interestingly, she got her current job when the original Ann Landers, a nurse, died. The paper asked applicants for her position to write answers to two questions: one concerning the dropping of walnuts from a neighbor's tree into the writer's yard; the other dealing with the problem of intermarriage between a Catholic and Protestant. Before writing her response, Eppie Lederer consulted her good friends--Supreme Court Justice William Douglas about walnuts and Father Hesburgh, president of Notre Dame College, about intermarriage. No wonder Eppie got the job and became Ann Landers! (Incidentally, she owns the name. When she dies, no one else can use it.)

Unlike Dr. Laura, who seriously claims to be "always right," Ann Landers admits her

mistakes, usually after readers write in, calling them to her attention. Ann also takes controversial positions, being against the Vietnam War, and supporting feminism, gun control, and abortion. She is more flexible than Dr. Laura, being concerned more with consequences of behavior than with traditional morality.

The shock of learning that her husband of 36 years had kept a young mistress in a London flat for three years may have made her more receptive to divorce, which she got in 1975. (Her readers sent her 30,000 letters supporting her action.)

In a World Almanac poll conducted several years ago, Ann Landers was voted the most influential woman in the United States. Indeed, this daughter of Russian parents who fled the czarist pogroms, arriving here in 1908, speaking no English, and settling in the Midwest, has come

a long way.

Americans seeking advice about their personal relationships eagerly flock to Dr. Laura and Ann Landers, two Jewish-American mothers. But these two are not the only ones. Thousands of other people, for example, turn to other Jewish-American women--Ann Landers' twin sister, Abbey Van Buren, and the sexy grandmother, Dr. Ruth.

What is it about these women? Margaret Mead has one answer: "Because of their age-long training in human relationships--for that is what feminine intuition really is--women have a special contribution to make..." There is no doubt that all the Jewish-American women mentioned here have made and are making a significant contribution to helping Americans cope with life today.

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presence of three, the beginning process of presenting and accepting *mitzvot* may, *a posteriori*, be bypassed (*Beyt Yoseph* to *Tur*, *Yoreh De'ah* 268; cf. *Ba'er Heytev* to *Yoreh De'ah* 268:2), and the circumcision may be before two witnesses (*Bayit Hadash* to *Tur*, *Yoreh De'ah* 268). The majority view thus is that circumcision (for a male) and immersion are sufficient for the person to be recognized as a convert.

The makeup of the *beyt din* is also flexible. The Babylonian Talmud (b. *Y'vamot* 46b) states that *a priori* any conversion requires three *mumlim*, that is, "experts" who were official appointees of the Exilarch (b. *Sanhedrin* 5a). The *Tur* and *Shulhan Arukh* (*Yoreh De'ah* 268:3) state that the three should be persons qualified to judge. However, *a posteriori* the Talmud (Rashi to *Kiddushin* 42b; *Tosafot*

to *Kiddushin* 42b, s.v. *Ger*), Maimonides (*Hilkhot Issurey Bi'ah* 13:17), and the *Shulhan Arukh* (*Yoreh De'ah* 268:12) accept a *beyt din* of *hedyotot* ("amateurs") supervising and witnessing the circumcision and immersion.

The demands of the Orthodox in Israel override these leniencies. No matter that the Conservative movement fulfills all the above requirements and the Reform movement in Israel is also willing to follow them. In some ways the Orthodox today are like Rabbi Simeon bar Yohai, after he left the cave where he had studied for twelve years. The *midrash* (b. *Shabbat* 33b; y. *Sh'vi'it* 9:1; *Genesis Rabbah* 79) states that when he came out he saw farmers ploughing the land and sowing seed. In anger that they were "wasting" time in work instead of studying Torah, "leaving eternal life for temporal life,"

he flashed his eyes and burned up the fields. God said: "Have you left just to destroy my world? Return to your cave."

The Orthodox leadership are living in the caves of the *y'shivot* and *kol'lim* (academies and places of study) and have lost full contact with the general world. In Jerusalem and Bnei Brak they forbid all newspapers and journals from the larger world. They are living in a cocoon formed by the surrounding less religious community that is serving and guarding them. Converts joining this larger community should be honored by them. It is time that they participated more in all the needs of the Jewish community, and learned the need for the living flexible standards which our tradition transmitted to us.



## FEATURE

by Joel Eizenstat

# CKJF Executive Director travels to Israel and Kiev

Every three years, the executive directors of "small" Jewish community Federations, like the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, travel to Israel for a two week staff development institute. The Council of Jewish Federations sponsors the program, which defines "small" as having a Jewish population of 5,000 or less and an annual campaign under \$1 million.

Acknowledging the importance of small communities, this year's Institute was co-sponsored and implemented, in addition to the Council of Jewish Federations, by the United Israel Office, the World Zionist Organization, the JCC Association, the Joint Authority for Jewish Zionist Education, the Jewish Agency for Israel, and the United Jewish Appeal. The trip included travel throughout Israel and three days in Kiev.

The theme threaded throughout the March 16-28 program was: "What are the meanings of Jewish collective responsibility in the context of 100 years of Zionism and fifty years of Statehood?" The twenty participants explored the issues and dilemmas facing Israel and the Jewish people today in the framework of the 100 years of visions of Jewish life, from the beginning of modern Zionism through the contemporary reality in the former Soviet Union and in the state of Israel in 1997.

We studied, explored, talked, argued, debated, learned, and taught about such issues as "post-Zionism;" our responsibilities in our own communities, our own country, in the former Soviet Union and in Israel; the 1996 Israeli elections; pluralism and diversity in Israel; the evolving relationship between the diaspora and Israel; the restructuring of the Jewish Agency for Israel; the increasing role of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in the world's hot spots; and more.

One of the most striking characteristics of the Ukraine is its dismal economy. The transition to a free market is slow and has resulted in massive unemployment and a radical decline in the population's standard of living.

The elderly are especially hurt. We had the opportunity to visit several pensioners in their tiny one room cooperative apartments. One retired physician in her mid-eighties had not been outside her fifth floor walk-up in two years. We also learned that she had not been paid her \$40 monthly pension in many months. She was one of the Jewish seniors who receive home care services from the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. As life sustaining as those visits are, there is a downside-anti-Semitism.

Blame for Ukraine's economic and other ills often falls on Jews. When reforms failed, many said it was the fault of Jews. When certain reforms succeeded, those who suffered blamed the Jews. When Khakov's water supply was contaminated by sewage last summer, the Jewish employees of the municipality were blamed. Street harass-



CKJF Executive Director Joel Eizenstat lights a memorial flame at Babi Yar in Kiev

ment is widespread. Jewish pensioners are victimized because they receive home care service from the JDC. The monthly food packages are frequently stolen.

Given that the physical safety of the Jewish population is at risk, and the country's economic woes seem likely to worsen, Jews remain vulnerable. They know that their government is unable, or unwilling to help them. Most will emigrate to Israel, a few to the U.S. or western Europe--most likely it will be the elderly who remain.

During an earlier trip to Israel, I had the extraordinary opportunity to meet plane loads of Ethiopian *olim* arriving at Ben Gurion Airport. I remember the tired, but hesitatingly smiling faces of individuals who had been rescued and were seeking safety, freedom, and opportunity in Israel. I remember seeing babies being carried and thinking they would only have memories of being Israeli.

I, however, had never been at the other end. The tearful goodbyes, the long shuddering embraces with family and friends (whom they might not see again) before boarding the El Al flight--in this case from Kiev's Borispol Airport. Ukraine's government limits each emigrating passenger to two suit cases and \$100. That's all these *olim* have when they arrive in Israel.

Sitting across from me was a young couple with an infant, about my daughter Annie's age. They were heading for the Galil to join a cousin who had already made *aliyah*. They had been studying Hebrew for a year at a JAFI-run school in Kiev. Both had job leads. I remember seeing them sobbing as they clung to an older couple at Borispol - I presume the parents of one of them. Their mood changed from one of heartbreak to one of great anticipation as our El Al flight soared toward Israel. I said goodbye as we departed the plane. The last I saw of them was as they loaded their four suitcases on a cart at Ben Gurion. Their new life had begun.

The goal of the Jewish Agency and the JDC programs in Ukraine is to insure that Jews will be Jews. The

methods are twofold: preparation for a successful *aliyah* and care through a vibrant Jewish life (This was the first time I ever tasted freshly-baked matzah rolling off the Kiev synagogue's assembly line!) and also providing life sustain-

ing shelter, food, medicine, and clothing for those who have no choice but to remain. Both goals are being met-- thanks to the support of Jews throughout the world including those who are part of the central



Matzah being made in a Kiev synagogue

Kentucky Jewish community. The experience confirmed something we knew all along--assimilation is reversible.

This was my second visit to Israel. Israel confounds me with its countless paradoxes. A year ago, we were all so moved by the optimism surrounding the peace process. On this trip, the concrete and barbed wire wall of the Erez Checkpoint at the entrance to the Gaza Autonomous area evoked powerful memories.

A year ago, a genuine peace seemed possible. The March 21 Tel Aviv cafe bombing confirmed the feeling I sensed, one of *nimas lanu*-- "fed up" with just about everything. (Purim in Jerusalem seemed rather subdued.) Others noted that a year ago, Russian was heard just about everywhere; this year *Ivrit*. Absorption is working.

Some things, however, stay the same. No two "experts" agree on such issues as the peace process, the economy, politics, Israel-Diaspora relations, the role of American foreign policy, and a host of other issues. We



Erez Checkpoint

were reminded of something we had known for at least two decades: religious pluralism is an important American Jewish issue with very little understanding or relevance by or to Israelis.

There are always images which dominate a visit to Israel. The ubiquitous cell phone - just who do they all talk to! The ominous concrete wall at the Erez Checkpoint. The hope when seeing the Israeli and

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This 80-plus retired physician survives in the Ukraine with help from Jewish charities

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Palestinian flags flying side-by-side at a police station overlooking Bethlehem. The painful, graffiti-like messages on the stones surrounding Yitzhak Rabin's grave. The infamous tunnel beneath the Temple Mount. The baby arriving on our flight from Kiev to begin his life as an Israeli.



**The Jewish Market in Jerusalem on the eve of Purim**

The custodian of the Jewish cemetery in Zitomer, a community of about 5,000 Jews some two hours from Kiev, told us a story. Fleeing from the Nazis, he lived in Siberia in the 1940's and 1950's. His rabbi in Siberia was convinced there would be no "next generation" of Jews. He wanted to write down all he knew about Judaism, but there was no paper to be had anywhere. Each night, between midnight and 2:00 AM, the rabbi crawled along the Red Army's firing range. He wrote "all he knew about Judaism" on the bulls-eye cardboard used for target practice.



**Children at the synagogue in Zitomer, Ukraine**

Fifty years later, there is a next generation. That is the primary image which will remain with me from this staff development Institute.

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## FEATURE

### An American Druze plants trees in Israel in memory of murdered Israeli schoolgirls

Shortly after seven Israeli schoolgirls were murdered by a Jordanian soldier in Naharayim on March 13, 1997, Nadim Alawar, an American Druze, planted 20 trees in Israel in their memory.

Tovah Ahdut, director of religious education, Temple Beth El of Tacoma, Washington, related her moving encounter with Mr. Alawar in a letter to Rabbi Arnold D. Damlan, director of education for the Jewish National Fund (JNF). Excerpts follow:

Our children should hear of the sincere kindness and generosity of Mr. Nadim Alawar and know that we do indeed have friends in the Middle East who share our vision of peace.

The evening after we got word of the murder of the seven Israeli girls on the Jordanian border, Mr. Alawar phoned and said that his heart ached for the children and for our people. Mr. Alawar, who came to the United States perhaps 10 to 12 years ago, is the owner of a local Lebanese restaurant. He said that he served in the Border Patrol between Israel and Lebanon, keeping watch for Palestinian terrorists

who might infiltrate. He feels as a Druze that his people are very close to the Jewish people in values and outlook. He considers us as "brothers" who are trying to work together for peace.

It hurt him so much to think of those innocent young girls that he wanted to do something to show that his people felt the pain of our loss. I suggested a donation to the JNF for trees to be planted in their memory. When he came to my office the following day, Mr. Alawar sat down and wrote out a check for \$200! When I sent the certificate, I enclosed a copy of a report we received at the synagogue giving a short biographical sketch of each of the girls. I wanted him to know them as individuals.

Today Mr. Alawar stopped in to say that he gratefully received what I had sent, and that he was moved to tears to read of the child who was the voice and ears of her deaf parents.

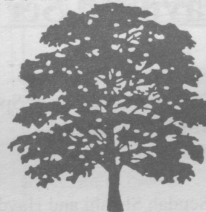
Following the tragedy, JNF's Department of Education developed a resource guide, "Tragedy at Naharayim," that suggests appropriate ways to teach about and respond to this

terrible event, including: carrying out the *mitzvoit* of comforting the mourners, visiting the sick, and giving *tzedakah*; dedicating a portion of one's Torah study to the victims, and promoting Klal Yisrael, the unity of Jews. The guide invites schools and youth groups to send letters, via the JNF Department of Education, to the students and teachers who were injured, and letters of condolence to the victims' families.

Rabbi Samlan stated, "In our time, Jewish people have forgotten that there are Jewish ways to respond to both the tragedies as well as the *simchas* in our world. By creating this guide, we hope to encourage Jewish educators to teach such responses."

JNF is planting a grove of 1,000 trees in Israel that will be a living memorial to the seven students. Individuals, schools, or organizations that wish to participate may contact JNF Department of Education, 78 Randall Avenue, Rockville Centre, NY 11570. The phone number is (516) 561-9100, and the e-mail address is [jnfed@aol.com](mailto:jnfed@aol.com).

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### State of Israel Bonds offer reinvestment for matured bonds

State of Israel Bonds/Development Corporation for Israel has announced new reinvestment opportunities for matured bonds.

Effective immediately, matured 4% bonds will be accepted for direct reinvestment into Zero Coupon Bonds. In addition, matured State of Israel Variable Rate Issue (IVRI) bonds will be allowed to be directly reinvested in Economic Development Issue (EDI) bonds.

The State of Israel 5th Zero Coupon bond has a 7.5% effective yield to maturity and current purchase price of \$2,844 for bonds purchased through April 24, 1997. It matures at \$6,000, 10 years from issue date.

The EDI pays a fixed annual interest rate of 7.2% for bonds purchased through April 24, 1997. Maturity date is September 30, 2006 with a minimum subscription of \$25,000. Prior to maturity, the EDI may be redeemed by employee benefit funds, which include IRAs, Keoghs and union funds, four years from issue date and by others five years from issue date on 120 days notice.

State of Israel Bonds is an international organization offering securities issued by the government of Israel. Since the first bond was sold in 1952, Israel Bonds has secured more than \$17 billion in investment capital for the development of Israel.

For additional information regarding Israel Bonds, call Cathy Weinberger at (513) 421-4144 or (800) 883-0707.

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## COMMUNITY

### Lexington Havurah Service Schedule

Tuesday, June 10	Erev Shavuot Services Lexington Hearing & Speech Center 162 North Ashland 8:00 PM
Saturday, July 19	Seudah Shlishi and Havdalah Under the Stars Shillito Park, Shelter #4 for further details, contact Judy Baumann: 223-1299
Friday, August 22	Kabalat Shabbat 8:00 PM Location to be announced

The National Havurah Committee will hold its annual Summer Institute, August 4-10 at Cedar Crest College, Allentown, Pennsylvania. This exciting week of Jewish study and celebration can be likened to going to a great Jewish camp--as an adult! Participants choose two of the 32 classes offered for the week with topics in arts and literature, contemporary issues, music, spirituality, advanced text and more. For families, there is excellent child care. Scholarships for people in their 20's, and work study programs are available. For more information, call Judy or Bob Baumann at 223-1299.

### The Lexington Havurah announces its Board of Directors for 1997-1998:

President - Judy Baumann  
Vice President - Ernie Cohen  
Secretary - Merle Wekstein  
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Religious Co-Chairs - Phil Berger, Stanley Saxe  
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Social - Steve Davis-Rosenbaum  
CKJF Representative - Robert Baumann

*Services and programs of the Lexington Havurah are open to everyone.*

Rabbi Litvin of the Louisville Chabad will lead a study session  
**Tuesday, July 15**  
at the CKJF office. 12:00 Noon.  
Kosher luncheon available.

## H A D A S S A H . . . . .

### School is not out: Hadassah Education

by Linda Ravvin

**E**ducation is always a year-round Hadassah activity and responsibility. There are many ways in which Hadassah is expanding its educational opportunities and focusing on women's, family's, and even men's issues.

Hadassah is leading the Jewish community in a campaign to outlaw health insurance discrimination of the basis of genetic factors. A broad-based coalition of women's health care, African-American and Jewish advocacy groups have joined forces with Hadassah to fight for the swift passage of Federal regulations to prevent such discrimination.

Strong backing for the legislation was prompted by studies done at Hadassah Hospital that found Ashkenazi women have a hereditary predisposition to breast and ovarian cancers. Please let our voices be heard in favor of

bills HR 306: Genetic Information Non-discrimination in Health Insurance Act of 1997, and S89: Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1997 by contacting Representative Scotty Baesler and Senators Wendell Ford and Mitch McConnell.

In the latest Hadassah Associates Advisor was a "Men's Health Corner" which presented a factual discussion of prostate health. It urges all men over the age of 40 to have a regular check-up which includes a prostate evaluation to rule out cancer. As is the case in breast and ovarian cancer, prostate cancer has a very high cure rate when diagnosed and treated in its early stages.

Feeling tired and klutzy? Procrastinate no longer! You can "Live and Be Well: Get Movin' with Hadassah," an exercise video and companion book produced by the Health Education Department. It features three Hadassah members, each exercising at different fitness levels to the sounds and

rhythms of *Rebbe Soul and The Real Complete Jewish Party Music Collection*. It promotes aerobic exercise as a powerful weapon against cardio-vascular disease and osteoporosis, in addition to being an excellent way to reduce stress and increase fitness. The hour long video is one of Hadassah's ways of saying "Your Body IS a Beautiful Responsibility."

Heroes, teachers, and mentors are always in demand! Help fill this demand by becoming a tutor to a child in preschool through grade six. Throughout the country Hadassah is joining the nationwide Read\* Write\* Now! Partners Tutoring program alongside nearly 200 other national organizations and corporate entities. The development and distribution of a tutoring manual, prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Education, was spearheaded by Hadassah.

Members have taken up the challenge to improve literacy by being paired with a child as a

reading partner. Two tutoring sessions a week are suggested, each lasting about 35 minutes, for a 12 week period. Each session combines repeated reading, paired reading and reading skills activities. Please consider this volunteer opportunity for the next school year.

These are only a few of the many areas in which Hadassah is providing the means to educate ourselves and others. Hadassah, of course, has not abandoned its many other programs such as Zionist education, world Jewish events, and history. However, even though reaching its 85th anniversary, Hadassah is always aware of and responding to new and developing needs of its members, their families and society as a whole.

For more information about Hadassah education, please call Sharon Wainshilbaum at (606) 268-2579.

### President's message

by Rhoda Kay

Hadassah's 1996-97 year has drawn to a close and our new year has begun. This is a historic year for Zionism (the 100th birthday), the State of Israel (50th birthday), and Hadassah (85th birthday).

Our past year was very busy and successful. We had excellent programming events, such as Jewish music through the ages, osteoporosis awareness, and learning Jewish baking. This is thanks to the efforts of Sandy Berger and Sharon Wainshilbaum.

Our new executive board is in place and planning for this year has begun. In order to continue our success we need YOU! We need you to help us with fresh ideas, to plan programs, special events, and fund raisers. So please be a participant. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call me--Rhoda--at 263-8427. I look forward to hearing from you. Have a great summer!



## OHAVAY ZION SYNAGOGUE

### Service Schedule

June 1997      Iyyar - Sivan 5757

**June 6-7, Sivan 2**  
Shabbat Be-Midbar  
AARON BOWLING BAR MITZVAH

<b>Friday Evening 8:00 pm</b> Bima Rick Zimmerman Oneg Aviva & Lewis Bowling, in honor of Aaron's Bar Mitzvah	<b>Shabbat Morning</b> Preliminary Service 9:30 am Shacharit 10:00 am Bima Rick Zimmerman English Reader      No English Reading
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**June 13-14, Sivan 9**  
Shabbat Naso

<b>Friday Evening 8:00 pm</b> Bima Mike Adas Oneg Robin & Harold Roth Paula & Bennett Bayer Carolyn Bayer Karen & Steve Edelstein	<b>Shabbat Morning</b> Preliminary Service 9:30 am Shacharit 10:00 am Bima Herb Fertig English Reader      Gabbai Steve Caller Torah Reader Oscar Haber Bets Caller
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**June 20-21, Sivan 16**  
Shabbat Be-Ha'alotcha

<b>Friday Evening 8:00 pm</b> Bima Charlie Spiegel Oneg Zaida & Sydney Gail Deth Gail	<b>Shabbat Morning</b> Preliminary Service 9:30 am Shacharit 10:00 am Bima Steve Caller English Reader      Gabbai David Marwil Torah Reader Rafi Finkel Harriet Adas
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**June 27-28, Sivan 23**  
Shabbat Shelach

<b>Friday Evening 8:00 pm</b> Bima Rick Harrison Oneg Susan & Jim Rakes Joan & Bob Plushman Steve Babys	<b>Shabbat Morning</b> Preliminary Service 9:30 am Shacharit 10:00 am Bima Kathy Knot English Reader      Gabbai Beth Goldstein Torah Reader OZS Kim Shapiro
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July 1997      Sivan - Tammuz 5757

**July 4-5, Sivan 30**  
Shabbat Korach

<b>Friday Evening 8:00 pm</b> Bima Kathy Feinberg Oneg NO ONEG	<b>Shabbat Morning</b> Preliminary Service 9:30 am Shacharit 10:00 am Bima Sandy Archer Gabbai Harold Roth Torah Reader Uriel Smith
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**July 11-12, Tammuz 7**  
Shabbat Chukat

<b>Friday Evening 8:00 pm</b> Bima Bennett Bayer Oneg NO ONEG	<b>Shabbat Morning</b> Preliminary Service 9:30 am Shacharit 10:00 am Bima Kathy Grossman Gabbai Sue Levine Torah Reader Oscar Haber
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**July 18-19, Tammuz 14**  
Shabbat Balak

<b>Friday Evening 8:00 pm</b> Bima Lisa Satin Oneg NO ONEG	<b>Shabbat Morning</b> Preliminary Service 9:30 am Shacharit 10:00 am Bima Matt Cordova Gabbai Leon Cooper Torah Reader Rafi Finkel
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**July 25-26, Tammuz 21**  
Shabbat Shelach

<b>Friday Evening 8:00 pm</b> Bima Ginger Knight Oneg NO ONEG	<b>Shabbat Morning</b> Preliminary Service 9:30 am Shacharit 10:00 am Bima Bruce Broudy Gabbai Steve Caller Torah Reader OZS
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**PLEASE NOTE: Friday night services in JULY are at 8:00 PM!**

### Tikkun Layl Shavuot

ALL NIGHT  
TORAH-THON

Theme for 1997  
is Shabbat

Following evening services on **Tuesday, June 10**, we will begin studying Torah until the rising of the morning star, the earliest possible time for the morning service. Each study period of 50 minutes is followed by ten-minute nosh breaks. It is a unique experience. Join us for all or part of this Torah-thon.

**RACE UNITY WEEK  
IS JUNE 8-14**



Come to OZS for the showing of:  
**"NOT IN OUR TOWN"**  
**Monday, June 9,**  
**7 PM @ OZS**

sponsored by  
Mother to Mother  
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"Not in Our Town" is a movie about the true events that occurred in a small Montana city. A rock thrown through the window of a Jewish home displaying a Channukiya (Channukah Menorah) causes the citizens to send a strong message of solidarity that anti-Semitism is not welcome in their town.

### BLINTZ DINNER



Erev Shavuot  
**Tuesday, June 10th at 7:00 pm**  
**MAKE YOUR OWN BLINTZ!**  
You must RSVP with check by June 4th  
(this time, we mean it, Eileen won't make one extra blintz)

Menu: Salad  
Blintzes  
Your choice of toppings  
Iced tea & drinks for kids  
Cost: Adults \$9  
Kids under 12 \$5

Mail your check made payable to Ohavay Zion Synagogue to 2048 Edgewater Ct, Lexington, KY 40502. Please indicate the number of adults and children. Or you can call 266-8050 to make reservations and charge the amount to your VISA or MasterCard. Deadline is **Wednesday, June 4th**.

Please Note:  
**Friday Night Services in July**  
**are at 6:00 PM**

### HAVDALLAH PICNIC

**Saturday, June 14**  
**6:30 PM**

**Ecton Park**  
**(Turkeyfoot & Romany Rd.)**

Potluck - Bring a dairy dish,  
blankets, tennis racquet, etc.

We will provide drinks, volleyball

(Cancelled in case of rain)

No need to RSVP - Just show up!



Continued on page 16...see OZS

Shalom...June/July 1997...

## OZS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 1	Daven, Bagels & Talmud 7:30 am Torah Study 10:30am OZS Board Meeting 8pm
July 3	Social Action Committee at HOPE Center 5:30pm
July 4	Fourth of July - Office Closed <b>Services 6PM</b>
July 8	Daven, Bagels & Talmud 7:30 am Torah Study 10:30am
July 10	<b>BULLETIN DEADLINE</b> Educ Comm Mtg 7pm
July 11	<b>Services 6PM</b>
July 15	Daven, Bagels & Talmud 7:30 am Torah Study 10:30am
July 17	Social Action Comm Mtg 8pm @ OZS
July 18	<b>Services 6PM</b>
July 22	Shiva-Asar be-Tammuz Fast Day Daven, Bagels & Talmud 7:30 am Torah Study 10:30am
July 25	<b>Services 6PM</b>
July 29	Daven, Bagels & Talmud 7:30 am Torah Study 10:30am

**CALL Jimmy  
Mischner at 269-3783**



<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>
June 2	8:00 p.m.	St. Raphael's Archangels
June 9	8:00 p.m.	Victory Baptist
June 16	7:00 p.m.	Trinity Baptist

All games this year are at Athens "A" Field. The Athens Fields are located on the right of the highway after crossing over I-75 and just past the Holiday Inn-South. (Athens-Boonesboro Road is the continuation of Richmond Road past the Jacobson Park entrance).

So come out on Monday nights to **cheer on** our Wizards of OZ to victory!!

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## TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL

### SHABBAT SERVICES

#### Friday, June 6

Erev Shabbat Service 8 PM  
Torah Portion: Bemidbar  
Numbers 1:1-4:20  
Graduating Seniors will be honored  
Candle Blessor: *Leona Stern*  
Oneg Shabbat Hostesses/Hosts  
*Leona & Charles Stern*  
Judi Wurmser  
Linda & Jeff Noffsinger  
Cheryl Jonas  
Child Care Available

#### Saturday, June 7

Kollel Study Group 9:30-11:30 AM

#### Tuesday, June 10

Confirmation Service with Yizkor 7:30 PM

#### Friday, June 13

Erev Shabbat Service 8 PM  
Torah Portion: Naso  
Numbers 4:1-7:89  
Jeremy Gantz Bar Mitzvah  
Torah Portion:  
Candle Blessor: *Starr Gantz*  
Kiddush: *Bruce Gantz & Jeremy Gantz*  
Oneg Shabbat Hostesses/Hosts  
*Starr & Bruce Gantz and family*  
*Ida & Lester Waldman*  
*Ralph & Elayne Crystal*  
*Bonnie & Peter Sobel*  
Ushers: *Chas Hite*  
*Terri Potter*  
Child Care Available

#### Saturday, June 14

Torah Study 9:30 AM  
Worship 10:30 AM  
Jeremy Gantz Bar Mitzvah

#### Friday, June 20

Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM  
Torah Portion: Beha'alotcha  
Numbers 8:1-12:16  
NO Child Care Available

#### Saturday, June 21

Kollel Study Group 9:30-11:30 AM

#### Friday, June 27

Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM  
Torah Portion: Shelach-Lecha  
Numbers 13:1-15:41  
NO Child Care Available

#### Saturday, June 28

Kollel Study Group 9:30-11:30 AM

#### Friday, July 4

Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM  
Torah Portion: Korach  
Numbers 16:1-18:32  
NO Child Care Available

#### Saturday, July 5

Kollel Study Group 9:30-11:30 AM

#### Friday, July 11

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 PM  
Torah Portion: Chukat  
Numbers 19:1-22:1  
NO Child Care Available

#### Saturday, July 12

Kollel Study Group 9:30-11:30 AM

#### Friday, July 18

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6 PM  
Torah Portion: Balak  
Numbers 22:2-25:9  
NO Child Care Available

#### Saturday, July 19

Kollel Study Group 9:30-11:30 AM

#### Friday, July 25

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6 PM  
Torah Portion: Pinchas  
Numbers 25:10-30:1  
NO Child Care Available

#### Saturday, July 26

Kollel Study Group 9:30-11:30 AM

### Services on June 6 to Honor our TAI Graduating Seniors

**Ben Auerbach**  
son of Samye Miller

**Erin Baker**  
daughter of Ben & Ruth  
Baker

**Elissa Brown**  
daughter of David & Marcia  
Brown

**Jeremy Crystal**  
son of Ralph & Elayne  
Crystal

**Adam Miller**  
son of Jack & Susan Miller

**Kelli Newman**  
daughter of Larry & Janice  
Newman

**Lauren Sander**  
daughter of Jerry & Karen  
Sander

**Sydney Scher**  
daughter of Robert &  
Elizabeth Scher

**Andrea Silberman**  
daughter of Iris Silberman

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

#### Board of Trustees

Tuesday, June 3, 7:30 PM

#### Executive Committee

Thursday, June 26, 7:30 PM

#### Board of Trustees

Tuesday, July 1, 7:30 PM

#### Executive Committee

Thursday, July 31, 7:30 PM

### NEW MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

#### **Jerry Guttman**

Jerry is a psychologist working part-time with a consulting firm located in Atlantic City, New Jersey, doing air traffic control studies research. He is going to school at the University of Kentucky part-time and is pursuing a degree (BS) in computer science.

Jerry is the son of Joe & Estelle Hamburg and is a former Temple participant.

He likes music, hiking, camping, and day trips to surrounding towns.

The Temple welcomes Jerry to the congregation and his return to Lexington.

The Temple Adath Israel 1997/5757  
Confirmation Service will take place on  
Erev Shavuot, 6 Sivan/June 10, at 7:30 PM

The members of this year's class are:

<b>Aaron Cole</b>	<b>Ali Kaplan</b>
<b>Catherine Cole</b>	<b>Cheryl Loventhal</b>
<b>Jessica Dyer</b>	<b>Molly McCreary</b>
<b>Matthew Frank</b>	<b>Jeff Newman</b>
<b>Jason Goldfarb</b>	<b>Heather Ravvin</b>
<b>Shelley Harrison</b>	<b>Alicia Rose</b>
<b>Jim Hirsh</b>	

The community is welcome to attend this service  
and celebrate with the confirmands.

Mazel Tov to the students and their families.

### SISTERHOOD BLOOD DONORS JAN.-FEB.-MARCH

Thanks to the following people who donated blood for the Sisterhood Blood Donor listing. All are appreciated.

Ben Baker  
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## COMMUNITY

# Bar Mitzvahs . . .

*With great pride and much love we invite you to join us in this special simcha as our son*

**Aaron**

*is called to the Torah on  
Saturday, the seventh of June  
Nineteen hundred ninety-seven  
at ten o'clock in the morning,  
Ohavay Zion Synagogue  
Lexington, Kentucky*

*Kiddush luncheon following services  
Aaron will also conduct services  
Friday evening at eight o'clock*

*Lewis and Vivian Bowling*

We would be delighted to have you  
worship with us when our son

**Jeremy Breck**

is called to the Torah  
as a Bar Mitzvah  
on Saturday, June 14, 1997  
at 10:30 AM

Temple Adath Israel  
124 North Ashland Avenue  
Lexington, Kentucky

**Starr and Bruce Gantz**

Luncheon and Dancing following services

## June 1997 Community Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>Super Sunday</b> Gall's Inc. 9:30 am - 8:00 pm Opening Board Orientation Meeting OZS 6:00 pm	2	3 TAI Board Meeting 7:30 pm	4 Hadassah General Meeting 7:30 pm <b>Yom Yerushalayim</b>	5 <b>Men's Division Campaign Event</b> Portabella's 7:30 pm	6	7 Aaron Bowling Bar Mitzvah
8	9	10 Hadassah Board Meeting 8:00 pm	11 CKJF OFFICE CLOSED <b>Shavuot</b>	12 CKJF OFFICE CLOSED	13	14 Jeremy Gantz Bar Mitzvah
15	16	17	18 CKJF Executive Committee 7:30 pm	19 Leisure Club Fellowship with Louisville TAI 11:00 am <b>Women's Division Campaign Event</b> The Hoffman's 7:30 pm	20	21
22 New Membership Committee Meeting OZS 10:00 am	23 OZS New Members BBQ 6:30 pm	24 CKJF Social Services Committee 5:30 pm CKJF Resettlement Committee 7:00 pm	25 CKJF Board Meeting 7:30 pm	26 TAI Executive Committee Meeting	27	28
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## COMMUNITY

# HADASSAH KIDS



Summer Kickoff - Pizza & Play  
at Kidsplace  
Thursday, June 5, 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Kids cost \$4.95 each, Adults \$2.00 each  
RSVP to Shirley Bryan at 272-1851 by June 3.



Hadassah Kids is a special interest group of the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah. Year-round activities involve summer play groups, holiday parties throughout the year, and special activities for children during regular Hadassah meetings. The group welcomes any Hadassah members' children or grandchildren. Children must be accompanied by an adult for all activities.

Hadassah memberships are available at all functions at the cost of \$25.00 per year.

Activities this summer include age appropriate socializing and play for children ages newborn through 10 years old. To find out more about the Hadassah Kids summer schedule pick up your copy at our Kickoff party or contact

Kathy Feinberg at 223-1304 or Shirley Bryan at 272-1851.

## July 1997 Community Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7	8 Hadassah Board Meeting 8:00 pm	9	10	11	12
13 Small Cities Conference Chicago 9:30 am - 4:00 pm	14	15 Chabad Study 12:00 noon Deadline for Shalom	16	17 Leisure Club Outdoor Luncheon Ashland Henry Clay Home 11:45 am	18	19 Havurah Havdalah Under the Stars Shillito Park, Shelter #4 Time TBA
20	21	22 CKJF Social Services Committee 5:30 pm CKJF Resettlement Committee 7:00 pm Fast of 17th of Tammuz	23	24	25	26
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