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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:

THE ASSIMILATION OF NOXEL: A BOOBEMYSEH FOR OUR TIME

In a land far away, in a time far in the future, there existed the small community of Noxel. The Noxelites numbered only several thousand, a minority in their country by virtue of their culture, tradition, religion, and historical identity. Also, there were throughout their world other communities of their people. Some were severely oppressed, denied the rights accorded to others, and in some cases under actual attack by arms.

But in their country the Noxelites were quite free and were treated essentially as all other inhabitants of the land. With their traditional cultural values of education and diligence, they had prospered greatly. They held important positions in the professions, business, and government; they had achieved significant material wealth; they were frequently in the moral and spiritual leadership of their land.

However, maintenance of their identity, culture, religion, and tradition could not come without expenditure of effort, time, and money. There were some who worked diligently to raise funds for others of their people not as fortunate as they, to support programs with both money and effort which could help establish a vital cohesive community and maintain their cultural and religious values. But many were unwilling to include this in their priorities. They spent all their time and effort in recreational, social, and occupational pursuits. Their commitments were more toward seeking their own personal pleasures, with little time or money left for helping to enrich, preserve, and perpetuate their valuable heritage and traditions.

And so, in spite of the efforts of the few, the Noxelites were gradually assimilated into the people of their land. Their religious, cultural, and educational institutions and programs failed for lack of participation and financial support; their children were no longer taught the tradition and religion of their parents; and finally they totally lost their identity as a unique people. Without the support of their freer and wealthier brethren, other communities of their people were also assimilated or conquered.

And thus this strong, energetic, and vital people disappeared. The sociologists of future generations would wonder how such a people, with a culture, heritage, and religion of such strength and beauty, could have allowed their priorities to become so twixed and their commitment so weakened.

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ISRAELI TRADE AND PRODUCT INFORMATION:

The Israeli Trade Center now publishes a monthly bulletin called IQ (Israel Quality). This publication discusses new Israeli products, reports on business and investment opportunities and provides guidance respecting trade with Israel. In addition, IQ reports on up-coming exhibitions, fairs and events involving Israeli products, technology and business opportunities. This monthly is available gratis by writing to the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc., 500 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10036.

INTRODUCING.....THE SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE:

This year the Social Service Committee is co-chaired by Sue Friedman and Charlie Schwartz. Members of the committee are Harriet Cooper, Alberta Gerson, Judy Levine, Larry Sherman and Charlie Stern. This committee is charged with administering partial scholarships to help send children of our membership to non-profit Jewish camps and stipends to our teenagers for educational and cultural visits to Israel. Charlie Stern heads the sub-committee that is responsible for this phase of the program. All requests or information concerning requests should be referred to him, 277-0350.

Another charge of this committee is receiving and reviewing from members of our community requests for financial aid in the form of interest-free loans. Persons needing such loans should contact either Charlie Schwartz, 266-0940, or Sue Friedman, 266-5321.

There are times when many of us have personal problems that appear to be overwhelming. Often we feel this way because we are alone with our worries, perhaps too shy or embarrassed to discuss them with those closest to us. Possibly, adding to the problem, is our lack of knowledge about where to go for help. The social service committee is charged with arranging for the provision of counselling services to any member of our community who so requests such services. To this end, the committee is in the process of establishing a resource file for Lexington and near-by cities. If you are seeking help or if you know of someone who needs help with a particular problem, please contact Sue or Charlie. Possibly we can refer you to the agency or professional service you will need. If we do not have an appropriate resource on file we will find one for you! All requests will be handled in a confidential manner.

Your social service committee is deeply committed to the purpose of making Central Kentucky a better place in which to live - a Jewish community that is sensitive and responsive to its members' needs. We are a growing, expanding community. As such we must prepare ourselves to deal with the complex patterns of growth and change, social as well as physical. If you have ideas or concerns regarding the social needs or resources you think our committee should focus on won't you please contact one of our members. Your suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT:

The budget committee reports that \$3,000 in scholarship money has been sent to Ben Gurion University in Beersheba. The recipients will be selected by the Dean of the school. We will be receiving short biographical sketches of these students and the information will be published in a future bulletin.

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:

For the fourth consecutive year, desk calendars are being mailed, with a cover letter, to all school principals, PTA presidents, athletic departments, deans at the University of Kentucky and Transylvania University, and to other organizations whose activities and programs may involve members of the Jewish community. The calendar lists all religious and national holidays and indicates on which Jewish holidays some children might be absent from school. The fact that Jewish holidays begin at sundown is also mentioned. Hopefully these calendars will be used to schedule meetings, special programs, examinations, etc. so as not to conflict with major Jewish (or non-Jewish) holidays.

UJA CAMPAIGN REPORTS:

The 1978 Men's UJA campaign began with personal solicitation on April 23. This year 35 men are working as solicitors to contact over 200 men. Our goal is to raise \$175,000, compared to \$156,000 in the men's division last year. With the strong efforts of the workers, and the support of the entire community, our goal can not only be reached but exceeded! The campaign committee members are Ken Gerson, Avram Levine, Len Lerner, Leon Cooper, Steve Caller and Mike Ades.

The UJA Women's Division campaign began May 14, when two-women teams will go out into the Jewish community and personally solicit other women for their 1978 UJA pledge. A letter was mailed to all women of Central Kentucky announcing the May 14 kick-off date. A telethon, letters, and out-of-town visits will follow-up the remainder of the women's campaign. Chairperson of the women's campaign, Susan Caller, says she is expecting a very successful '78 campaign with promise of substantial increases and enough "women-power" to reach many more female Central Kentuckians.

CAMP SHALOM REPORTS...A KIBBUTZ AT WAVELAND...FOR SUMMER OF 78:

This summer's Camp Shalom will be held June 26-July 14, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., daily, and all campers will attend the three-week session. The camp will be located on the beautiful grounds of Waveland Museum, Higbee Mill Rd., with Cindy Derer serving as camp director. Ms. Derer has plans to pattern the camp in the form of a Kibbutz.

Camp Shalom is open to all children (non-Jewish children are more than welcome!) ages 6 to 9; boys and girls ages 10 to 12 (who will be classified as senior campers); and teenagers 13 and 14, who will serve as counselors-in-training.

Camp Shalom's popular adventure program for 4 and 5 year-olds will also be held at Waveland, with the younger children meeting daily 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

For additional information on Camp Shalom and/or application form, please contact Alice Weirberg, 269-2816; Lois Germain, 269-1116; or Cindy Derer, 253-3199.

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CALENDAR

May 17 Adath Israel Sisterhood 12:30 PM.
18 C.K.J.A. Holocaust discussion 8: PM.
21 Adath Israel Congregation Dinner.
21 C.K.J.A. Adult folk dancing 4: PM
24 C.K.J.A. Board 8: PM.
25 Lag B'OMER
26 Ades - Batmitzvoh Ohavey Zion
27 Ades Open House
28 Private Party
28 C.K.J.A. Adult folk dancing 4: PM.
31 Hadassah 12:30 PM.

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June 4 Hadassah Garage Sale
5 Hadassah Garage Sale
6 Hadassah Garage Sale
10 Caller Bar Mitzvoh
11 Adath Israel Confirmation
15 Temple Adath Israel Night at the Trotts
28 C.K.J.A Board 8: PM Adath Israel
July 26 C.K.J.A. Board 8: PM Ohavey Zion