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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The CKJA: End of Year Two

At the end of this month the CKJA will complete its second year. We are basically in good health - enthusiastic, solvent, and energetic. There is still a long way to go to approach achievement of our goals, but we are making progress. A dedicated and hard working camp committee overcame a host of major problems and organized a highly successful Camp Shalom season this past summer. A most exciting Forum Series will begin this month. Our Jewish Camp and Israel Study Scholarship programs provided financial assistance for young people in Central Kentucky to participate in highly positive Jewish experiences, which can serve only to strengthen our community. It is presently estimated that the Annual Fund Raising Campaign will provide over \$100,000 to UJA, probably over \$20,000 to Other Charities, as well as providing for local Jewish community programs and services. This Bulletin, the School Calendar and other programs of the Community Relations Committee have continued to grow in quality and diversity. Other activities also continue (such as the interest-free loans for those in need) and new ideas and programs are being explored. Also a future planning committee has been appointed. The achievement of our goals - establishment of a framework for promotion of a unified and cohesive Jewish community, improvement in the quality of Jewish life in Central Kentucky, and providing financial assistance to Israel and other Jews in need - is a continuous and never ending task. I ask that you all join in support, financial contribution, and, mostly, participation in the affairs of your Association.

Strictly personal: It has been a great honor and challenge to serve as the first president of the CKJA. Establishment of a new organization and maintaining the continuity of ongoing programs and activities have required the cooperation and hard work of a large group of dedicated people. I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep thanks to them all, especially to the chairpersons of CKJA committees, to the Board of Directors, and to my Executive Committee, Harriet Cooper, Jack Miller, Charles Stern, Charlotte Baer, Judy Levine, and David Wekstein.

Charles Gorodetzky
President, CKJA

NOVELIST CHAIM POTOK FORUM SPEAKER

Chaim Potok, best selling author of *My Name is Asher Lev*, *In the Beginning*, *The Promise*, and *The Chosen*, will launch the 1978-79 CKJA Forum series. Potok will speak at 8 p.m. on December 10th at Haggin Auditorium, Transylvania University.

A limited quantity of Dr. Potok's latest book, *Wanderings: A History of the Jews*, released on Nov. 15, 1978, will be available at a special price at the program and can be autographed by the author.

For ticket information, contact: Linda Stein at 272-8598.

CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION PROGRAM

The CKJA is pleased to sponsor an American Heart Association Certificate Program in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation on Sunday, December 17th from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., with a break for dinner, at Ohavay Zion Synagogue. If you wish to enroll in this program, send your \$10 registration fee (payable to CKJA) to David Wekstein, 835 Glendover Rd., 40502. For further information, call Mark Ravin (266-7052) or David Wekstein (269-4454).

EXCELLENT TURN-OUT FOR ISRAEL BONDS DINNER

Over 140 persons attended the annual State of Israel Bonds dinner held on Sunday evening, November 19th, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The participants enjoyed a bustling cocktail hour followed by a fine dinner which was topped off with a stimulating talk by Bob Evans, the former t.v. news reporter who now specializes in syndicated documentary t.v. productions.

Evans, who has had recent direct contacts with the key personalities in the Middle East negotiations, provided a background overview of the political and personal dynamics involved in the Israeli-Egyptian peace talks. His exciting and lucid presentation was followed by a very successful bonds solicitation.

The honoree for the evening was Senator Wendell Ford whose support of the State of Israel and responsiveness to the Jewish community were recognized by the presentation of the State of Israel 30th Anniversary Award. Senator Ford reiterated his admiration and support for Israel and his desire to continue a close working relationship with the Jewish community of Kentucky.

The sale of State of Israel bonds is not limited to those who attended the banquet. Bonds may still be purchased, in minimum \$250 denominations, by contacting Steve Caller at 252-8803 or Mike Ades at 266-1291 or Art Salomon at 266-3194 or Ellie Goldman at 269-6049. Bond proceeds are used for the capitol growth of Israel.

CAMP DIRECTOR POSITION OPEN

The Camp Committee is seeking a Director for the 3-week summer session at Camp Shalom, a Jewish oriented day camp for elementary aged children. Responsibilities include hiring and supervising staff, program planning, and directing camp. Experience with children and summer camp required. Salary negotiable. Contact Judy Levine at 278-2846 or Linda Stein 272-8598.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

Have you made your UJA pledge for this year? The 1978 UJA solicitation is drawing to a close. Contributions by previous givers in the Central Kentucky area are up in amount by about 15-20% and many new givers are participating. Our goal, however, has not been achieved. Some prior contributors have not yet made their 1978 pledge, some members of the community have not yet accepted their responsibility for financial support of Jewish institutions and Jews in need, and some givers remain content to give in token amounts.

UJA contributions are an essential ingredient to the vitality of local, national and world Jewish activities. In accordance with the CKJA Constitution, not less than 70% of general contributions to our Central Kentucky UJA fund drive is forwarded to national UJA for distribution. This money supports national and international Jewish charities, educational and cultural institutions, and major projects in the State of Israel. Local UJA distribution also sends a very substantial portion of the funds contributed by CKJA members to national Jewish charities and institutions and to special projects in Israel. (Prior issues of this Bulletin have carried letters of appreciation received from organizations in Israel and the United States acknowledging the importance of this direct support.) The small portion of UJA funds that is retained for local needs is used for a variety of CKJA activities including the publication of this Bulletin, the preparation and distribution of the Central Kentucky Jewish Community Resources booklet, the issuance of emergency loans, and the like. These funds are also used to subsidize local cultural and educational activities such as the Forum and Camp Shalom.

UJA contributors may, if they wish, designate all or part of their gift for exclusive distribution to the State of Israel.

If you have not yet done your share in contributing to the financial well being of our community activities and support for Jewish institutions, the State of Israel and the safety and health of Jews everywhere, do so now by making your 1978 UJA pledge. For further information or to register your pledge, contact Ken Gerson, Avram Levine, Len Lerner, Harriet Cooper, Leon Cooper, Susan Caller, Steve Caller, or Mike Ades.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE CHARITY YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE SUPPORTED?

Within the next two months the Board of Directors of the CKJA will allocate funds to various charities. Therefore, the Budget Committee is actively soliciting suggestions of worthy charities from the Jewish community. If you know of a charity which you would like to have the CKJA support, please notify David Wekstein by the first of the year. Any information you can give about the charity and a rationale for contributing to it would be helpful.

PLAQUE HONORING BERNICE HERMAN

Ohavay Zion Synagogue will present a special award to Bernice Herman in honor of her many years of dedicated service to the Synagogue's library. The presentation will follow a service commemorating Jewish Book Month on Friday, December 15th at 8 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

Temple Adath Israel will hold a New Year's Eve Dance on Sunday, December 31st from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. In celebration of our 75th year, there will be a 1903 costume theme. Set ups and breakfast provided. Music by Ed Minor. There will be a costume contest and program. \$15/couple; \$7.50/single. Send reservation with check to Ruth Metzler, 500 Laketower, Apt 25, Lexington 40502.

FEATURE WRITERS WANTED

The CKJA news bulletin seeks to be more than an information sheet. The Community Relations Committee of the CKJA, which is responsible for the Bulletin, at a recent meeting agreed to encourage more community interest features. Ted Friedman's Yiddish column is a good example of the sort of expanded format that we hope to develop. Would you be interested in writing a Jewish cooking column for the Bulletin, a series about the history of Jews in Central Kentucky, interviews introducing newcomers, book reviews, poetry, articles about Jewish life in the smaller towns and larger cities surrounding Lexington, cartoons, etc.? Please let us know. We welcome your talent and contributions. If interested, contact our Bulletin editor, Annette Mayer at 299-5625 or 233-8193.

THE FOLLOWING LETTER WAS SENT TO ISAAC BASHEVIS SINGER ON BEHALF OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Nov. 11, 1978

Handwritten letter in Yiddish, addressed to Isaac Bashevis Singer. The text is written in cursive and includes a signature at the bottom right.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER 1978						
SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
						2 Bar Mitzvah ADATH ISRAEL Mark Gorodetzky
3 HAVORAN STUDY GROUP 7:30 P.M.	4 U.K. Home Basketball Game	5 BOARD MEETING 8 P.M. Ohamy Zion & Adath Israel	6 HADASSAH MEETING 8 P.M.	7	8	9 B'nai Brith
10 C.K.J.A. FORUM 8 P.M.	11	12 HADASSAH BOARD MEETING	13	14	15	16
17 C.K.J.A. CPR COURSE 10 A.M. - 6 P.M.	18	19	20 C.K.J.A. BOARD MEETING 8 P.M.	21 HADASSAH DISCUSSION Group 8 P.M.	22 College Homecoming Service ADATH ISRAEL	23 U.K.I.T. - BASKETBALL GAME
24 Erev Chanukah	25 Chanukah	26	27	28	29 Family Worship Service Adath Israel	30
31 NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY ADATH ISRAEL						

JANUARY 1979						
SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
	1	² BOARD MEETING O.Z. + A.I.	³ HADASSAH MEETING	4	⁵ A.I. SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE	⁶ U.K. HOME BASKETBALL A.I. - WORKSHOP
7	8 U.K. HOME BASKETBALL	9 FAST DAY HADASSAH BOARD MEETING	10	11	12	13 ADATH ISRAEL RETREAT
14	15 A.I. SIST. BOARD MEETING 10A.M.	16	17 A.I. SISTERHOOD MEETING	18	19 ADATH IS. Youth Kiddush	20 U.K. HOME BASKETBALL
21 B'NAI BRITH BLOOD DRIVE	22 U.K. HOME BASKETBALL GAME	23	24	25 CONCERT SERIES	26	27
28	29 U.K. HOME BASKETBALL GAME	30	31			

FEBRUARY 1979						
SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
				1	2	3
4	5	6 8 P.M. BOARD MEETING A.I. + O.Z.	7 HADASSAH MEETING	8 CONCERT SERIES	9	10 U.K. HOME BASKETBALL
11	12 TU - B'Shvat U.K. - BASKETBALL LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY	13 HADASSAH BOARD	14 CONCERT SERIES	15	16	17 DISCO PARTY OHAVAY ZION 8 P.M.
18 B'NAI BRITH SOVIET JEWRY	19 A.I. SISTERHOOD BOARD - 10 A.M. WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY	20	21 A.I - SISTERHOOD MEETING	22	23 A.I - Scholar in - Residence	24 U.K. HOME BASKETBALL ADATH ISRAEL WINE + CHEESE PARTY
25	26	27	28 (SEC TOURNEY) (AWAY)			

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