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Tal Keinan Tells It Like It Is Campaign Kickoff Speaker Offers Ways We Can Help Israel

Evelyn Dantzie Geller

The opportunity to help Israel has never been greater." With these words, Tal Keinan, keynote speaker at the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation Kickoff event, began his motivating and information packed presentation. He emphasized several major avenues that Jews in the United States need to use to take advantage of this opportunity: generous campaign contributions, ongoing contact with our legislators, and factual communication with the media.

Why does Israel need our money? At the outset, the speaker assured us that none of the money sent to Israel via our campaigns goes to the government for military spending. All of it goes to The Jewish Agency and The Joint Distribution Committee for use in educational and social services, including the costs of health care and the costs of resettling immigrants from lands of persecution. The constant state of war in which Israel finds herself has decimated Israel's economy. Unemployment is at an all-time high of 11%! Tourism, previously Israel's largest industry has dwindled to a trickle. The needs

of new *olim*-immigrants are many and diverse. Schools need to be built, kept in good condition, and staffed. But the costs of maintaining a constant state of readiness against terrorism and out and out war are overwhelming and ever present. As Jews, as members of the same people, we Jews outside of Israel must respond to these needs.

What is it we need to discuss with our legislators and the media? Some of the more cogent points Keinan made were the following:

- This war is Arafat's choice. It is his response to an Israeli peace proposal.
- Civilian deaths in any conflict are horrible. But there is a difference between targeting innocents for death, as do the terrorists who invade Israel, and the tragic deaths of those who are killed collaterally as the result of essential military operations.
- Palestinian children are being taught to hate not only Israel and all Jews, but also the United States of America and her citizens. This hatred will have long-term repercussions unless the process can be

stopped now. The Palestinian Authority is the only agency that can intervene to halt this destructive pattern.

- "We, i.e., Israel, didn't ask for this war." The Palestinians were offered all of the conditions in the current Saudi proposal two years ago and refused them at that time!
- Jenin, a refugee camp that is administered by the United Nations, had facilities to make bombs. The point would seem to be that truth, and our gratitude to those who act in light of truth, needs to be our watchword.

The financial pathway received an immediate and positive response. Contributions from those attending this event answered the call with a 25 % card for card increase in pledges over those made last year.

Now it is up to all of us to see to communications. Although Keinan spoke generally about this area, I am taking the liberty of inserting some applications to our community. The Community Relations Committee of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation has a group, under the guidance of David Wekstein, that is writing letters to the local paper weekly to keep the public informed about the situation in Israel and events in the local Jewish community. Please contact Dr. Wekstein if you want to participate in this critical undertaking.

AIPAC, the primary Jewish lobbying group in our nation, needs our assistance in maintaining contact with our legislators. If the opportunity arises, write, call, or email any Kentucky legislator either to express thanks for an action or vote that supports Jewish causes and Israel, or to give factual information that will help that legislator make informed decisions. Be certain of your facts before initiating a contact, and cite authoritative sources whenever you can.

Tal Keinan is an *oleh* who followed the call of his heart to help our homeland, Israel. His words and conviction should help us follow the dictates of our hearts and do all that we should to help her as well.

CKJF to recognize Rabbi Smith, Lowell Nigoff, and Bret Caller at Annual Meeting June 19 New Federation Board Members Will Be Elected

Awards to three Central Kentuckians will highlight the Annual Meeting of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation Wednesday evening, June 19, 2002. Rabbi Uriel Smith, Lowell Nigoff and Bret Caller will each be recognized by a different award for their efforts in promoting and advancing the Central Kentucky Jewish community.

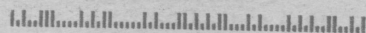
The President's Award will be presented to Rabbi Uri Smith for long-term service and exemplary effort on behalf of the Federation. Rabbi Smith, in his role as chair of the CKJF Community Relations Committee and as a community activist has represented Federation and the Jewish commu-

nity for many years in various forums, programs and interfaith dialogue groups. Both on and off campus Rabbi Smith has presented Jewish and Israeli viewpoints, both historical and contemporary, in his interactions with religious and lay leaders in Central Kentucky.

Volunteer of the Year Award is decided annually by the Federation Board, which has selected Lowell Nigoff as the 2002 recipient. Nigoff, who has co-chaired Super Sunday in past years, served as Federation vice-president this past year and is completing a term on the Federation Board is being cited for his leadership and commitment as Chair of

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Big Changes At CKJF New Office, New Website, New Computer System New Office Location

CKJF has moved to brighter and larger space on Chinoe Road in the Chinoe Center office building. The new office has two areas for committee meetings and volunteers, a

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Joann Cazden on the death of her husband,

Robert Cazden, on May 9, 2002

Robert Flashman on the death of his mother, **Esther Flashman**.

Clark & Shawn Mandel on the death of their father, **Bernard Mandel**.

Howard Rackmil on the death of his mother, **Lilly Rackmil**.

Bob & Jeannette Sloat on the death of Bob's father, **Robert E. Sloat** on April 9, 2002.

MAZEL TOV TO:

Joshua Adland on his election as NFTY-OV President. Joshua also won an all expense paid trip to St. Louis as a delegate at the Town Meeting on Tomorrow sponsored by the National Council on Youth Leadership. Joshua is the son of **Rabbi Jon & Sandy Adland**.

Mr. & Mrs. Viktor Badacker on the birth of their son, **Leo**, on April 21.

Aaron Davidson, age ten, who won at the Country & Regional Science Fair in March. He was judged to have the best fourth grade project in microbiology in the North-Central Kentucky region. Aaron is the son of **Jeff Davidson & Janet Tamaren**.

Steve & Debbie Flomenhoft, on the birth of their son, **Elisha Joshua**, on April 28, 2002.

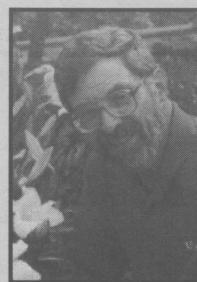
Bennet Goldstein for receiving the Youth Salute Award, the Youth Leadership Award, and the Academic Excellence Award for straight A's through his Jr. year. Bennet was also chosen as a Governor's Scholar and inducted into the National Honor Society as well as having his photos published in the Arts Across Kentucky magazine. Bennet is the son of **Dr. Steven & Susan Goldstein**.

Jonathan Grossman, a senior at Henry Clay High School, for being awarded a Bard Presidential Scholarship. He will be attending Bard College in Annandale-On-Hudson, New York, this fall. Jonathan is the son of **Kathy and Michael Grossman**.

Sarah L. Mandel-Anthony, daughter of **Elise Mandel & Joseph Anthony**, upon her graduation from UK, majoring in Spanish and Political Science.

Marshall Roorda, who won first place at the 4th grade level in creative writing sponsored by SMART Technologies, Inc. The competition was open to schools across the United States and Canada. The prize was a SMART board and floor stand to be given to the school. Marshall's novel, "In a Remote Lab in Death Valley," will be published on the SMART website. Marshall attends SCAPA and is the son of **Randall Roorda & Susan Cobin**.

Olga & Constantine Vulakh on the birth of their son, **David Aryeh**, on May 13.



President's Message

by
Stan Saxe

The First Year

It was during this first year of my serving as president of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation that the world as we know it changed forever. It was a year marked by terror in the U.S. and in Israel; a year which has seen the continued orchestration of a campaign to disparage the democratic state of Israel.

What could not be realized by the wars in 1948, 1967 and 1973, in which several Arab states prepared to invade and destroy Israel but were instead defeated, has led to a different type of aggression against Israel. On all fronts, in UN councils and conferences, despite what outrages take place in the world, what poverty exists, what injustices are put in place against women, what states allow human slavery to exist, the focus internationally is to demean and delegitimize the only democracy in the Middle East.

Israel epitomizes Western democracy in a region fighting perceived threats to medieval beliefs and governance. The United States is "The Great Satan" and vulnerable; Israel is "The Little Satan" not only vulnerable but a close and convenient target.

Religious fundamentalism in the Islamic world has borrowed heavily from classical anti-Semitism in its war against Israel. Hey, it's a Jewish state. Terror, always used against Israelis, became formally incorporated in the war launched by Arafat

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REFUAH SHLEMAH (get well wishes):

Marty Barr, Edie Frankel, Elaine Gellin, and Irv Rosenstein

CORRECTION

Condolences to Harry Cohen on the death of his father, **Robert Cohen**. His name was inadvertently omitted last month.

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Super Sunday Efforts Raise Significant Funds

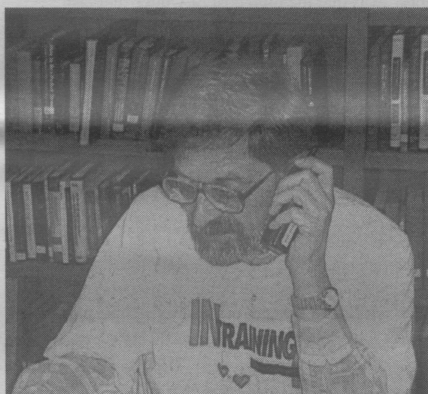
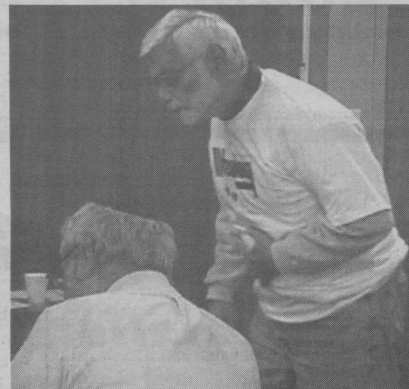
On May 19th, the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation held the 2002 Super Sunday Phone-a-Thon to raise funds, not only for the regular Community Campaign, but for the Israel Emergency Fund as well. A group of dedicated volunteers, led by Lowell Nigoff and Gail Cohen, gave us a great start in the grassroots campaign with more than \$10,000 raised on Sunday for the regular campaign. This money subsidizes Camp Shalom, provides scholarships and camperships, provides services through the Jewish Family Services, advocates for Israel, and contributes to the Birthright of Israel initiative that offers our teenagers an opportunity to travel to Israel. It also funds community programs and community-wide celebrations. An important part of the community campaign funds are used to fund programs in Israel, Eastern Europe, Africa, South America, and wherever Jews are in need.

In addition to the regular campaign, we raised an additional \$1,000 for the Israel Emergency Campaign, a national fund to provide Israel with extra financial help in this time of need, when the

tourist industry has collapsed, unemployment has reached over 11% and more than half a million Israeli children live below the poverty line. Because of critical defense needs, many social services are curtailed, hurting populations in need. It is our money, raised from local communities, that fund those services. Today, more than ever, we stand with Israel in spirit and in deeds.

Thanks to the following volunteers who helped make this Super Sunday such a successful one: Phil Berger, Sandy Berger, Ernie Cohen, Gail Cohen, Evelyn Dantzic Geller, Bennett Goldstein, Susan Goldstein, Larry Kant, Stephen Kesten, Lowell Nigoff, Judy Saxe, Stanley Saxe, Rabbi Uriel Smith, and Leona Stern.

Rabbi Uriel Smith, seated, and Phil Berger working at Super Sunday Phone-A-Thon.



CKJF President, Stan Saxe, calling prospective donor.

Lexington Havurah Elects New Officers

At its recent Annual Meeting, The Lexington Havurah elected new officers for the coming year, 5763.

Judith Saxe will serve as President, with Ernie Cohen taking on the roles of Vice-President and Bulletin Editor.

The rest of the board is composed of: Evelyn Dantzic Geller, Secretary; Terry Wilson, Treasurer; Rafi Finkel and Jeremy Popkin, Religious Committee Co-Chairs; Judith Goldsmith, Education Committee Chair; Michael Rie and David Wekstein, Membership Committee Co-Chairs; Judith Baumann, Social Committee Chair; and Rabbi Uriel Smith, CKJF Representative.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR NEEDED

The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation is looking for an energetic individual to work with the following areas of the organization:

- Community Activities Committee - Organizes programs such as the winter dinner, the summer boat ride, the trip to the Huntington Museum, and the annual celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut.
- Camp Shalom - Provides administrative and staff support for the Camp Shalom committee.
- Hillel - works with the Hillel Advisory Board and the Faculty Advisor to promote the Jewish Student organization's activities at the University of Kentucky and other campuses.
- Tikkun Lexington - works with the Tikkun steering committee to help promote volunteerism in the Jewish community.

Experience working with volunteers and familiarity with Judaism and the Jewish community required. This is a part-time position. Send cover letter and resume to:

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NOTE:

Lots of people are weighed down by guilt, over things they do every day, or over something they did maybe 30 years ago. We imagine that if we didn't feel guilty, nothing would restrain us from being bad and doing bad things.

In fact most people would be about as decent as they are now, even if they could eschew guilt. True antisocial people, those said to have no conscience, are only 3% of males, 1% of females.

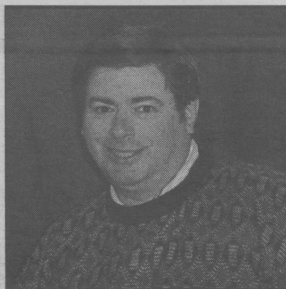
With guilt I excuse myself for doing the bad thing. This leaves me free to go on doing it.

For the most part, anticipating that we'd feel guilty doesn't keep us from doing bad. Rather, it handicaps us afterwards from using our full mental energies on present challenges.

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Is the race for Mayor a "Jewish issue?"

By Daniel Cheffec, Executive Director
Central Kentucky Jewish Federation

I have been reading a lot lately — like all of you — about the upcoming election for Mayor of Lexington. I could choose to see my interest in such a political contest as something completely separated from my "Jewish hat," and face it as just one more citizen for one city — but can I? While my Jewishness is only part of who I am and only one aspect of my total identity, it is nevertheless who I am. When I was studying hard sciences a long time ago, one of the areas of knowledge that attracted me was "epistemology" or the science of knowing. This branch of philosophy deals with the process by which we learn about the world. One of the most striking concepts in epistemology is the concept of "conditions." In order for us to learn, some conditions need to be part of the process; but sometimes those conditions by themselves are not enough. Science refers to those conditions as "necessary conditions" (they MUST be there) and "sufficient conditions" (they, by themselves or as a group, are enough to interpret what we see).

It is clear to me that while my "Jewish side" will always be a necessary part of the way I look at the world, it is not "sufficient." I am a Jew who was born in Argentina, lived there for a good part of my life, and immigrated to the United States. I am the sum of my experiences.

So when I look at the race for Mayor, it is all of me that reacts to it. Not just my "Jewish" side, but all of me. Yet it wouldn't be me if my Jewish side was not included. From that perspective, I believe that the race for mayor, like most political races, is missing the mark. As time goes by, the race becomes more and more about individuals and less and less about the issues our city confronts. Yet whoever wins the office will have to deal with those issues.

One big issue is the inequality of life. Some parts of the city are well connected and have all kind of services for their citizens, while other parts of town look isolated, with no access to basic services. This problem touches my "Jewish" soul and demands that we do something to fix it. Too many people roam the streets of Lexington without a home. One would be too many, but there are over 1000 homeless in town. Even more worrisome, there are many thousands of "working poor" — people who manage to make ends meet day by day but can be pushed into the street by many unforeseen circumstances. One of those circumstances was that the high cost of winter fuel last year motivated the start of the "Keep the Heat On" program. Did you know that in the nineteenth century, the first big Jewish charities in the Pale of Settlement were dedicated to providing winter fuel for poor Jews?

The question remains how to deal with the problem, not who is going to become mayor. We need adequate low income housing and we need to promote home ownership as ways to deal with the problem. We need adequate public transportation for people to get to work and for people to be able to move around town. We need health services accessible to everybody, and not just to those who can get there.

Tikkun Olam (there goes my Jewish hat again) is about restoring the wholeness of our human and natural environment, and to restore that wholeness we need to restore a balance.

As a Jew, as an Argentinian, as an American-by-choice, I just believe that we need to demand from each and every one of the candidates that they answer the hard question: How are they going to make Lexington better?

Shalom Deadline

Deadline for articles for the August Shalom is July 10.

Email articles to shalom@jewishlexington.org

Articles submitted in hard copy should be double-spaced.

Mideast 101

An Informational Seminar on the Current Mideast Crisis

The Women's Division of CKJF, led by Harriet Cooper, has put together a very different kind of program about the Middle East. It is not about the big political questions, but about understanding what is going on and how it is being perceived. It is about trying to find, together, answers to our questions.

Rachel Belin and Alison Caller have organized a program for women to be held June 20 at the Cafe Joseph Beth.

Have you ever wondered what cartoons

mean? Or why the Palestinians insist in sending suicide bombers into Israel? Or what happens to those who actually survive a suicide bombing attack? What does Arafat want? Or Sharon? Most important of all, how does it affect us?

We all face an increasing number of people asking these hard questions. Join us on June 20, at 6:30 PM at the Cafe Joseph Beth where we will discuss these issues together. Please RSVP by calling Alison at 266-5282 or Rachel at 269-5678. Or by email ckjf@jewishlexington.org

Annual Meeting (from page 1)

the CKJF Website Committee. The new CKJF website, www.jewishlexington.org made its debut this spring.

The Young Leadership Award, intended to recognize members of the community between the ages of 25 and 45 who have distinguished themselves in the service of the community and serve as role models for others, will be presented to Bret Caller for his ongoing role in promoting Federation. Caller serves on Federation's National Young Leadership Cabinet. Local activities included serving on CKJF's successful New Facilities Committee this past year where he played a key role in locating the space and negotiating the lease for our new location in the Chinoe Center.

The Annual Meeting is the time when the Federation's activities for the year are reported. President Stan Saxe will review committee activities and Executive Director Daniel Chejfec will report on the status of the Federation.

Annual elections for the approximately one-third of the at-large CKJF board members will be held. Of the total Board Membership of 24 who serve three year terms, 16 are elected at large by members of CKJF and a total of eight are appointed by the Presidents of Ohavay Zion Synagogue, Temple Adath Israel, The Lexington Havurah, and the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah. Membership in the CKJF and eligibility to vote is defined as contributing to the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation annual campaign. Members are encouraged to attend, vote and participate.

This year's CKJF Annual Meeting will be at 7:30 pm, Wednesday, June 19, 2002, in the social hall of Ohavay Zion Synagogue, Edgewater Court. Light refreshments will be served.

President's Message (from page 2)

and the Palestinian Authority in September, 2000. This current war of terror has deeply depressed the Israeli economy. In late May, The Wall Street Journal reported that since its founding in 1948 Israel has had strong growth but last year the economy contracted for the first time. We cannot tolerate anti-Semitism, not in Europe where it has been cultivated and promoted through the centuries, not here in the U.S., not anywhere else in the world. We cannot allow anti-Semitism to become accepted or tolerated. No longer can one kill Jews with impunity. We cannot tolerate a weakened Israel.

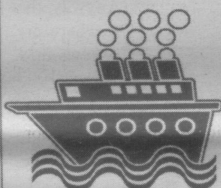
Our challenge today is to build a strong community here in Central Kentucky, one which promotes social justice and can respond to anti-Jewish, anti-Israel bias. This includes counteracting the organized efforts seen on college campuses, including the University of Kentucky, to wound Israel and its supporters. Our challenge is one we gladly accept.

Our challenge is to continue what we know is effective—programs of education and action. Educate those around us. Write elected officials, write the media, write checks. Our challenge, which we gladly accept as a Federation, is to develop additional creative and innovative programs of education and action and to implement them.

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Alexanderplatz Berlin: Cabaret Revisited

by Michael Grossman

Actually, that's not true. I had never physically been in Berlin before. My prior experience with Berlin had been through Alfred Döblin's *Alexanderplatz*, a brilliant novel depicting Berlin during the years between the two world wars; or perhaps as told through song and dance by Joel Grey and Liza Minnelli in the musical, *Cabaret*. Of course, there was also JFK's famous misstatement of "Ich bin ein Berliner" (a doughnut) and Reagan's lecture to Gorbachav "Tear down that Wall." But all that changed last month when I went to Berlin for the first time.

I did not visit Berlin as part of some tour of Germany. I travel to Germany quite frequently on business. I overcame the raw emotion of being in Germany a long time ago. That's not to say that I don't look at elderly white haired men and women with a sense of curiosity ("Where were you sixty years ago? What happened to your Jewish neighbors?"). These days there are far more pink and orange aired, multi-pierced and tattooed young people in German cities than there are older folks. And yet, Berlin still has its own mystique.

Berlin! The name conjures up powerful images of demagoguery and war, terror and torture and death, airlifts and walls, East versus West, massive classical architecture, final solutions.

I went to Berlin as a Jew.

The cab driver, an African who had lived in Berlin for many years, pointed out a few sights on the drive from Tegel Airport to Gendarmenmarkt, where my hotel was located — a train station on the outskirts, where the Jews were put in rail cars to the camps. There is a modernistic memorial across from the station marking this sight. (The driver had no idea I was Jewish, and indeed he pointed out "non-Jewish" sights as well.)

Berlin is the fastest growing Jewish community in the world today! (Anyway, that's what I read). There are over 20,000 Jews in Berlin, and over 100,000 in Germany. The vast majority are recent arrivals from Russia and points east, who have far different traditions from German Jews.

I went to Berlin as a Jew.

The most striking "Jewish" site in Berlin is the new Jewish Museum. I know practically nothing about architecture, but the architecture of this building is so viscerally powerful that some have argued that the building should have been left empty so as not to diminish its power. This Daniel Libeskind building is complicated, but will stir emotions in even the most casual visitor, as it did for me. Libeskind used concepts of absence, emptiness, and the invisible — expressions of the disappearance of Jewish culture in the city — to design the building.

The building's shape is based on a Star of David that is intersected by a line. Libeskind says he had three goals in mind when designing the building: the enormous contribution to Berlin history made by its Jewish citizens, the necessity of integrating Holocaust memory into the consciousness of the city, and the acknowledgment of the erasure of Berlin's Jewish life. Inside, the spaces make the visitor uneasy and disoriented, to simulate the feeling of those who were exiled. A vast hollow cuts through the museum to mark what is gone. When the historical chronology reaches the rise of the Third Reich, the hall's walls, ceilings, and floor close in as the visitor proceeds. A chillingly hollow Holocaust Void, a dark windowless chamber, reminds visitors that much has been lost. This is punctuated at the end of the chamber by a recent sculpture of thousands of contorted metal faces. The Jewish Museum is not a Holocaust museum; rather, it is a history-teaching device that reaches back roughly 2000 years when the first Jews settled in Germany. It takes visitors through the ups and downs of Germany's once-thriving population of Jews who made major contributions to German art and industry until Hitler came to power.

The Hebrew inscription above the main entrance to the New Synagogue reads, "Open ye the gates to let a righteous nation in, a nation that keeps the faith." (Isaiah 26:2). The building was consecrated in 1866. With its 3200 seats, it was the largest Jewish house of worship in Germany. The Synagogue was desecrated and set aflame on Kristallnacht, but due to the actions of the precinct police chief, the building was saved from heavy damage. It was severely damaged by Allied bombs, and only the parts of the building closest to the street remained structurally intact. The facade of this

see *Berlin*, page 15

Leisure Club Ventures Out of Lexington

By Fran Morris, Director
Jewish Family Services

On Thursday, May 16, a group of adventurous Central Kentucky Jewish Federation Leisure Club members boarded a mini-bus to travel to Pin Oak Stud Farm near Midway, Kentucky. It was a lovely drive to the farm, and educational as well.



Our tour guide, Judy Kenzel, acquaints us with some historical facts about Lexington.

Our tour guide, Judy Kenzel, from The Lexington Connection, a local tour company, provided interesting information about the land we were driving through. Once we got to the farm, an employee of Pin Oak Stud boarded the bus and accompanied us around the property. We saw some mares and foals along our way to a yearling barn. It was good to be able to see these magnificent animals up close, though we had to be careful not to get too close, as these horses have been known to bite the hands of tourists! We were pleased with a fun, short trip away from Lexington. When we returned to town, some of us gathered together to eat lunch.



Suzanne Snyder makes friends with a horse.

A representative from the farm tells us about the horses in this particular barn.



Albert Moser, Ruth Moser, and Pauline Ravvin pose outside the barn in front of the tour bus.

In June, the Leisure Club committee is going to meet to discuss the direction for Leisure Club over the next six months, and plan some new, exciting events. Anyone who is interested in becoming a part of this committee is welcome to join us. We will meet on June 13, 2002 at 1:00 PM at the new CKJF office. It is located in the Chinoo Center at 1050 Chinoo Road, Suite #203. Please call 269-8244 to RSVP or for more information.

Back by popular demand, on July 25, the Leisure Club will get together to play bingo and eat a pizza lunch. We will meet again at Ohavay Zion Synagogue at 12:15 PM. The cost will be \$2 per person which can be paid at the time of the event. Please show your support for Leisure Club and join us on July 25! To RSVP, please call 269-8244.

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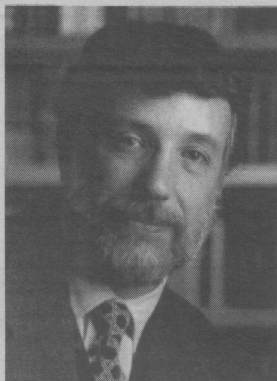
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Rabbi Adland is the spiritual leader of Temple Adath Israel of Lexington.

During the summer months, on many Shabbatot we read portions from the fourth book of the Torah, Bemidbar or The Book of Numbers. This book takes us on the journey of the Israelite community from the time they finally reached the border of the land of Canaan through the moment they were told that because of their lack of faith they would have to wander for another generation of people to the time they finally come back, now ready to cross over the Jordan River into the land. Along the way, the people face a number of tests including rebellion, the curse/blessing of a prophet, laws and rules concerning adultery and intermarriage, and more. We read about Joshua, Caleb, Korach, Pinchas, Balak, Balaam, and a talking donkey. The Book of Numbers is a very colorful book to read.

We can draw many lessons from this book, but often we focus on just one portion and one story at a time instead of looking at the whole picture: the wandering Jews. This is the chapter this comes from. We wander a little in Exodus going from Egypt to Sinai. We wander some in Genesis basically going back and forth from Canaan to Egypt or from Canaan to the East. Most of the wandering in the Torah as people is in Numbers. Unfortunately, we must have learned this lesson too well as we have been wandering Jews for a long, long time. In fact, when in our history haven't we been on the move?

Certainly, there have been well-established Jewish communities in a number of cities and countries, but the number of Jews inhabiting these places has not been the majority of our people. Mostly, we moved when we were told to move or we moved because we had to move, and this happened all too frequently. In the last

Rabbi's Corner

20 years or so, lots of Jews left the former Soviet Union for Israel and the U.S. Ethiopian Jews headed to Israel. It is not all Jews moving at the same time, but some Jew in some place moving to a new opportunity, a new home, and a new hope.

For many centuries, the wandering Jewish community created new Jewish communities all over. There were Jewish communities from China to the mountains of Central Europe. There are Jewish communities in Central and South America and Southeastern Asia. As we settled in different areas we often took the best that these communities had to offer, learning about their foods, clothing, arts, music, and general culture. Jews adapted and adopted whatever we could into our Jewish lives. It would be very interesting, but very difficult to

paying dues that are meaningful and helpful to the next generation of young couples, many Jews opt out of organized religious life. Why pay when the kids are gone? Why pay when the Temple's services aren't used? Why pay more to support the Temple or Synagogue when the heart isn't in it?

Lest we think that this is just a religious institution issue, it is also hitting the pocket-books of many, if not most, other Jewish agencies. Many wandering Jews don't make the Jewish community of their residence the same priority of Jews born in the town or city. The "native" Jews see the historical value of the congregation, the federation, the women's groups, etc. They want to see the work of their mothers and fathers continued into the future generations. Sometimes the "native" Jews can trace their ancestry back three, four, five and even six generations. They are willing to put in whatever is necessary to keep things going. It is their history and legacy, and I commend them and encourage them to continuing doing so. It is the "non-native" who also must learn the value of the past in order to insure the future and this is where you and I come in, for most of us reading this column don't have a long history in Central Kentucky.

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discern what, if any, of our Jewish lives comes from even the early second Temple period. Jews are a collection of the events, people, and places we have been and we have met.

Yet, I am concerned about the wandering Jewish community in today's United States. Many of today's young people don't stay in the communities in which they were raised. Though this has been an issue for many years for some Jews, today the Jewish community is incredibly mobile. What this means for synagogues in particular, and other local Jewish organizations in general, is important. What I am seeing is deterioration in the loyalty of Jews to the Jewish institutions in their community. Look at our own local religious institutions. How many people in these congregations were actually members from birth? How many people move to a community and stay members for life? How many people live out their later years in the community where they spent the bulk of their adult lives? With the deterioration of loyalty come economic issues. Instead of

Jews are not going to stop wandering. Most of the children in today's religious schools in Lexington will not reside here. Many of the families belonging to the Temple and Synagogue will not live here after retirement. Because we can be mobile and move, we do so. Yet, it is important to leave a legacy to the next families who will wander here from some other locale. We need to leave our religious and non-religious institutions in the kind of shape that will make a difference to the child not yet even conceived. Generosity is not just for today, but for tomorrow. It is for the next generation of Jews to come to Lexington. It is for the next struggling family that wants to feel good about belonging even when the financial burden is overwhelming. It is for the next generation of people who want to learn about their Jewish heritage so that we can bring in the scholars to enrich that heritage. Being generous is not just about today, but about tomorrow. It is about thinking beyond the horizon. It is about wandering from place to place and finding the next place ready for you and me to be a Jew.

Camp Shalom A Hit With This Five-Year-Old

by Vicki Sword

Last summer my five-year-old son, Max, waited with excitement and some anxiety about his first camp experience. He was accustomed to a three-hour day at TAI Preschool but was a little concerned about being at camp all day with a lot of kids he didn't know, and he lacked some confidence in trying new things.

When I picked him up at the end of his first day at Camp Shalom, however, he greeted me with a huge smile on his face and told with great excitement about all the things they had done that day. He introduced me to several new friends and his counselors. Throughout the week I watched Max become more confident in himself and his ability to make new friends.

Max enjoyed the swimming, drama, music, and arts and crafts activities but was equally excited to share with me the things he learned every day. The philosophy of Camp Shalom is seen every day with the incredible staff; the kindness, patience and respect they

show toward the children makes this an extraordinary environment in which to learn and play. The senior staff and the outstanding young people working as counselors bring an incredible amount of knowledge, creativity and energy.

I was so impressed with the time and effort put into making this a quality experience for children that I am now serving on the Camp Shalom Committee. Kathy Feinberg, Camp Director, and her senior staff have already begun developing the daily schedule with fun, creative, and educational activities. The theme of week one will be Taking Care of the Earth/Tikkun Olam and week two's focus will be Gifts From the Earth. The staff will incorporate the themes of family, animals, recycling and community into activities throughout the two weeks of camp.

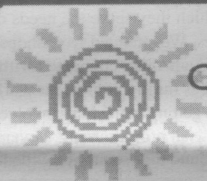
The enthusiasm and knowledge that Kathy and her staff bring to Camp Shalom will make this year another wonderful experience

the children will always remember.

I believe another blessing of Camp Shalom is the opportunity for Jewish and non-Jewish children to be learning about Jewish life, community and values while learning and playing together. As a parent of a non-Jewish child, I believe Max is a richer person because of what he has learned and experienced through TAI Preschool and Camp Shalom.

When I ask Max about his memories of Camp Shalom last year he says he loved swimming, music and drama activities, "making cool stuff," "Awards Day because everybody gets a medal," and the staff and counselors. Another indication of what a memorable experience this was for Max is that he still has his Camp Shalom group picture on his bulletin board and has his "Best Personality Medal" displayed proudly in his room.

We are looking forward to another memorable experience with Camp Shalom 2002!



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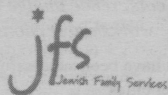
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Dear JFS,

I have recently arrived in Lexington, and need a place to live. I am 80 years old, and I am quickly depleting my finances by staying in hotels. How can I find a place to live that I can afford? How long will it take? I have no family or friends to help me. I feel so alone.

Sincerely,
Gentleman in need

Dear Gentleman,

You have come to the right place, and please know that you are not alone any longer. Jewish Family Services provides individuals like yourself with assistance when they may not know where else to turn. Your situation is urgent, for sure, and I will be happy to meet with you in person to discuss your needs further and find the best housing situation for you.

In general, I would recommend finding subsidized housing for someone who is elderly and lives on a fixed income. You are over age 62, and if your income from social security and any other source is less than \$19,700 per year, then you will qualify for subsidized housing. Once it is determined that you do qualify for subsidized housing, it takes about one month to process an application with the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Housing Authority, which is the organization that administers low-income housing in Lexington. This means that you would pay only 30% of your adjusted gross monthly income on rent. Thus, if your income is about \$700 per month, you would pay only about \$200 per

month on rent.

You can find a list of subsidized housing apartment buildings in the Pathways guidebook, which can be obtained at no cost from the Senior Citizen Center on Nicholasville Road. Some of the apartment complexes require that you apply directly to them, while others require that you apply in person at the Housing Authority. The Housing Authority is located at 300 W. New Circle Road. Since there are several different apartments in town that provide subsidized units, it is likely that there will be availability at one of them in about a month from the date you apply, which is also about the time it takes for your paperwork to be processed with the county. It is best to apply at several places at once,

in order to increase your chances of getting an apartment as soon as possible. Apply even if there is a short waiting list, since the other people on the list before you may already have obtained housing by the time they are called.

Please contact me as soon as possible so that we can discuss your situation further and talk about finding emergency temporary housing until a subsidized unit is available. It may be possible to find you a room in a private home for a short period of time. I can be reached at 269-8244, and I look forward to helping you make Lexington your new home.

Sincerely,
JFS

Lexingtonians Represented Jewish Family Services at National Conference

by Janice Newman and Fran Morris

From May 5-7, 2002 we attended the 30th annual conference of the Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies, in San Antonio, Texas. The theme of this year's conference was "Restoring the Hope," which was particularly apropos for human service organizations in the aftermath of September 11th. All plenary and workshop sessions were geared toward improving the work of our Jewish Family Service agencies through our professionals and lay leaders, as we understand that the continuity of the Jewish people can occur only through healthy families and individuals.

Some workshop sessions focused on organizing and strengthening Jewish Family Service advisory boards/committees, while others examined the need for additional volunteer lay leadership, while other sessions addressed the importance of including those Jews in our communities who are not already affiliated with organized religious institutions. Also important to all of our agencies was a discussion of ways to help our Jewish Family Service agencies grow through continued community support, and through the

support of government grants and foundations. It is imperative to find new ways to generate funds for the continuation and expansion of our crucial services.

We learned that in many communities there are individuals who contribute to Jewish Family Services directly as private donors for causes about

which they are most passionate. It was very helpful for our local agency to learn how other Jewish Family Service directors and professionals deal with difficult service-related issues, and the ways in which they serve the needs of their own communities. We attended workshops on how to get individuals more connected with Jewish Family Services through volunteer work, as well as workshops on getting individuals involved through innovative Jewish programming. Several other JFS agencies around the country provided models of programs



Janice Newman and Fran Morris visit the AJFCA conference lounge in between workshop sessions.

that have been successful, and can be replicated in other cities.

One invaluable aspect of this weekend was the chance to network with other small JFS agencies. It was constructive to converse with other directors and board/committee leaders who face many of the same challenges we face here in the Central see **JFS National Conference**, page 13

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Barbara Sofer Speaks at Hadassah Board Installation

by Judy Levine

On May 21 Barbara Sofer, Israeli journalist and author, was the featured speaker at the installation of the Lexington

Chapter's new board of Directors. Barbara made aliyah to Israel in 1971. Since that time she has



Barbara Sofer speaks at Hadassah closing meeting.

married and raised five sabra children. She is Public Relations/Communications Director for Hadassah in Israel; a

journalist writing regularly for the *Jerusalem Post*,

The New York Times, *The Boston Globe*, *Hadassah Magazine*, and a newsletter posted on her web site (www.barbarasofer.com); and author of three books. Her first, *Shalom Chaver*, honors the memory of Yitzhak Rabin; her novel, *Thirteenth Hour*, is set in Hadassah Hospital, and the other is a travel book for children, *Kids Love Israel*; *Israel Loves Kids*.

"How Hadassah Builds Bridges to Peace"

Barbara Sofer's discussion centered on Israeli responses to the present situation. Arafat's rejection of concessions former Prime Minister Barak proposed left most Israelis, both those on the left and those on the right, feeling as if they are stuck in a box with no way out. Right and Left are united now only by their despair, their lack of hope in finding a peaceful solution to crisis after crisis caused by Palestinian terrorism.

Yet, she suggested, the Hadassah model might offer a possible way out of that box. The latest Palestinian intifada resulted in the admission and treatment of an additional 1700 patients, placing tremendous strains on hospital resources. Both Ein Kerem and Mt. Scopus are literally bursting at the seams. Yet no one needing treatment, Arab or Jew, has been turned away.

Who are these patients? One, seven year old Mahmoud Atiah, suffered from a rare blood disease and needed a bone marrow transplant. He and his mother traveled to Hadassah Hospital for treatment. Fortunately, his brother, Omar, was a perfect match. But, unfortunately, Omar and his father were stuck in Ramallah when the Israeli Defense Forces had to close the city's borders because of Arafat's refusal to address the repeated horrors of Palestinian terrorism. Physicians at Hadassah Hospital requested that the IDF arrange to have brother and father brought to Ein Kerem where the ambulance was greeted at the emergency room door by the surgeon who immediately performed the operation. And when Mahmoud and his brother recovered, the IDF also arranged to have the family safely returned to their home in Ramallah. Because the family had no National

Health Insurance, Hadassah Hospital absorbed all costs.

Another patient is Clara, a 73 year old Holocaust survivor who was interned in Cypress by the British when she and her husband attempted to immigrate to what was then Palestine. Now a widow on a limited income, she and a friend decided to go to the Park Hotel in Netanya for Seder as a special Passover treat. Her friend died instantly in that infamous suicide bombing that so shocked us all, murdered along with so many others as they prepared to celebrate this joyous holiday. Clara is still a patient at Hadassah Hospital, paralyzed from the waist down.

And there are others. Palestinian terrorists wounded during the invasion of the Church of the Nativity are treated, often in contiguous rooms, to the Druse and Israeli members of the IDF they shot in Manger Square. One had to be chained to the bed because of his assault on a nurse he tried to choke. Others had to be kept under armed guard. Were the staff angry? Frustrated? Certainly. But they coped and they treated.

The Hadassah model is not theoretical. Victims and perpetrators alike, despite the cracks and anger, are treated in an open setting where the press is welcomed to check the system. This is Hadassah's bedrock policy based on the injunction that Jews "must be good to those around them because we were slaves in Egypt." And while having sensitivity as a once enslaved people, we must also ensure that this will never happen again. We cannot allow Israel to be attacked or Israelis to be victims again. The real massacre occurred at the Park Hotel in Netanya, not at the limited rebel enclave in Jenin where Palestinian terrorists strapped bombs to six year old children to prevent being captured by the

IDF, where the IDF went house to house warning those inside to evacuate before demolishing buildings harboring bombers.



Gail and Ernie Cohen honored as newest Hadassah Founders.

Gail and Ernie Cohen Honored; Special Presentation to Nancy Menard

After Barbara Sofer's moving address, Marilyn Moosnick made a very special presentation, one that helps to ensure, among countless other Hadassah projects, the growth and continuation of Hadassah Hospital's excellent research and emergency services which have been recognized as the finest in the world. Marilyn announced that Gail and Ernie Cohen have become Lexington's newest



Janice Newman thanks outgoing President, Nancy Menard, on behalf of the Lexington Chapter.

Hadassah Founders with their gift of \$15,000. In doing so, they join the ranks of other Hadassah Founders: Linda and Leon Ravvin, Betty and Warren Rosenthal, Marilyn and Franklin Moosnick, Susan and Steve Goldstein and Judy and Stanley Saxe.

The special presentations culminated in the recognition of Nancy Menard, the outgoing Lexington Chapter President. During her tenure, Lexington Hadassah has flourished and grown. Under her leadership important projects including "Check It Out," a breast cancer detection program, and a program to encourage organ donation were initiated; ongoing projects such as Al Galgolim and the Women's Discussion Group received regional awards; and Donor, Membership and Life Membership goals were dramatically exceeded. On behalf of the entire Lexington Chapter, Marilyn Myers, immediate Past President of Hadassah Central States Region, and Janice Newman expressed our deep gratitude for Nancy's exceptional guidance and commitment to Hadassah ideals.

New Hadassah Board Installed; Alissa Levine Installed as President

In installing the new Board of Directors, Paula Janicki, past Central States Region President and National Board Member, chronicled Hadassah's 90



Paula Jarnecki installs Alissa Levine as new President of Lexington Hadassah.

see **Hadassah**, page 15



Warm weather is here to stay (I hope) and soon the dog days of summer will be upon us. Heavy meals go out the window; we all want something light and cool and refreshing.

Borscht was made for summertime. It takes advantage of fresh summer produce, it's easy to make without too much fuss in the kitchen, it can be made ahead and served when convenient, and it's healthy and refreshing. A bowl of cold borscht with some nice crusty bread and a salad is a wonderful, tasty summer supper.

If you've never considered making borscht, the following recipe is pretty easy and a great one to add to your repertoire. One word of caution: Beets

stain your hands. Either use gloves when handling them or be prepared to have your hands look a little funky for a day or two!

Borscht

Ingredients:

5 large beets
1 medium onion, cut in half
2 eggs
juice of one lemon
sugar to taste (about 1/4 cup)
2/3 teaspoon salt
sour cream or plain yogurt

Directions:

Wash and peel the beets and simmer in a quart of water until tender. Remove the beets, cool, and shred on the fine shredding disk of a food proces-

sor. Measure the liquid in which the beets have boiled and add enough water to make eight cups. Return the shredded beets to the liquid, add the onion, the lemon juice, and the sugar, and cook for 20 minutes. Beat the eggs well in a bowl, add the salt and a tablespoon of cold water. While beating, gradually stir about a quarter cup of the hot borscht into the eggs to temper them. Now return this mixture to the pot, stirring well as you add it in. Remove the onion. The borscht can be served either hot or cold. When serving cold, you can add a dollop of sour cream (or yogurt if you want to conserve on fat and calories) to give it a wonderful creamy texture and deep pink color. For variety you can try adding some diced cucumber or coarsely chopped hard boiled eggs.

United Jewish Communities Israel Emergency Campaign Gains Endorsements From Four Jewish Religious Movements

Overwhelming Unity of North American Jewish Community in Emergency Aid to Israel is "Historic"

New York – Monday, May 20, 2002 – Underscoring the overwhelming unity of the North American Jewish community as it stands in solidarity with Israel, the four religious movements of organized Judaism today announced their endorsement and support of the Israel Emergency Campaign of United Jewish Communities (UJC) and the Federations of North America.

Heads and representatives of the four movements – Conservative, Orthodox, Reconstructionist, and Reform – announced their endorsement and support of the UJC Israel Emergency Campaign at a press conference here this morning.

"Their participation here today, representing Jews of every religious affiliation, is historic," said UJC Chairman James S. Tisch. "Their endorsement of the Israel Emergency Campaign demonstrates the partnership between the federation system and the religious streams, the two major institutions of Jewish life."

"We share more than a commitment to the cause; we are truly one community," he continued. "When Jews are at risk, the Jewish people always come together. And when we speak in one voice, we display Jewish solidarity in action. So today, we have come together to voice our solidarity with the people of Israel, to decry the relentless acts of terror perpetrated on Israeli citizens and to commit to raising the hundreds of millions of dollars that Israel needs."

Information on donating to the UJC Israel Emergency Campaign is available at www.ujc.org or by calling 1-800-966-4UJC (1-800-966-4852). Donations may be sent to United Jewish Communities, Israel Appeal, P.O. Box 30,

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need, and translates Jewish values into social action on behalf of millions of Jews in hundreds of communities in North America, in towns and villages throughout Israel, in the former Soviet Union, and 60 countries around the world.

Save July 21 for a Riverboat Cruise

by Ruth Poley

The CKJF-sponsored riverboat cruise was such a great success last year, we've another one planned for this July 21.

The boat ride is a relaxing, cool way to spend a summer evening. Gliding down the Kentucky River, chatting with friends, chatting with strangers (new friends), just enjoying the breeze and the scenery will simply transport you to a calm and lovely place.

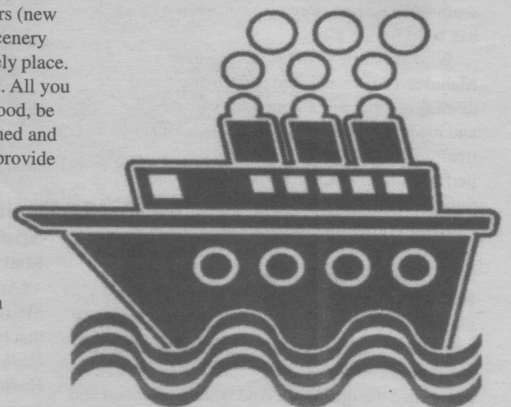
It's also the best way ever to do a picnic. All you need to bring is a party attitude and some food, be that a sandwich or a five course meal planned and executed by a group of friends. CKJF will provide soft drinks and ice, a dairy dessert, and all plates, cups, napkins, and utensils.

All this for the modest price of \$10 per adult or \$5 per child ages five to ten. Children four and under are free.

We will meet on the dock at Shakertown at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 21. The boat will return at 8:30 p.m. If you want more information or need directions to Shakertown, call the CKJF at 268-0672.

To reserve your place simply use the

reservation form on page 5 of this issue and return it to CKJF with your payment. Don't delay — if last year's response was any indication, this will be a sold-out event!



CKJF Helps Send Local Kids to Summer Camp

This year, Jewish Family Services of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation awarded \$12,912 in campership/scholarship funds for our Jewish children to attend summer camps. Each year, the Jewish Federation allocates a sum of money specifically for children in our community to attend non-profit Jewish summer camps, as well as to attend summer or year-long educational programs in Israel. This year we are proud to announce that we have assisted ten families and 15 children, who will attend six different camps.

Our mandate is to help every needy family in our community send their children to camp or to Israel. When necessary, the campership/scholarship committee requests additional funds from the board of CKJF to ensure that each family which qualifies for financial assistance receives it. We are able to assist with up to 60% of tuition per child, and \$1000 per child per Israel program.

The application process is simple, and if you haven't already taken advantage of this benefit, consider it for next year. Beginning in December of 2002, you can request a campership/scholar-

ship application from Jewish Family Services. Just mail it back in along with your 1040 tax return, and you will be notified by mail in early May about your award. The camps and Israel programs are paid directly by CKJF, and all personal information and applications are strictly confidential.

Since the applications for scholarships to Israel are not need-based, it is not necessary to send a 1040 with the completed application. Instead, children wishing to study in Israel must write a letter to the committee stating their reason, and desire, to travel to Israel, and how they will use what they have learned once they return home. If you have any questions about the campership/scholarship program through CKJF, please call 269-8244 or send an email to jfs@jewishlexington.org.

Dear Friends,

When the thirteenth birthday of a Jewish child approaches, the family is usually in the midst of the hectic preparations for a Bar or Bat Mitzvah. As the thirteenth birthday of our daughter Rachel approaches, we find ourselves in a situation unique to our family. We celebrated the occasion of our daughter Alison's Bat Mitzvah and keenly felt the significance of the event. Being called to the Torah and making note of the transition to personal responsibility for a Jewish life in front of family and friends was a moving and meaningful event. So in contemplating a bat mitzvah for Rachel, we had to give serious thought to the meaning of the event for Rachel.

Rachel was born with tuberous sclerosis and its numerous debilitating features. Seizures, hemiparesis and severe developmental delays and learning disabilities are everyday challenges to Rachel's life. To study for a traditional Bat Mitzvah was out of the question. What other options were there and what would be the meaning of pursuing any of them? What would Rachel know of the significance of the event? What would it mean for her to be a daughter of the commandments?

Rachel is not able to learn and recite the commandments. She does not know that religions exist in the world. But Rachel does know what it means to practice a spiritual life. She does not know this from study of Torah and other philosophies. Rachel knows this because the spirit of God lives within her in the purest form. Rachel lives in the moment. She gives freely of her love and affection. Rachel shares whatever she has with others without a thought of whether or not there will be enough for her. She may become angry, but never for very long and always with total forgiveness for those who have angered her. She does not judge people by how they look or the position they may hold. Only a loving heart carries any weight with her. Rachel does not spend time comparing her life to others or wanting what she does not have. She is accepting of the life that she has, despite the numerous obstacles that are in her way. It is easy to say that this is because she cannot understand that life is different for others. We are not sure that is so. And even if that is the truth, it does not diminish the fact that Rachel lives her life in accordance with the greatest teachings of the greatest teachers: to love and forgive and to treat others as you would have them treat you. So Rachel has accepted the teachings that we hope each Bar or Bat mitzvah will accept. She has become a daughter of the commandments with little fanfare and through the grace of God.

In honor of Rachel's Bat Mitzvah, we ask that you participate in a Mitzvah project, a contribution to the National Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance. Please open your hearts and your wallets and make a donation in honor of Rachel's Bat Mitzvah. A gift of \$18, the traditional chai to celebrate life, would be especially meaningful. The money you send will be spent on research into the prevention of Tuberous Sclerosis and on ways to assist the families whose lives have been greatly affected by it. Send your donations to: Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance, 801 Roeder Road, Suite 750, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910. Thank you very much.

L'Shalom, Marc Plavin and Toni Reiss

JFS National Conference (from page 10)

Kentucky Jewish community. These challenges range from reaching out to the interfaith/unaffiliated, to providing quality services to the elderly, and how to do it all with a very small agency budget.

We have come back to Lexington rejuvenated and energized about the work we do here at Jewish Family Services of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation. It is exciting to note the possibilities for future programming, and improved services for individuals and families.

If you are interested in learning more about the national AJFCA conference, please contact Janice Newman or Fran Morris; we would be happy to share our experiences further. If you are interested in becoming a part of our JFS family, either as a committee volunteer or as a Tikkun Lexington volunteer, please contact JFS at 269-8244 or jfs@jewishlexington.org.



Fran and Janice relaxed and dined on the Riverwalk in downtown San Antonio, after a long, productive day.

Letter To The Editor

Reader offers suggestions on how to support Israel

On several occasions I hear the question, "What can I do to help support Israel in her most difficult time?" Sometimes we feel paralyzed by the news media and the anti-semitic violence. The good news is there is a lot one can do and most of it is painless. Let me elaborate.

1. Give to the Jewish Federation's Emergency Campaign. The Federation is one of the most efficient vehicles for disbursing aid in Israel. Of course the dollar amount is important, but just as important is your participation. The numbers of donors send a signal to Washington that you care. Give whatever you can afford. But remember your brothers and sisters are in need!

2. Write, write, and write. Since Jews have one of the highest literacy rates in the country, now is the time to pick up your pen. You can submit letters to the local newspapers. It is important that Israel's supporters in our community be heard. It works! I

have been writing at least one letter a month to The Lexington Herald-Leader for the last few months. So far two have been printed. Write to your congressman (www.house.gov/fletcher). OK, so you don't have time to write. You can sign a petition asking the U.S. to stop funding the PLO (yes, we do!)

3. Join AIPAC (aipac.org). This is the official lobbying group for Israel in Washington. Now is the time to join. Although membership is officially \$54, if you can't afford it, they will accept whatever you can afford. Again, our numbers count before Congress. AIPAC also puts out an informative mailing.

4. Use your IRA for Israel. This is a painless and extremely effective way to support Israel. Just about all of us have IRAs. Do you know you can invest some or all your money in Israel Bonds? Right now you can buy a Zero Coupon Bond paying

7% interest; in this stock market environment this is a GREAT deal. Importantly it allows Israel to maintain infrastructure projects (desalination, new immigrant absorption, etc.) while freeing up vital resources to defend herself. Call 1-888-852-3195 toll free or israelbonds.com.

5. Stay informed: DON'T rely on CNN or NPR. I am amazed how the cable news networks receive the same news feed and put such a different spin on it. Last week while waiting for a Delta plane I was "forced" to watch CNN give the PLO five minutes of uninterrupted polemic without rebuttal. If you have cable, go to Fox News. If you have a computer go to jpost.com (*Jerusalem Post*), haaretzdaily.com (*Ha'Aretz* generally has good news, although its editorials are a bit slanted), israelnationalnews.com, or foxnews.com.

Steven Caller

Big Changes (from front page)

larger storage area, adequate parking spaces, and sufficient office space for staff, including Jewish Family Services. It should accommodate the needs and growth of our community over the next few years. The new office will also allow CKJF to concentrate its reading and audiovisual material for easier access by the community.

Stan Saxe, Federation President, cited the members of the search committee for a new facility for their efforts over the past two years. The committee included Steve Caller, Steve Kesten, Bret Caller and was chaired by immediate past CKJF president Marty Barr. "Special thanks go to Bret Caller for his commitment and work on behalf of the community in negotiating lease arrangements," said Saxe.

New Website to Link Community, Create Easier Access to CKJF

A new website for the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, online since May 1, has been announced by the CKJF Website Advisory Committee Chair, Lowell Nigoff. "The new website is linked to the national system of United Jewish Communities which includes news from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency updated three times daily," said Nigoff, who also serves as Federation vice-president.

The web address www.jewishlexington.org will give web users access to both national and local features. National features include in-depth articles and analyses of Jewish contemporary issues, background material on Jewish holidays and customs, and reviews of Jewish books.

A computerized dating counseling service gives advice on what to do and not to do in computer dating, and online recipes bring Jewish culinary delights to the computer screen. One can also explore "from Abba to Zohar" for the meaning and history of Yiddish and Hebrew words, or check the

myths and facts about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict online. Read about American Jewish cultural issues, such as the comeback of the Klezmer bands or the Jewish presence in Jazz and other manifestations of American Culture. Learn about Jewish communities of the world: their history, their institutions, and their daily life.

A number of local features will enhance communication within our community. These include a new community calendar enhanced to provide the community with a more complete picture of Jewish life in Central Kentucky, information on upcoming local programs open to the community, local highlights of Jewish life and links to local Jewish organizations.

Any member of the community can have his or her own e-mail address at "jewishlexington.org" at no cost, with 5MB storage room. Want to send a Jewish e-card? - you can do it for free through the website.

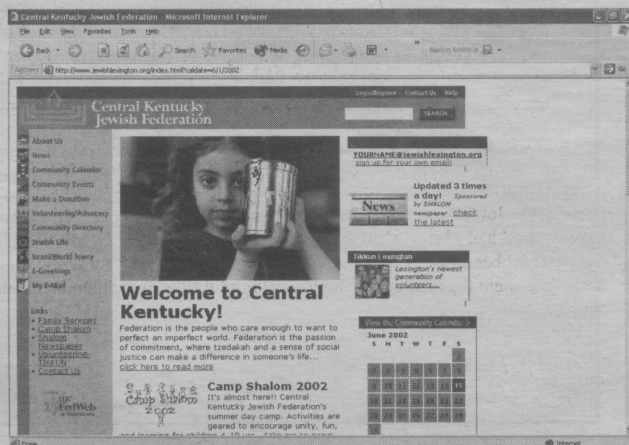
Future plans include a community chat room for issues of community interest, online registration and payment for

events and programs, as well as video links.

Zantker Foundation Funds New Computer Hardware

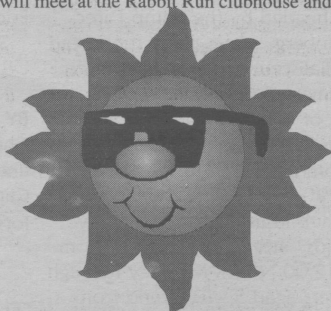
Installation of new additional computer hardware and support for the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation was announced by its Executive Director Daniel Chejfec. "Our computer system was out-of-date and inadequate for the growing needs of the organization, so we applied for a grant from the Zantker Foundation to update our equipment. Thanks to that grant, we have been able to change our computer system to deal with the growing needs of our Federation. We are better able to communicate and respond, for example, because each staff member now has an individual email box.

We thank the Zantker Foundation for its support and Vlad Seder for his volunteer help in defining the best way to fulfill our needs at a reasonable cost.



Lexington Singles to Enjoy Summer Fun

On June 23, 2002, the Lexington Singles group will get together for an afternoon of swimming, food, and games. We will meet at the Rabbit Run clubhouse and pool complex at 2 p.m. It is located at 1655 Rabbits Foot Trail, near the intersection of Harrodsburg Road and Wellington Way, across from the Palomar Center in Lexington. The cost is \$7 per person and can be paid at the time of the event. Please bring a friend! We'll order pizza and there will be plenty of snacks to enjoy. Swimming is optional, and games will be available to play inside the clubhouse. Please RSVP to jfs@jewishlexington.org, or call 269-8244 for more information.



Berlin (from page 6)

Moorish style building, with its magnificent domes, has been lovingly preserved. No longer a "Bet ha-kneset," the new interior is now a museum, housing exhibitions recalling the achievements of the Jewish people in Berlin and preserving the memory of the Jewish victims. A sign of the times: outside the building, Oranienburger Strasse 28-30 is surrounded by waist high concrete barricades, a police post, several police vehicles, a bomb protection vehicle, and a dozen fully armed blue-eyed, blond German militia protecting this sacred Jewish site.

A walk along the Topographie des Terrors, site of the former SS headquarters, interrogation cells, and torture chambers, illustrating the terrors and crimes of the Nazi era, is a chilling experience.

For evening entertainment I had a choice of attending a opera by a notorious anti-Semite (Wagner's *Siegfried*), or an opera by the son of a Cologne cantor (Offenbach's *Tales of Hoffman*). (A choice, incidentally, which I would not have had if I had been in Tel Aviv.) I chose the Offenbach opera — I preferred its curtain time. And I bought my ticket from an elderly, white-haired man, following a short period of good-natured negotiation.

I make it a point to visit sights of Jewish significance whenever I travel to Germany. I've visited synagogues and temples in Dusseldorf, Munich, Frankfurt, and now Berlin. I visit Jewish museums wherever I can find them, monuments, memorials, cemeteries as well. I've been to the Dachau concentration camp (located in the quaint and picturesque Munich suburb of Dachau). I do not avoid going to Germany — I actually enjoy traveling there, and feel a sense of pride as a Jew when I do. Only once did I

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encounter an uncomfortable situation — a German colleague with whom I had worked with for many years, an elderly, white-haired lawyer who had served in the German army during the war made some offensive comments about Jews in general (he did not know I was Jewish). Before I could respond, another business colleague, an American with whom I had also worked for many years, jumped in with the most offensive anti-Semitic blabber I had ever heard. He was unrepentant afterward, while my German colleague spent the next couple hours seeking forgiveness and understanding from me for his comments.

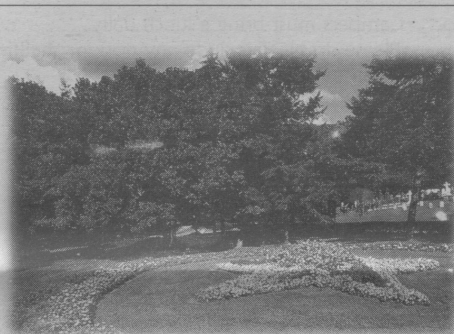
For many Jews, a visit to Berlin, or anywhere else in Germany, or even listening to Wagner, may not be easy. But I think when we do, we reclaim a small part of what was nearly taken away from us two generations ago.

Michael J. Grossman is a member of Ohavay Zion Synagogue and the Havurah; a Lexington resident since 1985; former CKJF board member; and Executive Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel of Clark Material Handling Company, headquartered in Lexington.

Hadassah (from page 6)

year commitment to *aruchat bat ami*, healing the daughter of my people. She charged the incoming board members to continue the mantle of leadership provided by Henrietta Szold, Alice Seligsberg, and Rose Halprin who "with dedication, decisiveness, and imagination forged our history and determined our destiny."

Paula then installed Alissa Levine as President of the Lexington Chapter. She noted her own pleasure in working this past year as Alissa's mentor in Hadassah's Young Leadership program, watching her grow in Hadassah knowledge and commitment. Alissa's father, Carl Herman, and aunt, Shirley Kalb (past national Board member and currently a Hadassah professional staff person) — who came to Lexington specifically for this occasion, watched with pride as Alissa accepted the presidency. Her acceptance focused on the accomplishments of the outgoing Board and her appreciation of Nancy Menard's leadership. She talked about the importance of continued support and growth of Hadassah programs, promising to carry on the successes of the past two years and asking the Lexington chapter to continue their history of dedication to Hadassah's values.



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We invite you to visit, and to inquire about interment options, perpetual care endowments and interest-free financing for pre-need purchases of burial lots, mausoleum crypts and columbarium niches.

The
Lexington Cemetery

Established 1849
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Welcome to Camp Shalom 2002

Camp Shalom is a day camp sponsored by the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation. Activities are geared to encourage unity, fun, and learning for children ages 4 through 10 years.

Jewish themes are incorporated into the daily program through music, games, drama, arts and crafts. At the end of each fun-filled week we will welcome the Sabbath together with candles, blessings, songs, and challah. Children of all denominations are invited to attend.

Our staff is headed by the Camp Director, Kathy Feinberg, who will be supported by adult specialists in arts & crafts, physical activities, drama, and pre-K camp. A terrific bunch of counselors round out the Camp Shalom line-up for 2002.

Camp Shalom 2002 will run for two weeks, July 29 - August 9, at the Lansdowne Club in Lexington, Kentucky. Our 4-year-olds* attend Pre-K Camp from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, Monday through Friday. Campers aged 5 - 10 attend from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday through

Friday.

STAFF WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR EARLY DROP-OFF AT 8:30 AM.

* PRE-K CAMPERS MUST HAVE BEEN 4 BY OCTOBER 1, 2001.

Children are enrolled on a weekly basis, and may attend one or both sessions. Let Camp Shalom provide your children with lots of fun and a lifetime of memories!

The Theme for
CAMP SHALOM 2002 is
The Environment & Jewish Life!!

Camper's Check List

Food: •Campers must bring a lunch daily.
•Please do NOT include any pork or shellfish.
Lunches will be refrigerated.
(Pre-K campers do not stay for lunch)

Attire: •Backpack
•Shorts and t-shirts
•Sneakers (no sandals please)

A non-refundable \$50 Registration fee, per camper, is due by May 15, 2002. This deposit will be applied towards tuition.
Balance due by June 19, 2002.



TUITION

Camp Shalom	\$135.00
5 - 10 yrs. old	per week
Pre-K Camp	\$ 70.00
4 yrs. old	per week

Swimming: Campers will be swimming every day, weather permitting. Please bring the following items:

- Sunscreen
- Swim suit & pool shoes (e.g. flip flops)
- Towel
- Goggles (optional)

Every camper will receive one very cool Camp Shalom t-shirt!

Enrollment is on a first come, first served basis. Early registration is strongly suggested.

CAMP SHALOM 2002 APPLICATION

July 29 - August 9, 2002 at the Lansdowne Club

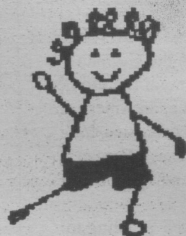
Parent's Name _____ Home Phone _____
Address _____ Business Phone _____
Child's Name _____ Age _____ Birthday _____

Please enroll for Camp Shalom (5-10 yrs. old):

Week 1: 7/29 - 8/2 X \$135 = _____

Week 2: 8/5 - 8/9 X \$135 = _____

Total Tuition = _____



Please enroll for Pre-K camp
(4 yrs. old by October 1, 2001)

Week 1: 7/29 - 8/2 X \$ 70 = _____

Week 2: 8/5 - 8/9 X \$ 70 = _____

Total Tuition = _____



NON-REFUNDABLE \$50 PER CAMPER DEPOSIT DUE WITH APPLICATION
BALANCE DUE BY JUNE 19, 2002

Please make checks payable to CKJF 1050 Chinoe Road, Suite 203, Lexington, KY 40502
Phone 859.268.0672



Around The Community



CKJF - Central Kentucky Jewish Federation (1050 Chinoe Road, Suite 203, 268-0672, Stan Saxe, President)

OZS - Ohavay Zion Synagogue (2048 Edgewater Court, 266-8050, Bennett Bayer, President)

Daily Minyan Mon.-Thurs. at 6:00 p.m.; Kabbalat Services Friday evening at 8:00 p.m., except the fourth Friday of the month at 6:00 p.m.;
Shabbat services Saturday at 9:45 a.m.

TAI - Temple Adath Israel (124 N. Ashland Ave., 269-2979, Judith Hersh, President)

Shabbat Services Friday 7:30 p.m.; Worship Service Saturday 10:30 a.m.

HAD - Lexington Chapter of Hadassah (Alissa Levine, President)

HAV - The Lexington Havurah, 269-4483 (Judith Saxe, President)

Shabbat Services monthly. Call for schedule.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Rosh Hodesh Tamuz Chabad Rabbi CKJF noon	JFS Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m. CKJF	Leisure Club Planning Meeting 1:00 p.m. CKJF		
June 9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Father's Day 16	17	18	CKJF Annual Meeting 7:30 p.m. OZS 19	Mideast 101 7-9 p.m. Joseph-Beth Cafe 20	April Edwards Bat Mitzvah OZS Lexington Havurah Kabbalat Shabbat 8pm Lex. Theological Seminary 21	April Edwards Bat Mitzvah OZS 22
Singles Pool Party 2pm Rabbit Run Clubhouse 23	24	25	CKJF Executive Meeting 6:00 p.m. CKJF Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. 26	Fast Of Tammuz 27	28	29
TAI Video Film Club 7pm TAI 30	July 1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	Chabad Rabbi CKJF noon 9	Shalom Deadline JFS Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m. CKJF Rosh Hodesh Av 10	11	12	13
14	15	16	Lexington Havurah Tishah B'av Services 8pm Lex. Hearing & Speech Center 17	18	19	20
CKJF Riverboat Cruise 6pm Shakertown 21	22	23	CKJF Executive Meeting 6:00 p.m. CKJF Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. 24	Leisure Club Bingo & Potluck 12:15pm OZS 25	26	27
28	Camp Shalom Lansdowne Club 1st day 29	Camp Shalom 30	Camp Shalom 31	Camp Shalom Camp Shalom Night at Applebee's Park August 1	Camp Shalom 2	3

OHAVAY ZION SYNAGOGUE

2048 Edgewater Court, 266-8050, Bennett Bayer, President

April Inez Edwards Bat Mitzvah

*Ohavay Zion Synagogue
joins together at 9:45 am*

Saturday, June 22

*as April Edwards is called to the Torah
as a Bat Mitzvah.*

*April will also lead the Friday Evening Service on
June 21 at 8:00 p.m.*

Upcoming Meeting

The Rosh Chodesh Group will meet on Rosh Chodesh Tammuz on Tuesday, June 11 at 7:30 pm in the Adult Lounge. The topic will be Leviticus, Chapter 25, the Jubilee Year. Call Sue Dworkin, 389-8888 for questions or information.

Ronald McDonald House Comforting With Food

The Ronald McDonald House provides a "home away from home" for families traveling to Lexington to seek medical care for their children. OZS is committed to providing dinner for the families on the Second Sunday of each month. The Ronald McDonald House is located right behind KET off Cooper Drive.

To sign up for a Sunday,
call Allison Caller @ 266-5282

Kadima (Middle School) will be going to
Kings Island on Sunday, June 9
from 7:30 am - 7:30 pm

God's Pantry A Family Night Out

God's Pantry has set aside the third Thursday of every month from 6-7:30 pm for OZS to rebag cereal, sort, and repack food. Please come and join us with the whole family to work together for a wonderful cause.

To sign up, please call
Angela Dubilier @ 266-1229

Mazel Tov

To our 2002-5762
graduating high school seniors!

Joshua Bayer

Aaron Bowling

Aman Brady

Bez Ezrine

Jonathan Grossman

Drew Harper

Elizabeth Rosenberg

Mike Spiegel

Eli Zimmerman

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124 N. Ashland Ave., 269-2979, Judith Hersh, President

Bat Mitzvah Molly Elizabeth Dunn

Please share our joy as our daughter
Molly Elizabeth Dunn
celebrates her Bat Mitzvah
on June 7 & 8, 2002

Molly is the daughter of Cindy Dunn and Gary Dunn

The Friday service begins at 7:30 PM

The Saturday service begins at 10:30 AM

Kiddush Luncheon will follow the Shabbat morning service

Upcoming Highlights

June 7

Molly Dunn Bat Mitzvah
High School Graduates honored

June 8

Molly Dunn Bat Mitzvah

July 19

Pre-Shabbat Oneg 8 PM
Shabbat 8:30 PM in the courtyard

July 26

Pre-Shabbat Oneg 8 PM
Shabbat 8:30 PM in the courtyard

August 2

Pre-Shabbat Oneg 8 PM
Shabbat 8:30 PM in the courtyard

Film, Food and Conversation

Video/Film Club

Next Meeting - June 30 & July 28 - TAI Library

7 PM - Movie (TBA) - Coffee & refreshments

Nosh & Discussion following film

Video/refreshments \$1.00

For more details contact

Fran Bloom/223-8700 • TAI/269-2979

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To our 2002-5762
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