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## **CAMP SHALOM: CALLING ALL CAMPERS!**

The camp committee wants to give all campers a preview of what will be happening this year at Camp Shalom.

The theme of the camp this year will be the Jewish life cycle. Campers will experience the different life cycle stages through play-acting, i.e., a mock wedding, a Bris, a baby naming and Bar and Bat Mitzvahs.

Two new exciting field trips have been added this year for the afternoon campers. They will visit a horse farm and do a ceramic project.

Mark Scarr is the

director this year and we have two new assistant directors. They are Sandra Mason and Taeresa Pearl. All three have had vast camp experience.

The camp committee thinks this is going to be a great year. Mark, Sandra, and Taeresa are all looking forward to meeting all the new and old campers. Orientation is Sunday, May 31st at Ohavay Zion Synagogue at 10:00 a.m.

Camp Shalom  
Camp Committee

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

What a momentous month May has turned out to be!

We have moved to new offices at 340 Romany Road - light, bright, and conveniently located. We hope that with improved accessibility many of you will stop by to say hello and stay to volunteer. Coupled with this move we are reorganizing our files and resource materials. We could use some assistance with sorting and filing; and of course our committee chairs always welcome additional volunteers.

May also marks a significant change in our staff. After six years of dedicated and energetic service, our Director, Linda Ravvin, has submitted her resignation. Linda's legacy will remain with us in many ways. Over the years we have come to count on Linda for the breadth and depth of her knowledge of the Jewish and general community: her sensitivity to, and advocacy for, political and social issues of concern to us; and her extensive network of contacts with national and Israel based Jewish agencies and organizations. Most recently Linda organized our big move with efficiency and aplomb. We all wish her continued success - as a professional and a valued volunteer.

As our Search Committee, chaired by Mike Ades, began meeting last month we received news that two anonymous grants have been offered to CKJF. They will enable us to exercise the option of hiring a full-time Director and will help underwrite the increased costs for our new offices. The grants are for an

eighteen month period. After that time we will be expected to support our staff and office through our own fund raising efforts.

Additionally, the Search Committee recommended, and the Board approved, the hiring of a full-time secretary. We have been looking for a secretary for several months now and expect to have someone in place before the end of the month.

We welcome Ellie Goldman, Michael Grossman, Marc Plavin, and Rose Rita Wurmser who are newly elected to the Board and welcome back Sandy Adland who will be serving a second term. We also welcome Art Shechet who will be filling a vacancy created by the recent resignation of one of our Board members. We look forward to working with all of you!

This is the time too to thank Bob Baumann, Arlene Cohen, Marilyn Gall, and Chas Hite who have completed their terms. They have been devoted volunteers. We anticipate your continued participation in community affairs.

I want to extend a special and public appreciation to Mike Ades, my predecessor as President. Mike served as president with great distinction, and has continued as ex-officio to offer sage advice and solid perspective on the Board, with the Executive Committee, and to me personally. Although his official term is completed I know we can all rely on him to step in with his solid support whenever he is called.

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## ANYTOWN KENTUCKY

Anytown Kentucky is a one-week summer human relations/leadership workshop for teenagers. It is now accepting applications from students who will be juniors or seniors in the fall.

Teenagers of varied cultural, racial, religious, and ethnic backgrounds come together to share their unique individuality. Workshops, discussion groups, sports, cultural and talent nights, campfires (and you) will make this an unforgettable experience.

The camp will be held June 14-20 near Leitchfield, Kentucky at beautiful Rough River Lake Camp. Tuition is \$195.00 with financial assistance available from NCCJ based on need. For more information, contact Lauren Weinberg at 277-4434 or write: NCCJ, 2029 Bellefonte Drive, Lexington, Kentucky 40503. CKJF also offers non-need related scholarships.

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## ADL TO HOLD A DESSERT RECEPTION

at  
Greenhouse Apartments  
Tates Creek Road  
Thursday, June 25th

Charney Bromberg, Director of Intergroup Relations for ADL will present on overview of ADL and its agenda and response to issues and concerns of the Jewish community, both nationally and locally.

For more information, please call 1-800-821-8614.

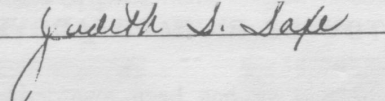
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## Presidents Message (continued from page 2)

Finally, the Board of CKJF is beginning a much needed examination and analysis of our organization coupled with a long range planning process. The major portion of our next two Board meetings and a full-day retreat in August will be devoted to this undertaking.

As planning progress is made and changes take place, we will share the news with you, the members of our community. We invite your participation and your suggestions.

Shalom,



Judy Saxe

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## TODAH RABAH URGENT TREATMENT CENTER

A heartfelt thank you is extended to Dr. John Pappas, owner, and Laura Babbage, CEO, of Urgent Treatment Centers in Lexington. Through their generosity, any of our new Americans within our Resettlement Program may receive urgent treatment without cost.

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#### ON THE MOVE - TED FRIEDMAN

CKJF wishes only the best to Ted Friedman, a valued member of our community, on his move to Chicago. Ted is joining his daughter and her family there.

Ted's late wife, Sue, was instrumental in the founding of CKJF and Ted has always been a most appreciated supporter and volunteer. Don't forget to visit your many friends in Lexington!

A reception will be held in Ted's honor, Wednesday, June 3rd at Ohavay Zion Synagogue from 7-9 p.m.

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#### MAZEL TOV - DR. RICHARD SADOVE

Dr. Richard Sadove has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to bring his expertise in pediatric plastic surgery to Israel. He will be an associate professor of surgery, plastic surgery division, at the new Tel Aviv University Children's Medical Center of Israel. Dr. Sadove will instruct Israeli physicians in pediatric reconstructive plastic surgery techniques.

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#### SALUTE TO PRESIDENTS

CKJF salutes Cheri Rose who is the newly seated President of Temple Adath Israel. Cheri is also a member of the CKJF Board and has served as Treasurer.

President Kathy Feinberg has taken office at the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah. She succeeds Kathy Grossman in this position.

We know you will both carry out your duties with great success.

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#### BAR MITZVAH

*Our son, Joshua Mancil  
will be called to the Torah  
as a Bar Mitzvah  
on Saturday, May 30, 1992  
at 10:00 a.m.*

*Please join us  
for Kiddush luncheon  
following the service*

*Joshua will lead the service  
on Friday at 8:00*

*Oneg Shabbat following*

*Lyn and David Shraberg*

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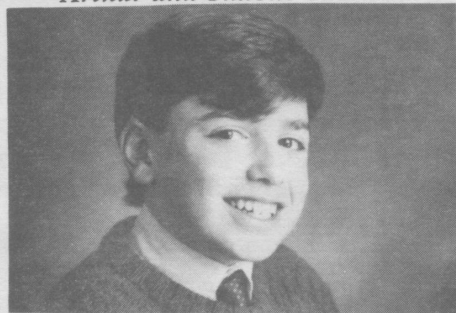
#### BAR MITZVAH

*Our son, Seth Allen  
will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah  
on Saturday morning,  
June 13  
at Ohavay Zion Synagogue  
at 10:00 a.m.*

*We would be pleased to have you  
worship with us  
and join us for a  
Kiddush luncheon immediately  
following the service.*

*Seth will also lead the service at 8:00  
p.m. Friday evening.*

*Arthur and Simone Salomon*



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### THANKS TO GENO'S AND GALL'S

A special thank you to Geno's Formal Wear and Gall's, Inc. for hiring many of our Soviet immigrants.

Natalie and Jacob Kaganov, along with Inta Jotson, work at Geno's; while Michael Rubin and Sasha Orlov are employed at Gall's, Inc. Thanks to these fine employers.

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### MACCABIAH GOLF & TENNIS OUTING

**There will be a Maccabiah golf and tennis outing at the Standard County Club in Louisville, Friday, June 12. The outing is to benefit the U.S. Maccabiah Team in Israel in 1993. You can participate in the golf or tennis package or attend as a non-participant. You can contact Mark Halleck 266-7157 locally or Dr. Sheldon Schiller in Louisville at 502-425-4345.**

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### CKJF SEEKS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Applications are being accepted for the position of Executive Director of Central Kentucky Jewish Federation. The position is available beginning June 1, 1992. If you are interested, or know someone who may be, please contact or submit your resume to the Search Committee Chairperson, Michael Ades, 1814 Lakehill Circle, Lexington, KY 40502, phone number 266-1291 (evenings and weekends).

Desired qualifications include knowledge of Jewish issues, commitment to Jewish values, experience in volunteer work, ability to work well with people and supervise employees, and knowledge of bookkeeping and computers.

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### URGENT REQUEST FROM GERMANY

The Prosecutor's Office in Dortmund, Germany is seeking information about Rasele Habass, a Jewish woman from the town of Rezekne, Latvia who, in 1941, at the age of 17, was arrested and taken to the police jail in Rezekne after being found hiding in a barn in the Jarnopole Forest, community of Resna. Hiding with Habass at the time was Falke Borcs, a Jewish man, also of Rezekne, who was shot immediately upon capture.

If you have information about the present-day whereabouts of Habass or know what happened to her following her capture, please contact:

Mr. Elliot Welles  
Anti-Defamation League  
823 United Nations Plaza  
New York, NY 10017

Please note that we welcome the assistance of both English and non-English speaking persons.

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Linda Ravvin, Executive Director  
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## UPDATE ON OUR NEW AMERICANS

It is hard to believe that one year has passed since our first Soviet family arrived. As we awaited anxiously at the airport for our new family, we didn't know what the future would hold. Now, one year later, I must admit it has been a fulfilling, yet time consuming year. There were many questions and concerns at the beginning of this massive endeavor but now with the help of the entire Jewish community and many non-Jewish friends, we can safely say we were a success.

I feel fortunate to be a part of this project and to know all these truly wonderful people.

Our second round of newcomers started with the Bashikhes family who arrived in November. Michael, Galina, Sonya, and Liza arrived to meet a very happy cousin, Emily Szekely. Emily, along with George, Laura, Ilona, Jacob, and Anna Szekely have all been instrumental in the acculturation process. Galina is working part-time at Saint Josephs Hospital, while Michael is employed full-time with Gray Construction Company. They have two blonde, adorable daughters, Sonya 6, and Liza 3. Sonya is attending Breckinridge Elementary.

Michael Bashikhes' mother, Rachel, arrived in Lexington recently. She is taking English classes at Transylvania University in a course designed for women, and loves it. Galina said, "We like America very much. Lexington is similar to our country home with lots of flowers and greenery. We were very surprised at how friendly the Jewish community is and we are very grateful to them. The Jewish community took care of everything, especially in the apartment. The Jewish community has allowed us to start life in America without difficulties - you showed us the right way and we knew you were there to help us." And what do the kids like the best? "The swimming pool and school."



Michael Rubin arrived during the first week of the year. He quickly got a job at Gall's Inc. as an autopicker during the week and as a sales representative in the showroom on Saturdays. Michael, 21, is hoping to be a student at the University in the fall and would like to major in Electrical Engineering.

Michael would like to thank everyone who helped make his adjustment to this country easier. His hobbies are reading, biking, working out at a gym, and studying. Michael loves America but often misses his friends and family. His parents

are in the process of trying to come to Lexington. Michael is a very interesting young man who would like to meet more people in the Jewish Community.



Our latest family is the Krasill family. Klara, Dmitri, Inta and Igor, 6, arrived at the Bluegrass airport at the beginning of April. Klara Krasill was lucky enough to be reunited with her daughter Elena Goldes. Elena and her family have been living in Lexington for two years and prior to that lived in Dallas. They are all so happy to be together again!

Igor attends Breckinridge Elementary and is becoming fast friends with Sonya Bashikhes who is in his class. Inta, Igor's mom, is a seamstress at Geno's Formal Wear. She would also like to do private alterations and is available for hire.

Klara was a Spanish professor in the USSR. She would love to be able to use these skills here, possibly teaching or tutoring someone in Spanish.

Dmitri and Klara are faithfully attending their appropriate English classes. The whole family is so extremely grateful for everything the Jewish community has done for them.



Some other exciting news on our "older Soviet families".

Jacob and Dan Kaganov volunteered on Super Sunday. Sasha Slepak has received two honors - one for maintaining a 3.65 grade point average at Henry Clay High School and he was invited to attend the Samantha Smith Institute summer camp. Misha Slepak is on our Forum Committee. Genya Kremer moved to her own apartment and the Rozenzhaks, Slepaks, Shurs and Kaganovs all moved into new apartments.

We will be having a picnic this summer to honor all our volunteers and to meet and mingle with all our new families - date and time to be arranged shortly.

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**SUPER SUNDAY 1992**  
**"CONTINUE THE CHALLENGE...  
A DECADE OF GIVING"**

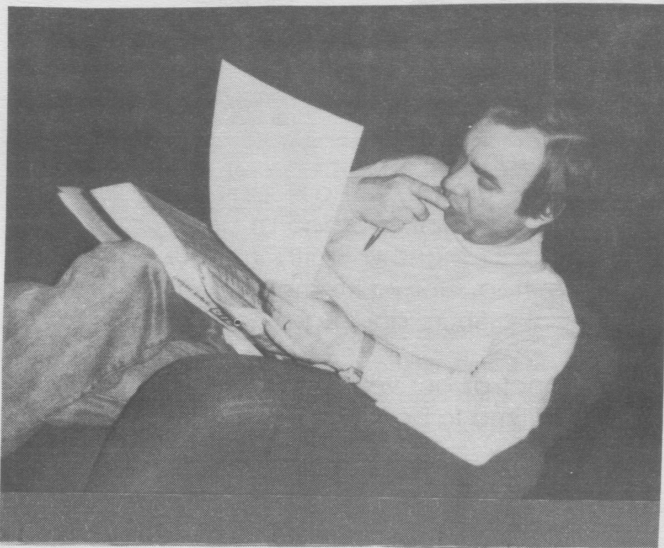
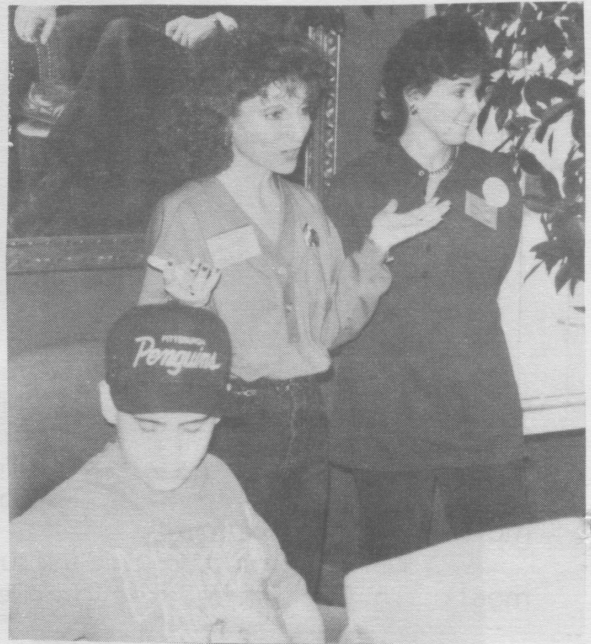
On Sunday, March 8th more than 60 community volunteers met to Continue The Challenge we set for the Central Kentucky Jewish community. The culmination of this community's Decade of Giving involved many old timers, as well as many newcomers.

We crossed the generations with the Kid's Campaign and also with several parent-child volunteer teams.

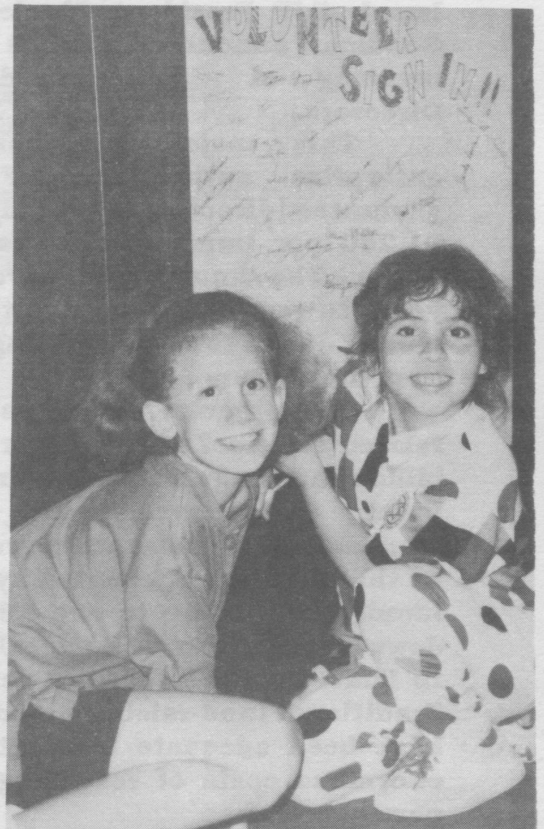
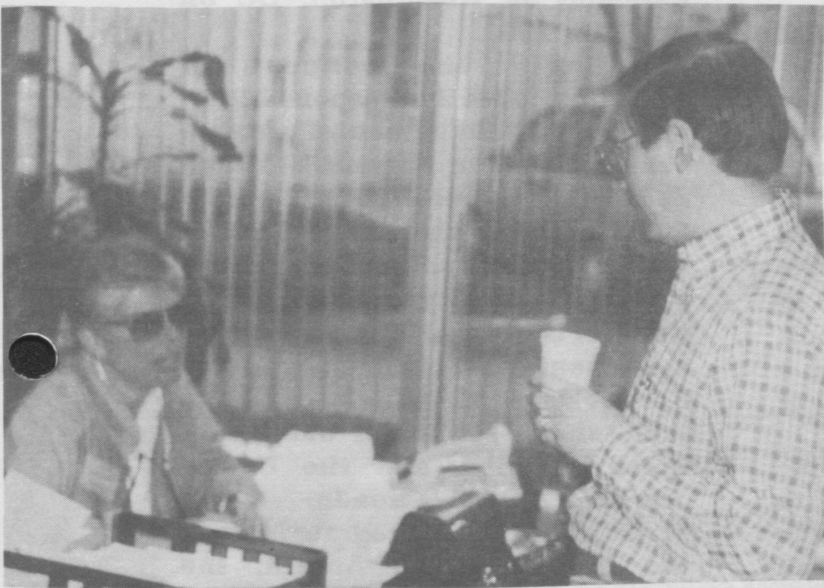
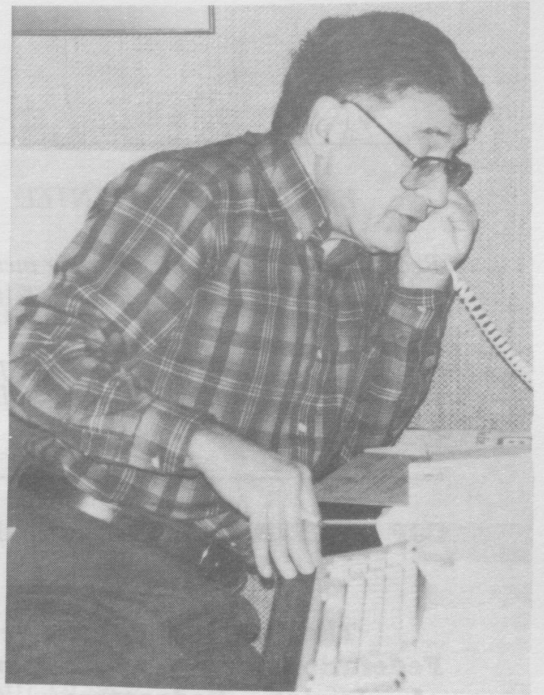
Through this community effort we were very successful in raising funds for our three campaigns: the General Campaign, Project Renewal, and Operation Exodus. It is through the generosity of the Central Kentucky Jewish community, both in time and donations, that we look to begin our second decade of commitment for continued support of Jews throughout the world and in our own neighborhoods.

We thank all of you who gave of yourselves in an effort to help others.

Sue Ezrine  
Austin Cantor







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## EMPLOYMENT WANTED

*Recent Soviet immigrant - Former merchant marine - able to do heavy labor. (file #1)*

*Recent Soviet immigrant - Former Spanish professor will tutor children/adults in Spanish. (file #2)*

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## **CJF LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM READY**

The North American Jewish Federations have given the Council of Jewish Federations final approval for the CJF \$900 million Loan Guarantee Program for the resettlement of Soviet Jews in Israel, CJF President Charles H. Goodman announced April 6 at a meeting of CJF's Board of Directors.

This major philanthropic enterprise authorizes CJF to guarantee direct loans of up to \$1,250 per immigrant for Israeli banks. The immigrants have 10 years to repay the loans, with no money due to the banks during the first three years.

The program, which is not related to Israel's request for \$10 billion in loan guarantees from the United States government, is a response by the federation system to the challenge presented by the immigration of up to one million Jews from the former Soviet Union to Israel over a three-year period. Traditional fund-raising would not have been adequate to meet the enormous costs of resettling the newcomers.

The loan guarantees requested by Israel from the U.S. would have permitted Israel to receive favorable interest rates in its borrowings. The CJF program, however, guarantees direct loans to the immigrants to help them meet the costs of starting new lives. The Federations gave their original, overwhelming approval to the program at a Special CJF General Assembly in Washington, DC on April 16, 1991.

Under the concept of equitable collective responsibility, which is the fundamental premise behind the loan guarantees, each Federation agrees to indemnify CJF for its fair share of the risk of making the loans. U.S. Federations took responsibility for \$750 million worth of the loans. Indemnification agreements were also required from Keren Hayesod, which conducts fund-raising for Israel outside of North America, and the United Jewish Appeal/Canada. Other participants in the program include the United Jewish Appeal, the United Israel Appeal and the Jewish Agency for Israel.

In the event immigrants default on their loans, Federations will only be responsible for paying CJF their share of the amount that must be repaid to the Israeli banks.

The loan program represents the first time the American Jewish philanthropic community has staked its assets and future revenues to meet a present need. Central Kentucky Jewish Federation is participating in the Loan Guarantee Program.

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## CKJF CALENDAR

### MAY:

- 30 Josh Shraberg Bar Mitzvah - 10:00 a.m. at OZS  
31 Camp Shalom Orientation- 10:00 a.m. at OZS

### JUNE:

- 2 Havurah Annual Meeting and Family Potluck Dinner  
6:00 p.m. at Jacobson Park Shelter #2  
3 Good Bye Reception for Ted Friedman - OZS 7-9 p.m.  
4 Social Services Committee Meeting - 7:30 p.m.  
8 Office closed - Second Day Shavuot  
9 Hadassah Board Meeting  
Camp Shalom starts  
13 Seth Salomon Bar Mitzvah - 10:00 a.m. at OZS  
24 CKJF Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.  
26 Camp Shalom ends

**AS THE MILLIONS DIED**  
**BY JOSHUA J. CORDRAY**

People did not care  
Who'd been caught in Hitler's snare,  
And a helping hand was so rare.  
People that watched stood by  
As the millions died.

They did not think,  
That the Jewish people would be at the brink  
Of staring extinction in the face.  
Yet we did not care,  
Nor want to be there  
As the millions died.

Love and help could not be found,  
As Hitler's terror moved from town to town.  
And those who cared  
Would not dare to say they'd been there,  
As the millions died.

No one could Troblenka assist,  
As the Jews at this place did resist.  
Not Churchill nor Roosevelt,  
Could tell the terror the Jews felt,  
As the millions died.

As they reached extinction,  
They called for our attention,  
As we'd soon find,  
We did nothing our hands we'd bind,  
As the millions died.

Many lessons can be learned,  
For more knowledge we should yearn.  
We stood by the side,  
Our feelings we did hide,  
As the millions died.



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