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Holocaust Museum: Impressions

By Carole Johnston

It took a week to sink in. Two weeks later tears still leaked from my eyes whenever I had time to be alone and think about it. This happened often as I drove around town. Images from the video clips haunt me. The faint smell of old leather in the room full of shoes haunts me. The electric shock I felt in the Auschwitz exhibit haunts me. This was not Adrienne Brody, this was not Liam Neeson. This was real. Bunk beds from Auschwitz, milk cans filled with diaries from Warsaw, and train tracks, real train tracks, without which the deportation may not have worked. Eyes and faces stared at me from those museum walls and I will never forget them. I spent four hours on Saturday and four



Teachers visit the Holocaust Museum.

hours on Sunday walking and reading, stopping to contemplate. They told me it would take time to process all the horror and all the facts but it took me a week. I went on with my life, blocking the images from those walls but whenever I was alone for a few moments, the images found me. I was filled with sorrow.

I want to thank the Jewish Federation of Central Kentucky for providing this experience for me and six other teachers from Lexington and Versailles. I learned things I could never learn from books. The United States Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C. has created the most realistic exhibition I have ever seen. From the moment I stepped off the

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Super Sunday is Coming!!!

On Sunday, February 8th, you will receive an important phone call. When you answer the phone, please remember the following:

In the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe over 200,000 elderly Jews receive food and other emergency supplies from the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), an agency funded with money from the annual United Jewish Communities campaign, to which our community allocates our overseas dollars.

In Israel, children are kept safe with extra security guards and after schools activities organized by the Jewish Agency for Israel with funds provided by the American Jewish community.

In Buenos Aires, 64,000 Jews receive some form of help through the "Red Solidaria" (Solidarity Network) organized by the JDC and funded by United Jewish Communities.



In Lexington, the Jewish Lexington Singles (JewLS) has become a regional program attracting Jewish singles from Louisville, Cincinnati, Ohio and beyond.

Camp Shalom, subsidized by the UJC/CKJF Community Campaign, continues to grow and provide a meaningful Jewish experience for our children ages 4 to 10.

Young Leadership programs continue to provide a framework for Jewish adults in Central Kentucky ages 25 to 45 to come together.

Fourteen High School teachers from Lexington-Fayette School District Public Schools visited the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington DC as part of the

see **Super Sunday**, page 3

Israel Mission Update

Day minus one — Sunday, November 9th 2003

This morning was the longest of my life. I woke up at 5:30 AM which is the time my dog normally wakes me up to make sure we have time for a nice walk before I go to work. But today my dog wasn't there because I left him at the kennel in preparation for the trip. So this morning, after closing my briefcase and bags, I went to the office for the last e-mail check, and to leave things as organized as I could. Me nervous? Noooooo....

I am not alone on the plane to JFK. Joe Krislov, Louise Miller and Martin and Odette Kaplan are on the same plane to Cincinnati. I can barely wait to get to Israel.

We arrived in Cincinnati, but Joe, Louise, Martin and Odette take a different connection

to JFK. I am alone but will join them at JFK. Stan and Judy Saxe as well as Norman Reiss will also be at JFK. We'll meet the rest of the group in Tel-Aviv.

Day One — Monday, November 10th 2003

We have the whole group together and we are headed for Haifa. We had dinner and went to sleep the jetlag off.

Day two — Tuesday, November 11th 2003

The adventure begins for real. Of course it starts with a huge Israeli-style breakfast, after which we headed for Tzfat (Safed), the mystical capital of Israel. First we visited the Yosef Caro Synagogue. Rabbi Yosef Caro was

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Teens Drug and Alcohol Awareness Workshop Upcoming

By Fran Morris, JFS Director

Jewish Family Services of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, in cooperation with the local congregations, will sponsor an informational workshop for teens on drug and alcohol abuse prevention. We know that many parents and teens are concerned about the dangers of using drugs and alcohol, and would like to learn more about what they can do to protect themselves from drug abuse and addiction.

The workshop will be held on Sunday December 7, 2003 from 12:30 – 3:00 PM in the social hall of Temple Adath Israel. Join us after religious school for a complimentary lunch, and then an interactive discussion on this very important topic. We are pleased to

have secured excellent speakers for the afternoon, including a representative from the Lexington Police Department, certified professionals from the Bluegrass Prevention Center, and local rabbis. The afternoon is structured so that teens will have the opportunity to share their concerns and experiences together.

Stay tuned to your mailbox for a personal invitation to this event. Please share the news about this program with anyone you think may be interested but may not receive a notice. Please reserve space in the workshop for you and your child by December 1, 2003. Call 269-8244 for more information, or send an email message to jfs@jewishlexington.org.

Super Sunday (from page 1)

Michael Adelstein Holocaust Education program organized by the Community Relations Committee of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation

Jewish Family Services, a program of CKJF, provides help and support for a growing population of seniors and financial help for families in need in our community.

The *Shalom* newspaper, published by CKJF keeps you informed on what is happening in the Jewish community and provides a forum for you to express your opinions.

CKJF provides staff support for the Jewish Student Union/Hillel at the University of Kentucky and other colleges in Central Kentucky

The Community Activities committee of CKJF every year organizes the Winter Dinner, the Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) celebration and many more programs to bring the community together in celebration of being part of the Jewish community.

CKJF cooperates with local Jewish organizations and congregations to identify and connect unaffiliated families to the Jewish community and to promote participation in Jewish life.

There are more points to remember, but those listed above suffice.

Super Sunday will be on February 8th, 2004 at our offices on Chinoo Road. Super Sunday co-chairs are Sandy Goldberg and Cindy Kline.

When the phone call comes on Super Sunday, we ask that you give with an open heart. For Israel, for Jewish life in Central Kentucky, for our fellow Jews everywhere, and for our neighbors, on February 8th – Answer the Call.

Temple Adath Israel Sisterhood thanks the following for their support in our 'Murder Mystery' Fundraiser on November 16, 2003

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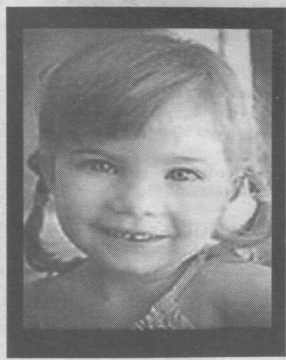
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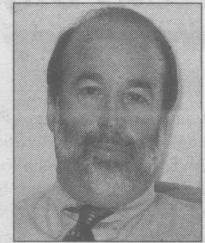
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Send your 2003 application in soon so your child can be considered for this year.

To request application call 269-8244 or email to jfs@jewishlexington.org

President's Message

David Feinberg



The Lost tribe of Barbourville

During Yom Kippur services, I met a very engaging couple from Barbourville. Since I have not asked their permission, I will not name them. They were very pleasant and had lived in Philadelphia before relocating to Barbourville to take academic jobs. Since I had grown up outside Philadelphia, we had much in common. Privately, I was looking at them with some shock. Were there really Jews in Barbourville? I censored myself successfully but still asked many questions about how they were able to maintain their Jewishness in this small town. I tried to think of how I would attempt to preserve my heritage while living in a place that had no synagogue and was hours from the closest house of worship.

Growing up near a metropolitan area where there are so many Jews and so much Jewish food and culture it was easy to coast. That is, to go to synagogue and participate but not necessarily take a leadership position or an involvement that requires a great deal of effort. When community is all around you

there may be less of a need to be particularly active to find and maintain one's identity. I like to think of being Jewish in Lexington as requiring "hands on" Judaism. It takes effort and active involvement to maintain one's Jewish identity and values.

My new friends from Barbourville talked about their efforts to meet Jews they knew about in other southern Kentucky counties. They were then preparing to have Jewish families from several counties meet together to network. They were also conversant with information about Jews in other rural parts of the state. They mentioned that there had been a synagogue in Harlan. I have no reason to dispute that yet I found myself amazed at the news. I had to begin to challenge my own provincial ("Lexington-centric") regional view.

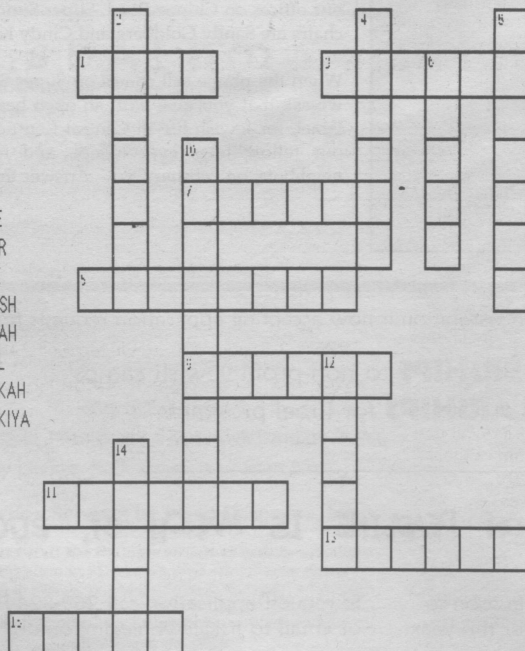
More recently, I attended a lovely evening at a private home in Richmond. Jewish people from Richmond and surrounding small towns were invited. The response was quite good. There was a strong sense of camaraderie and

good feeling based on common Jewish thoughts and feelings. Although I recognized some of the attendees from services in Lexington, other were not affiliated and had not been involved in Jewish community life in any manner. The people at the Richmond gathering decided they would continue to meet, preferably in conjunction with Jewish holiday observances.

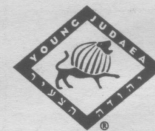
Meeting these Jews from the greater Kentucky "Diaspora" was a very positive experience. I was glad of the opportunity to meet them. I admired their efforts to strengthen their Jewish identity. I also concluded that we in Lexington need to be especially welcoming to people who come from a distance to worship with us. It was also clear that Federation needs to do all that it is able to encourage and facilitate such gatherings in our greater region.

Chanukah Crossword

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CHANUKIYA



Come find out why Camp Young Judaea Midwest is the best!!!



CYJ Midwest information session - food, fun, prizes and meet Stefan the Camp Director!

What: Camp Young Judaea Midwest Information Session
When: Tuesday, December 9th
 6:00 - 6:30 Kosher Pizza dinner!
 6:30 - 8:00 Camp information session with activities for the kids!
Where: The Ravvin Household -1404 Meganwood Circle, Lexington KY
Who: Families interested in Camp Young Judaea Midwest!

Please RSVP at (859) 269-4130 and spread the word to any families that may be interested in CYJ Midwest!!!

For information about Camp Young Judaea Midwest, please call us at (888) 605-CAMP or email us at info@cyjmid.org. We hope that your family will join the Camp Young Judaea Midwest family this summer!

CYJ Midwest is a part of Young Judaea, The Zionist Youth Movement Sponsored by Hadassah.

Tikkun Lexington Gears up for Jewish Day of Giving

Sign Up Now for December 25th

By Jana LaZur

Mitzvah Day has become a Jewish Day of Giving. Different names, yet the same great service. The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation is proud to organize this event for the fourth year. For many years prior to this it was handled by the local chapter of B'Nai Brith. If you have considered volunteering at any time during the year but couldn't for some good reason, here's your chance to really help out. On December 25th, over 40 volunteers will give the gift of their time to senior citizens, homebound AIDS patients and hospital patients so that the regularly scheduled workers can be home with their families on Christmas day. This gift only takes a small amount of time yet reaches over 100 people by day's end. Come out and join the fun.

Last year, 60 meals were delivered to Meals on Wheels clients, and this year is almost at capacity with volunteers signed up. Also last year, for the first time, we delivered 4 routes of Moveable Feast Meals to shut-in AIDS patients. This is a wonderful program which is in the process of being extended to hospice patients as well. This program requires that you be trained in advance, or that you drive with someone who is trained. Saint Joseph Hospitals, under volunteer coordinator Barbara Grossman, allow our Tikkun Lexington volunteers to come into the gift shops and work; as well as delivering gifts to those

remaining hospital patients. And this year, we will organize the remaining volunteers to go to a nursing home and play bingo with the residents. Feel free to share your talent with a musical instrument or voice in singing. If you have a docile animal or a certified senior care dog that you would like to bring along, the residents would love this as well. Call into the office of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation and let our staff know what job you would like, before they are all filled.

Thanks to many sponsors, this year volunteers will receive a T-shirt commemorating the event. Special thanks go to the Kaplan's Subways located in Crossroads, Eastland, Hamburg, Park Hills and Richmond Road, Amgen Pharmaceuticals, Martha Rosenberg, Attorney at Law, Michler Florist and Saint Joseph Hospitals. Through the generosity of these organizations, you can be reminded of your mitzvah year round when you wear this beautiful long sleeved colored T-shirt.

For your convenience, a sign up sheet is located on Page 17 of *Shalom*. Please fill it out and mail it to the attention of Jana LaZur; Activity Director of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation. Fax it to 268-0775. Email Jana at tikkun@jewishlexington.org; or call 268-0672, extension 4#. There are many ways to let us know how you will make a difference this year.

Did you know

that Section E-2 is for the perpetual and exclusive use of the Jewish community ?

On December 2, 1884, the Spinoza Society purchased from the Lexington Cemetery Company an entire section for the perpetual and exclusive use of the Jewish community, according to a short history of the society written by Moses Kaufman, in 1887.

The area purchased by the Spinoza Society was Section E-1, and it sufficed for more than ninety years. In 1977, nearby Section E-2 was secured by the society.

If you would like to know more about space in the Spinoza Society's Section E-2, or other information about The Lexington Cemetery, please give us a call or visit.

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Join Us for 9th Annual Winter Dinner Fun for All

If you have never been to a Winter Dinner, then this should be your year. The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation has been pleased to provide the past eight years of Winter Dinners with various places, themes and dates, but the one common denominator is that it unites the community at a time that is dominated by Christian activities. Want to get to know people at the Temple, Synagogue, The Lexington Havurah or Hadassah? Come out and meet new Jewish friends. This evening has been fun and an opportunity for people with or without families to meet new people. The children have a room of their own and get to know other Jewish children in the community. They have their own activities as well as some teens to guide them in crafts and games.

This year we will have a beautiful display of menorahs, excellent food (including potato latkes), and musical entertainment provided

by the Sherman Klezmer Band as well as singing led by Vivian Bowling. A cash bar and discounted room rates also are available. As usual, we ask that you bring two non-perishable food items for God's Pantry, or we will ask for a two dollar donation per person at the door.

When? Wednesday, December 24th
Where? Four Point Sheraton Hotel
1938 Stanton Way off of
Newtown Pike at I-75
Time? 6 PM – 9 PM

Come out and celebrate Hanukkah with the Jewish community, and don't forget your Chanukiah and seven candles to fill it. The cost has been kept low, but includes a full

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From the Executive Director

Daniel Chejfec



Jacobo (Yankel) Stotland

Yankel Stotland was born in Narodizhe, in the Ukraine, on December 31st 1899, two days after Hanukkah 5660. He was the first child of Sarah (Malamud) Stotland and Mosheh Stotland. By the time he was 15 he was an apprentice at a printing house and a skilled Yiddish linotypist.

The world in which he and his family lived was anything but easy. By the time he was 15, he had also witnessed several raids of Cossacks in Narodizhe, and the growing unrest of the Russian and Ukrainian peasants that would erupt a couple of years later in the Russian revolution. His father Mosheh wanted to take the family to a safer place, and they got in touch with Sarah's sister who was at the time living in Philadelphia. While the paperwork was filed and ready, Sarah failed the medical examination due to the eye disease trachoma. With the doors of America closed to them, the Stotland family headed for Buenos Aires in South America with their four children.

When they arrived in Buenos Aires, Mosheh started a business that was marginally successful, but as few years and two more children later, he died leaving Sarah a widow. Yankel, as the oldest of the children, went to work to help the family and became one of the first Yiddish linotypists in Argentina. After finishing his workday, Yankel used to go to the Jewish Home and teach his trade to the orphans. Eventually, during one of his visits to the Home, he would meet his future wife Pola Schiffman, a pogrom survivor sent to Buenos Aires by HIAS.

Jacobo (Yankel) loved his trade in every possible way, and was in love with Yiddish and Jewish culture. When a group of writers and workers came together to start the first Yiddish newspaper in Buenos Aires (*Die Presse*), Yankel was with them. After some disagreement among the partners in this enterprise, several of them broke away to start a second Yiddish newspaper, "*Die Yiddishe Tzaitung*," Jacobo was among them. In his free time, he helped the "*Schreiber's farband*" (the Yiddish writers' circle) start a Yiddish literary magazine by providing his services as a linotypist for free.

Jacobo married Pola Schiffman and by the mid-1930's managed to save enough money to start his own printing shop. Those were days of social upheaval in Argentina; days in which anarchists and communists controlled the workers' unions. Jacobo was, like most Jews at the time, sympathetic to socialism and communism. He was also interested in Zionism, which explains how his daughter Clara became active in the *Hashomer Hatzair* in Buenos Aires.

On October 17th, 1944 many things changed forever in Argentina. Peron was brought to power by the masses of workers which assembled in Plaza de Mayo lead by Evita and the union bosses. The period of Peron's first

administration was a dark age in which individual freedoms were trampled. Jacobo, always the optimist, believed in the freedom of the press and saw nothing wrong with printing books of the communist publisher, "*La Rosa Blindada*". The government strongly disagreed with him, and Peron's thugs invaded his printing shop and trashed it. He was given a week to leave the country.

The Stotland family moved to Uruguay for a few years, where Jacobo was among the

founders of the "*Uruguayer Morgn Shtern*", and where they spent the end of the war.

After a few years they moved back to Buenos Aires and Jacobo worked as a linotypist for "*Die Yiddishe Tzaitung*" until he retired. After retirement he did part time jobs for a private printing house composing Yiddish books and magazines in the linotype.

Toward the end of his life, he learned that the last Yiddish paper in Buenos Aires, the same "*Die Presse*" which he helped found, was about to close for lack of advertising. He then volunteered to go out and seek ads for the paper. It was while on that mission that he lost consciousness in the street and died a few days later of a brain embolism at the age of 77.

His daughter Clara married my father Jaime Chejfec. My grandfather Jacobo was one of the most important influences in my life. He taught me a love for Yiddish and Yiddish culture. He was a fighter.

He showed me his passion for justice and for truth; his love for Israel. He will never die, for he is alive in my memories and in my heart.

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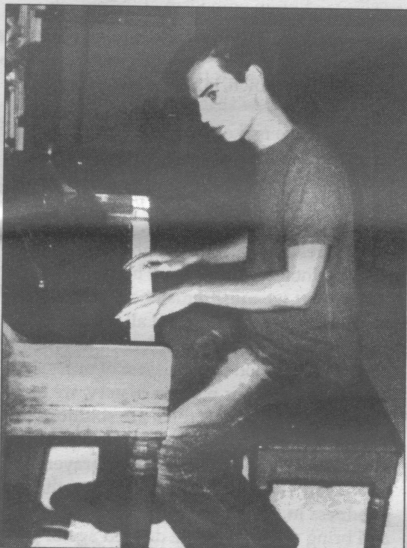
By Andrew Grossman

My, how the time passes!

It's been a few short months, and already the semester is waning. Finals and final papers are looming in the weeks ahead, and all across campus students are beginning to think ahead to the spring semester.

For Hillel, it has been a year of revival and enthusiasm. With the steadfast support of Austin Cantor, our witty faculty advisor, and Jana LaZur, our CKJF Jill-of-all-trades, the Hillel has offered fun and exciting programming so far this year, with much more in store for the springtime.

Last month, we embarked into the wild, untamed wilderness of Red River Gorge.



Aaron Kemper is the Piano Man!

After a few false starts (East on I-64? I thought you said West!) we arrived just in time for a spectacular day. The weather was warm (oh, so long ago, it seems) and the sun was shining. Our resident botanist, freshman Robin Michler, pointed out different flora on our hike, while VP Leah Craft and Jana went above and beyond the call of duty to protect Jana's fragile camera.

We've enjoyed two Shabbat dinners together, with members of the community and former students joining our group to eat, drink, and listen to Aaron "88 keys" Kemper tickle the ivories. Between the heartwarming hospitality of Judy Craft and the fantastic culinary contributions of my mother, I'd say both dinners were a resounding success.

Last week, Hadassah held its "Little Taste of Israel" at the home of Leah Craft. Israeli food and wine were enjoyed by around fifty guests from the local community, and with the help of a makeshift doggie bag, even some members who couldn't attend were able to savor their own "little taste." (Thanks, Leah!)

This semester has been a fantastic success (final grades still pending), and we've got a great group together for next semester. We're planning on launching a community service project, making connections with other religious groups on campus, and expanding our Shabbat dinners to twice a month.

More ambitiously, we've even discussed a trip to New York to see the new Broadway production based on the life of Golda Meir.

Sound interesting?

All Hillel events are open to members of the Lexington community, and I encourage all of you to attend. Even if you're just popping in to say hello, we'll make you feel welcome. As a social group, we put the highest emphasis on reaching out to our community, and as Jana will tell you, we love nothing more than getting new people involved.



Leah Craft, Joseph Broudy, Aaron Kemper, Tami O'Hayon, and Andrew Grossman enjoy a Hillel Shabbat.

If you want to find out more, drop me a line at andrew330@yahoo.com. I'll provide you with a current copy of our ever-changing schedule, and let you know about new events as they get penciled in. Also, if you're interested in sponsoring a Hillel dinner (if I can do it, trust me, so can you!) let me know and we'll find a time that works for you.

It's an exciting time to be Jewish in Lexington. The officers and support staff for Hillel have done a great job organizing events and offering programs to pique any interest, and I have every confidence that next semester will be even better!

The only thing missing is YOU.

LEISURE CLUB



Hanukkah Get-Together ^{Jfs}

Jewish Family Services

Thursday, December 18th, 2003 – 12:15pm Hanukkah Get Together

An annual Leisure Club event

Location: Temple Adath Israel; 124 N. Ashland Ave., Lexington – near corner of Main and Ashland Ave.

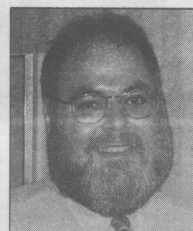
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Rabbi's Corner

Rabbi Marc A. Kline — Temple Adath Israel



A man complains to a friend, "I can't take it anymore."

"What's wrong?" his concerned friend asks. "It's my wife. Every time we have an argument, she gets historical!" "You mean hysterical," his friend said, chuckling.

"No, I mean HISTORICAL," the man insists. "Every argument we have, she'll go 'I still remember that time when you...'"

History is a cruel subject. Since we know that gratitude has the shortest memory, we are left forever recalling the problems that plagued our world, "back in the days of ..." Certainly we remember good times; they don't call them the "Good Old Days" for nothing. This term applies to our personal histories, but in terms of the greater "world history" we fill textbooks with the stories of wars, assassinations, death and disease. When was the last time you read about the kind person who absolutely rejected the madness? When students learn of the Holocaust, the pictures and stories of the round ups, slaughters, gas chambers and crematoriums fill the pages covering the topic. How much space is given to the Poles who helped smuggle Jews away? The diary of Anne Frank speaks of righteous people, but even that story ends in horror.

The news of this past year has been filled with pain and trauma. There are stories of brave soldiers who, whether agreeing or disagreeing with their commander or the purpose of the engagement, honor their oath to military service. Brave men and women decry the Patriot Act's chilling effect on our civil liberties. They join a respected tradition of civil disobedience aimed at righting the wrongs of our society. Freedom is such that even where we disagree, we should recognize and appreciate the courage that each of us exhibits, in standing for what we believe. Amidst the controversies, there are human-interest stories of people who don't buy into

the politics, yet buy heavily into the need to take care of each other.

Last year, I met a man in Warsaw who committed his life to maintaining the last remnant of the Ghetto wall as a calm sanctuary where tourists and surviving families can come and reflect, remember, and pray. His dedication has been acclaimed by even Yad Vashem in Jerusalem. His motivation? He cried as he said that he should have done more, as he learned that his Jewish friends were first disappearing behind the wall, and then just ... disappearing. In the olive groves in Israel, there are Rabbis defending Palestinian rights to glean from the same fields that their families have gleaned for hundreds of years. These same Rabbis spend time in the hospitals and gathering areas helping to restore some sense of normalcy to the lives of Israeli victims of terror. In our own community, amidst the circulating stereotyping rumors that our city is self-segregated, there are white clergy attending the Black Church Coalition. The Interfaith Alliance demonstrated that despite the ugliness of an "American Unity" event that split the community in 2002, we really are of like mind and committed to each other.

We need to remember that the history we read, even in tomorrow's newspapers detailing today's events, the stories most chronicled are the ones involving the most pain. Behind each of these stories there are stories of great strength, courage, and compassion.

There are so many easy opportunities for each of us to create daily celebrations of each other, we need to not wait to find strength in looking through the harsh stories for the silver lining. There are great examples in history, of how we need to be proactive in even the little things, in order to fulfill the greatest of mitzvot that present to us. We are charged with healing the world; with giving dignity to the needs of each other, even when that dignity is not

returned. Irving Berlin composed the most popular of all recorded songs, "White Christmas." There are a bevy of Christmas albums recorded by Jewish artists. My children made a commitment to their non-Jewish grandparents to help them celebrate Christmas each year. It is not my children's holiday, but it brings their grandparents joy just to know that they matter.

This is a season of miracles. For us, it is the miracle of redemption and the miracle of the faith of the Maccabees over the brute strength of the Syrian Greeks. For our Christian neighbors, it is a holiday of birth and enlightenment. Our Muslim neighbors have just concluded Ramadan, and for all of us, this is a period of giving. This concept of giving is not just for our own, but to and for all.

Each year, we make New Years resolutions to change something about the way we live. Maybe this year we should commit to changing the one-sided way in which we make history and view history. With the horrors that we read of daily, it is high impossible for us to maintain high levels of hope for our future. But we must remember that we have made a commitment to heal all of the world, and not just some narrow piece of it. When we only pay attention to the basest of our behaviors and their place in history, we force ourselves to deny that there are solutions to the presented problems. At the same time, we hold as our defining anthem and prayer — "Hatikvah - the Hope." It is our hope that the goodness in all of us will rise to the forefront and bring us closer to the desired age of peace. It begins with the way we think of each other and the manner in which we pass the story of our world on to the next generation. Let us commit to being more even handed in the way in which we tell the story, for only in remembering the miracles can we have hope that the horrors will not repeat.

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Celebrating the Dream of an American Hero

Martin Luther King Day Celebration Scheduled for January 19th

On April 4th, 1968, an American hero was assassinated. Martin Luther King Jr was a champion of Civil Rights and a fighter for the unity of American society across racial and religious barriers.

As news of Dr. King's assassination were broadcast in the media, racial tension increased across the landscape of America. Sammy Davis Jr. recollected in his autobiography his reactions to the news:

"I don't remember getting into my car, only arriving in it at NBC and going up to the sixth floor, thinking: Don't preach, do it in Martin's name...remind them...Johnny (Carson) introduced me, I walked on camera, and the taping resumed. John, this is one time I'm going to dispense with the jokes and the songs. Ladies and gentlemen, today something tragic happened, a leader, a man who was my friend, was assassinated. The next seventy-two hours could mark the destiny of the next hundred years. I'm going to ask all good-thinking people, all the people that he tried to help, as well as all the people

who marched in Selma, in Mississippi...if they would be kind enough to remember the man's *dream*, what he believed in, nonviolence. Please, we can't answer his assassination with violence. He had a dream! To destroy that would be the worst tribute we could pay him. So please...cool it, please, don't do anything! All my brothers and sisters out there: Don't do it...that isn't what the man was about..."

Martin Luther King's dream was of an American society where people march together shoulder-to-shoulder to build the future. As he stated in his most famous speech:

"When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestant and Catholics, will be able to join hand and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, 'Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!'"

On January 19th, 2004, the Jewish community will march together to celebrate the life and work of an American hero. Join us to proclaim to the world that we are still marching behind Dr. King's dream.

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There will be a private room with supervised activities for kids. The children's menu includes pizza and ice cream sundaes. Of course, they are welcome to eat from the main buffet as well.

As always, we are supporting God's Pantry. We ask that you bring two non-perishable food items for each person in your party. If you forget to bring food, you will be asked for a \$2 donation per person to be given to God's Pantry.

The cost is \$17 for adults, \$6 for kids 6-10, and no charge for children 5 and under. The price includes tax and gratuities, food, coffee, tea and soft drinks. A cash bar will be available.

Reservations, checks included, should be sent to CKJF using the reservation form below. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis. RSVP by December 12, 2003; space is limited.

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* There will not be any tickets sent prior to the event this year. Your name will be placed on the reservation list at the door where you will be able to check in upon arrival.

The Story of Hanukkah

About 2200 years ago, the land of Judea (now known as Israel) was inhabited mostly by Jews, although Judea was often under foreign government. Usually the Jews were allowed their religious freedom, and were mostly content as long as they could practice the Jewish faith. The time under Alexander the Great was particularly peaceful as he had no problems with the religion of Judaism and even promised to protect the land from attack.

Soon after his death, though, the land came under the rule of the Greeks, and in particular, Antiochus IV. Antiochus despised Judaism, thinking everyone should worship the Greek gods as he and his people did. Very soon he decreed that the Jews were forbidden to practice their religion, and those who disobeyed would be put to death.

Many atrocious acts were committed against the Jews by Antiochus' guards, all to convince them that they stood no chance against the Greek army and they would be much better off simply bowing to the statues of the Greek gods (one of which was placed right outside the entrance to the sacred Jewish Temple of Judea). The Greeks even went so far as to trash the inside of the Temple, spilling the sacred oil used to light the candles and letting pigs inside.

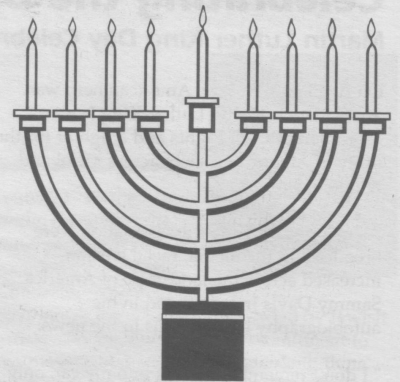
Mattathias, a prominent Jewish priest, was forced to endure this humiliation. Yet never did he give in to the Greeks' wishes, not once did he bow before their statues, and never did he give up his faith. One day one of the Greek guards was ordered by Antiochus to force Mattathias to bow to the statue of Zeus outside the Temple. Mattathias refused, but another frightened Jew did not, running to the statue and falling to his knees. Mattathias

became furious at the sight of this traitor, grabbing the sword from the Greek guard and slaying both the offending Jew and the guard.

Mattathias knew there was no turning back now and formed a group of Jews who came to be known as the Maccabees (the Hammers), leading them into the hills where they could not easily be found. They grew in numbers over the years, leading successful raids on Antiochus' army and getting help from the Jews who stayed behind. Eventually Mattathias died of old age, and his son Judah took over the Maccabees. They continued to practice their faith in the hills, telling the young ones their sacred stories and teaching them the Jewish practices.

Eventually Antiochus grew frustrated with the Maccabees failure to surrender to him and gathered a massive force to finish them off. Judah had spies within the Greek army and soon became aware of Antiochus' plan. The Maccabees, however, only numbered about 3,000 people, while the Greek army had over 20,000 men and a herd of elephants. Things appeared hopeless to many of the Maccabees, but they continued to pray to their God.

Soon came the day when Antiochus ordered his attack, and the entire Greek army appeared within Judah and the Maccabees' sight. They knew they must fight; God needed them alive. They also knew they were far outnumbered, and so utilized several brilliant tactics. Using their knowledge of the hills to surprise their foes, they slew the lead elephant so that all the others became confused and ran away and they sent spies into the army to find out their next plans. Slowly they chipped away at the large Greek army, and the war dragged on for years.



Antiochus eventually realized the Jews could not be beaten and admitted defeat. The Greek army backed away, giving back to the Jews their land and freedom. Antiochus was so disgraced that he drowned himself. The Maccabees rejoiced in their victory, and Jewish people from all over the land came to join them. However, at the sight of their Temple they became dismayed, as it was filthy and in ruins. But they set to work, cleaning the Temple until it was spotless, creating new sacred books, making new tables and chairs. One woman found a single canister of oil, only enough to light the seven-candled Menorah for one day, but the Menorah was sacred to the Jews, and was to be kept lit at all times.

Upon the lighting of the Menorah, some of the Jews set out to make new oil. Eight days later, when they had finished, they saw that the Menorah was still burning bright. Even though the oil they had found had only been enough for one day, it had managed to last until they had a fresh supply. They considered this a blessing from God, and to this day these events are commemorated in a celebration known as Hanukkah.

Tikkun Lexington's Stewart Home Visitation Schedule

Thursday, December 18th 6:30 PM

Friday, February 13th 6:30 PM

Sunday, March 7th at 4 PM

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A Taste of Israel

The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah hosted "A TASTE OF ISRAEL" on Saturday evening November 8th at the lovely home of Judy and Steve Craft and their daughters Rebecca and Leah. There were several parts to this enjoyable evening. One was an opportunity to purchase Israeli cosmetics (call Judy Craft at any time at 245 - 8445 for information and a testimony to Mud Soap!) Other aspects included the opportunity to enjoy Israeli wine and food, a short program of Israeli-themed songs by Vivian Bowling, and a short talk by Dr. Daryl Gildenblatt, an OB-Gyn from Cincinnati who has made many many trips to Israel.

Dr. Gildenblatt spoke about four people whose lives were changed by the level of care and competence at Hadassah Hospital. He

pointed out that Hadassah Hospital excels in many areas: oncology, burn units, and trauma victims, and that all people of all backgrounds are treated equally well.

This was a fun and informative meeting. Hadassah's upcoming events include a Jewish Film Night at the Kentucky; our fabulous Auction (tentative date March 20); and an Artists' Open House at Susan Goldstein's on April 17.

For any further information, please call Elise Mandel at 254 - 1799.

Espresso Dating Matches Regional Singles

During the first week of November, our local JewLS, along with singles from other surrounding regions came together at a popular Cincinnati, Ohio hotspot, for an evening of multiple "dates". We named our event, Espresso Dating, based on the popular "Speed Dating" idea started by the group Aish Hatorah which brings together Jewish men and women for an evening of meeting and dating. Men and women were paired up according to age, and had seven minutes to talk with each other until a bell signaled it was time for the next round. After each round of dates, everyone marked their dating sheet, indicating whether or not they'd like to date that person for real. If two individuals agreed to "date" each other, it was considered a match. Their names and contact information were passed on to both

parties, thus allowing them to set up their own future dates.

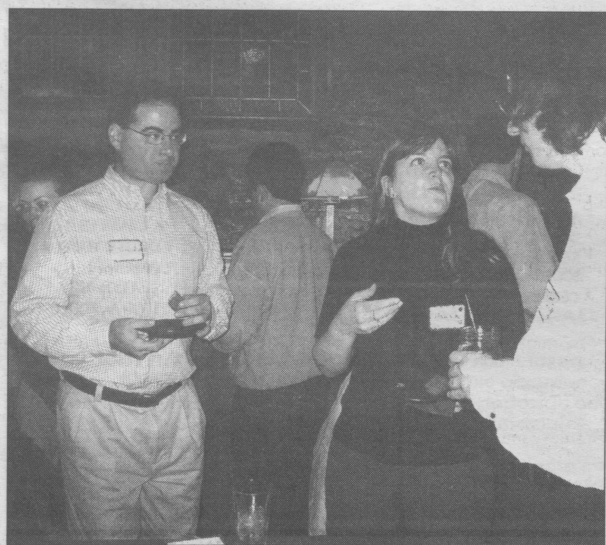
In total, there were approximately 60 folks together in a large room, which lent lots of energy and excitement to the evening. Food was eaten, door prizes were distributed, and at the end of the evening, people went home happy. Some may even have found their beshert. I'll keep you informed. Many thanks go out to members of the JewLS and JStar planning committees who worked tirelessly to ensure the evening was a great success.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the JewLS annual Hanukkah party on December 20, 2003,

beginning at 6:30 PM. The party will be held at the Greenhouse Clubhouse, located at 3543 Tates Creek Road, in Lexington. The cost for the evening is \$10 and includes dinner. In addition, please bring a wrapped gift valued at no more than \$10 for our gift exchange. In February, we will meet for an evening starting with dinner, and ending with midnight bowling at the Southland Lanes in Lexington on February 14th. Check your email for more information. JewLS stands for Jewish Lexington Singles. It is a program sponsored by Jewish Family Services of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation.



Speedy fun was had by all.



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A Hanukkah Story - The Mouse Mitzvah

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Long ago in a village in Poland, there stood a wooden cottage so cozy and small the outstretched arms could almost touch opposite walls. In this cottage lived Rabbi Nathan, the oldest and the wisest rabbi in the village, and his wife Rachel.

It was wintertime. The winters in Poland are bitterly cold, and the animals had to find shelter wherever they could. The bears dug comfortable dens in shallow caves. The deer found shelter among tall trees in the forests. The sparrows tried to keep warm by fluffing up their feathers until they resembled small balls of down. A lucky family of field mice found shelter in the eaves above the kitchen in the rabbi's cottage.

The mouse family consisted of a mother named Chana, and a father named Mordechai, and their twin sons Mazel and Tov. The two mice were virtually identical except that each wore a different-colored yarmulke on their heads so they could be told apart.

Every morning Mordechai would place the yarmulkes on his sons' heads. He recited a prayer that said that just as the yarmulke sat above their heads so was God always above them. Mazel's yarmulke was dark blue like the winter sky at night, and Tov's was dark green like tall fir trees that dotted the winter landscape.

One Hanukkah, Mazel and Tov were playing hide-and-seek near Rabbi Nathan's study. Several bearded men in long black coats had come to read from the Torah and to discuss important religious questions. The mice stood very still and listened to the conversation. Rabbi Nathan was saying, "the gift of mitzvah is the greatest gift anyone could give or receive." All the scholars agreed.

"What in the world is a mitzvah?" whispered Mazel to Tov. Hanukkah was a time for gifts, but here was a gift he knew nothing about. "I have no idea" answered Tov. Mazel thought

for a moment. "Maybe it's a nice big plate of kasha with bow-tie noodles." Tov nodded. "Or maybe it's a warm drawer full of warm socks." "Let's ask Mama and Papa," they shouted together.

Chana and Mordechai knew several Yiddish words, but they never heard of a mitzvah. "I have no idea what the word means," Papa answered, "but if Rabbi Nathan said it is the greatest gift, then who are we to question?" He and Mama were busily adding nuts and seeds to their winter supply.

This answer never satisfied Mazel nor Tov. The next day was the last day of Hanukkah, and they simply had to find out what a mitzvah was before Hanukkah was over. Mazel thought for a moment, then he smiled. He and Tov would sneak into the bedroom late at night and ask the rabbi what a mitzvah was once and for all. Every mouse knew that humans always tell the truth when they are asleep.

Late that night, Mazel and Tov climbed down the rafters to the curtains in the rabbi's bedroom. They shinnied down the curtains, leaped to the night table beside the rabbi's bed, and hopped to the rabbi's arm. Slowly and carefully they crawled up to the rabbi's shoulder. They crept into the rabbi's long white beard. They clung to the rabbi's long curly sideburns with their tiny paws. Then they asked, "What exactly is a mitzvah? And how can we find one?"

Still sound asleep, the rabbi answered, "A Mitzvah is not a thing; it is a good deed that someone does to help

another. It is the greatest gift of all." "Oi vey!" whispered Tov. "We were both wrong. A Mitzvah is not a thing; it's a thing to do!" That night Mazel and Tov climbed back to their nest in the eaves, which was filled with pleasant, nutty aroma of seeds and acorns. They dreamed of a mitzvah to perform on the last day of Hanukkah.

The next morning, icy winds whipped around the rabbi's cottage. While the mice were warm and protected inside, a family of house sparrows living in a hay barn behind the cottage were freezing and hungry. A blizzard had covered the ground with a thick coat of snow.

"Mazel, this is the perfect opportunity to do a mitzvah for Hanukkah," said Tov. After asking their mother and father for permission, Mazel and Tov filled two small sacks with seeds and nuts that they skimmed off the top of the plentiful winter stash. Each mouse tied a sack to a twig and carried it on his back. They emptied their sacks on the barn floor,

see A Hanukkah Story, page 13

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March for Freedom Of Choice

From Hadassah Information Services

President Bush has signed the so-called "Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003" into law. The ban criminalizes a procedure that is used only in desperate cases involving severe and tragic fetal complications. But it is worded so vaguely that it could be interpreted as applying to even the most common abortion procedures, used after the first trimester, but well before fetal viability. It also endangers women because it does not contain a health exception. Under Jewish law, the preservation of a woman's health is the standard in determining when an abortion is permissible.

The law is a significant and extremely disturbing setback in the ongoing assault against reproductive freedom. It also bolsters abortion opponents' efforts to push for legislation that systematically chips away at reproductive rights. These restrictions on

reproductive freedom encroach on every woman's fundamental First Amendment right to make personal reproductive choices within the context of her religious beliefs and free from government interference.

In response, Hadassah is co-sponsoring the largest ever "March for Freedom of Choice," scheduled for April 25, 2004 in Washington, D.C. Please contact your local Hadassah chapter now and make the commitment to join Hadassah's delegation for this very important event.

Action Needed:

Contact your local Hadassah chapter and sign up to attend the "March for Freedom of Choice" on April 25, 2004 in Washington, D.C. Help mobilize your fellow members, family, friends, neighbors and colleagues to attend.



A Hanukkah Story (from page 12)

leaving a small pile of seeds and nuts for the hungry birds to eat.

The mice returned to their warm nest, feeling much better about their own Hanukkah because they have helped someone else have a happy holiday as well. "The rabbi was right all along," they agreed. "A mitzvah really is the best gift of all."

A little later, Rabbi Nathan woke up. "The strangest vision came to me in a dream last night" he said to his wife. "Two mice asked me to explain to them what a mitzvah means." "How ridiculous" Rachel said, chuckling. And the two of them laughed and laughed until their attention turned toward the kitchen window, where a family of sparrows were sitting on a branch, singing happily. "Happy Hanukkah everyone!"

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Hadassah Off to A Great Start

The Lexington chapter of Hadassah fundraising is off to a great start for the fiscal year 2003-04. Todah rabah to all 120 donors who have pledged, or paid their donor this year. We have raised \$11,000 so far and are increasing progress toward our quota goals daily.

Thanks to all the Hadassah members who helped with the phonathon and stuffing envelopes: Janice Newman, Judy Baumann, Judy Saxe, Vinnie Dubilier, Lisa Satin, Di Sobel, Kathy Grossman, and Ruth Moser. Thanks to Angie Smith for her hospitality and mentoring and to Lynn Furness, fundraising chair for keeping it all organized. Are you a member or non-member who hasn't made a pledge this year, but would like to? Call Sharon Wainshilbaum at 268-2579. Every member counts!

Tikkun Lexington Visits the Stewart Home

By Jana LaZur

The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation's Tikkun Volunteers drove to Frankfort recently to celebrate Shabbat with the residents at the Stewart Home. It is always a joy to light the candles and discuss what Shabbat means to each of us. The residents lead the blessings and truly love the Challah and grape juice. A sense of community is shared and the volunteers enjoy listening to the stories, looking at pictures and engaging in crafts. The residents have grown to know our faces and make us feel very welcome upon arrival. In this visit, we painted our own personal

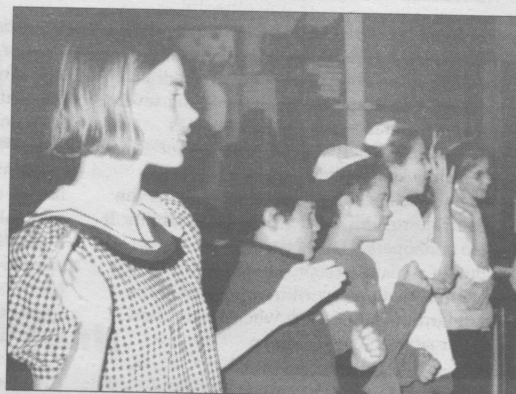
kippah's with the residents.

Many thanks to the volunteers who came and helped that evening: Rich and Angie Ornstein, Barbara Barr, Charles Goldstein and his children Nathaniel and Emily.

Our next scheduled visit will be December 18th to celebrate Hanukkah. Handmade personal keepsake boxes will be given to the residents for a craft; and we will enjoy playing the dreidel game and eating latkes. We

are looking for new faces!! As usual, we will meet at the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation office in the Chinoo Shopping Center at 5:45 and caravan to Frankfort. If you would like more information and plan on accompanying; please call Jana at 268-0672 extension 4# or email jana@jewishlexington.org.

Please join the Tikkun Lexington planning committee for our next meeting to take place on

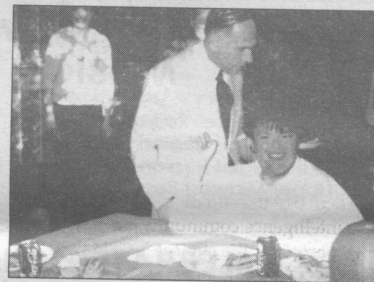


Stewart Home resident, Julie Ross, sings with Ohavay Zion Synagogue youth.



Anne Graff, Rich and Angie Ornstein enjoy helping Stewart Home residents.

December 10th at 7:30pm at the office of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation.



Come Celebrate Hanukkah. You're Invited!!

Tikkun lights up Hanukkah at the Stewart Home

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Sunday, December 7, 2003
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Israel Mission Update (from page 1)

a great scholar who among other things authored a book called "Shulchan Aruch", where he laid out the different rules for applying Judaism to daily life. He was also close to the rulers of the land, and he dreamt about establishing a Jewish autonomous region around Safed. About 10,000 Jews lived there at its peak. At this synagogue we saw a Torah scroll which can be traced all the way back to Spain in 1492.

We then went to the Ariel Hakadosh synagogue, a Sephardim synagogue named after a very important rabbi. Their "mechitza" was upstairs. In both synagogues the architecture responds more to Sephardim than Ashkenazi architecture, with the Bimah in the center.

On the way to our next destination, we stopped for lunch and for a lecture with Col. Miri Eisen, one of the main spokespeople for the IDF. Her presentation of the current issues,

particularly the situation with the media and the intelligence community, gave us a great perspective of the choices Israel faces. She asked a very valid question: In 2003, is Israel still David confronting Goliath, or are we strong enough to look at the conflict in a different way? Moreover – Israel and Jewish communities around the world need to be more proactive in presenting to the world Israel's message. While the Palestinians have a very simple message to deliver to the world, our story has always been about rebuking their story rather than presenting ours, and that is something that needs to change. How do we tell the world not only about our story of the conflict but also about the simple fact that in spite of what people read in the media, Israel still has a normal day-to-day life? This is an issue to which we need to devote more energy and more thought. According to Col. Eisen, it took Israelis a very long time to realize what this Intifadah is about. How long will take us to come to the same realization? I was left with more questions than I started with – and that is good.

From Tzfat we went to Tzipori (Sephoris). The Talmudic scholars asked themselves why is the city called Tzipori? – Because it is perched like a bird (Tzipor) on the mountain. According to tradition, when Yehuda Hanasi died, his body was brought for mourning to the 18 synagogues of Tzipori; archeology, however, has found only one synagogue. All the rest of the findings in this beautiful archeological park belong to the Roman or

Byzantine periods.

From Tzipori we moved on to Ramat David, the largest Air Force base in all Israel located somewhere in the Jezreel Valley, where we shared our dinner with almost 1000 participants in General Assembly-related missions and were treated to a performance by a group considered to be "the hottest" today in Israel. I don't know about hot, but boy, were they loud! – Great singers though. From Ramat David we went back to Haifa and the hotel. Tomorrow we will be headed for Jerusalem.

Wednesday, November 12, 2003

What a day! We headed south – First stop, Caesarea. The last time I saw Caesarea was many years ago on my second trip to Israel. It certainly is a different place today. There are many more archeological findings and a very

different picture of daily life in the city. Of course, for us Lexingtonians, the highlight was visiting the Keeneland of those days, a magnificent

hippodrome not only for horse races, but chariots as well. We did get to sing Oseh Shalom at the theater and were treated to a great rendition, a *capella*, of "Ani Ma'amin" by Elizabeth from Campaign-Urbana.

After leaving Caesarea, we visited the so-called wall, fence, or whatever other name you wish to use. We did so at Emek Hefer, a Jewish community saddling what used to be the green line right across the valley from the Palestinian city of Tulkarem. This was one of the first places where the fence was built, and we received a very different story, not only on what the fence is all about, but even why it went up. As the story goes, Emek Hefer, a suburban-gated community of Tel-Aviv and Netanya, was experiencing a wave of car stealing. It appears that Yasser Arafat managed to steal cars from Israelis and give them to his lieutenants. So bad was the situation that one in three residents of the community had their car stolen in a six months period. They asked the government for a wall, the wall went up, and the stealing stopped. But walls are built only next to populated centers. The rest of the fence is composed of barbed wire combined with electricity and cameras. When asked why they build walls next to their communities, Israelis answered that they feel more comfortable with the wall rather than an electrified barbed wire if somebody comes

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with a car bomb or a bomb belt. Who can argue? We got to look over the top of the wall to Tulkarem and to talk with some of the soldiers guarding the border. It is an experience that gives you a very different perspective on the whys and the hows of the so-called wall of separation.

From this wall we went to Mini Israel, a new tourist's attraction showing models of Israel's landmarks. Massada, the Old City, the Knesset and much more are represented in the model. Particularly interesting to me was the reconstruction of what Massada looked like at its peak. From Mini-Israel we headed for the Jewish heart – Jerusalem.

Looking at the city from the Haas promenade, seeing both the new and the old side by side, brought home the realization that we were actually in Jerusalem. A heartfelt "Sheecheyanu" marked the moment.

Dinner included a magnificent presentation by Michael Ravvin, who shared with us his experiences as an American *oleh* from a small city, and his insight into the current situation in Israel and its impact on the Israeli society. In all my years of listening to people on those subjects I never heard a more sincere and loving explanation of the very difficult choices Israeli society faces – and I never saw two parents more proud of their son than Linda

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and Leon Ravvin – and they had the right to be proud. Michael gave a very no-nonsense picture of the situation and a very careful and well thought through interpretation of Israeli society, the meaning of Zionism, and the reason for his personal choice to make Aliyah. I hope he'll soon be able to share these

see Israel Mission Update, page 16

Jewish Life in Your Kid's Campus

How do we make sure Lexington's college students are getting a Jewish opportunity at school? Hillel is here to facilitate friendships and to provide activities, ceremonies and holidays for your college students when they aren't able to come home.

It is sometimes difficult for parents to let their children go, so the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation is offering an avenue to help them stay connected to Lexington or to get connected to the Jewish community in their new home away from home.

Each year, the Federation requests the names and addresses of college students studying in Lexington, so that they may join our chapter of Hillel, a Jewish Student Organization that provides students an avenue to social, educational, spiritual, and affiliational aspects of Judaism, as well as initiating social action and conscience by encouraging students to accept the challenge of *Tikkun Olam*. Making the world a better place! This year, in

addition to finding Lexington students, we are asking for the names of those students going to school in other cities. They will be offered the opportunity to stay connected to Lexington by means of *Shalom*, our Jewish newspaper, sent to them ten times a year, to see what activities are going on that may interest them. In addition, Federation can forward their names to the local Hillel chapter at their university.

Subscriptions to *Shalom* for college students are free. Since college students often change addresses, these subscriptions only last one year, but they are renewable. All you have to do to start a subscription for any college student is fill out and return the form on this page.

If you would like any more information or have any ideas for the Jewish Student Organization, Hillel, please feel free to contact Jana LaZur at 268-0672.

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Are your kids away at college? Are you looking for a way to keep them connected to Lexington and the Central Kentucky Jewish community?

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Central KY Jewish Federation
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or fax: 859.268.0775 or
email: shalom@jewishlexington.org

Madison County Encounter

On October 26th, a number of Madison County Jewish residents met at the home of Richard and Kae Schenberg in Richmond to learn about the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation and to discuss what they would like to do as a community in Madison County.

Approximately twelve residents



Good conversation and discussions ensued.

attended. Joining them were CKJF President David Feinberg, CKJF Executive Director Daniel Chejfec, Temple Adath Israel's Rabbi Marc Kline, and Cindy Kline.

The attendees reviewed the results of our local study of Jewish population and affiliation and then exchanged ideas about what they would like to do in the future as a group. Among the ideas suggested were holiday celebrations, including a Hanukkah night.

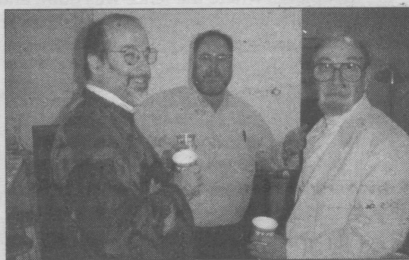
This meeting was the second organized by

CKJF to reach out to Jewish population centers outside Fayette County. The first, organized about a year ago, was a meeting with Jewish residents of Frankfort. In addition to these CKJF-sponsored meetings, two residents of London, KY, Wolff and Fran Bendheim, organized a gathering at their house for Sukkoth.



Welcome to Richmond.

These meetings mark the recognition that almost a



Lexington and Richmond socialize with Rabbi Kline.

quarter of the Jewish residents of Central Kentucky live outside the city of Lexington. More meetings are to come in these and other areas where our community lives.

We thank Richard and Kae Schenberg for hosting this wonderful opportunity for Jews to come together.

Israel Mission Update (from page 15)
insights with all the members of the Central Kentucky Jewish community, for he has a view that needs to be heard.

Thursday, November 13th

The day started with a briefing at the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the current situation, followed by a brief tour of the seam line (the old green line) in Jerusalem. We continued to a visit to a JDC project called the "Time Bank", designed to promote volunteerism among Israelis.

After the visit to the JDC we continued to the Old City where Michael Ravvin, son of Linda and Leon Ravvin, guided us through the Davidson Center and the Southern Wall excavation. It was an incredible tour to the past, to the time of the building and the destruction of the second Temple. The visit was followed by a visit to the Kotel (Western Wall), a very moving experience for those who were in Israel for the first time as well as for the "old timers". Finally, we had some shopping time at the Cardo in the Old City and returned to the hotel to get ready for dinner.

Dinner was at one of the most popular restaurants in Jerusalem, "Darna" – a place of Moroccan cuisine. At the restaurant we were joined by another group of Small Cities and we shared good food, good wine, and a good time.

This is it for now, folks. Stay tuned next issue for the rest as well as for pictures of our group. See you soon.

Project Noah

Ohavay Zion Religious School Celebrates our Animals

By Simone Solomon

On Sunday, November 2, students, parents, friends and their pets gathered outside on a glorious fall day to recognize the importance of animals. For the past week students studied the Torah portion of Noah which tells the story of Noah who was entrusted by God with the responsibility to save the animals from the flood. God, with Noah's help, saved the animals to begin to create a world better than the one before. This program is another example of ways our students learn about Tikun Olam and helping to create a more perfect world.

Rabbi Cohen led the group in a prayer asking help in accepting our unique responsibility to care for the creatures



that inhabit the earth. The prayer also asked us to remember the lessons of our tradition and for the insight

and patience to always respect and care for our pets.

During the week, OZS had a food/supply drive for the Lexington Humane Society.

The Kadima Youth Group delivered the materials following the program. Sharing this special day with our families and friends produced lots of smiles and joy.



Furry friends get acquainted.

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*Deliver "Meals on Wheels" dinners

2nd Presbyterian Church 11:15 AM to 12:30 PM

(5 routes available)

*Pack & Deliver Moveable Feast dinners

(Moveable Feast packs & delivers meals to shut-in AIDS patients)

St. Augustine Episcopal Church 5 PM



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Leisure Club Gears up for Winter

In November, our Leisure Club met for an old favorite program, namely lunch and bingo at Ohavay Zion Synagogue. While we ate our pizza and enjoyed each other's company, we played bingo, until we could play no longer. A number of us won, some even winning more than one round. Winners chose a small prize to take home. In all, it was a most enjoyable afternoon. Thanks to CKJF and the Leisure Club planning committee for continuing to program fun events for us to attend.

Be sure to come to our annual Leisure Club Hanukkah party on Thursday, December 18, 2003 at Temple Adath Israel. We will have food, light the Hanukkah, and enjoy professional musical entertainment. Also, please plan to join Leisure Club on Thursday, January 15, at 12:15 PM for a lunch meeting at the Coach House. Personal notices will be mailed to remind you of each event.

Leisure Club is a program for older adults sponsored by Jewish Family Services of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation.

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Ask JFS About.....Vision Problems

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Dear JFS,

Lately, I have been getting headaches while reading the daily newspaper, and sometimes I think I see spots in front of my eyes when I go outside. I am worried that there is something wrong with my eyesight. I have noticed lots of changes as I have aged, but usually I can be patient with myself, go at a slower pace, and still do most of the things I always did. But, the thought of losing my sight is very scary and worse than anything else I can imagine. What can you suggest to help me?

Poor Eyesight

Dear Poor Eyesight,

I understand your worries, and I may have some good news. The symptoms you described are common eye complaints of folks as they get older. Your doctor can tell you if the headaches can be part of a process called "Presbyopia" which is an age-related gradual loss of ability to see close objects or small print, such as newspaper. Check with your

doctor to see if this can be remedied by the use of reading glasses. In terms of the spots, these may be "floaters" which are tiny specks that seem to float across your eyes in bright rooms or outside on a sunny day. Floaters can be a normal process of aging. However, if you see flashes with the spots, this may be indicative of a more serious eye problem.

I would recommend that you make an appointment with your ophthalmologist as soon as possible. According to the National Institute on Aging, regular eye exams should be conducted once per year, and during each exam, your eye doctor should determine if you have any diseases such as glaucoma, which may develop without any warning signs or symptoms. In addition, if you have diabetes you may be at increased risk of eye problems. But most problems can be treated with minimal disruption to vision if they are detected early.

Even if you are diagnosed with an eye disorder, there are now lots of resources available to assist with low vision and blindness. There are many aids that can help people read, write, and maintain normal daily tasks. According to the Kentucky Department for the Blind, approximately 47,000 Kentuckians have low vision or are blind. To reach the Kentucky Department for the Blind, you can call (800) 291-8424. You can also contact the National Eye Institute at (301) 496-5248 or via the internet at: www.nei.nih.gov, for more information regarding your eye care concerns.

Feel free to contact JFS if we can assist in any other way. I can be reached at 269-8244, or send an email message to: jfs@jewishlexington.org.
JFS

LEISURE CLUB

coming up in 2003

Hanukkah Get-Together



Thursday, December 18th, 2003 – 12:15pm Hanukkah Get Together
An annual Leisure Club event

Location: Temple Adath Israel; 124 N. Ashland Ave., Lexington –
near corner of Main and Ashland Ave.

Cost: FREE RSVP by December 16th, 2003

Thursday, January 15, 2004 - 12:15pm Lunch Outing
(weather permitting)

Location: The Coach House; 855 S. Broadway, Lexington -
near corner of Broadway and Red Mile Road

Cost: Your own lunch RSVP by January 13, 2004

Thursday, February 19, 2004 - 12:15pm Lunch and Discussion with Rabbi Kline
(weather permitting)

Location: Temple Adath Israel; 124 N. Ashland Ave, Lexington -
near corner of Main and Ashland Ave.

Cost: FREE RSVP by February 17th, 2004

Camp Young Judaea Midwest Sponsors Meet the Director Night

By Stefan Teodosic, Director Camp Young Judaea Midwest

Winter is here, the leaves have changed, it's getting colder...it's time to start thinking about your children's plans for the upcoming summer! I realize that it seems early in the year to be thinking about camp, but it is important to begin planning now. Camp Young Judaea Midwest had another amazing and successful summer in 2003, and we are looking forward to carrying this momentum into 2004!

What??? You haven't heard about Camp Young Judaea Midwest yet? You and your children are missing out on the ultimate Jewish and Zionist summer camp experience!

Camp Young Judaea Midwest is a Hadassah-sponsored summer experience that has been positively impacting the lives of Jewish youth since 1969. Through our creative programs and outdoor activities, each camper is instilled with a lasting connection to Israel, a deeper connection to their Jewish identity and life long friendships that span time and distance.

Located on Lake Stratton in Waupaca,

Wisconsin, our 80 acre site is a full facility camp offering a wide variety of activities including sports, waterskiing, horseback riding, arts and crafts, ROPES course, Jewish/Zionist programming and much more. Camp Young Judaea maintains a high staff to camper ratio and provides your child with an experience that stresses personal growth, Jewish communal values and most of all FUN!

One of the most important things that a Jewish child can have is a meaningful summer camp experience. Camp Young Judaea Midwest offers a program that is rich in Jewish and Zionist traditions, as well as all of the things that make summer camp such a special place....all in a kosher and shomer Shabbat environment.

The 2004 Sessions run from June 21st - July 15th and from July 20th - August 12th. Our 2 week mini-session option for children in 3rd and 4th grade runs from June 21st - July 4th and from July 20th - August 1st. Scholarships are available for all programs.

For more information, please contact us at 888 605-CAMP, email us at info@cyjmid.org or visit our website at www.cyjmid.org.

Time is running out and spaces are filling up quickly for all age groups and all programs. If you are interested in providing your child with a fun and positive Jewish experience that will change their lives, you to contact me for more information. You and your family can also go directly to our website (www.cyjmid.org) to find information, as well as online enrollment forms

If we want our children to have a Jewish background and a love for Israel, we need to provide them with a Jewish/Zionist playground. The Jewish youth of today need to be allowed to grow as individuals and as part of a community in a fun, outdoor and informal educational setting. That is what we have been delivering for 35 years.

I am looking forward to speaking to you at the Camp Young Judaea Midwest informational meeting on Tuesday, December 9th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM at the Ravvin home located at 1404 Meaganwood Circle. For directions and RSVP please call 859 269-4130. Hopefully your family will become part of the Camp Young Judaea Midwest family!

B'tay Avon

Evelyn Dantzie Geller

Potato Latkes for Hanukkah

Here comes another recipe from Gloria Kaufer Greene's *The Jewish Holiday Cookbook*. I know everyone has a favorite latke recipe, each better than anyone else's. So this is just one more that you can test.

Ingredients:

2 1/2 pounds potatoes, preferably baking potatoes such as Russet or Idaho, peeled and grated*
1 large onion, grated*
3 large eggs, lightly beaten
1 teaspoon salt, or to taste (If you go salt free, increase the amount of onion.)
1/8 teaspoon freshly ground pepper, or to taste
about 1/4 cup matzo meal, or 2 to 3 tablespoons all purpose white flour

vegetable oil for frying

applesauce, yogurt, or sour cream to accompany latkes

*To help keep the potatoes from darkening, grate alternately with the onion.

Directions:

Combine potatoes and onions in a sieve and squeeze out the excess liquid. Put drained vegetables in a large bowl and mix in the remaining ingredients. Let mixture rest for about 5 or 10 minutes to allow the matzo meal to absorb any remaining liquid. If the mixture still seems too wet, add a bit more matzo meal.

Drop spoonfuls of the mixture into a very large, deep skillet or pot in which oil to a depth of 1/8 to 1/4 inch has been heated very hot. Do not allow oil to smoke. Do not crowd the skillet. Fry until golden on both sides and crisp around the edges. Latkes are best served as soon as cooked; they tend to lose crispness if allowed to sit or reheated.

Recipe makes about 30 3-inch potato latkes.

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Finding A Cure

By Leah M. Craft

On January 11th, 2004, I am going to undertake the most physically demanding task I will have ever faced in my entire 22 years. I am taking the 6-10 miles I've been running daily over the years and increasing my mileage to 26.2 miles. That's right, this Kentucky-born wildcat is going to run the Arizona Rock'n'Roll marathon!

I've recently committed myself to Team In Training (TNT) and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS). LLS is the world's largest private organization dedicated to finding cures for leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, multiple myeloma, and other blood-related cancers — and to improving the quality of life of patients and their families. TNT, a program created through LLS, is a comprehensive endurance-training program for runners to support LLS's mission and participate in marathons. As a TNT member, I receive 4 months of training for the marathon in exchange for \$3500, which I must raise for LLS.

"Why put yourself through this?" you ask. Mostly because I am tired of sitting idle. Because leukemia is the leading disease killer of children, and strikes 10 times as many adults. Because I remember sitting in my living room 8 years ago, listening to my parents discuss the complications of my cousin Simon's disease. In his prime, he had developed leukemia and it was destroying his body at an alarming rate; they predicted that Simon had at least 6 months left, yet he died only 6 weeks after his initial diagnosis. I felt helpless then, but now I know that I have the capacity to do something. I can't find a cure

for cancer, but I can sweat and I can ache. I will overcome my doubts of my ability to complete this challenge for all of those who have already or who might one day confront these horrible diseases.

What I need from you is a donation to help keep hope alive and aid in the continuation of research for these diseases. How much?

That's up to you; any amount would be greatly appreciated. If it helps to see it in concrete terms:

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- \$100 Could cover traveling costs from regional areas to Emory University.
- \$250 Could provide patient aid to a person with leukemia or a related cancer for a year.

I've enclosed a donation sheet. All you have to do is fill out the sheet, write a check to "Leukemia and Lymphoma Society" with my name on the memo line, address an envelope to me at 4413 Shagbark Court, Lexington, KY 40515, add a stamp, and drop it in the mailbox by December 5th, 2003. Your check



Leah Craft takes a break from training.

will serve as your receipt and all checks are tax deductible. On the donation sheet I've included a space for you to pay tribute to anyone in your life who has been affected by leukemia, lymphoma, multiple myeloma, or Hodgkin's disease. Give me their names and on race day, I will write their names on my singlet, alongside Simon's, and run in their honor.

Please feel free to pass this letter on to anyone you know who might have an interest in supporting this wonderful cause!

Thank you! Your consideration alone means a great deal to me and so many others! May health and happiness be with you, and please, if you should have any questions, feel free to call me at 859-619-6108.

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society — Finding A Cure Donation Form

Please send in this section with your TAX-DEDUCTIBLE check before December 5th, 2003. Make checks payable to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and please write my name in the memo space.

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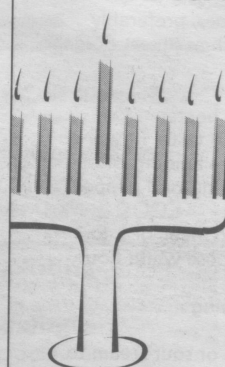
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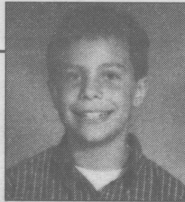
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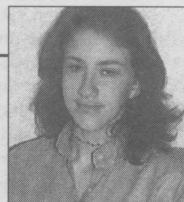
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Michael will participate
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The Saturday service begins at
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Ohavay Zion Synagogue



Bat Mitzvah

Miriam Sarah Feldstein

Please share in our happiness
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Miriam Sarah Feldstein

is called to the Torah
as a Bat Mitzvah

at 10 AM
Saturday, December 13
at Ohavay Zion Synagogue

Kiddush Luncheon will follow

Miriam will also lead
the Friday Evening Service
at 6 PM

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Bar Mitzvah

Samuel Clay

Please join our family on this
special day as our son

Samuel Clay

Becomes a Bar Mitzvah

at 10 AM
Saturday, December 20
at Ohavay Zion Synagogue

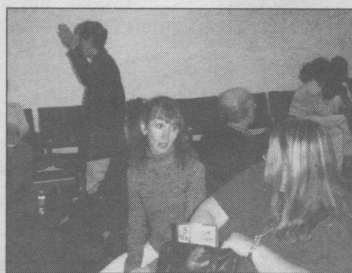
Luncheon to follow services

Sam will also lead
the Friday Evening Service
at 6 PM

Charlie & Jane Spiegel

Holocaust Museum (from page 1)

elevator on the fourth floor I felt that I was in Germany and it was 1936. The Hitler Youth were marching and shouting in my ears. Flags and torches and bonfires came alive on the walls. People screamed and Hitler ranted. The noise was inescapable and the crowds of people in the museum itself made me feel choked and pushed and pummeled just as the Jews did when they were thrust into boxcars for deportation. I wanted to run through the fourth floor to escape the crowd but the walls were too fascinating. I just kept reading and walking. Finally I wound my way down to the third floor and there were the boxcar and the train tracks. The piles of suitcases, spoons, razors and eyeglasses stolen from victims were real. Then there was the

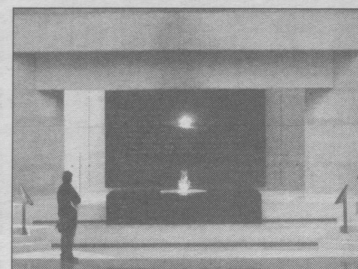


Holocaust Museum Photo 2

gate crowned with the words "Work Will Make You Free," and I entered Hell. Voices of victims told tales of sorrow and fear. I sat on a bench and listened before I entered the room with the bunks. The sign said "do not touch" but I saw someone touch the wood and pull his hand away as if he had been shocked. I felt that pain although I did not touch the bunk myself. *Images from Night* by Ellie Wiesel filled my brain and I imagined that I was there in bed with the sick and the dying. And then there were the shoes. I needed a break.

On Sunday, I returned and went through the special exhibit, *Anne Frank The Writer: An Unfinished Story*. The attic room was recreated and Anne's words were projected onto the wall. The second floor is a memorial to the

resisters and rescuers, brave people whose lives should be role models for us all. I watched the video of survivors paying tribute to their rescuers and walked over stones from Israel. The Hall of Remembrance memorializes all those who suffered and died with what seems like a thousand candles. Then I meandered down a ramp and back into the reality of October 19, 2003.



Holocaust Museum Photo 2

TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL NEWS

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Shabbat Around the Dinner Table

Friday night, December 19, is our monthly Shabbat Around the Dinner Table beginning at 6:00 PM. Michael Hustedde will participate at the Shabbat Dinner Service and will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, December 20 at 10:30 AM. This is also the night of Erev Hanukkah. Bring your menorah and we will light the first candle together.

In honor of Michael's Bar Mitzvah, the Hustedde family will provide entrees. Please plan to bring a vegetable or salad to feed six to eight people. Join us for this special evening. **PLEASE call the Temple office at 269-2979 and let us know that you will be there,** (hopefully by Thursday, the 18th!) so that we may properly prepare. See you Friday, December 19.

Mark Novak & Renée Brachfeld

Artists In Residence Weekend Dec. 5-7

Temple Adath Israel is hosting an exciting and very different artists-in-residence weekend December 5-7. Our guests will be Mark Novak & Renée Brachfeld, a dynamic husband-wife storytelling duo, who draw their material from the warmth and richness of the Jewish tradition. Renée is a storyteller and juggler, and Mark is a cantor and

musician. Their unique skills as performers emanate from more than two decades of experience delighting audiences at synagogues, JCCs, schools, churches, festivals, and community events nationwide. Mark and Renée present Artist-in-Residence weekends at synagogues throughout the United States, enriching Jewish communities with performances and workshops for both adults and families. The weekend is planned with something for everyone!

Mark and Renée will lead **Friday evening** worship services with Rabbi Mark Kline when we honor our Temple Preschool in connection with our 100th anniversary celebration. Services will begin at 6 PM.

On **Saturday morning** at 10:30 AM, Mark will conduct a special worship workshop, "The Art of Prayer: The Spiritual Magic of the *Niggun*", an interactive exploration of the power of the *niggun* to enhance prayer.

Saturday evening at 8:00 PM. TAI's social hall will be transformed into a cabaret theater for the performance of "This Ain't Your Bubbe's Yiddish Theater", a rollicking, touching, soulful, thought provoking, and funny celebration of the warmth and richness of Jewish culture. Mark and Renée weave together a vibrant and joyful performance brimming with folk tales, music, and

contemporary stories drawn from Hebrew, Yiddish, Sephardic and American Jewish sources. Your Bubbe will like it and so will you!

Sunday morning at 9:00 AM, our guests will lead an In-Service Teacher Training with religious school teachers, providing teachers with tools for utilizing storytelling in the classroom. Special sessions will then be held for religious school classes.

WOW! What a weekend this will be. Mark the date on your calendar and plan to be here!

Circle December 14 On Your Calendar

The Social Action Committee, with help from the Religious School, is once again sponsoring a Hanukkah Carnival, yard sale, and silent auction to be held on Sunday, December 14, 12 PM at Temple Adath Israel

Fun for singles and families, young and "mature". Spend your money for good causes and take home wonderful art objects, plants, tools, pottery, and much more.

The Social Action Committee wishes to thank you in advance for your donations to this year's fund raiser.

Jewish Student Organization/Hillel Foundation

Our mission is to reach out to students on the UK Campus as well as those at all of the other institutions of higher education in the Central Kentucky area and provide an avenue to social, educational, spiritual and affiliational aspects of Judaism.

Students and faculty are always welcome!

Previous Events:

Sunday, October 19th Hike at Red River Gorge
Friday, October 24th Shabbat Dinner
Friday, November 14th Shabbat Dinner at Joe Bologna's
Friday, November 21st Shabbat Dinner

Upcoming Events:

Sunday December 5th: 5:30-7:00 PM

Hannukah Party
124 N. Ashland Avenue
Temple Adath Israel

Monthly Shabbat Dinners

Call Jana LaZur at 268-0672 ext. 4# or email
Tikkun@jewishlexington.org to get involved.

THE LEXINGTON HAVURAH

President, Judith Saxe • (859) 269-4493

The next scheduled service of the Lexington Havurah will take place Friday evening, December 5 at 8 PM, at the Lexington Theological Seminary. Parking and entrance to the Fellowship Hall are around the back.

On Friday December 12 and Saturday December 13, the Bat Mitzvah of Miriam Davis-Rosenbaum, daughter of members Steve and Kate Davis-Rosenbaum will be held at Ohavay Zion Synagogue.

Our annual Chanukah party will be held on Sunday evening, December 21, at 6:30 PM, at the home of Kathy and David Feinberg. We will light Chanukah candles, serve latkes and more.

We are planning an education event on Sunday, January 11. Time and location will be announced shortly. Our guest speaker will be UK professor, Oliver Leaman.

Looking farther ahead, the Lexington Havurah is planning our annual retreat in the

spring with an exciting speaker from Montana, Rabbi Alan Secher (the only rabbi in Montana). Rabbi Secher is involved in the Jewish Renewal Movement. Date, time and location will be announced as more information becomes available.

For more information about the Lexington Havurah, please contact Judy Saxe, President at 269-4493; or Dr. David Wekstein at 269-4454, Dr. Michael Rie at 266-8623, Membership Co-Chairmen.

Winter Dinner (from page 5)

meal including dessert and a separate kid's menu of pizza and ice cream sundaes and beverages. Please fill out your reservation today. (found on page 9 of *Shalom*). For any additional information, please call Jana at the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation at 268-0672 extension 4# or email activities@jewishlexington.org. Remember to RSVP by December 12th and say you'll join us for a lovely evening.

OHAVAY ZION SYNAGOGUE NEWS

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We look to December and January with a sense of anticipation and joy as we celebrate three B'nai Mitzvot, Hanukkah, and the New Year. We wish everyone a very Happy Hanukkah and a very Happy 2004.

Adult Education News

The Adult Education Committee is excited to be able to offer some new opportunities for Jewish learning here at OZS. We hope you will mark your calendars and will plan to take part in some or all of the classes and activities listed below. If you have any ideas or suggestions please contact Benjamin Karp, Chair, of the Adult Education Committee.

Jewish Life and Learning Series: Dr. Oliver Leaman, OZS member and Professor of Philosophy and Zantker Professor of Judaic Studies at UK will be teaching a six-session course on Jewish philosophical issues and ideas. You are welcome to attend one, some, or all of the sessions to be held on six Sunday mornings, at 10:15 AM at OZS, beginning on November 9th.

Special Scholar-In-Residence Weekend, February 20-22, 2004: Rabbi Lisa Gelber, Associate Dean of the Rabbinical School at the Jewish Theological Seminary, will be joining us for a very special Shabbat of learning and celebration. Rabbi Gelber is a passionate and creative teacher of Torah who has written and taught actively on the subject of Domestic Violence and on Jewish Healing. Mark your calendars!

Adult B'nai Mitzva Class Forming: The 2005 Adult B'nai Mitzva Class will begin this coming January as we prepare for the Adult B'nai Mitzva Celebration to be held in 2005. If you are interested in joining the class please call the office and leave your name with Crystal. For more information, call Rabbi Cohen.

Spring Jewish Cultural Series: The Adult Education Committee will be sponsoring a special learning series focusing on Jewish music, humor, art, food, and literature. Watch your bulletin for more information on this exciting and creative program!

Make a Difference:

God's Pantry – Social Action

We are happy to have established an ongoing relationship with God's Pantry as we visit their facility the third Thursday of each month to help sort and bag food items for distribution to those in need. Come and join us with the whole family as we work together for this wonderful cause. Our next God's Pantry Night will be Thursday, December 18th and January 15th from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM. Call Ziggy Rivkin-Fish at 269-3990 to sign up.

OZS Religious School News

The next Religious School Service is on Friday evening, December 5th, at 7:15 PM, following the congregational Shabbat Pot-Luck Dinner. The students have been working hard on learning their t'filot (prayers) using both Traditional melodies and new ones taught by Aviva Bowling. In November, Sharon Katz introduced our B'nai Mitzva class to three new Kabbalat Shabbat melodies which they shared during the last Religious School Service. We look forward to incorporating them into our Shabbat worship each week.

Our **Junior Congregation** program continues on January 17th at 10:30 AM in the Music Room. The program is coordinated by Steve Davis-Rosenbaum and led by Penina Goldstein with help from our Religious School Aides. We encourage parents to attend with their kids!

Our OZS and TAI Jewish study program for 11th and 12th graders, **Senior Chai**, will meet on December 10th, and again on January 7th, at 6:30 PM. So far, we have looked at Judaism in respect to Jewish law and authentic Tradition, studied the Book of Jonah and discussed the meaning of Sukkot and the rituals of the holiday. If you are interested in participating and need more information please contact Rabbi Cohen or Rabbi Kline.

Daily Minyan

Our daily minyan continues to meet each afternoon Monday-Thursday at 5:45 PM in the Sanctuary. Please come and help make a minyan!

Youth Group News

Our USYers have been very busy the past few months redecorating the Youth Lounge (it is the most colorful room in Lexington!) after the Ice Storm flood. Also, OZS was well represented by 11 of our chapter members at Fall Kinnus in Cleveland on November 14th-16th. They have also been

enjoying several Ruah (spirit) sessions with song and food. USYers will lead a Ruah session (singing) following the service on Friday evening, December 5th.

Shabbat at OZS

Celebrating Shabbat is always the focus of our weekly events here at OZS. On Friday, December 5th, we will join together for a Pot-Luck dinner. The service will be led by our Religious School students as. A Ruah Session (singing!) led by our USYers will take place following the Oneg. Stewart Home will be here for their monthly Shabbat at OZS on Friday, January 16th. Join us for our spirited Shabbat Morning Service each Saturday morning at 9:45AM. Kiddush Lunch follows each week.

On December 12th – 13th we will celebrate with Miriam Davis-Rosenbaum as she is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzva. December 19th – 20th we will celebrate with Sam Spiegel as he becomes a Bar Mitzva. In January 9th – 10th Jacob Kuntz will celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzva as well. We are proud of our B'nai Mitzva!

Hanukkah at OZS

Join us for our annual Congregational Hanukkah party on Sunday, December 21st as we welcome in the 3rd night of Hanukkah. Song, food, fun, and games are in store as we celebrate the Festival of Lights. Call the office for more information.

SCHMOOZE with Jews

December 9, 2003
March 9, 2004
May 4, 2004
August 10, 2004

A CKJF YOUNG LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

FOR JEWISH ADULTS AGES 25-45





AROUND THE COMMUNITY



CKJF - Central Kentucky Jewish Federation • 1050 Chinoe Road • Suite 203 • 268-0672 • David Feinberg, President

OZS - Ohavay Zion Synagogue • 2048 Edgewater Court • 266-8050 • Nancy Hoffman, President
Daily Minyan Mon.-Thurs. at 5:45 PM; Kabbalat Services Friday evening at 8:00 PM, except the fourth Friday of the month at 6:00 PM
Shabbat Services Saturday at 9:45 AM

TAI - Temple Adath Israel • 124 N. Ashland Avenue • 269-2979 • Judith Hersh, President
Shabbat Services Friday 7:30 PM; Worship Service Saturday 10:30 AM

HAD - The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah • Elise Mandel & Di Sobel • Co-Presidents

HAV - The Lexington Havurah • 269-4493 • Judith Saxe, President • Shabbat Services monthly. Call for schedule.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	• OZS Board Meeting • TAI Board Meeting				• Artist in Residence Weekend • TAI 100th Celebration • Havurah, Kabbalat Shabbat	Artist in Residence at TAI
30	December 1	2	3	4	5	6
• Artist in Residence at TAI • JFS Drug Prevention Workshop • Hillel Hanukkah Party		• Chabad Rabbi at CKJF • Schmooze with Jews • C&J Midwest Camp Rally	JFS Committee Meeting		Miriam Davis-Rosenbaum Bat Mitzvah - OZS	Miriam Davis-Rosenbaum Bat Mitzvah - OZS
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
• Teen Board for Shalom • TAI Hanukkah Carnival & Silent Auction	Community Activities Committee		• CKJF Executive Committee Meeting • CKJF Board Meeting	• Tikken Visits Stewart Home • Leisure Club Hanukkah Party	• Sam Spiegel Bar Mitzvah - OZS • Michael Hustedde Bar Mitzvah - TAI • Hanukkah	• Sam Spiegel Bar Mitzvah - OZS • Michael Hustedde Bar Mitzvah - TAI • Jew LS Hanukkah Party • Hanukkah
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Havurah Hanukkah Party Hanukkah	Hanukkah	Hanukkah	CKJF Winter Dinner Hanukkah	Jewish Day of Giving Hanukkah	Hanukkah	Molly Greenberg Bat Mitzvah - TAI
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	January 1	2	3
Fast of the Tenth of Tevet		• OZS Board Meeting • TAI Board Meeting			• Jacob Kuntz Bar Mitzvah - OZS • Brotherhood Shabbat TAI 100th Celebration	Jacob Kuntz Bar Mitzvah - OZS
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	• Chabad Rabbi at CKJF	JFS Committee Meeting	Leisure Club Luncheon		
18	Martin Luther King Day					
	Community Activities Committee Meeting		• CKJF Executive Committee Meeting • CKJF Board Meeting			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
February 1		• OZS Board Meeting • TAI Board Meeting			Havurah Kabbalat, Shabbat, & Tu B'Shevat Seder	Tu B'Shevat Seder
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
CKJF Super Sunday		Chabad Rabbi at CKJF	JFS Committee Meeting			
15	16	17	18	Leisure Club Luncheon		
22	23	24	• CKJF Executive Committee Meeting • CKJF Board Meeting			
			25	26	27	28