



# Central Kentucky Jewish Association

Dr. David Wekstein, President

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## MICHAEL ADES TO BE HONORED AT ISRAEL BONDS DINNER

The Central Kentucky Jewish Association is pleased to announce that it has selected Mr. Michael Ades to be the honoree of the 1980 Israel Bonds Dinner. The dinner will be held on Sunday November 9, 1980 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency in Lexington.

Mike has been an active member of the Central Kentucky Jewish Community since he returned to Lexington in 1965 following his graduation from Yale Law School. He is a member of Temple Adath Israel and Congregation Ohavay Zion, where he presently is a member of their Board of Trustees. He is a past-president of Congregation Ohavay Zion; the B'nai Brith, Lexington Lodge #289; and served for a number of years on the UJA Board and the Board of the Central Kentucky Jewish Association. Mike has been a Board member of the Urban League of Lexington, the Chamber of Commerce, and is a past chairman of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He was Executive Director of the Citizens Committee on Planning and Zoning in the bluegrass area and is Chairman of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Growth and Planning.

His important and varied contributions to Lexington and the Lexington Jewish Community have rightfully earned him the recognition of being the 1980 honoree.

Our guest speaker at the Israel Bonds Dinner will be Ambassador Benjamin Varon, former Israeli Ambassador to Paraguay. Mr. Varon has played a key role in the establishment of the State of Israel and helped to cement strong ties of friendship between Israel and the Latin American Countries.

We hope that all members of the Jewish Community will be at the Israel Bond Dinner to honor Michael Ades and hear Ambassador Varon.

## THE FIRST ANNUAL (?) CKJA/UJA BIKATHON

Sunday, May 18, 1980 was a mercifully lovely late spring day sandwiched between two dismal days of rain. There were fluffy white clouds, blue sky, sunshine, and temperatures in the mid-70s. In the northeast corner of the "red" parking lot at U.K.'s Commonwealth Stadium sat Irv Stern, Jr.'s Winnebago mobile home, festooned with banners proclaiming the CKJA/UJA Bikathon. Out on the course 13 enthusiastic 12-14-year-old youngsters gutted out 20 miles of pedalling around a course in the parking lot to raise money for the CKJA Annual Fund Raising Campaign. The event was sponsored by my Senior Group Class in Tzedakah at the Religious School of Temple Adath Israel as their project in our 6-week minicourse.

Thirteen youngsters (Barbara Baumann, Bruce Belin, Elaine Cohen, David Eldot, Heidi Fuchs, Beth Gewirtzman, David Gorodetzky, Amy Gorodetzky, Mark Gorodetzky, Danny Isenstein, Billy Leffler, Beth Mersack, Julie Rosenthal and Michael Slovin) from all parts of the Jewish community rode in the bikathon; all had solicited pledges on a per mile basis. Some rode flat out the whole 20 miles; some rode with radios; some brought their own cheering sections (parents, grandparents, girl friends); some on 10-speeds, some on 3-speeds; some had flat tires; but all successfully completed the ride. In addition to the youngsters we also had adult assistance. Complimentary cokes were supplied by Blue Grass Coca Cola through the efforts of Ira Gewirtzman. Gerry Fuchs, Howard Eldot, my wife Barbara and daughter Amy helped out at the registration table and the start/finish line. Irv Stern Jr. provided our headquarters.

For riding, each youngster received a UJA pin, many thanks, and the good feeling that goes with doing something worthwhile, and an added measure of Jewish identity. Special awards for getting the largest total in pledges went to Elaine Cohen and Beth Gewirtzman.

For many years we have discussed the desirability of a youth division of the CKJA Annual Fund Raising Campaign. Perhaps an annual bikathon could serve as the focus for the establishment of such a division. Oh yes - the bottom line: the 13 youngsters in this year's bikathon raised \$481.30 in pledges and actually collected \$489.30 for the CKJA Campaign. How's that for openers.

Dr. Charles Gorodetzky  
Past President CKJA

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### Camp Shalom Looking for Volunteers

Camp Shalom, the Central Kentucky Jewish Association's camp for children ages 4 - 13 needs your help. If you are interested in serving on various committees: budget, health, guidelines, search, etc. or have ideas or suggestions you wish to share, please contact Nancy Hoffman, 266-2380 or Harriet Fine 269-7792. With the continued support of the Jewish Community Camp Shalom will remain an outstanding summer experience for our children. Lend your support.



## CKJA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SCHEDULED

The annual meeting of the membership of CKJA is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Wednesday, November 19, 1980 at Temple Adath Israel. This will provide all members of the Jewish community the opportunity to hear the accomplishments of our community during the last year. Each committee chairperson of CKJA will present an annual report of his/her committee's activities and seek suggestions and comments for future activities.

Nominations for directors of the Central Kentucky Jewish Association will be accepted from the membership at the annual meeting. According to the constitution and by-laws any member of CKJA (those who have contributed to the annual fund-raising campaign) may be nominated. The person nominated must have already agreed to the nomination and must be nominated by four other members of CKJA. The nomination must be in writing and signed by the four members. ~~An official notification of the nominating process, along with the report of the Nominating Committee, will be sent to all members of CKJA near the end of this month.~~

## IMPORTANT ISSUES BEFORE THE CKJA BOARD

During the next several months the Board of Directors of CKJA will be discussing several major issues. With the settlement of the Simonvsky's progressing very nicely, the Board must consider a continuation of the Russian Resettlement Program. HIAS has already asked CKJA to accept 6 new people during 1981.

Discussions continue with the Hebrew Home for the Aged in Louisville. At its October meeting the Board of CKJA initiated discussions about providing funds to the Louisville home in return for which residents of Central Kentucky will be eligible for admission.

The Executive Committee of the Board has presented the Board with a proposal to hire a community worker on a half-time basis. This community worker would be involved with helping to provide additional social services to the community, liaison with the social service network of Central Kentucky, major involvement with the raising of funds for the Annual Campaign, and working with all of the volunteers who presently make CKJA a success.

If you have thoughts, ideas or suggestions on any of these programs, or others, please contact any member of the Board, or David Wekstein 269-4454.

## THE 1980 - 81 CKJA FORUM

A lively capacity crowd filled Congregation Ohavay Zion Social Hall on Thursday night, October, 16, for the opening performance of the 1980 - 81 CKJA Forum Series. The Israeli folksinging group, Gevatron, thrilled the audience with spirited songs filled with the hopes and dreams of contemporary Israel. The group's closing song, Halleluja, brought the audience to its feet in a standing ovation. After a rousing encore the group snake-danced its way through the hall, picking up members of the audience along the way.

Gevatron not only presented us with a beautiful, and at times moving performance, they individually touched many of our lives personally. Twelve Central Kentucky families welcomed the 25 members of the troupe into their homes for the evening - feeding them, lodging them, and transporting them to and from the Synagogue. Many thanks to the families who so graciously extended themselves: Judy and Bob Baumann, Gail and Ernie Cohen, Harriet and Leon Cooper, Susan and Marshall Gerstel, Barbara and Chuck Gorodetzky, Judy and Avram Levine, Susan and Manny Mason, Marilyn and Franklin Moosnick, Judy and Stanley Saxe, Sharon and Jack Shearer, Marlena and Steve Sokol, Merle and David Wekstein, And special thanks go to Judy Saxe and Steve Sokol who acted as their tour guides Thursday afternoon, taking the members of Gevatron to see a working horse farm.

The Forum has opened on an exhilarating note and the remainder of the Series promises to add to the momentum already generated by the Gevatron. Please do join us on Saturday night, November 1, at 8 p.m. as we proudly present Ambassador Simcha Dinitz. Tickets for the series or individual events may still be purchased from Judy Baumann, 223-1299; Merle Wekstein, 269-4454; or Libby Scher, 273-3200.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Board of Directors of the Central Kentucky Jewish Association has gone on record as being opposed to the teaching of scientific creationism (the belief that the world started fairly recently as the result of the act of a supreme being) within the curriculum of the Fayette County Schools, a position that is being advocated by a group of local residents. It is likely a decision on this issue will be made by the school board which will be representing you after the election this November, including those three positions that are being contested in this election. For your information, we are publishing the positions taken by each of the candidates for the school board on the issue of the teaching of scientific creationism within the public schools.



District 1

Mary Ann Burdette: in favor of including the teaching of scientific creationism in the school curriculum.

Judy Tipton: opposed to the teaching of scientific creationism as a scientific theory; would support the teaching of a course on religious philosophy or comparative religions within the schools.

District 2

David Chittenden: in favor of including the teaching of scientific creationism in the school curriculum

Howard Stovall: opposed to teaching scientific creationism in the public schools

District 3

Jackie Jackson: opposed to the teaching of scientific creationism in the public schools

Harold Steele: does not have a position on this issue; is still gathering information.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

Our daughter, Cheryl Marcia will become a Bat Mitzvah on Friday November 7, 1980 at eight o'clock in the evening at Congregation Ohavay Zion. It will add to our happiness to have you worship with us on this joyous occasion and be our guest at the Oneg Shabbat immediately following the service.

Please join us also at an Open House in Cheryl's honor on Saturday, November 8, 1980 at 8:30 p.m. at 3405 Malabu Circle.

Carole and Terry Wilson

Our son, Jeffrey Bruce will be called to the Torah on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, the twenty-ninth of November, nineteen hundred and eighty at 5:15 p.m. at Congregation Ohavay Zion.

We would be honored to have your share this happy occasion with us and join us for cocktails, dinner and dancing immediately following the service.

Merle and David Wekstein

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