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GOV. PATTON'S ISRAEL TRADE MISSION A SUCCESS

by State Treasurer Jonathan Miller and State Representative Kathy Stein

This July, Governor Paul Patton led more than 30 Kentuckians on our Commonwealth's first trade mission to the State of Israel. Leaders from the political, business and Jewish communities joined together for an extremely successful trip.

The primary focus of the mission was to promote trade between Kentucky and Israel, and to attract new businesses and new jobs into Kentucky. Mission participants engaged in several high-level meetings with leading Israeli and Palestinian officials to discuss trade opportunities.

In addition, private meetings were held with leading Israeli business people, including prominent officials in the Israel high-tech and aircraft industries. Many promising contacts were made

that make us optimistic about future business opportunities between our two countries.

The group also made several stops at important religious and historical sites. The Governor laid a wreath at the grave of Yitzhak Rabin and led a ceremony at Yad Vashem's Children's Memorial. We visited the Wailing Wall and several New Testament sites around the Sea of Galilee.

Hank Wagner, president of Jewish hospital, and Dr. Gerald Temes, director of the Heart and Lung Institute at Jewish Hospital, also visited officials at an Israeli hospital. The two hospitals are working together on projects and research.

Along with First Lady Judi Patton, we visited the Hadassah Women and Children's Pavilion Hospital. We were impressed by the state

of the art medical procedures and care being given to women and children at the pavilion.

What was most exciting, perhaps, was touring the areas of the country that were central to the negotiations taking place simultaneously at Camp David. We toured the Old City, parts of the West Bank and visited an army unit at the Golan Heights. We met with members of both the Israel government and the opposition, watched the Knesset debate over Prime Minister Barak's future and met Palestinian Authority leaders in Ramallah.

We were very excited to take part in this historic, exhausting and meaningful trade mission to Israel and look forward to developing further ties between Kentucky and Israel in the months ahead. *



Pictured (from left to right)
State Treasurer Jonathan Miller,
Governor Paul Patton, and
State Representative Kathy Stein

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שמחה - "SIMCHAS"

MAZEL TOV TO:

Shayna Lerner and **Seth Warner** on their engagement. Shayna is the daughter of **Freda Miller** and the granddaughter of **Marjie and Lenny Lerner**.

Dr. Harriett Rose, who was awarded a Distinguished Senior Contributor Award from the Division of Counseling Psychology in Washington, DC.

Greta Rothschild recently received the Young Leadership award at the Hadassah Donor Dinner in Highland Park, Illinois.

Greta completed her two-year term as President of Aviva Hadassah Chapter in Highland Park.

Greta is the daughter of **Ted** and the late **Sue Friedman** of Lexington.

Di Sobel and **Gregory Smith** on the birth of her daughter on Sept. 16.

REFUAH SHLEMAH (Get Well Wishes):

Bill Bloom, Leslie Glass, Mark Luckens

CONDOLENCES TO:

Dayna Charlick, on the passing of her grandmother **Barbara Twersky**.

Paul & Ann Epstein on the death of Ann's father, **Vernon Hudek**, on August 22.

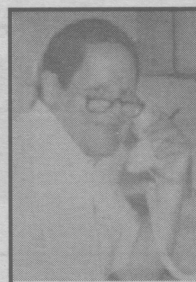
Kathy Feinberg on the death of her mother, **Emily Darlington**.

Marty & Diane Friedman, on the death of Marty's mother, **Rose Friedman**, on Sept. 10.

Bruce, Starr & Jeremy Gantz, on the death of Bruce's mother and Jeremy's grandmother, **Dorothy Gantz** on Sept. 6.

Elliot Gertel, on the death of his brother, **David Gertelman**.

Robin Roth, on the death of her mother, **Beverly Sperling**.



The President's Message

by
Marty Barr

Over the last few months, CKJF has initiated a series of informational releases called "the Tzedakah Box", whose main purpose is to educate our membership about the various services and activities that the organization is involved in. This was motivated by the feedback received from parts of the community that believed that the major part of our effort was to raise money for Israel. In fact, approximately 70% of our campaign income is spent here in Lexington on local needs. These run the gamut from social activities to helping people in times of need.

In support of this emphasis on local service, we have reached a point where we have a total of five people in the office. There are two persons working on social service and volunteer recruitment; one person for community activities and Camp Shalom; a secretary who provides support services for everyone; and the Executive Director, who is responsible for staffing of the Community Relations Committee and the Annual fundraising Community Campaign.

As CKJF strives to improve its service delivery, I would like to point out that one of the most important developments that has taken place over the last year has been a major improvement in community cooperation. It seems to me that the various groups that make up the Lexington Jewish community are being more sensitive to one another and working more smoothly for the common good. The importance of this type of atmosphere can't be overstated, since we are a small number in total and infighting will have a disproportionate impact on our performance.

Over the next year, it is our intent to continue to foster this positive attitude and to continue to emphasize the good of the whole community. *

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The mission of the Federation is to promote and foster unity and cohesion in the Jewish community of Central Kentucky; to improve the quality of Jewish life in the community by developing and maintaining recreational, social, cultural, community service and leisure activities; and to provide financial assistance and moral support to the State of Israel, Jewish people in all countries and selected charities.

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CORRECTIONS...

...for the September issue of *Shalom*

On page 2, **Jack Sharer** was incorrectly listed as **Jock Sharer** in the Condolences.

On page 15, in the recipe for Honey Cakes, the directions state "Heat coffee and honey until honey is discolored." It should have read "...until honey is dissolved."

On page 16, **Phil Berger** was incorrectly listed as **Phil Beyer** in the Community Activities Committee article.

YOUR FEDERATION IN ACTION

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Jews have thrived in America, and America has benefited from the Jews. But this mutual relationship does not exist in a vacuum. Jews can flourish as Jews only in a society that guarantees not only the rights of the majority, but those of the minorities, a society built upon the principles of freedom and respect for the rights of the individual. In other words, Jews can thrive only in a society built upon the principles of democracy. And nowhere in the world is democracy stronger than in the United States.

But strong as it is, democracy is fragile. Freedom cannot be taken for granted but needs to be proactively protected. If a student refuses to take a major examination on Yom Kippur and is denied a make-up day, his personal rights have been violated. If a non-Christian worker needs to take personal days to observe his or her religious holidays, freedom of religion has been violated. If tax dollars are used to support a particular religious view, the principle of separation of Church and State has been violated. If

poverty is left to grow unchecked, the ideals of Social Justice have been violated. If somebody is targeted for discrimination or violence by virtue of race, gender, or religion, the principle of Equality under the law has been violated.

But protecting democracy means to be part of the larger community. We also need to work together with other ethnic and religious groups to make our corner of the world a better place for we cannot do it

by ourselves. The State of Israel also needs our support, for it is of central importance to our Jewish identity.

The Community Relations Committee (CRC), chaired by Rabbi Uriel Smith, does all of the above and more. In the last ten months, the CRC has spoken out on behalf of the organized Jewish community when it published an ad in the Herald Leader opposing the posting of the Ten Commandments in the Public Schools ("We Say Yes"). It has met with legislators in Frankfort to convey our position on this and other issues of importance for our community. It has met with the new School Superintendent, Dr.



The Participants

Frankhauser, to ensure that Jewish observances will be respected in the planning of the School Calendar.

One of the most visible achievements of this committee has been the establishment of an ongoing dialogue with the Catholic Diocese of Lexington and the joint development of a program to encourage people from both communities to learn from each other. This program is called A.M.O.S. (A Meeting of Souls) and is an eight-meeting program to promote self-discovery

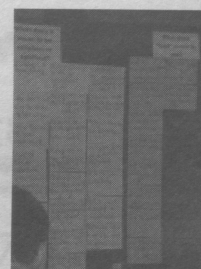


Sister Clara Fehringer

includes representatives of every Jewish organization in central Kentucky, provides a unified voice to the Lexington Jewish community on issues of public concern. If you are interested in being a part of it, or you would like the CRC to take action on specific issues, call the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation at (859) 268-0672. *

through mutual discovery. The committee is also involved with the Fayette County Human Rights Commission and the National Conference for Community and Justice in the organization of the upcoming "Stop the Hate" vigil.

The CRC, which



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Singles—What are you doing on October 19?

Central Kentucky Jewish Federation and its Jewish Family Services sponsors Singles event

Is being single and Jewish in the central Kentucky area sometimes a difficult situation? Is there a lack of things to do? Is it hard to meet people? If you're single and would like to try to remedy these circumstances, join us on October 19th at 7:30 pm at Temple Adath Israel (124 North Ashland Avenue). Singles of ALL ages are invited. We will meet each other, share some wine and cheese, and enjoy conversation.

This is also a great opportunity for us to discuss what sort of programs will meet the needs of the singles in central Kentucky. Do you want more programs just for singles, or a more comfortable and inviting entree to attend existing events? Do the twenty-something singles, single parents, and retired singles want specific programs geared to their interests, or would everyone like to meet as a group? These are questions only you can answer.

We need your input to plan the programs you would like to attend. Please mark your calendars for Thursday evening, October 19th and come join us. Please RSVP to Fran Morris at Jewish Family Services, 269-8244. *

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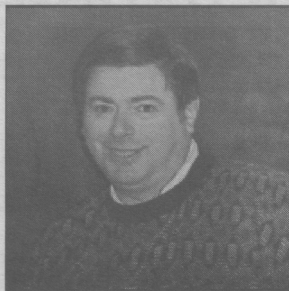
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Our connection with the land of Israel

By Daniel Cheffec

Jewish history. We can be strong Jews in Lexington, to some extent, because Israel exists.

The interesting thing is that all these ideas came to me because of Yom Kippur. Yeah, I know, it sounds strange. But stay with me. On the one hand, Yom Kippur is a time of reflection, self-examination, and hopefully self-improvement. A time in which we attempt to chart our goals for the next twelve months by acknowledging and correcting the mistakes of the past year. A time in which, according to tradition, our fate is decided in the Heavenly Court. On the other hand, the State of Israel is facing today the biggest challenge of its life.

Increased aliyah from the former USSR, Ethiopia, and South America; a growing need for redefining and addressing social needs in Israeli society; growing tensions between different streams of Judaism; a Peace process which looks more and more like a process without Peace. It looks to me that the fate of Israel is also in the balance this Yom Kippur.

As I explained before, the relationship between Diaspora Jews and Israel is growing in complexity. The time when Diaspora Jews were expected to give money and Israelis to accept it is gone. Today, the Israel-Diaspora relation demands personal involvement. Israel needs a strong Diaspora, and the Diaspora needs a strong Israel. The strength of the one reflects on the strength of the other. Strengthening local Jewish life is today as important to the future of the Jewish people as supporting Israel. Our fates are as connected as the heads and tails of a coin.

We could of course choose to just drop the ball and forget about the whole "Jewish thing." That has been a clear option over the last 3 millennia. We are, however, the descendants of those who chose, in each generation, to accept again the Torah - to remain Jewish. I am, for once, comfortable with my Judaism and grateful to my ancestors for preserving it for me. Because I want it preserved for my descendants, it logically follows that on this Yom Kippur, along with my personal vows and improvements, I will renew my commitment to the heritage of my People and to the State of Israel. I will continue my advocacy for Social Justice in Lexington and for the Rights of Israel. I will fight racism and poverty wherever I find it, and will proclaim and defend my connection with Israel and with the Lexington Jewish community.

G'mar Chatimah Tovah

גמר חתימה טובה

May you be granted a good year.

Much has been written about the historical connection of the Jewish people with the Land of Israel ("Eretz Israel"), and all of it is undoubtedly true. The Covenant between God and the Patriarchs first, and between God and the people later is clear in that the Land of Israel is part of the deal. But that is not what I want to share with you.

I want to talk about today - and tomorrow. Today, Israel is the second largest Jewish community in the world, immediately after the U.S. If we add to that the fact that the Israeli community is concentrated in an area roughly the size of New Jersey and that they represent the majority of the population of the State of Israel, we gain a very different perspective.

Many American Jewish leaders recognized that in overall terms, the Jewish community of Israel is already stronger than that of North America. That is probably one of the reasons that the Birthright of Israel program received so much support and shows such positive results. To make things even sharper, population projections for Jews in Israel and in the United States predict that for the year 2080, Israel, with over 6.4 million Jews, will be the largest Jewish community in the world followed by the U.S. with about 5.1 million Jews. Israel will become even more central to the Jewish identity of communities everywhere.

But that is not the end of the issue. Let us look back a few decades. In the 1930s and 1940s, and even in some regions into the 50s, anti-Semitism in America was relatively common and Jews were banned from many areas of society. In the year 2000, two Jews are running for Vice-President of the United States, one of them on a major Party ticket. This transformation of the position of Jews in society has no parallel in Jewish History. But the question remains... could it have been possible without Israel?

In the 1970s and 1980s, Argentinean Jewish psychologist Hanan Nudel spoke about the "Israelization of the ties" between Jews in the Diaspora, referring to Israel as an increasingly important element in the definition of Jewish Identity. He also pointed out that Israel, by virtue of existing, changed the way Jews look at themselves. It allows Jews all over the world to be more assertive and proactive, for they know somewhere in the recesses of their brains that there is a place where they will always be accepted. This too, has been unheard of in



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Prime Minister and Minister of Defense

Rosh Hashana 5761 / September 2000 Message from Prime Minister Ehud Barak

Dear Friends,

As we welcome the New Year, 5761, I reach out to the family of Jews around the world with a continued commitment to seek true and lasting peace for our people. Our common prayer is for a strong and secure Israel at peace that will provide the foundation for a safe and prosperous future for our children.

May the New Year strengthen the bonds of our peoplehood so that together we can assure the continuity of Jewish heritage and culture, deepen our ties to the land of Israel and the Hebrew language, and celebrate our diversity and richness of perspective.

As partners in this great Zionist enterprise, let us reaffirm the moral and ethical values so deeply rooted in our holy land and ancient tradition, and ensure that human dignity, respect for the other, and a spirit of unity come forth from our people, from Yerushalayim.

Nava and I wish you, Am Yisrael and Medinat Yisrael, a New Year that brings the sweetness of peace, promise and prosperity.

Sincerely,

E. Barak
Ehud Barak

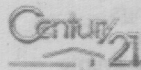
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ROSH HASHANA, 2000

Warm greetings to everyone celebrating Rosh Hashana.

The High Holidays, a time of serious prayer and self-reflection, begin with Rosh Hashana. Signaling the start of a new year, Rosh Hashana asks Jews across the globe to reaffirm their relationship with God and to discover how they might better fulfill God's commandments. But Rosh Hashana is a time for celebration as well, as Jews commemorate the creation of the world and welcome the gift of a new year.

The ten days from Rosh Hashana to the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, provide an opportunity to acknowledge past transgressions and resolve to learn from them. As the shofar sounds its stirring notes again this year, I encourage all Americans to reflect on how we can help make our world a better place. As we rejoice in our many blessings, let us remember the ways that God's gifts can be used to fulfill our obligation to help others and to create a brighter future for ourselves, our families, and our fellow citizens.

Hillary joins me in sending best wishes for a memorable celebration, a meaningful period of reflection, and a new year sweet with the promise of peace, joy, and prosperity.

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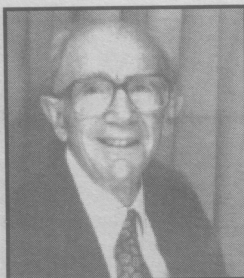
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The Last Word?

by Michael E. Adelstein

That wise poet Alexander Pope wrote: "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread." This fool is rushing in to write about Joseph Lieberman. You thought that everything conceivable had been already written about this Jewish vice-president candidate?

Think again.

To begin with, I'm not surprised to see a Jew selected for the number two spot. After all, Jews have been highly active on the Washington political scene for years. There are already 14 Jewish Congressmen, some from such lightly Jewish populated states as Oregon and Minnesota. Then there are the numerous Jews that have held prominent Cabinet positions, such as Henry Kissinger, Robert Rubin, Abraham Ribicoff, and now the present national security advisor, Sandy Berger.

Added to them are Jews in key positions: the two Supreme Court Justices, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer, and the head of the Federal Reserve, Alan Greenspan. Washington is also chock full of Jews in lower government positions and in prominent roles in leading law firms, banks, various other businesses, and the universities. Although it may be surprising to some people, the reasons why Albert Gore selected Joseph Lieberman, with whom he had been friendly for years, should have been obvious.

Probably the main reason was that Gore wanted to negate the taint from his eight-year association with Clinton. He chose a running mate known for his impeccable high moral views and conduct. Lieberman was the most outspoken critic of Clinton's sleazy behavior as well as of the Democrat's fundraising. But similar to Gore's in nearly all respects. Both men favor gun control, the nuclear test ban treaty, and campaign finance reform, protection of the environment, abortion rights, and both have been against the flag-burning constitutional amendment and the Republican's regressive proposals about estate taxes and the marriage penalty.

The burning questions about the selection of Lieberman is - Will it hurt Jews and the

Democrats? I doubt it. Already he has made many Jews proud by being such an admirable role model. Even Jewish children are reported to feel that it's cool to be Jewish these days. Jews all over the country are coming out of the closet, being given another reason to kvell.

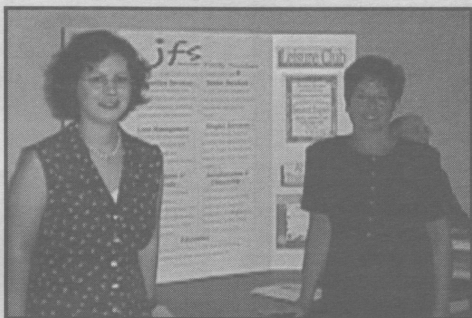
Also non-Jews have had an education about Judaism. Not only have they learned about Orthodox Judaism but also about the main other branches, Conservative and Reform. Of course, anti-Semitism will rear its ugly head, but those bigots will not do much harm in the election. They will be counter balanced by the many Jews who will flock to vote for Gore. Lieberman's coattails will bring in many votes in such key states as Florida, New York, New Jersey, and California. Also, some fundamentalists will vote for Lieberman because of his staunch beliefs. Of course, anti-Semites will vote for Bush, but they probably would have anyway.

Consequently, I think that the selection of Lieberman will be a wash at worst, but should be a large plus on Election Day for the Democrats.

Finally, there is the recent brouhaha stemming from the criticism of Abraham Foxman, a national director of the Anti-Defamation League, about Lieberman's religiosity. I agree with the point that Lieberman seemed to equate morality with religion, as if only religious people would be moral. But he has corrected that misinterpretation of his views, and he mainly supports the separation of church and state despite his interest in experimenting with vouchers. In general, his religious views undergird his strong moral stance against obscenity in movies and TV, and hopefully will spur him on to see that something is done about campaign finance reform.

Let me close with a prophecy. Assuming that Gore will soundly show up Bush in the debates and be elected, he will run for a second term. Providing the economy holds up and Gore does not otherwise let the country down, he will be re-elected. Then in 2008, out of loyalty and conviction he will support for President of the United States - Joseph Lieberman! Remember, you read it in *Shalom* first.

(Letters in response to this editorial or any others are encouraged.) *



What's new at your Federation sponsored Jewish Family Services

On August 29, Fran Morris and Cookie Wenneker attended the Social Service Resource Fair at the Lexington Public Library in downtown Lexington. We were just one of the many social service agencies exhibiting. We publicized our services with poster presentation board and JFS handouts.

Ask Jewish Family Service (JFS)

Dear JFS,

My teenaged daughter is often moody, argumentative, and is skipping her classes frequently. I don't know what to do anymore. I suspect drug use but am not sure. Can you help me.

A Mother

Dear Mother of Teenager,

There is help. We are so glad you have written. As both you and your daughter need support at this time I recommend speaking with the *Family Life Educators* of the **Parent's Place Warm Line 268-8888**. By approaching your daughter's issues within the framework of your family, you may begin to understand how the family unit is both part of the problem as well as the solution.

Family Counseling Service of Lexington, 233-0033, is a second option considering this approach.

Where substance abuse has been substantiated, **Charter Ridge Hospital, 269-2325** offers a "Families Anonymous" program that meets every Monday from 8 pm - 9 pm. All family members are encouraged to attend.

Crisis counseling aside, I would urge you to help your daughter find the sweetness and passion in her life. As with adults, low self-esteem and lack of focus lead to depression. We all need something to wake up passionate about. Though the challenge can be in the search for it, it is most definitely a crucial search. Check out the Teen Leadership program through the **YMCA 219-9622**, or try **The Living Arts and Science Center 252-5222** for a program called "Every Woman Needs A Story" teaching teens to express themselves through writing. Both of these programs can be enjoyed without prior experience in leadership or writing.

Please do call us here at JFS for further direction and support, 269-8244. Take Care.

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FEDERATION LEISURE CLUB UPDATE

By Ruth Moser

Can you believe that it is only October and already this year the Leisure Club has had five programs, and we still have our gala Chanukah Party to look forward to.

On September 21, the Leisure Club sponsored an afternoon of poetry and stories presented by accomplished Russian author and poet, Leonid Dayen. Speaking alternatively in Russian and English, Mr. Dayen informed and entertained a group of 14 Leisure Club members. Mr. Dayen's poetry and prose reflects his experience in immigration to the United States, as well as his thoughts on love and nature, among other things. An interesting and unique program, this was an afternoon well spent.

A three-vehicle caravan brought about twenty-four Leisure Club/New Americans to the Louisville JCC in August where we were wine and dined. We were entertained by professional singers and musicians, courtesy of the Mayor of Louisville.

We had a YMHA in Trenton when I was growing up (now it is a JCC). Sure, it had a pool, but it was so small that we politely called it our "mikva." In addition to everything else, the Louisville JCC has five (or maybe six) pools, one even has Olympic-size lanes. And they have Café J, a kosher café, with a high-rise on the property. Yeah, you can live right next door to the JCC. By the way, this was my second visit to the Louisville JCC. Ask me about my first visit.

So, if you have time during the day, no matter how old or young you are, come to the Leisure Club on October 19 for a delicious luncheon at Buckhead on Nicholasville Road. We kvetch a lot, we kvell a lot, and we always have a good time. *

Central Kentucky Jewish Federation

Leisure Club

Join us for lunch
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Thursday, October 19th

11:45 a.m.

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(Fran)



Creative Juices

By Marcia Blacker

One of the responsibilities of any paper that disseminates news is to keep the readers informed of any changes that paper decides to make. And, boy, have we got changes for you! The editorial board of **Shalom** has decided to approach these changes in two ways: first, we're going to tell you about some changes we decided on, and second, you're going to tell us about some changes you'd like to see. Its sort of a 'best of both worlds' approach. Now, we're not naïve, and we know you can't please all of the people all of the time, but we think we can please most of the people most of the time, and we're willing to settle for that, for starters.

In the next few issues, you will see commentary by our rabbis, recipes from local cooks (and non-cooks, too if you like), articles by and about Central Kentuckians, reminiscences about growing up Jewish in Kentucky and elsewhere, and more information about local people and events.

We'd like your ideas and opinions. What would you like to read about each month? If you have any special requests, if you'd like to participate in the production of the paper (writing an article, submitting a recipe, a funny story, etc.), please contact Danny at the CKJF office, or email me at MMBhamlet@aol.com. We promise to get right back to you and discuss your ideas, and if possible, implement them.

Our first goal is to find a name for the paper that will reflect who we are. Name the paper and win (prize to be determined, but there will be one!) Remember that this is the official newspaper of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, so think of a name that reflects the Federation in some way and reminds readers what we're about. **Send in your prize winning entry to: CKJF, 340 Romany Road, Lexington, KY 40502. The contest will close on December 15, 2000.**

We're looking forward to hearing from you soon and often. This paper should provide a means of connecting all of us in the Central Kentucky area socially, intellectually, and spiritually. *

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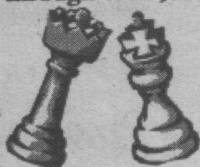
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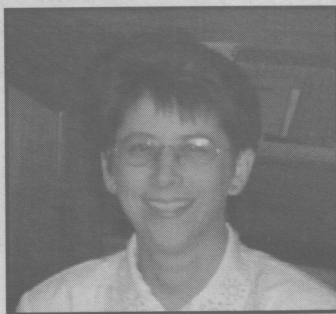
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THE RABBI'S CORNER

The Sukka: Going Inside to Look Outside

It has often been argued that the holiday of Sukkot should be moved to another time on the Jewish calendar. With the holidays of Rosh ha-Shana and Yom Kippur coming just a few days before, the observance of Sukkot is often pushed into the shadows as we focus upon the important business of doing t'shuva—turning away from the negative aspects of our lives and returning to the individuals we need to be. However, the holiday of Sukkot is actually the perfect counterweight to the High Holy Days, for on Sukkot we are taught not to look inward, rather to look beyond ourselves at the world around us.

The Bible calls Sukkot, he-Hag "The Festival," and already by the time of King Solomon, it had become one of the most important holidays of the year. During the seven days of the Festival, our ancestors expressed feelings of joy and gratitude as they gave thanks for the bounty of the harvest. The major symbol of the holiday, the sukka, is most often connected to the simple booths built by our ancestors at harvest time. These farmers had to work continuously to keep their produce from rotting, so they fashioned little huts close to their fields to protect themselves from the harsh elements as they worked to bring in the harvest before winter arrived. In addition to this agricultural explanation of the sukka, the Torah identifies the sukka with the temporary shelters that the Israelites stayed in as they journeyed through the desert after leaving Egypt.

The primary mitzva associated with the holiday is that of "dwelling" in a sukka. Whether one actually sleeps in the sukka (which some people do!) or merely spends a few minutes in one, the experience of being in a sukka can be quite powerful. What does spending time in the sukka teach us?

As a temporary structure made primarily of natural materials (and decorated with fruits and vegetables to remind us of the harvest!) the sukka is a symbol of the cycle of nature and the world around us. First, the sukka reminds us of the gifts of the earth — the food and raw materials

upon which we regularly rely, but often take for granted. The Earth needs us to preserve its natural resources and the sukka is a powerful reminder of our charge to do just that.

We are taught that we must fashion our sukka so that we are able to see the stars through the roof of the sukka. Why? So that we may symbolically "look out" to see the world outside of our own existence. There are people who need our assistance and support in order to survive. There are people in our communities who do not have even the comfort of a simple hut to live in everyday. As we look up through the cracks in the sukka's roof, we are reminded not to become entombed in our homes and hidden among the trappings of our wealth and comfort — we must take an active role in making the world a better place for all.

Spending time in this small, fragile booth also reminds us of our humble beginnings as ex-slaves wandering in the wilderness. In the 21st Century, Jews have attained a level of security and prosperity unmatched in any other era. No matter how great and secure we become as a People, and as individuals, we must constantly recall our modest beginnings, so that we may truly appreciate the advancements we have made. At the same time, the sukka reminds us of the courage of our ancestors and the legacy they leave to us as they created shelters made not only of branches and leaves, but of faith and openness. It is a reminder of the time long ago when we followed God into the desert, and painfully learned the meaning of trust.

It is amazing that this simple, temporary hut carries in it such important lessons for life, for within its walls are the Eternal and Universal values of life. This Sukkot, may we all take the opportunity to spend some time in a sukka and experience the subtle power of this fragile booth. May we carry the spirit and message of the sukka forward with us into the New Year. *

Rabbi Cohen is the spiritual leader of Ohavay Zion Synagogue of Lexington.

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On Thursday, October 12 at 5:00 p.m., Professor Alfred Jacoby will speak on the subject "Jews in Germany Today." Jacoby, Germany's premier Jewish architect and professor of architecture at the Bauhaus in Dessau, currently has an exhibit of his works showing at the Singletary Center for the Arts.

The exhibit, titled "In a New Spirit: Synagogues of Germany," is sponsored by the German department as

part of its opening celebrations of the new Max Kade German House and Cultural Center. The exhibit opened at the Singletary Center for the Arts on September 22 and runs through October 20th. Jacoby's talk on Oct. 12th is co-sponsored by the University of Kentucky and your Federation Community Relations Committee. The talk will be held at Ohavey Zion Synagogue. Jacoby will also present an illustrated lecture about his work in the Singletary Center for the Arts recital Hall on Friday, Oct. 13 at 3:30 p.m.

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You Should Have Been There!!

**Central Kentucky Jewish Federation
swings with Brubeck**

by Phil Berger and Ruth Poley

The body may be 80, but the hands are still 32. Dave Brubeck, jazz icon of the 20th century was in great form at a recent Cincinnati Pops

concert. The CKJF-organized group from Lexington had a rollicking good time that evening.

We met for dinner at The Diner on Sycamore. Heaps of hummus, platters of pasta, and other culinary delights preceded our visit to the elegant Music Hall in downtown Cincinnati (and the drive through downtown allowed many of us to see the Cincy pigs-cute, but our horses are more elegant!)

Many of you might remember Dave Brubeck as one of the originators of West coast or "cool" jazz. Although he is about to turn 80, he has lost none of his verve. His joy, skill, and energy on stage were contagious.

The Brubeck Quartet's renditions of "Blue Rondo a la Turk," "Three to Get Ready," and "Take Five" were anything but cool. Bobby Militello on alto saxophone looks and sounds nothing like Paul Desmond. Militello has a big sound! The Brubeck quartet swung, we mean really swung. It is that evolution of old standards that makes jazz so thrilling.

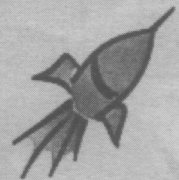
The concert was rounded out with some imaginative orchestral arrangements of eight Beatles tunes and one of a Count Basie standard. The Brubeck Quartet and the Cincinnati Pops received three standing ovations, and the audience was rewarded with a long encore.

It was a nice surprise to see our name in the program as the CKJF group was welcomed to the performance.

Thanks go to CKJF for organizing this program, and to those members of the Community Activities Committee who drove to Cincinnati and organized the dinner. We look forward to the next event and hope to see all of you there next time. *

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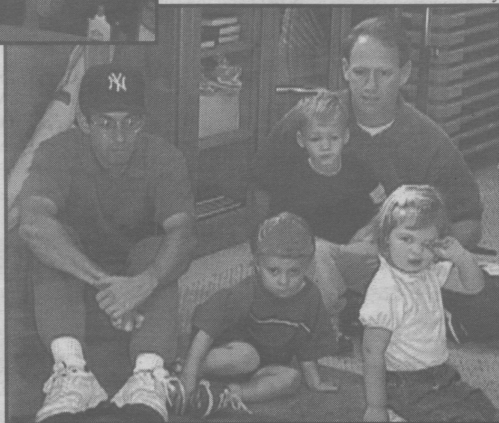
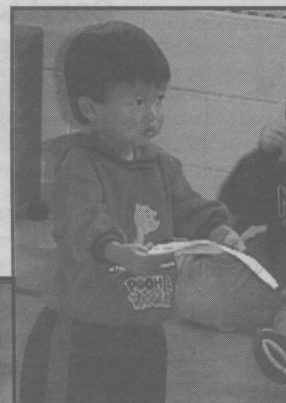


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Court to Consider Allocation Plan in Swiss Bank Settlement

New York—Special Master Judah Gribetz, who was appointed by the US District Court to prepare a distribution proposal for the \$1.25 billion settlement of the class action lawsuit between Swiss banks and victims of Nazi persecution and their heirs or successors, has submitted his initial distribution proposal. The document names The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) to administer \$67.5 million in humanitarian programs over a ten-year period aimed at helping impoverished victims of Nazi terror now living in the former Soviet Union (including the Baltic states). It also designates the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (Claims Conference) to handle similar programs in other parts of the world.

The Special Master's plan recommends that \$800 million of the settlement funds be held by the court while account holders and their heirs document their claims. The plan also sets aside several hundred million dollars for direct payments to former slave and forced laborers as well as refugees. However, the Special Master has recognized

the critical needs of victims of Nazi persecution living in the former Soviet Union, and elsewhere in the world.

JDC Executive Vice-President Michael Schneider advised his Board of Directors: "This is only the beginning of a long legal process. Even if the plan proceeds as proposed, its annual impact amounts to less than one-fifth of our welfare program budget in the former Soviet Union. The fact is, we're still not reaching every Jew in need." The allocation proposal, prepared by Special Master Judah Gribetz, noted that humanitarian funds from the settlement should be used to "augment" and "not substitute for" current program funds.

In a statement to his Board of Directors, Schneider said: "We thank Special Master Judah Gribetz for his recognition of JDC's long history in global welfare relief. The proposed plan for distribution represents an important first step in meeting some of the needs identified by the WJRO."

The proposed plan comes in response to recommendations submitted by the World Jewish Restitution Organization (WJRO), of which JDC is a founding member. WJRO recommended both direct payments and social services for victims of the Holocaust as well as for some funding to be set aside for

memorializing the Holocaust.

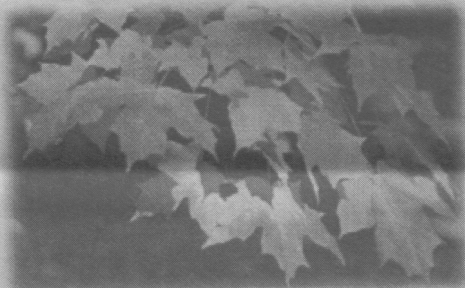
The JDC and the Claims Conference currently provide welfare and relief services to these aged victims, who make up the majority of the JDC's 210,000 person caseload in the former Soviet Union. Schneider noted that all decisions regarding the disbursement of these funds will be made in consultation with the 121 local Hased welfare centers and the Claims Conference and in coordination with the WJRO and the survivor community.

While welcoming the proposal, Schneider maintained that, "This creates more pressure on JDC and the entire Jewish philanthropic system to increase its funding for the needy Jews in the former Soviet Union who are not victims of the Nazis. Otherwise, we face the prospect of a two-tiered relief system, with one level of relief for victims of Nazi persecution, and a lesser program for those who do not fall into this category. This, we are reluctant to do."

For details on the Special Master's plan and the settlement, visit www.swissbankclaims.com

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Like its characters, the play is funny, high-energy, and ultimately disturbing. THIS IS OUR YOUTH is an unforgettable adventure for audiences of any generation.

This production does contain strong language and is not recommended for young children.

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Demography

The remaining community is concentrated in northern Yemen. It is comprised of the Yahood Al-Maghrib (Western Jews) and the Yahood Al-Mashrag (Eastern Jews). These Jews mostly live in villages in the vicinity of Saada, which is located in Sa'ata Province, close to the Saudi border. The community is extremely insular.

History

The Jews of Yemen trace their origins back to biblical times, and the first recorded reference to Yemenite Jews appears in the 3rd century c.e. The community probably arose from the settlement of Jewish traders and merchants and from the arrival of Jewish forces with the Roman troops just before the Common Era.

Restrictions continued to be enforced in the 19th

century. These included laws forbidding Jews from riding animals, wearing bright colors, or building houses above a certain height.

On the social ladder, Jews occupied the lowest rung as the only non-Muslims in the country.

Due to the worsening conditions, successive waves of Jews began fleeing Yemen in 1882, mainly to the Land of Israel. Despite the fact that the Yemenite ruler, Imam Yahya, forbade emigration to Palestine in 1929, one-third of the Jewish population, or approximately 16,000, made aliya between 1919 and 1948. In 1948 Yahya's son and successor eased the ban on emigration and thus allowed for the massive airlift of Jews to Israel.

After intense rioting (100 Jews were killed in 1947) and continued persecution, most of the community of South Yemen also emigrated, many settling in Israel. The remaining members of the

South Yemen community were evacuated to Israel and to Britain in June 1967, as a result of rioting that followed the Six-Day War.

The small community that remains in the northern area of Yemen is tolerated and is able to practice Judaism. Its members are still treated as second-class citizens and cannot own land, serve in the army, or be elected to political positions. Most work as artisans and small traders. During the past few years, about 400 Jews have also emigrated to Israel, despite the official ban on emigration.

Communal and Religious Life

The Jews are scattered and a communal structure no longer exists. Yemenite Jews have little social interaction with their Muslim neighbors and are largely prevented from communicating with world Jewry. It is believed that there are two synagogues still functioning. *

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Jenny Grossinger, The Art of Jewish Cooking

The following recipe is adapted from the above book. It's healthy, filling, tastes delicious, and is a great fall dish. And if the long cooking time scares you, cook it the night before—it will only taste better reheated!

- 4 cups shredded carrots
- 1 cup small, pitted prunes
- 1 tablespoon small pearl barley
- 3/4 cup shredded apple
- 3 tablespoons butter or olive oil (or chicken fat if you have a death wish)
- 1/2 cup or more water
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, or to taste
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

Combine all the ingredients in a heavy saucepan. Cover and cook over very low heat 2 hours, or until the barley is soft. Watch carefully while cooking and add more water if necessary. Serves 6, can be doubled.

Show us Your Latkes

Do you have a favorite latke recipe that everyone just loves? Send it on in; we'd like to print a variety of these recipes in our December issue. We don't have room for a great many, but we will select a few at random for publication. C'mon, don't be shy—show us your latkes!

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ENGAGING JEWISH TEENS (Part 3)

New efforts encourage youth work as a 'real job'

by Julie Wiener

NEW YORK, JTA — Jules Gutin recalls that when he was first starting out as a youth group director, "people kept asking me when I was going to grow up and get a real job."

The experience of Gutin, who defied his questioners and eventually became director of the conservative movement's United Synagogue Youth, was not unusual.

In the Jewish community, youth work has traditionally been relegated to the just-out-of-college kid willing to earn very little money for a year or two until he or she applies to graduate school or pursues more "serious" work.

Even among youth workers with master's degrees in social work and education, turnover has generally been high and salaries low.

Now, as the Jewish community looks to improve outreach to teens, the majority of whom do not participate in youth groups or Hebrew high schools, there is

a growing consensus that a renaissance of quality programming will require quality professionals who are in the field for the long-term and not just as a stepping stone.

At a recent conference for people working on informal Jewish and Zionist education, held in a fading Catskill Mountains resort that was once a hotspot for American Jewish vacationers and "Borscht Belt" comedians, Gutin was one of only a handful of people there old enough to remember that Catskills era.

But echoed repeatedly throughout the conference — sponsored by the four-year-old North American Alliance for Jewish Youth — was the need to stem the turnover in the field and turn youth work into a real profession — one with training, ongoing education, good salaries, a career ladder and perhaps most importantly, respect.

"We would like to have talented, informal educators whose job it is to respond to diverse needs and create

compelling programs that would be like a magnet," said Joseph Reimer, a Brandeis University professor and director of the university's new Institute for Informal Jewish Education.

"Our judgment is that amateurs can't do that work," he added.

Created in 1999 with funds from Charles Bronfman, the mega-philanthropist who also chairs the national umbrella organization for Jewish federations and is a founder of Birthright Israel, the institute is one of the key players in the drive for professionalization of youth work.

Starting this fall, it will run a 13-month leadership seminar consisting of mentoring, networking with other informal educators and three intensive four-day retreats.

A somewhat similar plan is in the works in California's Bay Area, where the Bureau of Jewish Education will be offering stipends, leadership training and mentoring, but also grant money for teen workers to implement new programs.

The Jewish Community Centers Association of North America runs a leadership "fellows" program for 18 JCC youth workers, and is in its second two-year cycle.

"It validated that the work I was doing had professional meaning and enabled me to sharpen my leadership skills," said Julia Wolpov, from the first group of JCCA fellows, who now works at Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life.

In addition to the proliferation of professional development programs, several communities are also looking for ways to provide greater support and networking among people working in informal Jewish education.

In Metro West, N.J., and Boston, federation-sponsored teen initiatives are cobbling together several part-time jobs to create full-time positions with salaries and benefits.

As part of a larger series of voluntary standards the JCCA is encouraging its members to adopt, it is suggesting that new youth workers be paid at least as much as area first-year teachers, said Amy Rosenberg, who staffs the fellows program and other teen services.

But some are skeptical that teen work will ever be a long-term career, no matter what is done to professionalize it.

Marissa Buchferer, a current JCCA youth fellow and coordinator of teen activities at the Samuel Field YM-YHWA in Queens, N.Y., described the fellows program as a "phenomenal way to network and program-share with people throughout the country."

However, she said that while she loves her work with teens, it would be hard to imagine doing it indefinitely because the schedule is hard to balance with family responsibilities.

Since programs must be offered when the teens are not in school, youth professionals generally work several nights a week and most weekends, said Buchferer.

"It's giving a lot of yourself," she said. "You can only do that for so many years before you get burnt out and tired." *

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Lieberman worries Arab Americans, but leaders say he's not all that bad

By Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — What Arab Americans most want from the Democratic ticket is some respect for their concerns and their voting power in key states.

In particular, they want reassurances from vice presidential candidate Joseph Lieberman that his Jewish identity will not tilt U.S. policy more strongly against Arab positions in the Middle East.

"There is a deep concern in our community about how the election of Al Gore and Lieberman would affect the peace process," said James Zogby, president of the Washington-based Arab American Institute.

Zogby hosted a record 52 Arab American delegates to the Democratic National Convention at a festive "Meet Us at the Casbah" bash Tuesday night.

"The main question we want answered is how Lieberman stands on the Middle East," said Ismael Ahmed, executive director of the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services in the Detroit area, which is home to the largest concentration of Arab Americans in the United States. "He should meet with our people and clearly explain where he stands."

Ahmed, a member of the Michigan delegation, has been hearing from members of his community since Gore chose Lieberman as his running mate. Most questions are perplexed or seek guidance, but "not all are reasonable," he said. Some see a Zionist conspiracy to take over the U.S. government.

Concerns are heightened, said Ahmed, by the perception in his community that Gore would be a more pro-Israel president than President Clinton.

Both Ahmed and Zogby said they have been telling their constituents that what they know about Lieberman is not all bad.

Zogby recalled that the Connecticut senator used his influence to assure that Arab Americans played a larger role during the 1996 convention than they had in previous years.

Last year, Lieberman co-sponsored a bill to assure Egypt of continuing U.S. aid.

There are about 3.5 million Arab Americans in the United States who are keenly aware that they cannot match the clout of the 6 million-strong Jewish community.

As is true for the Jews, Arab voting strength is concentrated in a few key states. Foremost is Michigan, where Arab Americans represent 5 percent of the vote.

In that state, consumer advocate Ralph Nader is receiving 11 percent of the vote, and if enough Arab Americans vote for Nader, the state, crucial to Democratic hopes, will almost certainly go into the Republican column.

Los Angeles radio host Casey Kasem will vote for Nader "not because he is Lebanese American

like myself," he said, but because the Democratic Party is drifting too far to the right.

But Kasem is not worried about Lieberman's views on the Middle East. "Precisely because he is Jewish, I believe he will be more sensitive about what's happening in the Middle East," he said. *



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Journalist puts human faces on war for U.S. Jewry's future

By Julie Wiener

NEW YORK (JTA) — Just as American Jews spent the last decade worrying about “continuity,” they will likely spend this one worrying about lack of consensus as to just what kind of Judaism should be continued.

That’s the message of a provocatively titled new book, “Jew vs. Jew: The Struggle for the Soul of American Jewry,” by award-winning journalist Samuel Freedman.

That there are tensions among the different streams of Judaism — particularly between Orthodox and liberal Jews — is nothing new. Indeed, in every large Jewish community throughout the United States, the loud pleas for “tolerance” and “unity” have become something of a cliché.

Umbrella organizations like federations and Jewish community centers have struggled with dueling demands such as whether to close for Shabbat or remain open, to allocate overseas funds to the liberal streams of Judaism or to Orthodox yeshivot and social organizations, to support the Israeli prime minister’s willingness to exchange land for peace or to condemn it.

What makes his book unique, says Freedman, is that it is not “from one polemical point of view or another.”

Instead, the book puts faces on the Jewish disunity, thoroughly chronicling the stories of a handful of people caught up in such disputes.

The disputes in modern American Judaism, contends Freedman, go beyond simply Orthodox vs. secular.

But the central conflicts of the book are the ones that pit Orthodox against liberal Jews.

Freedman examines:

- * The simultaneous demise of a secular Zionist summer camp and exponential growth of a neighboring Chasidic community in New Jersey;
- * A failed joint Orthodox-Reform-Conservative conversion program in Denver;
- * Reform Jews who left their Long Island suburb because they felt their Orthodox neighbors were judging them;
- * A protracted dispute in suburban Cleveland pitting liberal Jews against Orthodox Jews seeking to build a synagogue, mikvah and school.

However, not all conflicts are Orthodox-secular. He also writes of:

* Tensions that emerge in a traditional Conservative congregation in Los Angeles when one of the members seeks to include the matriarchs in the liturgy;

* A terrorist act in Jacksonville, Fla., inspired by sharply different visions of the Israeli peace process;

* The intra-Orthodox tensions ignited when five fervently Orthodox students declared the Yale University’s dorms improper settings for observant Jews, even though hundreds of modern Orthodox Jews had happily lived in them for years.

Even buzzwords like “unity” and “pluralism,” have partisan undertones, writes Freedman. Unity — generally used by more traditional Jews — asks all

Jews to adhere to the same beliefs, while pluralism, writes Freedman, often implies that anything goes and there are no common rules at all.

Freedman, a Columbia University journalism professor raised in an “intensely secular” household, brings somewhat of an outsider’s perspective to the debate. This is his first book on a Jewish topic, and he is reluctant to take sides or prescribe solutions, preferring instead to “create a dissonance in the reader’s brain,” by showing the humanity of those with whom they might passionately disagree.

Interested in Judaism as a child, Freedman chose against his parent’s wishes to have a Bar Mitzvah but his Jewish interest “ended abruptly” when the rabbi refused at the last minute to lead the service due to a dispute over whether the reception would be sufficiently kosher.

“We had to find another rabbi and another synagogue, so everything I’d heard from my parents about how sectarian and petty Judaism was seemed to have been confirmed,” said Freedman.

He returned to religion years later, in an unlikely spot: as a reporter writing a book on an African-American church in Brooklyn. There, people frequently asked him about Judaism and “the fact that I knew so little made me feel such a profound sense of shame.”

Now, Freedman identifies as a Conservative Jew and belongs with his wife and children to B’nai Jeshurun, a large Manhattan synagogue known for its lively prayer services and extensive array of social action projects.

Although he and his wife considered enrolling their children in a pluralistic Jewish day school, they ultimately opted for public school, mainly because they wanted them to be exposed to children from other backgrounds.

Freedman suggests that in the future American Jews will be aligned into four main constituencies: Haredi or

fervently Orthodox; what he calls “Conservadox” — a partnership of modern Orthodox and traditional Conservative Jews who favor gender equality but find Jewish law binding; and “Reformadox,” liberal Jews who incorporate tradition but accept such things as gay marriage and patrilineal descent.

As for the fourth group, what Freedman terms “just Jews,” he sees little future. Ethnic/secular Judaism, he writes, has been buffeted by intermarriage, upward mobility and is becoming indistinguishable from broader American culture.

However, he is not writing off Secular Humanistic Judaism, a relatively young Michigan-based movement founded by a former Reform rabbi, Sherwin Wine. The movement has secular congregations throughout the country that host discussion groups, services that do not mention God and even train children for secular Bar and Bat Mitzvahs.

“Those sorts of organizational entities are what’s been missing from secular Judaism, so if it can perpetuate, that’s all to the good,” he said, but noted that “I can’t help being struck by the fact that their leader is a rabbi. It’s sort of paradoxical.”

Chabad-Lubavitch, a fervently Orthodox Chasidic stream with extensive interaction with other Jews, may also break from the general mold of Orthodox and other Jews having little to do with each other.

“You get in, get loved so much and get a sense of community, then decide willingly to be haredi,” observes Freedman. “They’re onto something. You don’t win by browbeating.”

The fact that Jews are segmenting and fighting in no way eliminates concerns about Jewish continuity, however, writes Freedman.

“It is tragic, yes, that American Jews have battled so bitterly, so viciously over the very meaning of being Jewish,” are the last words of his book. “It is more tragic, perhaps, that the only ones fighting are the only ones left who care.” *

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Duke's message to Russians: Anti-Semites of the world, unite

By Lev Gorodetsky

MOSCOW (JTA) — A former Ku Klux Klan leader is spreading his anti-Semitic message across Russia.

But the real message is that there appears to be increasing cooperation between Russian extremists and their ideological counterparts abroad.

David Duke recently began his one-month trip to Russia by telling a crowd at a downtown Moscow museum that they should take action against "the Aryan race's main enemy — world Zionism" and that "the Jews have brought us to our knees," according to the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews.

Duke apparently came to Russia for a one-month visit on the invitation of Aleksander Prokhanov, the editor-in-chief of *Zavtra*, an ultranationalist newspaper, and Konstantin Kasimovsky, the head of an anti-Semitic organization called Russian Action.

Prokhanov, who is influential in nationalist circles and whose paper is heavily tainted with xenophobia and anti-Semitism, was invited recently to a meeting of Russian President Vladimir Putin with chief editors of some newspapers.

At the museum, Duke also called for all dark-skinned people to be forced out of Moscow. The crowd responded with cries of "Glory to Russia!" and "White Power!"

The national director of a group that monitors anti-Semitic acts and other human rights violations in Russia, said Duke's visit was throwing the spotlight on Russian President Vladimir Putin's flirtation with Russian extremists.

"Coming just two weeks after President Putin granted a meeting to Mr. Prokhanov, in effect legitimizing his anti-Semitic publishing activity, Prokhanov's open affiliation with a despicable character like Duke brings into even greater focus how wrong it was for the president to meet with him in the first place," said Micah Naftalin.

This is Duke's second trip to Russia. Last year he met with Gen. Albert Makashov, a former Communist lawmaker known for his anti-Semitic statements.

In May, Jean-Marie Le Pen, leader of France's xenophobic National Front, visited Ukraine and signed a collaboration agreement with the Ukrainian National Socialist Party, a leading extreme-right organization in western Ukraine.

Lev Krichevsky, director of the Moscow office of the Anti-Defamation League, said extreme Russian nationalists are stepping up contacts with their counterparts in the West, including the sharing of Internet resources.

"It is amazing to see how fast these guys, with all their anti-Western rhetoric, find common language and organize multi-language Web sites together with their colleagues from the West," Krichevsky said.

There are also signs of cooperation between

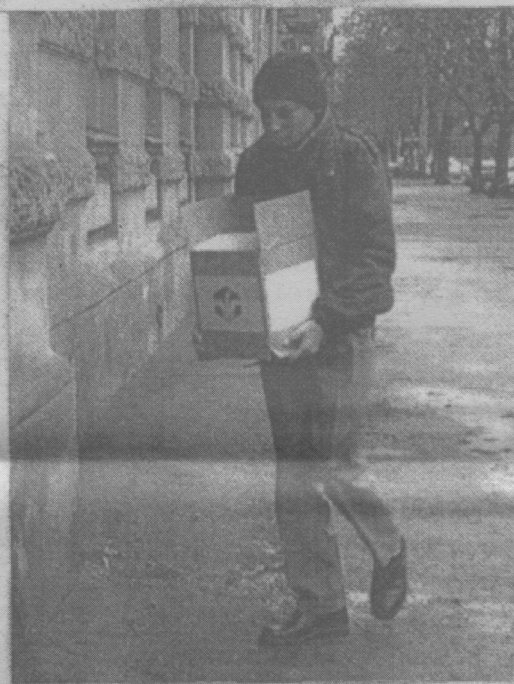
Muslim extremists and nationalists across the former Soviet Union.

Even in Russia, despite the anti-Muslim feelings caused by the Chechen war, some Russian

nationalist groups are teaming up with the Muslim extremists in a "common struggle against Zionist conspiracy" in Russia, the Middle East and elsewhere. *

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

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Friday, October 6, 2000

8:00 p.m. **OZS** - Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv
6:00 p.m. **TAI** - Anniversary Dinner
7:30 p.m. **TAI** - Erev Shabbat Services

Saturday, October 7, 2000

9:45 a.m. **OZS** - Preliminary Service
10:00 a.m. **OZS** - Shaharit
9:00 a.m. **TAI** - Kollel Study Group
10:30 a.m. **TAI** - Worship

Sunday, October 8, 2000 - Erev Yom Kippur

12:30 p.m. Cemetery Memorial Service, Lexington Cemetery
7:00 p.m. **HAV** - Kol Nidre, Lexington Public Library
140 E. Main St.
7:00 p.m. **OZS** - Kol Nidre (doors close at 7:15 p.m.!)
6:45 p.m. **TAI** - Kol Nidre early service
9:00 p.m. **TAI** - Kol Nidre late service

Monday, October 9, 2000 - Yom Kippur

10:00 a.m. **HAV** - Yom Kippur, Lex. Public Library, Rm.A
7:45 p.m. **HAV** - Break-the-Fast, Lex. Public Library, Rm.A
9:30 a.m. **OZS** - Preliminary Service
9:45 a.m. **OZS** - Shaharit
10:00 a.m. **OZS** - Family Holiday Service (todd.-2nd gr.)
11:30 a.m. **OZS** - Junior Congregation (3rd-7th grade)
12:15 p.m. **OZS** - YIZKOR
4:00 p.m. **OZS** - Study Period
5:00 p.m. **OZS** - Mincha
6:15 p.m. **OZS** - Neilah
7:30 p.m. **OZS** - Ma'ariv, Havdallah & Break Fast
8:45 a.m. **TAI** - Family Service
10:30 a.m. **TAI** - Late Service
3:00 p.m. **TAI** - Afternoon Service
4:30 p.m. **TAI** - Neilah followed by Yizkor
Break-the-Fast immediately after service

Friday, October 13, 2000

8:00 p.m. **OZS** - Ma'ariv
7:30 p.m. **TAI** - Erev Sukkot Shabbat Services
Nora Simon Bat Mitzvah

Saturday, October 14, 2000

9:45 a.m. **OZS** - Preliminary Service
10:00 a.m. **OZS** - Shaharit
9:30 a.m. **TAI** - Torah Study
10:30 a.m. **TAI** - Worship
Nora Simon Bat Mitzvah

Sunday, October 15, 2000

2:00 p.m. **HAV** - Sukkot, Steve & Kate
Davis-Rosenbaum's home
9:45 a.m. **OZS** - Preliminary Service
10:00 a.m. **OZS** - Shaharit

Friday, October 20, 2000

8:00 p.m. **OZS** - Ma'ariv
7:30 p.m. **TAI** - Simchat Torah/Consecration

Saturday, October 21, 2000

7:30 p.m. **HAV** - Lex. Hearing & Speech, 162 N. Ashland Av.
9:45 a.m. **OZS** - Preliminary Service
10:00 a.m. **OZS** - Shaharit
11:30 a.m. **OZS** - YIZKOR
7:30 p.m. **OZS** - Erev Simchat Torah Celebration
9:00 a.m. **TAI** - Kollel Study Group
10:30 a.m. **TAI** - Simchat Torah Festival Worship with Yizkor

Sunday, October 22, 2000

9:45 a.m. **OZS** - Preliminary Service
10:00 a.m. **OZS** - Shaharit, Consecration & Aleph Ceremony

Friday, October 27, 2000

8:00 p.m. **OZS** - Ma'ariv
7:30 p.m. **TAI** - Erev Shabbat Service
Guest Speaker: Rabbi Uriel Smith

Saturday, October 28, 2000

9:45 a.m. **OZS** - Preliminary Service
10:00 a.m. **OZS** - Shaharit
9:30 a.m. **TAI** - Torah Study
10:30 a.m. **TAI** - Worship Service

Friday, November 3, 2000

8:00 p.m. **OZS** - Ma'ariv
6:00 p.m. **TAI** - Tot Shabbat Service
6:30 p.m. **TAI** - Potluck Dinner
7:30 p.m. **TAI** - Shabbat Service
Brian Rade Bar Mitzvah

Saturday, November 4, 2000

9:45 a.m. **OZS** - Preliminary Service
10:00 a.m. **OZS** - Shaharit
9:30 a.m. **TAI** - Torah Study
10:30 a.m. **TAI** - Worship Service

Sunday, November 5, 2000

6:30 p.m. **CKJF** - Stop The Hate Vigil - Triangle Park

Sunday, November 12, 2000

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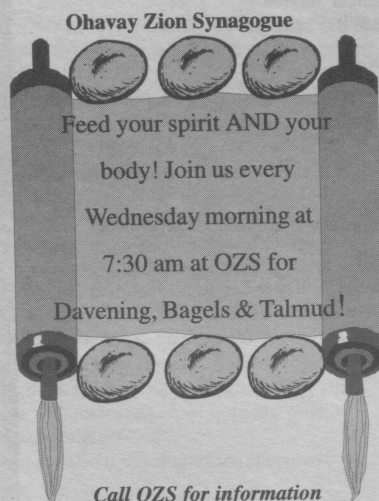
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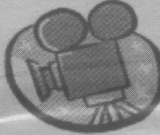
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