



CENTRAL KENTUCKY JEWISH ASSOCIATION

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G. Katz Elected President

Lexington, Kentucky -- On Wednesday, January 23, 1985, the Board of Directors of the Central Kentucky Jewish Association announced the election of officers for 1985. Gloria T. Katz was elected president.

Other officers to serve with Ms. Katz are Sheila DeKosky and Joe Rosenberg, Vice-Presidents; Terry Wilson, Secretary; Erle Levy, Treasurer; and Jack Miller and Simone Salomon, Members-at-Large.

Gloria is a life long resident of Lexington. She has an outstanding record of accomplishments in service to the Jewish community through affiliation with Temple Adath Israel, Ohavay Zion Synagogue, National Council of Jewish Women, Temple Adath Israel Sisterhood and Hadassah. Her activities in service through CKJA are numerous: Women's Division Chair of the CKJA/UJA Campaign, overall chairperson of Campaign, and all areas of publicity and communication. She most recently served two terms as a member of the Executive Committee of CKJA.

Gloria is president of the G. Travis Katz Advertising Agency and is very active in many organizations adjunct to her profession.



BOARD ELECTIONS REPORTED

David Wekstein, Chairman of the CKJA Nominating Committee, announced the results of the elections held last month for five positions on the 1985 CKJA Board. Elected for three-year terms are: Gail Cohen, Vinnie Dubilier, Nancy Hoffman, Bobbie Shain, and Charles Stern. Marvin Frank resigned from the board in December, and Halley Faust was named as first alternate to fill the remaining two years of his term.

Harold Baker has been appointed by Temple Adath Israel for a three-year term, and Ellie Goldman has been named as Hadassah representative, also for a three-year term.

CAMPAIGN '85

BESHEAR AND LIVNY TO ADDRESS GUARDIANS OF ZION, MARCH 3

Lieutenant Governor Steve Beshear, and prominent Israeli attorney Jonathon Livny will address the Men's Division Guardian of Zion dinner on Sunday evening, March 3. Attendance at this event requires a minimum \$1200 pledge.

Alvin Goldman, Men's Division Chair, explained that this year's dinner will differ from last year's in one important element. Any woman who has already pledged or is prepared to pledge \$1200 or more to the Women's Division is eligible to attend this event. In either case, spouses or escorts are also welcome.

The speakers are each well known figures in their communities. Jonathon Livny served as Israel's Attorney General for the occupied West Bank of Jordan following the Six Day War in 1967, and has since worked as a staff attorney for the Israeli Knesset. He received his legal training in the United States and Israel.

Before his election as Lieutenant Governor, Steve Beshear served as Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the Brown administration.

Phil and Nancy Hoffman are in charge of arrangements for this event. While final details concerning the location of the dinner were not available at presstime, they will be publicized very shortly.

March 31 - SUPER SUNDAY - Hold the date

CKJA needs you on MARCH 31 (NCAA Weekend) for the third annual CKJA/UJA SUPER SUNDAY. Call today and be a part of the excitement as we raise funds to help Jews in Central Kentucky, in Israel, and around the world.

ERNIE COHEN and SUSAN MILLER are chairing the event, which will include six two-hour sessions from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. We need your help as phone solicitors and on many important committees. Call the CKJA office today and JOIN A WINNING TEAM.

...277-8048



*SUPER SUNDAY '85 Chairs Susan Miller
and Ernie Cohen*



Publicity Chair Karen Melnick

In Memoriam - Rabbi Bernard Schwab

The entire Central Kentucky Jewish community mourns the loss of Rabbi Schwab, spiritual leader of Ohavay Zion Synagogue for over 20 years, teacher, staunch supporter of Israel, and totally committed Jew.

We quote from a few who knew him well, worked and studied with him....

"Of all his attributes, I believe he most exemplified the spirit of Tzedakah. He gave generously and quietly and in ways which led to the recipient's becoming self sufficient. May his name be a blessing in Israel."

Evelyn Geller

"He was the only man I've known who truly lived his life according to the beliefs written in the Torah. He lived in darkness and discomfort for the last few years of his life, but he never gave in to self-pity. He made me realize that to complain and feel sorry for oneself is wasted energy. He continued teaching "his" children until the day he died, from his hospital bed and from his home. He managed with his disabilities to maintain an active interest in the state of Israel and all Jewish causes and helped yearly with the UJA and ORT campaigns, his favorite causes. I will be forever grateful that I knew him and that he touched the lives of me and my family."

Harriet Cooper

1985 CAMPAIGN CELEBRATES "LIFE"

In Hebrew, numbers are represented by the letters holding the particular numerical position in the order in which they appear in the alphabet. Accordingly, *aleph* is 1, *bet* is 2, etc. Gematria is a system of equating Hebrew words in relation to their numerical value. Thus, adding the values of the two letters *chet* and *yud* that make up the word *chai*, the Hebrew word for life, results in the numerical equivalent of 18.

Meeting one's responsibilities as a Jew, by doing something such as making a charitable gift, is a celebration of life. Therefore, some Jews believe that there is symbolic meaning in making such gifts in multiples of "chai". For this reason, in establishing the 1985 Men's Division gift categories we have used the figure 324 for the bottom end of one category. *Chai* times *chai* (18 x 18), or *chai*², equals 324. We hope that those who have not yet achieved *chai*² in their pledge efforts will make this their goal for 1985.

Similarly, *chai* to the third power (18 x 18 x 18) equals 5832, the bottom end of another pledge category and a most worthy goal to aim at in weighing your pledge to the 1985 CKJA Men's Division Campaign.

1985 MEN'S DIVISION CATEGORIES

25,000 and over	
24,999 - 12,000	
11,999 - 8,000	
7,999 - 5,832	<i>chai</i> ³
5,831 - 4,000	
3,999 - 2,800	
2,799 - 2,000	
1,999 - 1,200	
1,199 - 700	
699 - 324	<i>chai</i> ²
323 - 101	
100 - 1	



ETHIOPIAN JEWS IN ISRAEL

"Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child; a great company shall return thither."

Jeremiah XXXI:8

There are now well over 10,000 Ethiopian Jews in Israel. Like earlier groups, they have come for many reasons and after a dangerous trek. They have come to study Torah in their national homeland, fulfill mitzvot (commandments) in Judaism's historical center, speed the advent of Messiah by ingathering, and escape terrible persecution and famine.

Like other groups of Jews, those from Ethiopia, who are black, bring their own culture and heritage, enriching the diversified mosaic of Israeli life. The Ethiopian branch of the world Jewish family was certified as Jewish by both the Chief Ashkenazic and Chief Sephardic rabbis of Israel in 1973.

When Independence was declared May 14, 1948, there were fewer than 700,000 Jews in Eretz Israel, but their numbers would double in three years as Jews would begin to return to the homeland they had lacked for nearly 2,000 years. Here are highlights of some major waves of immigration, that may show Ethiopian Jewish immigration in perspective.



Three generations in an Ethiopian Jewish family. The prayers of the grandmother (left) are answered: her grandchild is a sabra, a native-born Israeli.

The first Jews to arrive after Independence were 25,000 East European Jews whom Britain had jailed on Cyprus for daring to seek entry into what was then a British Mandate with strict immigration quotas barring Jews. They were soon joined by other Holocaust survivors -- men and women with battered lives and tattered clothing, the vestiges of once-large and prosperous Eastern European families. They were, like immigrants to follow, without funds but with confidence and hope.

In 1949-50, Operation Magic Carpet provided a dramatic example of aliyah or the "going up" to Israel by olim (immigrants) foreseen by the Prophets (Ezra 1:3). Operation Magic Carpet airlifted to Israel virtually all 47,000 Jews in Yemen, who first had to survive an arduous journey on foot to Aden.

Operation Ezra soon followed (1950-51), bringing out 114,000 Jews from Iraq. They came by sea and air, over 18 months.

Throughout the 1950's the return continued, including many from Arab lands such as Tunisia and Morocco, where oppressive anti-Semitism sparked departure.

In the early 1960's Brazilian and Argentinian Jews came in larger numbers, and after the Six-Day War in 1967, Jews flocked from Britain, France, the U.S., Canada, Australia, South Africa and New Zealand.

In the 1970's thousands of Soviet Jews made aliyah. And in the 1980's Jews continue to come, including from Ethiopia, fulfilling the mitzvot of living in Israel.

The decision of Ethiopian Jews to exercise their right to make aliyah under the Law of Return (1950), which grants every Jew the right to settle in Israel, and the Citizenship Law (1952), which confers Israeli citizenship on arrival of all Jewish immigrants, fulfills an ancient dream that scores of their generations have kept alive. They leave behind rampant anti-Semitism, persecution, discrimination and oppression; domestic political, economic and military turmoil; and a sub-Saharan famine of shocking proportions.

Jewish immigrants from Ethiopia have many problems common to other olim, but include a far higher proportion of children under 14 without parents. And each is challenged by the needed transition from an ancient culture to a contemporary Western-style democracy.

They are being helped, as have all 1.8 million other olim since 1948, by the Jewish Agency, main beneficiary agency of the United Jewish Appeal/Community Campaigns in the U.S. The Campaigns enable American Jews to play a role in pidyon hashevuim, redemption of the captives, and help improve the economic and social life of the people of Israel.

Next month: "A Diary of Absorption"

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

HERITAGE: CIVILIZATION AND THE JEWS

This outstanding series is being re-broadcast, beginning on Sunday, Jan. 20 at 10:00 p.m., in nine weekly installments. On January 29, at 10:00 a.m. at the Lexington Senior Citizens Center (1530 Nicholasville Road), a discussion course will begin using the program material. A video tape of the tele-course will be shown at 9:00 a.m. before each discussion. The leader will be Mark Luckens, Ph.D., a retired university professor.

Call Mrs. Hanna, at the Council on Aging (257-3138) if you wish to enroll.

HEALTH MAINTENANCE FOR THE OLDER PERSON

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1985 a discussion of "Circulatory Problems in the Older Person" will be presented by Dr. Gordon Hyde, a member of the Department of Surgery at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. The program will take place in Room 230 of the New Student Center at 4:00 p.m.

OF INTEREST IN THE AREA.... FOR SINGLES

Dinner Theatre Party...Happy Hour...
Adult Volleyball...Skiing..."Singles
Serenade" Dance...Trivial Pursuit
Party...Playhouse in the Park...Single
Parenting...Drop-In Lounge...Desserts...
opportunities unlimited!

Check with Judy at CKJA (277-8048).
She will provide you with a list of
other interested persons, a road map
and a coupon for a few gallons of gas,
and you will be on your way to a Spring
Bash or a broken leg on the slopes...
whatever, you'll be doing it with other
SJM's and F's.

TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL SISTERHOOD MITZVAH CORPS

Join this lively group of seniors
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26th, at 12:00 noon
for a brown-bag lunch (beverage will
be provided) at the Temple.

Tomas Milch will speak on "How to
Maximize your Cash Flow."

REQUESTS FOR "OTHER CHARITIES" DUE

Evelyn Geller, CKJA Budget & Allocations Chair, announced that requests for funding support of non-profit or charitable organizations are now being accepted. All requests should be submitted to her in writing to 3493 Sutherland Drive, Lexington, KY 40502. The deadline for the requests is Feb. 18, 1985.

Grants to other organizations are made from funds remaining after allocations are made to the United Jewish Appeal. Consideration is given to requests from national and international Jewish organizations and various Israeli organizations and charities. Funds may also be requested by or for non-Jewish or non-sectarian organizations.

The recommendations of the Budget & Allocations Committee must be approved by the CKJA Board. Following that approval, the complete list of allocations from 1984 funds will be published in the CKJA newsletter.

CAMPERSHIPS/SCHOLARSHIPS

Camperships and Israel scholarship applications for the 1985 season are available through CKJA. For applications contact Evelyn D. Geller, 3493 Sutherland Drive, Lexington, KY 40502; 273-8972 (call between 10 and 11 p.m.), or the CKJA office at 277-8048.

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FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 3 9 - 5 Havurah Retreat 1:30 Temple Congrega- tional Meeting 8 p.m. Hadassah Study Series with Imer Steier	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 10 a.m. Temple Brother- hood 7:30 OZS Adult Educa- tion Discussion	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
CKJA Men's Division Solicitor Training		Ohavay Zion Synagogue Sisterhood Meeting	8 p.m. CKJA Community Activities Committee 8 p.m. CKJA Budget Committee	Hadassah Discussion Group		CKJA INTERACT II
24	25	26	27	28	MARCH 1	2
CKJA FORUM SERIES "The Future of the American Jewish Community" with David Sidorsky, 8 p.m. at the Temple		12:00 TAI Hitzvah Corps 8 p.m. Hadassah	12:30 Hadassah Book Discussion at Esther Moskovitz's 8 p.m. CKJA BOARD Mtng.		Scholar in Residence at Temple	8 p.m. CKJA INTERACT I
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
HADASSAH LOX BOX 3 p.m. CKJA Purim Preschool Party CKJA Men's Division "Guardians of Zion" Dinner	8 p.m. UKFAJA lecture with Ruth Link-Salinger	7:30 p.m. Temple Bd. 8:00 p.m. OZS Board				8 p.m. CKJA INTERACT II

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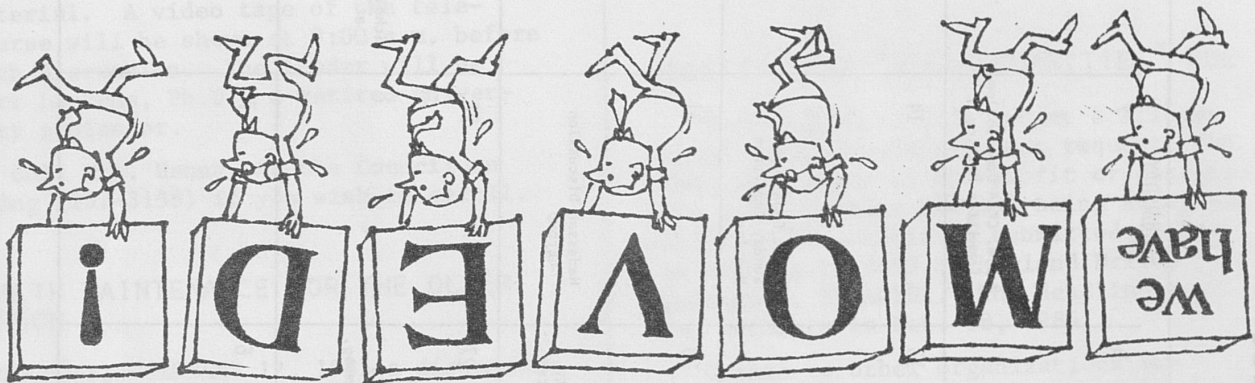
The office will be open daily 9 - 2. Feel free to come and visit our new spacious quarters.

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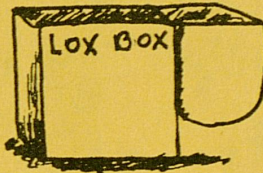


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(Approved by Rabbi Bernard Schwab)

HADASSAH LOX BOX

SUNDAY - MARCH 3

DELIVERED BY NOON
(Fayette Co. only)

1/2 dozen bagels
large cream cheese
3 oz. lox
or
12 oz. salami

\$8.50

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SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 1985

ORDER DEADLINE - FEBRUARY 15

DELIVERY BY NOON (FAYETTE COUNTY ONLY)

All orders include: 1/2 dozen bagels
8 oz. cream cheese

You select: 3 oz. lox **\$8.50**
or
 12 oz. salami

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(Recipients will be notified of delivery)

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For additional information call:
Jo Mink 255-7520 Bobbie Shain 266-5208

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