

**CENTRAL  
KENTUCKY  
JEWISH  
FEDERATION**



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**AN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE OF THE SLEPAK FAMILY**

On April 26, 1991, we put our first steps on American land. Almost a year has passed since that time and now we would like to share our impressions as new Americans. From the very beginning we felt as if we were at home. We will never forget the exciting meeting at Lexington's airport: flowers, smiles, greetings, embraces and songs. Our first shy English words were understood and perceived benevolently and we immediately realized that we were surrounded by friends. Our arrival was carefully prepared by CKJF. Even in our most courageous dreams we could never have imagined the beautiful apartment which was rented and furnished for us by CKJF. Every small detail in our apartment was set up with a great sense of taste and care and the refrigerator was full of food. We are very grateful to all Lexington's Jewish Community. But we would like to address special words of thankfulness to our new American friends who spent a lot of time helping us with our first steps in America. These nice people took care of every

small detail of our life. They taught us English, helped us to make our resumes and to get oriented in looking for a job; they helped us with grocery shopping and with cooking traditional American and Jewish dishes. They invited us for dinners and picnics and showed us places of interest in Lexington and in Kentucky. How important for us was their kind attitude and their permanent willingness to give us some advice or simply to share our problems.

Our first months in America were very successful. Both of us got jobs at the University of Kentucky within our fields, which have given us an opportunity to utilize our knowledge and energy.

For the first time in our lives, we got involved in Jewish life. We are glad we found here the opportunity for learning Jewish culture and Jewish heritage. What did it mean to be Jewish in Russia? It meant nothing but to have a special record on our internal passports. We were not allowed to be Jewish in our social and cultural lives.

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We were supposed to be just dummy Soviet citizens without any nationalities. Here in Lexington, for the first time in our lives, we became Jewish without being persecuted for that.

We are often asked what our most important impression in America is: grocery stores, cars, highways, electronics... No, none of these items. Our greatest impressions are people themselves and their kind attitude. Whatever will happen to us in the future, we are glad we got to know about America and Americans here in Lexington which has become the second Motherland for us.

Mikhail and Marina Slepak

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#### MESSAGE FROM CKJF PRESIDENT

*Shalom!*

1992 has already become a busy and a banner year for CKJF. Early in March we held our 10th annual Super Sunday Campaign telethon - complete with balloons, good food and fellowship. Thanks to Co-Chairs Austin Cantor and Sue Ezrine, and their hard working committee members, more than 600 calls were made in one day!

More recently the stunning and powerful exhibit, "Survivor of Death, Witness to Life" by Holocaust survivor Gyorgy Kadar opened at the University of Kentucky Art Museum. Through the outstanding efforts of Community Activities Chair Judy Levine, and Forum Co-Chairs, Marilyn Moosnick and Rose Rita Wurmser, this exhibit has evolved into a significant educational and cultural undertaking. We have touched the Lexington community with inservice training at the Museum for 77 Middle and High School teachers; via a special Lexington Children's Theater

production of "I Never Saw Another Butterfly"; and with the appearance of Raul Hilberg, noted historian and Holocaust scholar, who presented the Moosnick Lecture series at the Lexington Theological Seminary, and who spoke again at the University with the added co-sponsorship of Ohavay Zion Synagogue and Temple Adath Israel.

How appropriate that this exhibit is here during Passover. The story of the Exodus has been told and retold through the ages. It is our responsibility to supplement that recital and include our modern history. The roots of our commitment to building and strengthening our own Jewish community are planted in our history, ancient and modern.

At this Passover season we can recount great miracles and great tragedies. We are privileged too, to be able to include the story of the ten Jewish families we have welcomed this past year from the former Soviet Union. What a wonderful addition to our community!

The Board and officers of CKJF join me in wishing each of you a joyous Passover.

Judy Saxe  
President

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#### THANK YOU

CKJF wishes to thank the Manhattan Bagel Bakery and Great Harvest Bakery for their generous donations and discounts which contributed to the success of our Super Sunday Campaign.



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### CAMP SHALOM NOTICE

Calling all campers! Camp Shalom is ready to enter the 25th session. We need all the campers we can get to help make this a great camp session. Mark these dates on the calendar - June 9th - June 26th. Remember, camp is for children 4 through 8 years of age.

Call CKJF for more information at 262-7622 or Jessica Ross at 273-4231.

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### BLOOD AND BAGELS SET FOR APRIL 26TH

TAI's second annual Blood Drive/Bagel Feast will be held Sunday, April 26th in the TAI Youth Lounge from 10 AM to 1 PM. Donors will feast on bagels and other fine food.

Giving blood is virtually painless and can help save lives. If you're leery of giving blood, come to the drive anyway. No obligation - just give us a chance to show you how easy and painless it is.

If you're a regular blood donor, and you donated as late as March 1st, you are still eligible to donate again at TAI on April 26th. The Central Kentucky Blood Center requires a minimum of eight weeks between donations.

Call TAI at 269-2979 and sign up to donate. You can still donate if you don't sign up, but we would like to get an idea of how many donors to expect. This event is sponsored by the Social Action Committee, TAI Sisterhood, and B'nai Brith. If you have any questions, call Bruce Engle at 252-3734.

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### YOM HASHOA (HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY)

Wednesday, April 29, 7:30 pm

**The annual Lexington Jewish community service commemorating the victims of the Holocaust will be held this year at Ohavay Zion Synagogue on Wednesday evening, April 29 at 7:30 p.m. Please make every effort to attend.**

### An Experience You Can't Miss!

Midwest Small Cities  
Federations Conference  
May 1-3, 1992  
South Bend, Indiana



Join over 200 Jewish leaders from small midwest communities....  
Enjoy Shabbat...Discuss current Jewish issues....  
Celebrate Israel Independence Day...Experience a taste of Sephardic culture....Participate in lively discussions with prominent speakers on important topics in Jewish life...  
Enhance skills and make new friends.

**Program Highlights:**

- Dr. Jonathan Woocher, Scholar-in-Residence
- Dr. Yitschak Ben-Gad, Consul General of Israel to the Midwest
- Special Israel Independence Day Celebration
- Federation Program Ideas Exchange
- UJA Skill and Training Workshops

Registration Fee: \$125.00 per person (includes materials and Kosher meals)

South Bend Marriott: \$79.00 per night, per room



For further information,  
contact your local Federation.



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**Temple Adath Israel  
Birthday Calendar**

Deadline - May 29, 1992

DO: - List birthdays of each family member  
- List wedding anniversaries  
(\$1.00 per item)

AND

BE: - A patron for \$5.00

A great way to advertise is through the calendar. Full size ad is \$35.00; half size ad is \$25.00. For more information contact Susan Cantor at 278-2530.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING FORM AND INDICATE: FULL NAME, OCCASION AND DATE.

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\_\_\_ YES, we will be patrons for \$5.00

\_\_\_ number of listings @ \$1.00 each

\_\_\_ TOTAL

Make checks payable to:  
Adath Israel Sisterhood

Mail by May 29, 1992 to:

Susan Cantor  
1905 Alexandria Drive  
Lexington, KY 40504

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**YOU'RE INVITED**  
by the  
**LEXINGTON CHAPTER OF HADASSAH**  
to join us on  
**"THE FAST TRACK TO SUCCESS"**  
at the  
**CENTRAL STATES REGION CONFERENCE**  
May 17-19, 1992  
Hilton Suites  
of Lexington Green

Planned events include:

An afternoon program, tour, dinner and entertainment at the world renowned **KENTUCKY HORSE PARK**

A visit to the Singletary Center for the Arts to see a special Holocaust exhibit

A banquet at the glamorous University of Kentucky Faculty Club

\* Featured speaker **Chiam Shapiro**, journalist for **THE JERUSALEM POST** will offer a blue ribbon presentation on the many challenges facing Israel today.

\* Our Conference Advisor will be **Ann Kazer**, Hadassah National Board Member, Northeast Area Cooperative Coordinator, and past President of the Northern New England Region.

Complete registration package including all meals, sightseeing at the **KENTUCKY HORSE PARK** and **SINGLETARY CENTER** is \$100.00.

For more information, call Susan Mason 277-2593 or Kathy Grossman 268-2596.

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## THE MATZAH OF UNITY

(To be recited during the Seder at Yachatz—when breaking the middle Matzah)



We are about to take the middle matzah and divide it in half. As we break this matzah and set it aside, we link ourselves symbolically with all Jews who have lived in the former Soviet Union. We will not conclude our Seder until the missing piece of matzah is found and brought again to our table. That action reminds us of the indestructible unity which binds all Jews together as a world family.

In Jewish tradition, matzah is "the bread of affliction," used on the road to redemption. As we celebrate Pesach, our festival of freedom, we know that the theme of the Exodus resonates in all that is happening around us.

Jews of the Soviet Union resisted decades of suppression. Struggling to live as Jews, many sought valiantly to leave for Israel, the homeland of the Jewish people. Many suffered harassment; some endured prison and some lost their lives.

At last, most Jews can leave the place that represented a prison for so long. For now, the door to freedom remains open. We walk with them in their Exodus. Through Operation Exodus, we commit ourselves to help them in their quest for a new and better future for themselves and their children.

We also remember the several million Jews who still remain behind. We pledge our vigilance, our support, and our solidarity with them, as they endeavor to sustain their community and courageously resist anti-Semitism.

As Jews from the former Soviet Union and other countries settle in Israel by the hundreds of thousands, we know that their reunification with the Jewish people requires our caring and loving concern. May we be worthy of that challenge.

We pray that all Jews may find freedom this year—in a world without war and with Israel at peace.

Am Yisrael Hu Am Echad.

May the Jewish people always be united!



Seders for 14,000 Guests - Thanks to support from the UJA/Federation Campaign, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee will be hosting seders in 15 cities throughout the former Soviet Union. The JDC is also sponsoring seders in 12 schools in cities that have already had public seders. An estimated 14,000 people will be participating.

## UJA NATIONAL MISSIONS CALENDAR

June 15-25, 1992	National Summer Family I Mission
June 22-July 2, 1992	National Summer Family II Mission
July 5-16, 1992	National Summer Singles I Mission
July 13-23, 1992	National Summer Family III Mission
July 26-August 6, 1992	National Summer Singles II Mission
August 10-20, 1992	National Summer Family IV Mission
September 9-18, 1992	Midwest Region Fall Discovery Mission
October 25-November 4, 1992	National Physicians Mission
December 24-January 3, 1993	National Winter Family Mission

For more information, please call the CKJF office at 252-7622 or Steve Caller at 266-1314.

**History is Happening Now In Israel - Be A Part Of It!**



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### SPECIAL ART EXHIBITION

From April 5 to May 17, the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation will sponsor an art exhibition, "Gyorgy Kadar: Witness to Life, Survivor of Death", at the UK Art Museum. Hours are from 12 PM to 5 PM, Tuesday through Sunday.

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### CINCINNATI JEWISH FOLK FESTIVAL

We are pleased to announce that the Sixteenth Annual Cincinnati Jewish Folk Festival will take place on Sunday, May 17, 1992 from 1-6 p.m. in Burnet Woods. The Cincinnati Jewish Folk Festival is an annual celebration of Jewish culture. It brings together the best of the Jewish community's amateur and professional singer, dancers, painters and other artists. The outdoor showcase includes five hours of continuous performances, activities for children, an arts and crafts fair, booths displaying various community organizations, and of course, lots of ethnic food.

If you are interested in participating in this year's Festival, call or write:

Cincinnati Hillel Jewish  
Student Center  
2615 Clifton Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45220  
(513) 221-6728

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### PASSOVER HOSPITALITY

For the past twenty years we have had a "Matzah of Hope" as part of our Seder to remind us of Soviet Jews who could not celebrate freely. Our hopes have been realized! We have in our community new American families who are looking forward to celebrating Passover in freedom. CKJF is looking for families wishing to invite these new Americans to join them in their Passover observances. Please call 252-7622 or 252-7600 to offer your hospitality.

There are also Jewish University students in the area who would appreciate home hospitality for the holidays. If this is a possibility please contact CKJF.

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**BAR MITZVAH**

Our son, *Graham Paul*, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, April 25, 1992 at 10:30 in the morning at Temple Adath Israel. We invite you to join us in worship on this joyous occasion.

Graham will symbolically share his Bar Mitzvah with *Arkady Dovydiv* of Moscow, Russia.

Please join us for challah and wine following the service.

*Daria and Michael Courtney*

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**BAT MITZVAH**

We would be honored to have you celebrate with us at the Bat Mitzvah of our daughter,

*Kelli Nicole*

Saturday, May 16, 1992  
10:30 a.m.

at

Temple Adath Israel  
124 North Ashland Avenue  
Lexington, Kentucky

Please join us on this special and joyous occasion.

A kiddush luncheon will follow the service.

*Janice and Larry Newman*



**BAR MITZVAH**

We invite you to worship with us when our son,

*Adam Jacob*

is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah  
Shabbat Kedoshim  
Saturday, May 9, 1992  
at 10:30 a.m.  
at Temple Adath Israel  
124 North Ashland Avenue  
Lexington, Kentucky

*Susan and Jack Miller*

Luncheon following the service  
Adam will symbolically share this occasion with *Alexander Blyakhman* of St. Petersburg, Russia

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**BAR MITZVAH**

LARRY AND JANICE CRANE

INVITE YOU TO WORSHIP WITH THEM

WHEN THEIR SON

ELI ROSS CRANE

WILL BE CALLED TO THE TORAH

AS A BAR MITZVAH

SATURDAY, THE TWENTY-THIRD OF MAY

NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO

AT TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

OHAVAY ZION SYNAGOGUE

2048 EDGEWATER COURT

LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY



## CKJF CALENDAR

### APRIL:

- April 15 TAI Interfaith Sisterhood Luncheon  
April 17 Passover - First Seder  
April 22 CKJF Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.  
April 24 Passover  
April 26 TAI Annual Meeting - 12 noon  
Blood and Bagels at TAI - 9:30 am to 12:30 pm  
April 27 CRC Meeting - 7:30 p.m. at David Kaplan's House  
April 29 Yom Hashoa Observance - 7:30 p.m. at OZS  
April 30 SSC Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

### MAY

- May 5 TAI and OZS Board Meetings  
May 6 Hadassah General Meeting  
May 8 OZS Sisterhood Shabbaten  
May 9 Adam Miller Bar Mitzvah - TAI  
May 12 Hadassah Board Meeting  
May 13 OZS Sisterhood Dinner Closing Meeting - 7:30 pm  
May 17 - 19 Hadassah Region Meeting  
May 20 TAI Sisterhood Closing Lunch  
May 23 Eli Crane Bar Mitzvah - OZS  
May 27 CKJF Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.  
May 29 Josh Shraberg Bar Mitzvah - OZS

**CKJF SEEKS NEW EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR**

The position of Executive Director of CKJF will be open beginning June 1, 1992. A search committee has been appointed, chaired by Mike Ades. For more information interested parties may call Mike Ades at 266-1291.

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**INTERFAITH MEETING**  
Wednesday, April 15  
12:00 Noon at TAI

*Honoring Lexington's  
Unitarian Universal Church*



**GUEST SPEAKER:  
KELLY FLOOD**

*First Female Minister of Lexington  
Unitarian Universal Church*

**R**everend Flood will discuss the joys and concerns of her congregation with an emphasis on how caring hands work within her church. Let's learn how caring hands can work within the Temple.

*Catered Luncheon  
Please RSVP to the Temple by April 10.*



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