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1988 CKJF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The CKJF board of directors began 1988 at its monthly meeting on January 27 with five new board members in attendance.

Re-elected to three year terms as directors were **Gail Cohen** and **Nancy Hoffman.** Joining them were:

Ruth Baker, a lifelong resident of Lexington and member of Temple Adath Israel. She served for two years as Temple Sisterhood President and on the Temple Board of Directors. She is currently a Temple Sisterhood board member, chairman of Operation Fingerprint, and a board member of People Against Child Exploitation. She is also working with a committee investigating a hands-on museum in Lexington. Ruth will be filling a one-year vacancy created when Bill Levy moved out of state.

Arlene Cohen, a member of and former board member of Ohavay Zion Synagogue. She is a member of Ohavay Zion Sisterhood and a life member of Hadassah. She has been active in the CKJF-UJA Campaigns for the past few years, twice chairing the Guardians of Zion Dinner. As well as being on the mother's committee at The Lexington School, Mrs. Cohen is active on a community project to establish a teen center in Lexington. Arlene will be filling a one-year vacancy created by the resignation of Gloria Katz.

Judith Saxe, the former CKJF Administrator, is currently President of the Central States Region of Hadassah. She is a member and past president of the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah; a founding member of the Lexington Havurah; a member of Ohavay Zion Syangogue and currently Sisterhood representative to the Religious Committee; and coordinator of the 1986 and 1987 Women's Plea for Soviet Jewry. Judy has participated in several programs for the National Conference of Christians and Jews, including being a facilitator of a Christian-Jewish dialogue group. Mrs. Saxe was elected to a three-year term.

David Wekstein, the Associate Director of the Sanders-Brown Center on Aging and a Professor of Physiology at U.K., will be returning to the CKJF board where he served as president from 1978-80. He is a former Chair of the Community Relations Committee, was UJA Treasurer from 1964-70, and chaired the annual campaign in 1972 and 1973. Dr. Wekstein is a past president of Ohavay Zion Synagogue and a founding member, past president present treasurer of the Lexington David was Havurah. elected three-year term.

Mark Wides, co-chair of this year's Super Sunday Campaign, is a member of Temple Adath Israel and its Brotherhood. A member of B'nai B'rith, Mr. Wides is on the Allocations Committee for the United Way, a board member of the Door and Hardware Institute, and a past president of Downtown Lions Club. Mark is the contract manager for Wides Materials Company and was elected to a three-year term.

1988 CKJF Board, continued...

Returning to the board as representatives of other organizations are Ellie Goldman, for a three-year term representing the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah, and Ron Fleischman, for a three-year term representing Ohavay Zion Synagogue.

Recently appointed to the CKJF board as a representative of Temple Adath Israel for a three-year term was Tomas Milch.

A resident of Lexington for nine years, Tomas has served as the treasurer of the Temple's Building Fund and has been on the Temple's New Members Committee. He is currently on its Budget and Finance Committee. Mr. Milch is a stock broker with Prudential-Bache and lectures on investments. A lecturer for the Small Business Development Center at the University of Kentucky, Tomas is married with two children.

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President Gail R. Cohen, (1990)
First Vice President Robert Baumann,
 (B'nai B'rith - 1988)
Second Vice President Simone Salomon,
 (02S - 1988)
Secretary Cheri Rose, (1989)
Treasurer Janice Brock, (1989)
At-Large Ellie Goldman, (HAD - 1990)
At-Large Joe Rosenberg, (1988)

Michael Ades (1988) Ruth Baker (1988) Philip Berger (1989) Arlene Cohen (1988) Harriet Cooper (1989) Ron Fleischman (OZS - 1990) Arthur Frank (DZS - 1989) Evelyn Geller (1989) Nancy Hoffman (1990) David Kaplan (TAI - 1989) Erle Levy (1988) Tomas Milch (TAI - 1990) Roy Peck (HAV - 1989) Nat Sandler (TAI - 1988) Judith Saxe (1990) David Wekstein (1990) Mark Wides (1990)

Jewish Organization Leadership

The CKJF Board of Directors joins with the leadership of other local Jewish organizations in expressing great optimism for the coming year and encourages each member of the Central Kentucky Jewish community to take part to the fullest extent in the activities and concerns of our community.

B'nai B'rith: James Levenson, Jr., President (271-4231)

B'nai B'rith Hillel: Susan Goldstein, Director (69-8415)

Lexington Chapter of Hadassah: Susan Mason, President (278-8312); Janice Brock, New Member Chair (269-4030)

Lexington Havurah: Terry Wilson, President (277-0979); David Sabritt, Membership Chair (266-7748)

Ohavay Zion Synagogue: Alan Stein, President (259-0680); Bruce Broudy, Membership Co-Chair (266-2770); Art Salomon, Membership Co-Chair (269-1585)

Ohavay Zion Sisterhood: Sue Ezrine, President (299-4404)

Temple Adath Israel: Ira Mersack, President (266-0953); Rose Rita Wurmser, Membership Chair (277-0217)

Temple Brotherhood: Paul Goldfarb, President (223-9521)

Temple Sisterhood: Cheri Rose, President (266-9542)

Temple Youth (LEXTY): Becky Birenbaum, President (277-9571)

Univ. of KY Faculty Assn. on Jewish Affairs: Steven Goldstein, President (269-8415)

Young Judaea: Ruth Belin, President (269-7776)

Jewish.

One who identifies with the destiny and ethics of the Jewish people.

Being Jewish has always meant accepting community responsibility. This responsibility has enabled us to endure as a people and build a nation. For the past 50 years, that responsibility has had a name. The United Jewish Appeal.

Because we're responsible, we've worked to provide a new life for the Jews who fled Ethiopia. We've worked to meet the growing social needs in Israel. In times of peace and in times of war. And we're working every day to rebuild deteriorating neighborhoods, to educate the underprivileged and to make food grow in barren deserts.

The UJA continues to work to make sure the responsibility we feel as Jews becomes the help our people need.

Jewish.

It's belief and responsibility and action. It's the United Jewish Appeal.

UJA

ONE PEOPLE, ONE DESTINY

1987 ANNUAL REPORTS

Executive Committee

This has been a very busy year for CKJF. There have been an enormous number of activities taking place. They are outlined in the various committee reports which follow. The committee system is the heart of operations of the Federation, and all members of the community are invited to volunteer to serve on committees.

It is the duty of the Executive Committee to coordinate the functions and activities of CKJF throughout the year. That includes overseeing the staff and office. As the volume of work in committees has increased, so has the workload of the office. The Federation owes a debt of gratitude to Administrator Linda Ravvin and Office Manager Beth Altenkirch for their efforts and dedication.

The Executive Committee is also responsible for the publication of this bulletin. It is a source of local, national and international news of Jewish interest and is distributed to the entire Jewish community of Central Kentucky. We were sorry to lose our Editor, Elissa Golin, who moved to Baltimore during the year. But we are very pleased that Charlotte Levy has agreed to accept this important position.

A board retreat was held last January to examine our goals and directions. Stuart Handmaker of Louisville, a leader in the Council of Jewish Federations, came to assist us in our deliberations. It was a time for airing of opinions and beginning to chart a course for the future.

"Shalom Lexington," the annual community welcome to newcomers, was held in August and chaired by Ellie Goldman and Joe Rosenberg. The event offered newcomers to Central Kentucky an opportunity to meet with and hear from representatives of all the Jewish organizations in the community about the purposes and programs of their groups.

The CKJF takes seriously its mandate to foster unity and cohesion in the Jewish community of Central Kentucky and makes every effort to work cooperatively with all Jewish organizations toward that end.

The officers of CKJF make up the Executive Committee: Gail Cohen, Bob Baumann, Simone Salomon, Cheri Rose, Janice Brock, Ellie Goldman and Joe Rosenberg. Past President Gloria Katz served in an ex-officio capacity.

Campaign Committee

The Campaign reflects the dynamic mutually supportive relationship between the United Jewish Appeal and the American Jewish communities. The UJA/Federation Campaign is the primary instrument for support of programs and services of Jews in Israel, overseas, and here at home. The objectives of the Campaign are to solicit gifts; to provide leadership in stimulating community fundraising; engender goodwill towards Israel, world Jewish community, and the organized Jewish community; and to seek allotment of maximum funds for overseas needs along with their timely collection and transmittal.

The Campaign also provides a framework within which members may contribute their time, energy and money for the common good. The Campaign is a means of strengthening our responsibility for the fulfillment of traditional Jewish values. It is through Campaign that all the wonderful programing in our own community is made available.

In more concrete terms, local efforts made possible by funds raised through Campaign include: the Forum Series, Camp Shalom, pre-school parties, Yom H'Atzmaut celebrations, Hillel, as well as all programming and services provided through the Social Services and Community Relations Committees. These include liaison programs with schools, camp scholarships, and emergency loans to name just a few.

In addition, CKJF contributes to many medical and social action charities including Community Kitchen and God's Pantry. We support causes that foster our Jewish ideals such as National Conference of Christians and Jews and the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League. In Eastern Europe through the Joint Distribution Committee, we sustain the remnant of the Jewish community by feeding them and enabling them to live as Jews. In Israel, we help our fellow Jews in the areas of immigration and absorption, housing, education, agriculture, and youth programs. We give special support to

Campaign Committee, continued ...

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underprivileged neighborhoods through Project Renewal. Wherever Jews need help, whether it be Ethiopia or Russia, we are committed.

The 1987 Campaign Committee was chaired by Gail Cohen and Simone Salomon. For the second year, Bob Baumann chaired the Men's Division. Nancy Hoffman chaired the Women's Division along with Ellie Goldman as co-chair and Cheri Rose as vice-chair. Vinnie Dubilier and Joe Rosenberg completed their second year as Super Sunday co-chairs. Israel Bonds was chaired by Charles Stern and Judy Baumann served as Project Renewal chair.

On November 6, 1986, the Women's Division had its Pacesetters Event at Amatos'. Gerald Meister spoke on "Politics and Religion: Campaign for the American Soul." The event, chaired by Marilyn Gall and Susan Goldstein, raised over \$20,000.

Guardians of Zion, the major gifts event of the Campaign was held in December of 1986 at Bugatti's. The event, chaired by Harry and Arlene Cohen, raised more than \$100,000.

On March 8, Women's Division held its Benefactors event at Bugatti's. Maxine Kronick presented her multi-media program "From the Shtetl With Love." The event, chaired by Janice Brock, Nancy Scher and Kim Rosenstein, raised \$2,400.

Men's Division continued its personal solicitation through the spring of 1987.

Super Sunday, on April 5, raised \$20,923. Over 300 gifts were made and of those, 56 were new gifts. The event involved many volunteers from all segments of the Jewish community. Super Sunday was fortunate to find a great new facility at the Chamber of Commerce.

The Israel Bonds Campaign had a reception at Steven and Susan Caller's on April 28. William Korey was guest speaker.

The Women's Division sponsored a solicitor training program in May.

Over 500 people pledged support of the 1987 CKJF-UJA Campaign:

General Campaign:

General Campaign:

Project Renewal 23,052.00

Local Use Only 2,618.00

Israel Only 10,950.00

for a total of: \$272,573.00. This represented a card-for-card increase of nearly 7 percent.



Bruce and Liz Broudy talk with Chairwoman Arlene Cohen at Guardians of Zion Dinner.

Community Activities Committee

Chaired by Nat Sandler, the CKJF Community Activities Committee saw an exciting year of activities for the Central Kentucky Jewish community.

Also serving on this committee with Nat were Susan Cantor, Forum Chair; Susan Goldstein, Austin Cantor, Joe Rosenberg and Marsha Willis-Fredman, Hillel leadership and representatives; Ginny Luftman, Terry Goldfarb and Toni Reiss-Plavin, pre-school holiday parties chairs; and Joyce Mischner and Cheri Rose, Camp Shalom chairs.

The Forum Series, chaired by Susan Cantor, presented "Reguesh", the Jewish musical group from Buenos Aires on February 1, 1987. Their appearance was presented in conjunction with the University of Kentucky Latin America Studies Program.

The Elizabeth Rosenberg Memorial Lecture was held in June when Gloria Goldreich, author of Leah's Journey, spoke on her writings and new book, West To Eden. She was extremely well received by the Jewish community as a whole. Her insights into the Jewish experience were quite fascinating, educational and entertaining.

In November the Forum Series presented a performance of the Israeli Chassidic Festival. Looking ahead, on March 20, 1988, Dr. Ilsa Schuster will talk on "Whither Survival: Israel and the Diaspora."

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The Elizabeth Rosenberg Memorial Program in May will present Jeffrey Fuerst speaking on "The Changing Image of the Jewish Woman: Not Just Molly Goldberg and Marjorie Morningstar." Elizabeth Rosenberg Memorial Programs are made possible through the endowment set up by the Rosenberg family in her memory.

We supported two cultural events -- a concert by Sofia Noel and Pedro Elias at U.K. in October and a concert by the Klezmer Conservatory Band at Berea College in October.

<u>Camp Shalom</u> completed a very successful three-week program, June 8th through the 26th at the campsite off of Richmond Road. Joyce Mischner chaired this successful program that drew a full compliment of campers.

Pre-School Holiday Parties, chaired by Ginny Luftman and Terry Goldfarb in 1986-87, provided a delightful Purim party in March. Toni Reiss-Plavin, 1987-88 chair, planned a similar gathering for Chanukah in December.

The award-winning movie Avanti Popolo was shown in honor of Israel Independence Day. We also had a film and lecturer from El Al Airlines as well as a visit from Chava Cohen, the Schlicha based in Louisville. Refreshments with an Israeli theme were served.

The Community Activities Committee once again assisted with the <u>Hillel</u> programs. Marsha Willis-Fredman and Joe Rosenberg served on the Hillel Advisory Committee. Susan Goldstein is Hillel Director and Austin Cantor is its Faculty Advisor.

Community Relations Committee

This past year can be characterized as one in which a new CRC chairman underestimated the task and the amount to be learned to accomplish the task. Much of the committee's energy was directed toward planning a workable agenda of activities.

Chaired by Phil Berger and co-chaired by Charlotte Baer, the committee consisted of Mike Ades, Judy Baumann, Gail Cohen, Harriet Cooper, Sheila DeKosky, David Feinberg, Ron Fleischman, Arthur Frank, Steven Goldstein, Anne Joseph, Martin Kaplan, Felice Kaufmann, Erle Levy, Jack Miller, Marilyn Moosnick, Roy Peck, Amanda Robison, Richard and Carmit Sadove, Judy Saxe, Jesse Weil and Lauren Weinberg.

The CRC was fortunate to host Irwin Schulman at a dinner meeting last May. Two themes emerged from this meeting. First, our CRC should develop programs within the limits of the professional staff, volunteer effort, and finances available to it. Each community CRC must develop a style which matches its resources; that is, set a realistic agenda. The second theme of Mr. Schulman's presentation was that our CRC should explore the possibility of initiating a program that would be directed at the Central Kentucky community at large, not just the Jewish community. Such a program, Mr. Schulman emphasized, should be consistent with the moral/ethical teachings of Judaism.

After a summer lull, the CRC began the planning process. Anne Joseph of the Kentucky Task Force on Hunger and Kathy Ganoe of the Blue Grass Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program were extremely helpful to the CRC as it pursued its new ecumenical goal.

CRC activities and those who volunteered to be prime implementors of them are: Soviet Jewry - Judy Saxe; Speakers' Bureau - Judy Baumann; School Liaison Program - Phil Berger; Kentucky Humanities Legacies Grant - Marilyn Moosnick; and Yom Hashoa and Community Volunteers - two programs that need chairmanship.

A brief word about the Community Volunteers program: The idea, originated by Marilyn Moosnick, is to have CKJF/CRC act as broker between community needs and Jewish colunteers. Our program would help identify groups or agencies that could use volunteers and also be a referral point for those groups or agencies which contact us for help in obtaining volunteers. In its discussion, committee members thought this type of activity was appropriate for a community-wide agency such as CKJF as it would serve to encourage unaffiliated members of the Jewish community to become involved with a CKJF program and would not compete with the activities of other Jewish organizations in the community.

The success of the Volunteers Program depends upon finding a willing individual to devote extensive time and energy to its development. It is worth considering hiring additional CKJF staff to support community and social welfare activities of

Social Services Committee

this sort, e.g., doing case work for emergency loans, and other social service referrals.

The Speakers' Bureau, under the leadership of Judy Baumann, continues to be a successful program. Last spring letters were sent to various organizations and schools in the Blue Grass area announcing the availability of speakers on various aspects of Judaism and Israel and of the videotape "And I Was There." Speaking requests have come from local schools and churches, Sue Bennett College, Frankfort and Winchester. Additional publicity is planned for early spring.

The School Liaison project sent a letter to Superintendent Walton in the spring asking for teachers' cooperation in scheduling examinations so as not to penalize Jewish students. This past fall, at the request of several parents, a follow-up letter was hand-delivered to Mr. Walton. During early 1988 the School Liaison project plans to hold informal discussions with School Board members and Superintendent Walton about examination scheduling and the use of school time and resources to celebrate religious holidays.

"The Jewish Experience in Kentucky" project, partially funded by the Kentucky Humanities Council, is progressing. Photography of the artifacts collected for the display is now in process. The Kentucky Humanities Council has shown great cooperation with us. We hope to bring this project to an end and put the "Jewish Experience in Kentucky" on display this spring.

The Soviet Jewry program, ably coordinated by Judy Saxe, sent a number of our community members to Washington, D.C. this past December to take part in the historic march in support of Soviet Jews. A program was held here in Central Kentucky as well.

Three committee members, Charlotte Baer, Judy Baumann, and Steven Goldstein, attended Workshop on Prejudice Reduction, sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Participants included senior executives/managers of Lexington organizations.

The committee received several requests for letters to support or to defeat proposed legislation; and, it responded accordingly.

The Social Services Committee of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation consisted of Evelyn D. Geller, Chair; Barbara Grossman, Merle Wekstein, Marilyn Gall, Bobbie Shain, Anne Joseph, Vinnie Dubilier, Nat Sandler, and Harold Baker. We wish to express our sincerest thanks to Linda Ravvin and Beth Altenkirch for implementing the work we generated.

This committee serves the Central Kentucky Jewish community by developing, administering and carrying out the following programs and activities: Emergency Loans, Catastrophic Social Needs Fund, Sue Friedman Family Life Education Program, Israel Scholarships, Jewish Camperships, Transient Relief Fund, New Americans Program, and other Community Programs.

The Sue Friedman Family Life Lecture was to have been held in November. Upon request from the CKJF Board it was deferred until late spring.

This year the committee proposed to the CKJF Board the creation of a social needs fund. We did this in response to numerous requests from Jewish families for financial and social assistance of proportion. It is evident to us there is an increasing segment of Central Kentucky Jewish community that is living on marginal subsistence. believe there is a real need for a family services arm of CKJF. The · Board authorized the establishment of a fund from which grants can be made, after careful screening, to deserving members of our community.

The program outlined above includes a need for a social worker. For equitable implementation of the services and functions established by this fund, a case worker, employed either on a part-time or a case-by-case basis, is essential. At its January meeting, the CKJF Board approved a budget of \$1000 for this purpose.

We also saw an increase in requests for transient relief and for services to Jewish prisoners at F.C.I. While this committee welcomes the opportunity to respond to social needs evidenced by Jews who come to this community on a temporary basis, we had to refer a request to visit Jewish prisoners at F.C.I. to B'nai B'rith.

Social Services, continued ...

The members of this committee would like to see the establishment of a "resources bank." This would involve developing and maintaining a list of services and people on whom we could call for assistance with such matters as finding jobs, legal aid, health care referrals, obtaining loans we are not equipped to

grant, etc.

The Social Services Committee plans to reorganize itself to better carry out its charge. We will have one subcommittee deal with camperships and scholarships and another to deal with distribution of funds requested for social need, loans, or transient relief. The latter group will consist of one member of the CKJF Board, three members of the Social Services Committee (including its chair), and one member of the Central Kentucky Jewish community (who is to be appointed by the Board). The committee as a whole will deal with the other functions assigned to this group.

The Central Kentucky Jewish community does not exist in limbo. We have the same social assets, needs, problems, concerns as do other people. Therefore, this committee would like to see the establishment and support of programs that optimize our assets and address resolve our needs, problems and concerns. your To this end we encourage participation in backing CKJF's social

services programs and activities.

Budget & Allocations Committee

In 1987 the CKJF Budget and Allocations Committee was co-chaired by Charles Stern and Ron Fleischman.

The 1987 CKJF Budget, based on a projected income from 1986 of \$190,000 from General Campaign, was \$16,700 to campaign expenses, \$40,174 to the Executive Committee for its programs and Federation operating costs, \$5,200 to the Community Activities Committee, \$2,875 to the Community Relations Committee, and \$5,550 to the Social Services Committee.

Seventy percent of actual collections in 1987 General Campaign has been sent to

United Jewish Appeal.

A total of \$18,198.50 was allocated to other charities from CKJF, based on monies collected in 1986.

In the area of Preservation of Jewish and Judaic Learning, a total of \$2,125 was sent to organizations such as the Hebrew Union College, the Jewish Theological Seminary, the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership, and the Lexington Public Library, to name a few.

In the area of Social Welfare \$6,550 was sent to the Association of Jewish Family and Childrens Agencies, the Jewish Welfare Board, and God's Pantry, among

others.

In the area of Social Action CKJF supported the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and others, with \$4,725.

For Medical concerns, CKJF responded with \$900 to Hospice of the Bluegrass, Hospital Hospitality House, National Tay Sachs & Allied Diseases, and the Ronald McDonald House of Lexington.

And, for Jewish and Israeli Youth, \$3,898.50 went to non-profit Jewish camps and a scholarship to the National Conference of Christians and Jews' Camp Anytown.

Serving with Mr. Stern and Mr. Fleischman on the 1987 CKJF Budget and Allocations Committee were Harold Baker, Evelyn Geller, Tomas Milch and David Wekstein.

Administrator Linda Ravvin Reports from G.A.

Having the privilege of attending the annual General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations was an exhilarating experience. The assembly of over 3000 Jews renewed their commitment to Judaism, Israel and their communities via stimulating presentations, lively discussions, and meaningful exchange of ideas and experi-

One of the sessions most meaningful to me was presented by Dr. Mervin Verbit of Brooklyn College who is Chairman of the American Professors for Peace in the Middle East. He addressed the matter of "Building Continuity and Involvement Dor L'Dor" (from generation to generation the theme of the G.A.).

Dr. Verbit was of the opinion that ethnicity is now stylish again. In order to involve our chidren -- the next generation -- Judaism must be celebrated in a

CKJF Budget & Allocations Process to Begin

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CKJF's Budget and Allocations Committee will meet next month to discuss which charities, outside the United Jewish Appeal, should receive money from the Federation.

The committee welcomes suggestions from the community, both for Jewish and non-Jewish charities. All such requests should be sent to the CKJF office by February 29.

CKJF sends 70 percent of the money it raises through the General Campaign to the UJA. Money contributed to designated funds such as Project Renewal is used only for that purpose.

The Federation's operating costs are taken from the remaining 30 percent.

The balance at the end of the fiscal year is then combined with other Federation income, such as interest on investments, and is distributed to other charities

Funding recommendations of the Budget and Allocations Committee must be approved by the CKJF board. After this year's recipients are designated, a list will be published in the CKJF newsletter.

Scholarships Available

CKJF's Social Services sub-committee on Scholarships has funds available for young people who need financial assistance in order to attend a non-profit Jewish summer camp or who are interested in participating in an educational program in Israel.

Camperships may not exceed 50% of the combined cost of camp tuition and transportation. Family income and circumstances which impose a financial burden on the family are considered.

Scholarships for Israel study are limited to not more than \$500. They are awarded to young members of the Jewish community to assist them in strengthening their commitment to Judaism.

On recommendation from Social Services Committee Chair Evelyn Geller, the CKJF Board approved amending the criteria for a scholarship grant to include Jewish youth who can give evidence of having contributed to Jewish activities in Central Kentucky and who will not be returning from Israel study to the Central Kentucky area. Such a recipient would then be asked to

provide a written report for the Federation's use and continue to participate in Jewish community activities upon return, regardless of location.

All information provided on the application is kept confidential. For applications or further information, please contact CKJF Administrator Linda Ravvin. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS APRIL 1.

Camperships and scholarships are examples of services made possible through the Federation by your support of the annual Federation-United Jewish Appeal Campaign.

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total family environment of home atmosphere, retreats, shabbatons, camps and Sunday schools.

He finds it offensive and degrading to owe our survival to a response to anti-Semitism and attacks by others. We should be together as a people because we consider our ethics and morality important enough to protect and sustain them.

Dr. Verbit proposed an agenda to attract commitment to the continuity of Judaism:

- create distinctive aura around
 Judaism;
- create special value in Judaism for our children;
- allow Judaism to fit the stream of our existence;
- 4) emphasize Judaism's lasting qualities for future generations based on the covenant with God and bound with God for all generations;
- 5) respect the flexibility of Judaism;
- 6) educate ourselves concerning global Jewish culture and identity (unity with diversity);
- make our institutions welcoming, attractive and caring;
- 8) encourage a bindedness to Judaism and Israel.

Why should we not become the generation that is looked up to for inspiration and guidance? The initiative is ours -- the answer is in our hands.

Editor's Note: Linda will continue her report in subsequent bulletins.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TAI SISTERHOOD

On February 17th at 12 noon, Dr. Louise Dutt will speak on "American Woman: Still a Technological Castaway?" at the Temple, 124 N. Ashland Avenue.

Bring a brown-bag lunch. Dessert, drinks and babysitters are provided. Call the Temple (269-2979) for reservations.

FILM & LECTURE

On Thursday, Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m. the Cincinnati B'nai B'rith Council will present Rabbi Gerry Walter of Temple Shalom, who will lead a discussion following the movie "California Reich". The movie depicts the Nazi Party in the U.S. and the methods by which people are indoctrinated into the Nazi Party.

The program is free and open to the public and will take place at Temple Shalom, 3100 Longmeadow Lane, Amberly Village, Cincinnati. For information, call Temple Shalom at 513-791-1330.

CKJF BULLETIN HAS NEW EDITOR

Charlotte Levy is the new editor of the CKJF <u>Bulletin</u>. Charlotte grew up in Irvine and Lexington, Kentucky. She lived in New York, Washington, D.C. and Denver before returning to Lexington in 1985 with her husband, Herbert Regenstreif and their daughter, Cara.

Charlotte was a law school professor, law librarian and publisher before moving back to Kentucky where she specialized in the practice of Federal law for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. In 1986 Charlotte and Herbert founded The Manhattan Bagel Company which they recently sold. Charlotte is currently taking a break.

The Federation recognizes with great appreciation the volunteer efforts of community members like Charlotte and we look forward to an enjoyable tenure of getting the news to the Central Kentucky Jewish community.



Our son, Jonathan,
will be called to the Torah
on Saturday, February 27
at 10 o'clock in the morning
at Ohavay Zion Synagogue,
2048 Edgewater Court.

We invite you to share this special time in our lives. Please join us for a Kiddush luncheon

Please join us for a Kiddush luncheon following the service.

Jonathan will also lead services Friday evening, February 26 at 8 o'clock.

Simone and Art Salomon

Bruria Barish To Speak at Temple

Bruria Barish, chairperson of The Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism, will speak at Temple Adath Israel following Erev Shabbat service on March 18,

For more than 20 years, Mrs. Barish has devoted herself to a wide range of voluntary activities including the Soldiers Welfare Organization, the Department of Welfare in Tel Aviv and WIZO, while raising her son. In 1973, through WIZO and the Ministry of Defense, she started working with bereaved families — an activity she continues today.

PURIM CELEBRATIONS

CKJF PRE-SCHOOL PURIM PARTY

Sunday, February 28, 1988 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Ohavay Zion Synagogue 2048 Edgewater Court.

FUN *** GAMES *** REFRESHMENTS

ALL 3 TO 5 YEAR OLDS WELCOME

RSVP's necessary:
Toni Reiss-Plavin - 271-3406
or
CKJF - 252-7622



OHAVAY ZION SYNAGOGUE PURIM CARNIVAL

The Ohavay Zion Congregation will host a community-wide Purim Carnival and Auction at the Synagogue on Sunday, March 6th from 3 to 6 p.m. The extravangaza will include adults' and children's costume contests, a Persian market place, dancing, music, an auction and exotic foods. Get out your garb and join in the fun and games.

B'nai B'rith Blood Drive

Lexington's B'nai B'rith will conduct a Blood Drive Sunday, March 6 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Central Kentucky Blood Center (330 Waller Avenue). Including breakfast at the cost of \$2.50, the meeting will feature Steven Caller who will speak on "Middle East Affairs and the Summer UJA Mission to Israel."

Men and women, blood donors and non-, are welcome. For more information call Dr. Marty Kaplan at 277-3992.

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The March of the Living

The March of the Living to the Sites of Struggle and Extermination and to the Land of Life and Promise will take place April 10-24, 1988.

This unique, once-in-a-lifetime experience of contracts -- observing the martyrdom and heroism of the Holocaust and celebrating the vitality of Jewish national rebirth -- is sponsored by the International Quiz on Jewish Heroism During World War II and co-sponsored by the Council of Jewish Federations, among others.

Fifteen hundred youth (ages 16-18) from over 100 Jewish communities the world over will take part in the March. Participants will spend two days in Amsterdam, Belgrade, Budapest, Copenhagen, Paris, Prague, or Rome; four days in Poland; and six days in Israel.

The cost is \$1700. Applications are being considered now. Any interested young people are encouraged to call CKJF (252-7622) TODAY!

Midwest Small Cities Conference

The Council of Jewish Federations and United Jewish Appeal are co-sponsoring the MIDWEST SMALL CITIES CONFERENCE, Friday to Sunday, April 29 - May 1, 1988 at the Ramada Inn in Springfield, Illinois.

This is a unique opportunity for Midwest Small Cities community leaders to address issues facing their communities and celebrate ISRAEL'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY.

The conference will address issues such as "Meeting the needs of our elderly, individuals and families through direct services," "Jewish Education in Small Cities," "Strengthening the Jewish Family," "How we can enhance the image of Israel to ourselves and others," and "Campaign and Commitment."

Included this year is a Youth Weekend for youth in grades 2 to 8. The theme will be "Youth Celebrates Israel's 40th." Programs will take place at Congregation Brith Shalom, and sleeping accommodations will be made in homes of Springfield Jewish community residents.

Plan now to participate and call CKJF Administrator Linda Ravvin for more details (252-7622).

Editor's Note: The following is extracted from the Near East Report, 10/26/87.

The nation with the largest per capita foreign debt is not Argentina or Brazil but Israel -- over \$8,000 for every man, woman and child in the state. Currently, this amounts to \$24 billion.

The U.S. government holds some 40 percent of Israel's loans, or \$11 billion. Each year Jerusalem spends almost \$1.2 billion repaying this debt, roughly equal to Washington's annual economic assistance to Israel.

Wall Street experts estimate that by refinancing \$5.4 billion of its U.S. debt, Israel could save \$1.5 billion in interest payments over the next two decades.

Earlier this year, the United States proposed two plans to restructure Israel's debt. One would lower payments in the short term but would require large balloon payments after several years. A second plan would allow Israel to pay off its loans immediately without penalty. Jerusalem opted for the second alternative.

The government of Israel is now exploring the possibility of repaying the U.S. Treasury with funds borrowed from private American lenders and guaranteed by the U.S. government.

The creation and sale of these new loans to Israel could raise substantial amounts of revenue for the United States.

Editor's Update: Debt restructuring was approved by both Houses at the end of 1987 and the Administration is currently setting forth guidelines and country eligibility. It is assumed one of the main beneficiaries will be the State of

Editor's Note: The following is extracted from the Near East Report, 12/21/87.

By the biggest margin in history -- 286 to 122 -- the House passed the Foreign Aid Authorization bill for fiscal 1988 and 1989. Strong bipartisan support contributed to the outcome.

Included in the bill is \$3 billion in annual all-grant aid to Israel and over two dozen other favorable provisions. House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Dante Fascell (D-Fla.), Committee Whip Howard Berman (D-Calif.), Majority Whip Tony Coelho (D-Calif.) and Freshman Whip James Bilbray (D-Nev.) were praised by their House colleagues for their work on the Hill. Ranking committee member William Broomfield (R-Mich.) supported final passage despite defeat of his substitute bill (which contained most of the same pro-Israel provisions).

In addition to \$1.2 billion all-grant economic assistance for Israel, authorization bill earmarks \$150 million of the \$1.8 billion in all-grant military assistance to be spent in the United States and \$300 million in Israel for advanced weapons systems. It also limits the sale of anti-tank shells containing depleted uranium penetrator components to NATO and major non-NATO allies (MNNA) such as Israel and Egypt, and amends the Arms Export Control Reform Act authorizing MNNA countries to join NATO, Australia, New Zealand and Japan in agreements for cooperative, reciprocal use and furnishing of training not currently available. United States has an interest in some aspects of Israeli training techniques, especially in the area of special forces.

The Foreign Aid Authorization bill also continues Congressional opposition to arms sales to Jordan in the absence of progress toward peace between Jordan and Israel.

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The Making of Gaza

Editor's Note: The following appeared in the New York Times, Dec. 22, 1987 and was written by A.M. Rosenthal.

A year ago I traveled through Gaza. I thought then and believe still with all the emotion Israel arouses that all who love her should journey in Gaza.

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There are places on earth where aridity and bleakness are more stark, where oppression is far worse, where anger is as hot in the eyes of the young men who stand by the roadside and stare. But for those who care for Israel, that is evasion.

They know that this should not be, that Israeli soldiers should not patrol year after year in alleys of hatred. That was not what Israel was meant to be or do or stand for.

Yes, there is a double standard for Israel. She is judged by higher standards than, say, those Arab neighbors who preach death and hate and slaughter in the name of God. The double standard is not only a matter of pride and duty to Israel's biblical roots but of strength in the world today.

It is the belief that Israel lives by principles of decency that won her essential support in the United States, decade after troubled decade.

And now, newspapers and television screens are aflame with the bitterness of the young men of Gaza, that strip of territory Israel does not want but cannot let go for fear it would become a P.L.O. state. Twenty years of Israeli occupation have only heightened hatred in Gaza, as would another 20.

This is all true. But if there is to be any honest effort toward an end to the misery of Gaza and the tragedy of Israel as occupier, other truths must be faced. So far almost nothing has been said about them. The haters of Israel simply use Gaza as a club against her. Her supporters abroad do little but shake their heads in reprimand or embarrassment.

The one basic truth that must be faced is that the tragedy of Gaza was created by the refusal of the Arab nations to recognize the right of Israel to exist and by their attempt to destroy the Israeli state, beginning at birth.

In 1947, the United Nations, with the backing of every major power, voted to partition the British mandate of Palestine

into Israeli and Palestinian states. If the Arabs had accepted that, there would today be a separate Palestinian state 40 years old; Gaza and its people would be part of it.

But the Arab states fell upon Israel and in utter fury tried to kill the old dream and new reality of the Jewish state. They seized and divided what was to have been the Palestinian state.

Egypt took the Gaza strip. Jordan, now admired in the West, seized the West Bank. It also captured most of Jerusalem, defiled Jewish holy places, banned Jews and destroyed hopes of internationalization of the Holy City.

Israel lived within mortar range of the Egyptians, the Jordanians and the Syrians, who had snatched heights overlooking Israel; the mortars were fired. For 20 years, the territory that was to have been a Palestinian state under the U.N. plan was used by the P.L.O. for attacks against Israel, with the approval and support of the Arab occupiers.

Then, in 1967, Israel stunned the Arabs and the rest of the world by trouncing Arab armies. She threw the Jordanians out of the West Bank and Jerusalem, the Egyptians out of Gaza and the Syrians out of the Golan Heights.

Israel found herself in control of territory that had been illegally occupied by the Arab states. Israelis were determined to push back their borders so that they would never again live looking down Arab gun barrels. Thus began the era of Israeli occupation, creating a safer state in the short run but also stroking the hatred — and danger — now being acted out on the dry soil of Gaza, and spreading

What difference does it make, so many years later? For one thing it cleanses the mind and perhaps the soul to combine sorrow and criticism on Israel with recognition of historic reality.

History is a loaf, not slices of bread. Unless yesterday is understood, the anguish of today is distorted and the peace possible some tomorrow put off indefinitely, perhaps forever.

Peace, which in the end must mean recognition of Israeli security and Palestinian reality, is possible.

Making of Gaza, continued

Israelis must create a unified government capable of negotiating. Arabs, including Palestinians, must recognize that their attempts to kill the Israeli state in 1948, and almost ever since, led to what is happening today. To pretend Israel brought this on herself is a hypocrisy and falsehood that blocks the future.

The only way to move on is to face the reality and lessons of the past. Otherwise, Arab and Jew are trapped in a cycle and the young men of Israel and Gaza will face each other in hatred year upon year, perhaps for their lifetimes.

A Zionist Credo

Editor's Note: The following has been extracted from <u>Israel Press Briefs</u>, published by International Center for Peace in the Middle East. "A Zionist Credo" is written by Shlomo Avineri.

We are the People of the Book;
We are also a people heavy with memory.
Let us therefore remember,

Nizkok, what Zionism is.

Let us remember that Zionism is about the future,

Not about the past.

Let us remember that Zionism means listening to the voice of our people,

Not silencing the voices of others. Let us remember that Zionism is about

national self-consciousness,

Not about real estate.

Let us remember that Zionism is about getting the Jewish people back into history.

Not opting out of it.

Let us remember that Zionism is about being Jewish, but also about being human, ke-chol hagoyim.

But not like the worst of them.

Let us remember that Zionism is about building,

Not about destroying.

Let us remember that Zionism is about liberation,

Not about occupation.

Let us remember that Zionism is about people,

Not about territories.

President Herzog Addresses Congress

Editor's Note: The following is excerpted from the <u>Congressional Report</u>, a publication of The American Israel Public Affairs Committee, November, 1987.

Israeli President Chaim Herzog was in Washington in November for the first official state visit by a President of Israel. He came to highlight the 40th anniversary of Israel and the strong ties which characterize U.S.-Israel relations.

Herzog thanked Members of Congress for passing S.J. Res. 205, which recommends that the U.S. government lend support to overturn the U.N. resolution equating Zionism with racism. The bill quickly passed each chamber by voice vote. The President signed S.J. Res. 205 into law on November 17.

Herzog praised Israel's remarkable achievements and expressed deep gratitude to the United States for their unselfish support. "I stand here representing a democracy aged 40 years, in the heart of the greatest democracy celebrating the 200th anniversary of its Constitution. I represent an ancient people and a young state, but what binds us is not our age but our values ... Thanks to your aid my small country is capable of defending all that you stand for in terms of human freedom and dignity in an area buffeted by the winds of extremism and fanaticism ... God bless America."

Hungary Agrees

Editor's Note: The following is extracted from the <u>Near East Report</u>, September 21, 1987.

Israel and Hungary have signed an agreement in Switzerland to establish economic interest sections at the Swedish Embassy in Tel Aviv and the Swiss Embassy in Budapest (Kol Yisrael, Sept. 14). The accord marks a renewal in the political relations between the two countries after a lapse of 20 years and makes Hungary the second Soviet-bloc country (after Poland) with which Israel has established quasi-diplomatic relations in the past year. The move indicates Israel's improving relations with the Soviet Union and its Eastern European allies.

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FEBRUARY - MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
14 ^{26 SHEVAT}	7-9 pa-Adult Bar Mitzvah Class, TAI WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED	16 28 SHEVAT 8 pm-CKJF Camp Shalom Comm., C. Rose	17 29 SHEVAT 12 pm-TAI Sisterhood lunch & speaker 7:30 pm-TAI Outreach	18 30 SHEVAT 8 pm-Hadassah Women's Disc: "Abortion" at M. Bobys's ROSH C	19 1 ADAR OZS Mini Shabbaton	9:30 as-Torah Study at Temple 10 as-Havurah (at Hearing & Speech Cntr.) Terumah
21 3 ADAR TAI trip to Israel departs	9 am-OZS Sisterhood board meeting 7:30 pm-"Living a a Jew in Christian Environment"-OZS	23 ^{5 ADAR}	24 6 ADAR	25 TADAR	26 8 ADAR	9 ADAR 10 am-Jonathan Salomon Bar Mitzvah - OZS Tetzaveh SHABBAT ZACHOR
28 1-2:30 pm-CKJF preschool Purim party	29 11 ADAR 8 pm-CKJF BOARD MEETING LEAP YEAR DAY	12 ADAR 7:30 pa-TAI & DZS board meetings	2 13 ADAR 7 pm-Havurah Megillah Reading (at Rolling Ridge) FAST OF ESTHER MEGILLAH READING	3 14 ADAR	4 15 ADAR	5 9:30 am-Torah Study, TAI
6 9:30 am-B'nai B'rith Blood Drive 3-6 pm-OZS Purim Carnival	7 18 ADAR	8 pm-Hadassah General Meeting - "Legal Affairs," at the Weksteins'	9 20 ADAR	10 21 ADAR	11 22 ADAR	12 23 ADAR Vayakhell/Pekude Shabbat Parah
13 · 24 ADAR 7:30 pm-TAI Book Disc. at Ada Gail's	14 25 ADAR	15 26 ADAR	16 27 ADAR	17 28 ADAR 8 pm-Hadassah Women's Discussion	18 3/18-20 GUCI Retreat (8-10th grades) Bruria Barish-TAI	19 1 NISAN 5 pm-Havurah Services Vayikra ROSH CHODESH SHABBAT HACHODESH

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Chabad Office Opens in Lexington

Jewish awareness in Kentucky received a booster shot this month with the opening of a Chabad office in Lexington.

Located adjacent to the CKJF office, this new location will base all Chabad activities in Lexington as well as other community activities in Eastern and Southeastern Kentucky.

Rabbi Avrohom Litvin, director of Chabad of Kentucky, explained that "this office will enable us to perform many more community services in the Lexington area."

At the Chanukas Habayis (dedication and opening ceremony) a Mezuzah was affixed to the door.

The first program started at the Chabad center is a lunch 'n learn discussion and study group. The class is led by Rabbi Litvin and is held on the second Tuesday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. It offers the Jewish business community a change of pace — a chance to enjoy a kosher deli lunch and take part in meaningful study and discussion, too.

Other programs planned include activities geared to build Jewish identity and bolster pride, especially in our youth. Holiday celebrations, study classes, and ongoing programming is currently being planned for children, university students, and adults.

For more information, or to reach Dial-A-Jewish-Story, call Chabad in Lexington at (606) 231-0320.

Separation of Church and State?

Editor's Note: The following is extracted from Newsbreak, a publication from the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, January 8, 1988.

ROSTOV - Following the smashing of synagogue windows on the nights of November 20 and 23, police refused to respond to appeals for assistance. An official of the Municipality's Religion Committee stated that it was not his duty to protect synagogues, as there is separation of church and state in the Soviet Union. The official suggested that the synagogue install an elaborate alarm system it cannot afford.



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SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 1988

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Four telephone/work shifts will take place - each shift includes a training session and solicitation for all workers.

Shift 1 9 a.m. - 12 noon

Shift 3 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Shift 2 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Shift 4 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Transportation will be provided upon request for all shifts, as will child care for the first two shifts.

Anticipated worker needs per shift:

Telephone Soliciation: 12 plus 1-2 trainers (Indicate with * if interested in being a a solicitor trainer on Super Sunday)

Card Distribution: 2-3

Food: 1-2

Registration: 1-2 Research: 1-2

Tallying and Records: 3

ALSO: A few volunteers each for ... Site Set Up - Saturday night Site Clean Up - Sunday - 4 p.m...

If you'll be out of town on Super Sunday, you can still be part of our Magical Team by working on one of these committees (or if you're in town, too). Card Packaging or Signs, Decoration and Momentoes

Detach and mail to: Central Kentucky Jewish Federation 333 Waller Avenue, Suite 5 Lexington, KY 40504

or call: 606-252-7622

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