



Central Kentucky Jewish Association

Dr. David Wekstein, President

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Dear Member of the Central Kentucky Jewish Community:

The Central Kentucky Jewish Association (CKJA) is alive and well. As the organization which represents the entire Jewish community and has the responsibility to raise funds for Israel, other Jewish charities and local Jewish activities we have been active and productive in many ways.

Although we have had a minor problem which delayed the publication of the Bulletin, we believe that problem is resolved and we look forward to providing you with information about our community and hope we will hear from you about what you would like our community to develop into and how we can work together for that purpose.

The CKJA Board is actively involved with a large number of important activities, many of which are discussed in this bulletin, and others such as the Russian Jewish Resettlement Program, which you have been hearing about by direct mail. Camp Shalom under the direction of Camp Committee Chairperson Harriet Fine is planned for this Summer. The Forum Program under the direction of Ellie Goldman is well into its season and to date we have had two successful programs. We are delighted to report that Missy Mandelbaum was selected to be a recipient of our Israel Scholarship Study Program and she has just returned from her visit to Israel. Fortunately our Social Services Committee has not had to provide financial support to too many members of our Jewish community who needed help, but the Committee is there to help when needed. We continue to fund a number of worthy charities both within our community, the country and the state of Israel. We have provided ongoing scholarship support to 5 students enrolled in Ben Gurion University, and have helped the Anne Frank Haven in Kibbutz Sassa refurbish some of their student rooms. These and many other activities have been the result of the work of so many members of the Board and other dedicated members of the Jewish Community.

All of these programs cost money, and we are dependent upon the success of our annual campaign to carry them out, and for that we are dependent upon you. We ask for your help. Please accept the responsibility and give generously of your money and your time.

David R. Wekstein
President

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The results of the recent election for Board members for CKJA are in. The newly elected Board members are Helen Levy, Jack Miller and Allan Slovin. David Wekstein was re-elected. All four will serve for three years. Congregation Ohavay Zion has elected Ms. Marcia Blacker as their new representative. Temple Adath Israel has selected Dr. Charles Gorodetzky to represent them for a three year term and has selected Mrs. Ruth Metzler to complete the remaining two years of the term of Rob Goldsmith who had to resign to return to graduate school. B'nai B'rith has selected David Rose to represent them for the next three years. Other Board members are as follows: Judy Levine, Alvin Goldman, Ernie Cohen, Marilyn Gall, Steven Caller, Arthur Salomon, Steven Edelstein, Rose Darmstadter, Alberta Gerson, Michael Baer, Sue Friedman and Maxine Bobys.

At the January Board meeting Michael Baer and Charles Gorodetzky were re-elected to serve as members-at-large to the Executive Committee. They will serve along with David Wekstein, President; Alvin Goldman, Vice-President; Judy Levine, Vice-President; Ernie Cohen, Treasurer; and Marilyn Gall, Secretary.

A JEWISH HOME FOR OLDER PERSONS

For the last several months the CKJA Board has been discussing with the Board of Directors of Four Courts in Louisville, the feasibility of having some of their beds allocated to Lexington. Four Courts is a non-profit Hebrew Home for the Aged which has an excellent reputation. The CKJA Board believes that our community must make appropriate arrangements for those older members of our community who need some type of placement which will provide them with some help and a Jewish environment. We actively solicit input from the community. If the CKJA Board votes to allocate funds for this purpose it will be a financial commitment in the neighborhood of \$100,000. Please use the form below to express your thoughts. Send it to David Wekstein, 835 Glendover Road, Lexington, Ky. 40502

Dear Dr. Wekstein:

_____ I think this is a good idea because _____

_____ I think this is a bad idea because _____

_____ My thoughts on it are _____

Name

CKJA OFFERS STIPENDS FOR STUDY IN ISRAEL

Do you have a teenager who plans to participate in the NIFTY "High School in Israel" Program? In Young Judaea's "Summer Course"? In another approved study program in Israel? If so, CKJA would like to help today's young leaders develop into the Jewish leaders of Central Kentucky's future through our Study in Israel scholarship program.

Who is eligible? Students in grades 9-12 who have demonstrated their interest in furthering their Jewish education. This includes participation in religious schools, youth groups or camp programs and/or other Jewish community activities. Students who are selected must agree to return to active participation in Lexington Jewish youth activities for at least six months after the conclusion of the study program.

Amount of Stipend? \$500 per student. Four stipends are available for 1980.

How to Apply? Contact Judy Levine at 278-2846 after 5 p.m. for application and information

CKJA CAMPERSHIPS AVAILABLE

It's time to plan for summer camp again! And CKJA again has camperships available for students who wish to attend a non-profit Jewish camp. Eligibility is based on need, and the amount of a campership varies according to individual circumstances. For a campership application, please call Judy Levine at 278-2846 after 5 p.m.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE JEWISH CHARITY?

The Budget Committee is actively soliciting suggestions from the members of the Central Kentucky Jewish Community about the types of charities which CKJA should support. A percentage of our annual campaign receipts is used to support a number of Jewish charities both within the United States and abroad as well as a small number of non-sectarian organizations which benefit the entire community. If you have a suggestion, please contact Dr. Charles Gorodetzky, 266-0091, Chairman of the Budget Committee. Tell him about the charity, why you think we should support it, and if possible, provide him with some written material.

STEVE AND SUE CALLER HONORED

The CKJA Board of Directors selected Susan and Steven Caller as the honorees of the 1979 Israel Bonds Dinner. Over 150 people from the community were on hand to see Steve and Sue accept their award for the time, energy and financial support they have provided to our Jewish community and the State of Israel.

NEW COMMITTEE CHAIRPEOPLE NAMED

The Central Kentucky Jewish Association Board of Directors has selected the new committee chairpeople and co-chair people. Jack Miller will chair the Community Relations Committee with Robert Baumann as the co-chair. The Budget Committee will be chaired by Charles Gorodetzky; the Campaign Committee is co-chaired by Allan Slovin and Alvin Goldman; Harriet Cooper is interim chairperson of the Social Services Committee, and David Wekstein chairs the Executive Committee. Please feel free to call any one of them if they can be of some help to you or if you have a suggestion for a program.

THE 1979-80 CKJA FORUM SERIES

Did you forget to mark your calendar with the dates of the first two Forum events? If so, you missed two excellent programs. The kick-off event was the electric performance of the Diaspora Yeshiva Band. This group of American Hasidic rabbinical students, studying in Israel, have blended modern rock and country-rock musical styles with traditional Hebrew texts to create unique, captivating and very exciting music. The group's instrumental and singing skills are outstanding and for the audience the performance can best be described as an exciting and very special experience.

The second Forum event, The Reubens, was a musical program with an unusual theme. Rabbi Reuben and his wife Darleen are an attractive young American couple who perform Israeli folk songs. A few years ago they took their instruments, their talents and their camera to Russia where they gave private performances for Refusenics. In a combination slide show, lecture and musical performance, the Reubens recreated the sense of determination, hope and kinship which our Soviet brothers and sisters have rekindled in the land of repression.

There are two Forum events left on the calendar. Sunday, March 2nd, will be the showing of *Homage to Chagall*, a brilliant award winning film that brings to the screen a gallery of this most famous artist's most famous works. And, mark your calendar as well for March 27th when Zvi Ankori will lecture on the topic "Judaism and Islam: Dialogue or Confrontation." Professor Ankori is an historian at Tel-Aviv University. He previously headed the Center for Israel and Jewish Studies at Columbia University and has taught as well at Harvard, Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Berkeley and Jewish Theological Seminary.

THE 1980 CAMPAIGN IS ABOUT TO BEGIN

The Campaign Committee of CKJA has been meeting for several months to plan the 1980 campaign. The Men's Division is co-chaired by Allan Slovin and Alvin Goldman, and the Women's Division is chaired by Penny Miller and co-chaired by Gail Cohen. These four people along with many others have planned a number of events to inform you about the campaign and to ask for your help.

The Women's Division is sponsoring an educational meeting on Monday March 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Caller residence, 1805 Lake Hill Circle. Mr. Richard Bergman from Louisville will give a multimedia presentation on the Holocaust. There will be no solicitation at the meeting. Please call either Penny Miller at 269-2836 or Gail Cohen at 272-1459 and tell them you will be there. It should be a very meaningful evening.

The Men's Division is planning a brunch meeting on April 20 from 10 to 1. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend. The details will be sent to you in the immediate future.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE FORUM PROGRAM ?

For the last ten years or so the Jewish community has been sponsoring a forum series which has brought a number of cultural, educational and entertaining programs of Jewish content to Lexington. The CKJA Board has established an ad-hoc committee to examine where we have been with the forum and where we wish to go. Have you been pleased with the forum? What type of programming would you like to see? Do you think the tickets cost too much? too little?. What's your opinion? Steve Bobys, chairman of the ad-hoc committee would like your thoughts on it. Why not call him at 266-4904 and share your ideas with him.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

The Board and the Committee Chairpeople are always on the lookout for bright enthusiastic people who are willing to work to make the Central Kentucky area a better place for the Jewish Community. Why don't you volunteer to help? We can use more person-power in all areas of our activities. Call Dave Wekstein 269-4454; Al Goldman, 269-6049; or Judy Levine, 278-2846 and say you're ready to help.

We're glad you pledged.

It shows you understand the challenges we face throughout the Jewish world, and the urgency of the needs we must meet. But pledges won't create solutions. Cash will. Cash is needed.

NOW. MORE THAN EVER.

Send your check today.

You'll be glad you paid.

Please make your check payable to CKJA and send it to

Leonard Lerner
278 Idlehour Drive
Lexington, Ky. 40502

We know that peace can be held off by forces other than enemy attacks. Peace can be thwarted by deprivation, by lack of opportunity, and by frustrated dreams. Peace will be won when we wage a campaign for funds with the same vigor as we did in time of war.

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