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IT'S REALLY HAPPENING

The Jewish community of Central Kentucky is about to have the opportunity to take part in the Resettlement of Jews newly arrived from the Soviet Union. At this historic time, when Jews all over the world have just retold the story of the exodus from Egypt, we will be privileged to participate in the modern day exodus of Jews from the Soviet Union.

It is absolutely essential that we continue to meet our commitments (via Operation Exodus) to the enormous number of Jews who are leaving the Soviet Union and going to Israel. But at the same time we have the opportunity to personally welcome several families to the United States and to Central Kentucky.

Monies from the CKJF annual campaign have been set aside specifically to assist with the local resettlement of our coming families. Additional contributions of both money and goods would be greatly appreciated.

There is no doubt that the Jewish community of Central Kentucky will rise to this task as it has always met challenges in the past. The warmth and generosity of spirit for which this community is known, will surely serve to make these new Americans feel very much a part of this community in a short time.

Many people have already helped in this effort when furniture and household goods were collected this summer. Many others have volunteered for the tasks which lie ahead. If you have not already done so, and you wish to volunteer to help, please call the CKJF office at 252-7622 or 252-7600. Your help is needed.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the next 30 days we expect three Russian families to resettle in Lexington with the help of our Russian Resettlement Committee. Our Committee co-chairs, Gail Cohen and Rabbi Jonathan Adland, and their sub-committee chairs and other Committee members deserve our thanks and applause for their work to this point. The work will continue after the families arrive with the focus on English language training, securing employment for adults, school arrangements for children, health care, basic daily living needs and accommodations, and just "getting to know the community." Many of you have volunteered and more assistance will be needed. If you are interested, please contact the office. **THANKS** to our volunteers and Staff and **WELCOME** to our newcomers.

Also this month Israel will welcome approximately **six or seven thousand** families as the Exodus continues. It is still estimated that one million Russian Jews will resettle in Israel in the next few years if present conditions allowing emigration remain. In addition to the Project Exodus Campaign, the Israeli government, the Jewish Agency and national Jewish Federations across the world have proposed a new funding effort which will involve loans to the immigrant families from Israeli banks. It is estimated that the amount of loans necessary to accommodate the need will be near \$900 million dollars. The families will be obligated to repay the loans with interest over a ten year

period beginning after five years. Previous similar loan programs to immigrant families in Israel have resulted in very high loan repayments.

To enable the Israeli banks to make the loans, the Jewish Agency and National Federations in many countries will guarantee portions of the loan. In turn, local Federations will guarantee portions of the National goal. Details of this program are still being worked out and a special meeting of the Council of Jewish Federations in the United States is scheduled later this month to consider the program.

At its March meeting the CKJF Board reviewed information about the program. Preliminary estimates indicate that the potential realistic liability of CKJF under the guaranty program should not exceed approximately \$70,000.00, which would be payable only if a loan reserve fund is exhausted and the loan repayment experience is much lower than expected. Recognizing the absolute necessity to keep Israel's gates open to Russian Jews, the great financial costs, the expected substantial repayment of loans by the families, and the relatively small potential exposure through CKJF's guaranty, (in comparison to our combined local campaigns which last year will raised over \$300,000.00), the CKJF Board unanimously endorsed the program and approved CKJF's participation.

Michael L. Ades
President



BAT MITZVAH

We invite you to join us
as our daughter
Rebecca Leah
is called to the Torah
as a Bat Mitzvah.

Saturday, April 20, 1991
10:00 A.M.

Ohavay Zion Synagogue
Alumni and Edgewater Court

Please share with us the
joy of this day and
be our guest at
the Kiddish luncheon
following the service.

Elizabeth and Bruce Broudy
Friday evening service at 7:30 P.M.

CENTRAL KY. JEWISH
FEDERATION NEWSLETTER
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Our daughter, Barbara Joanne, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah, Friday, May 10, 1991 at 8:00 PM at Temple Adath Israel.

We invite you to join us in worship on this joyous occasion and to celebrate with us at an Oneh Shabbat following the service.

Connie and John Loventhal

UJA Family Mission: Take Them All

The dates are as follows:

- June 23 - July 3
- June 30 - July 10
- July 28 - August 7

For more information call the CKJF office at 252-7600 or 252-7622.

HADASSAH HORSE EVENT

Volunteer are needed for the Haddassah Horse event April 21, 1991, at Masterson Station Park. The event will be from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Anyone who is interested call Annabel Abroms at 269-1984 for more information.

NCCJ ANYTOWN LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

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

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

The camp will be held **June 16 - June 22** near Leitchfield, Kentucky at beautiful **Rough River Lake Camp**. Tuition is **\$195.00** with financial assistance available based on need. For more information contact Lauren Weinberg at 277-4434 or write: NCCJ, 2029 Bellefonte Drive, Lexington, KY 40503.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR HAVURAH SHABBAT SERVICES

**Friday, April 12 Erev Shabbat
Services**

Time: 8:00 pm

Place: Lexington Hearing and Speech
Center

Saturday, May 4 Shabbat Services

Time: 10:00 am

Place: Lexington Hearing and Speech
Center

Yom Ha'Atzmaut April 14,

Central Kentucky Jewish Federation is proud to announce that in commemoration of Israel Independence Day - Yom Ha'Atzmaut, we will be having Dr. Derek Pensler, a noted Historian, will present a talk on "The Arab - Israeli conflict: In search of a Solution." This will be held at Temple Adath Israel, 124 North Ashland Avenue at 7:00 PM, on Sunday April 14th.

Come and hear Dr. Pensler discuss Israel's history, how borders were created and the relationship of Israel with her neighbors,.

Dr. Pensler is an Assistant Professor of History and Jewish studies at Indiana University where he teaches Introduction to Jewish History and Civilization - ancient, medieval and modern, and Zionism and the State of Israel. Pensler received the Outstanding Young Faculty Award from Indiana University 1991 - 1992.



MULTICULTURAL DAY

The Multicultural Day at the University of Kentucky was a huge success. It enabled the Jewish Federation to be a visible part of the Lexington cultural community both on campus and off. There was a steady stream of people attending the show and inquiring about different faces of Judaism. Students from a Montessori school, along with Junior and Senior High schools were among the attendees besides UK students.

The booth which displayed Jewish ceremonial objects, (mezuzah, menorah, shofar, tallit, etc.) holiday information, a Shabbat table, a

chuppah, information on the Holocaust, cultural and social aspects of modern Jewish life. The most widely looked at book was "The Lost Jews" about the Ethiopian Jews. A special thanks to Raphael Finkle who graciously agreed to write students names in Hebrew characters. Also, thanks to Bernice Herman and Debbie Goldenberg who helped gather information and materials together from the Synagogue gift shop and library, William Leffler, Rabbi Adland, and Rabbi Slaton who also contributed ceremonial objects and books, Susan Goldstein and Austin Cantor, co-directors of Hillel, and one of their students, Susan Small, who assisted in manning the booth.



CENTRAL KENTUCKY JEWISH FEDERATION

presents

The Elizabeth Rosenberg Memorial Program

featuring

PENINNAH SCHRAM

"One Generation Tells Another"

An afternoon of personal and family stories , as well as traditional tales of the Jewish People that have been and told from one generation to another.

Sunday, April 21, 1991

4:00 p.m.

**Ohavay Zion Synagogue
2048 Edgewater Court, Lexington**

The program is free of charge and open to the public.
Children 8 and over are invited to attend.

This event is funded by the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation and an endowment from the Rosenberg family in memory of Elizabeth Rosenberg, a prominent local business woman and participant in community affairs.

Peninnah Schram, storyteller, teacher, recording artist, and author has appeared at major conferences and festivals as a featured storyteller and is a nationally recognized storyteller. She enthralled her literature with stories, strengthening the bond between generations as she carries the old tales to a new audience.

Arrangements for Ms. Schram were made through the
JWB Lecture Bureau

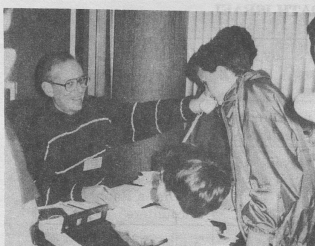
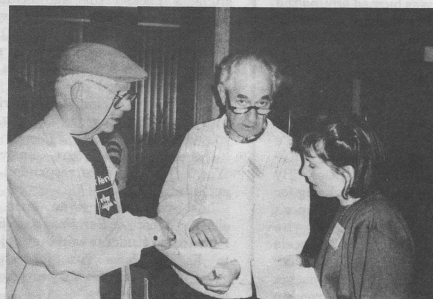
**LEXINGTON CHABAD OF KENTUCKY
TO HOLD CLASSES
LEXINGTON CHABAD HOUSE 333 WALLER AVENUE**

Sunday Morning	April 14, May 12	8:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Davening, Breakfast & 15 min. of study (deeper meaning of prayers)	Rabbi Yosef Polter
Sunday Evening	April 28	7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Chabad Philosophy (Book of Tanya)	Rabbi Yosef Polter
Tuesday Afternoon	April 9, May 14	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Mishna - Brochos (The Oral Law)	Rabbi Avrohom Litvin

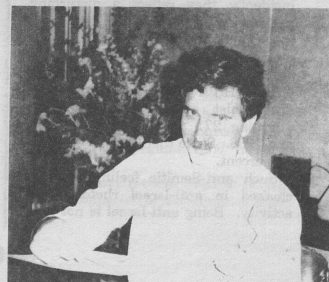
**RABBI MAURICE DAVIS WEEKEND SCHOLAR-IN RESIDENCE
AT TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL**

Saturday, April 27	9:30 a.m.	Torah Study on Parshat HaShavua	"Kedoshim Lev. 19 The Holiness Code"
Saturday, April 27	12:00 noon	Pot Luck Lunch (RSVP required)	"Israel is Real"
Saturday evening April 27	After annual meeting	For everyone.	"Confession of a Rabbi: A lighthearted Review of What a Rabbi Encounters"
Sunday morning, April 28	10:00 a.m.	For upper level Religious School Children and interested adults.	"Cults and Kids"

Thanks for being part of **SUPER SUNDAY**



Super Sunday '91
TRADITION
MEANS
TZEDAKAH



POISON ON CAMPUS

(from United Synagogue Review)

The mezuzah was burned around the edges. It hung outside the dormitory room at George Washington University as a reminder. "You think something like this won't happen to you," the GW junior said. "And then you come back to your dorm and face this."

When someone changed the credo in the masthead of Dartmouth's conservative student newspaper recently to quote Adolph Hitler, "By warding off the Jews, I am fighting for the Lord's work," the newspaper's editors cried sabotage, the administration called for a full-scale investigation, and the Jewish community cited the incident as yet another example of a growing trend in campus anti-Semitism.

Earlier in this school semester, anti-Semitic graffiti littered the wall where sorority banners are normally the only items that disturb the otherwise neatly groomed houses lining Langdon Street in Madison, Wisconsin.

"Jew Baby Out" and other epithets were scrawled on Jewish fraternity and sorority houses, the Hillel house and the local synagogue.

But these were not isolated incidents; they reflect a disturbing nationwide trend toward increased racist and anti-Semitic incidents on university campuses. According to a study by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith (ADL), anti-Semitic and anti-Zionist activities increased an alarming 271 percent between 1987 and 1988. Since then, they have risen 34 percent.

Such anti-Semitic feeling is often cloaked in anti-Israel rhetoric and activity. Being anti-Israel is not only

safe these days; it is viewed as "politically correct" by some.

Earlier this year, more than 500 students packed the auditorium at SUNY Albany to hear Kwame Toure (a.k.a. Stokely Carmichael). At the end of his speech, a senior stood and asked, "You have said in the past that the only good Zionist is a dead Zionist. I am a Zionist. My friends with me here today are Zionists. Do you wish us dead, Sir?"

Unhesitatingly, Toure answered: "Yes." The audience responded with applause.

Last year, during an open pre-election debate at San Francisco State, Palestinian students said they objected to having Jews run for student government "because they are Zionists and therefore racists."

Someone who is critical of Israel is not, of course, automatically anti-Semitic. Criticism of Israel's policies and objection to the Jewish State's existence are two different things. It is usually not difficult to make the distinction if the speaker's motivation is known or if the references to Israel can just as easily be replaced by the word "Jews." The subtlety of the distinction often gives anti-Semites a place to hide.

The upsurge in such activity is reflective of the times. Minority groups, enjoying increased freedom on campus, find themselves vying for attention and limited resources. Tolerance and freedom of speech often collide on campus as university administrators struggle to protect minorities without sacrificing institutional objectives of open discourse.

As students strive to rekindle the fires of Sixties activism, the

Palestinian cause is an easy one for them to embrace. It is a struggle for the underdog, complete with neatly packaged slogans. Jewish students are on the defensive. Instead of slogans, they have books, a disadvantage in the era of the 30-second sound-bite.

In an atmosphere of hostility toward Israel, and to a lesser degree, toward Jews, students are understandable cowed and often unable to respond to such flagrant attacks. Ultimately, it is a small group of students who are left to stand and do battle on campus. A number of organizations act as support groups or advisory organizations, providing students with materials and programs.

But students need continued attention, training and ammunition if they are to fight the propaganda was effectively. All too often, the information and programs are born out of conflict and are therefore reactive, rather than proactive.

One of the inexcusable handicaps that pro-Israel students face is the surprisingly small reservoir of speakers from which to draw. Whereas a group of articulate Arab propagandists regularly tours the campuses, the best orators in the Jewish community rarely make appearances. Most will speak before synagogues or Jewish organizations but cannot find time to give an hour talk on campus. In many cases, the "stars" of the community are too expensive for students, asking for several thousand dollars per speech.

Our communities need to be aware of their local campus's needs. Accordingly, they must invite big-name speakers at Federation dinners and Israel Bond nights to address their college communities as well.

A staple of Jewish communal activity

has been sponsoring trips to Israel. Students return from Israel with a stronger sense of commitment not only to Israel but usually to Judaism as well.

Arab-American organizations have caught on and have sent several youth tours to "Palestine" in recent years. A Palestinian youth organization called Roots, whose logo is a map of Israel and the territories with flowers sprouting from it, sponsors trips "to provide Palestinian and Arab-American youth with a first hand account of the plight of their people living under Israel's occupation."

The Association of Arab American University Graduates, the Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, and the American Arab Affairs Council are among the other groups sponsoring heavily subsidized tours to Jordan and the West Bank. These trips rarely make any effort to expose students to people whose views are sympathetic to Israel.

The key to attracting students to tours is affordability, which means subsidies and scholarships. Most importantly, it means widely publicizing the trips as well as the scholarships.

Jewish students must be made to feel part of the larger community. They need to be encouraged and invited to join the boards of Jewish organizations so that they can gain a better understanding of the workings of the Jewish community and be in a better position to convey their concerns to the people with the resources needed to combat propaganda and hate on campus.

Community leaders need to remain closely connected to the administration

of their alma mater and articulated their concern when a Kwane Toure says that "the only good Zionist is a dead Zionist," and receives an honorarium for saying so.

The writing has been taken off the wall-of the sorority, of the Hillel house. But it might reappear on other campuses. We, as a community, must share the responsibility to insure that our youth are prepared to respond when it does.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Resettlement Volunteers sought in the following areas: English Language, Apartment Set-Up, Furniture Moving, Transportation to Appointments, American Society Familiarizing, and Jewish Society Familiarizing.

Help in any of these areas would be greatly appreciated by the community and by the Soviets.

Cal the CKJF office at 252-7600 or 252-7622 for more information.

YIDDISH CLASS AT OZS

Yiddish Classes are available at Ohavay Zion Synagogue for Beginners and Advanced learners. For more information call Elliot Gertel at 268-4017.

CALLING ALL CAMPERS

Summer is still far away, but it's never too early for parents to start thinking about camps for their children. The following four should appeal to the young in heart and body:

Camp Shalom: A three-week day camp for children ages 4 - 8. The 4 - 5 group will attend for half a day; the 6 - 8 group for a full day (9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.). The camp will be from June 10 - June 28.

Located in the Richmond Road area, Camp Shalom will hold its 22nd session. The director is Mark Scarr and the Assistant Director is Steven Miller. All inquiries should be addressed to Mark, 268-8341, or Terry Potter, 233-9521.

G.U.C.I.: Located in Zionsville, Indiana (a 3-4 hour drive from Lexington), the camp is for boys and girls entering grades 4 - 10.

There are two sessions: June 19 - July 15 and July 17 - August 12. In addition, there are an OVFTY Institute from August 13 - August 19 for members in grades 9 - 12 and an AVODAH work/study program from June 13 - August 12 for campers entering the 11th grade.

A Union of American Hebrew Congregations' camp, G.U.C.I. will be having its 32nd season of Reform Judaism programming. For an application form and a brochure or additional information, call the Temple office (269-2979) or contact the Camp Director, Rabbi Ronald Klotz, 9349 Moore Road, Zionsville, IN 46077.

PRE-DERBY PARTY

REVERSE RAFFLE



TOP PRIZE \$4,000.00

COCKTAILS, DINNER, DANCING

VALET PARKING

LIVE MUSIC

MASTER of CEREMONIES-JACK PATTIE

date: April 13, 1991

time: 8:00 p.m.

place: Temple Adath Israel

TICKETS - \$50 per person: guests: \$10

ONLY 350 AVAILABLE

THE VATICAN, ISLAM AND ISRAEL

(by Miami Jewish Tribune)

Two documents have been issued by the Vatican in recent weeks about relations with Islam and Israel. The separate documents appear to be unrelated, but in fact, may have subterranean connections, in the Vatican's thinking and their meaning for Israel and world Jewry.

The first document, published on Jan. 23, was an encyclical of Pope John Paul II on evangelizing non-Christians. From a Jewish point of view, the most significant fact of this encyclical was not only that it did not point to Jews as a target for conversion, but it confronted for the first time Islamic repression of Christianity in the world of Islam. "Not only is evangelization forbidden," the Pope said, "but conversion as well, and even Christian worship."

A Vatican official commented that the Pope was referring to "most North African and Middle Eastern nations where Christians may practice privately but it is against the law to convert Moslems. Saudi Arabia forbids any cult that is not Moslem."

The second document was a Vatican statement, issued on Feb. 6, seeking to explain why the Vatican has not established full diplomatic relations with Israel. The statement asserted that the Vatican does recognize and respect the existence of the state of Israel, and that there exists no theological objections to Israel's sovereignty.

The bottom line of the Vatican's policy, repeated often to us in Vatican-Jewish meetings, is that there are "political problems" that prevent the full normalization of diplomatic relations. These "reasons" usually include the future sovereignty of Jerusalem, the occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, Palestinian "self-determination" and the status of Catholics in Israel and the territories.

Those are apparent reasons. The real reasons, I have often felt, is their fear of reprisals against millions of Arab Christians in Moslem countries, such as Lebanon, where some 150,000 Maronite Catholics were slaughtered by Moslems. The list of such massacres is long, including the Sudan, Uganda, Nigeria, Pakistan, etc.

In lengthy, private conversations that several of us have had with Vatican authorities, we have made the case that the failure of the pope for years to stand up against the Moslem-Arab threats and reprisals have in fact invited mounting intimidations and pressures against Christians. An apothegm summarized this view that we expressed: "A bleeding lamb invites the tiger."

Several Vatican officials have recently told us that they realize now that the Vatican made a major mistake in not establishing full diplomatic relations with Israel in 1948. That would have made clear to the Arab extremists that the Vatican believes in Israel's permanency, and that the Arab Moslem world has to come to terms with that reality.

Appeasing the Arab Moslem world at Israel's expense has obviously not brought security to the Arab Christians.

The Pope's frontal confrontation with the Moslem world's hostility to Christians could well be the beginning of a change in Vatican policy toward the Arab Moslem world.

What I fear is that the Holy See's belated firmness is too little and too late. They are going to have to find the wisdom of normalizing full diplomatic relations with Israel if the Vatican ever wants to become a meaningful player in Middle East peace negotiations.

April, 1991

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 TAI AD. ED. 7:30PM	2 TAI BD. MTC. 7:30 PM	3 TAI AD. ED. 7:30 PM	4	5	6
7	8 TAI HEB. SCH. 4:15 PM ADULT ED. 7:30 PM	9 HADASSAH BD. MTC.	10 YON HASHOA SERVICE 7:30 PM AT TAI	11	12	13 TAI REVERSE RAFFLE FUNDRAISER 8:00 PM
14 YON HAATZHAUT 7:00 PM	15 TAI HEB. SCH. 4:15PM	16	17 TAI ADULT ED. 7:30 PM	18 HADASSAH WOMEN'S 8:00 PM	19 TAI FAMILY POTLUCK 6:15 PM	20 REBECCA BROUDY OZS 10:00 AM
21 ROSENBERG FORUM 4:00 PM OZS HADASSAH HORSE EVENT	22 TAI HEB. SCH. 4:15 PM ADULT ED. 7:30 PM	23	24 CKJF BD MTC. 8:00 PM	25	26 TAI SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE SISTERHOOD SHABBAT OZS	27 TAI ANNUAL MTC.
28 HADASSAH REGION MTC.	29 TAI HEB. SCH. 4:15 PM ADULT ED. 7:30 PM HADASSAH REGION MTC.	30 HADASSAH REGION MTC.				

YOM HASHOA

There will be a community observance of Yom Hashoa - Holocaust Memorial Day at Temple Adath Israel on Wednesday, April 10th at 7:30 PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend and bring your friends to add to the observance of this important day.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The ballots for the CKJF Board Elections will be arriving in people's homes shortly. The candidates for 5 two-year term positions are: David Wekstein, Harold Weinberg, David Schattner, Martin Kaplan, Dana Broudy, Kim Rosenstein, Judy Saxe, Cookie Wenneker, Lloyd D. Mayer, and Susan Miller. Be sure to vote and return your ballot before the deadline.

CORRECTIONS

CKJF apologizes for the delay of the previous bulletin to after Super Sunday. The post office held the bulletins 1 week before processing. We are sorry for any problems that were caused.

We also apologize for the following misspelled names: Irving Rosenberg, Kathy and David Schattner, Jana De Benedetti, Kim Rosenstein, and Dana Broudy. David & Vivian Weil and Ethel Schwartz were left off the donations list. Thank you for your patience.

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