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ISRAEL: IMPRESSIONS AND INSIGHTS A Personal View by Marilyn Moosnick

I made my first trip to Israel in January, 1970. Nineteen years and eleven trips later, I just returned from a month's stay in Israel which I began on January 15 with seventeen fellow Lexingtonians bound for a 10-day UJA "Discovery" mission. Every time I go back, I discover wondrous new places, even though it's such a tiny country; I find amazing changes in construction, land development, modernization, even though it's never a long time between visits; I'm startled by giant shifts in attitudes and popular trends in music, food and fashion, even though I know Israelis travel the world over and people of all nations travel to Israel.

When I went that first time, two-and-a-half years after the Six Day War, optimism covered the land like the sunshine. David had felled Goliath and the Israelis were the guys in the white hats. Hotels were full, shops were selling out of their wares. All things were possible.

When I went back in January, 1974, some three months after the Yom Kippur War, we were making a Shiva call on an entire country, but even in the midst of their mourning, people everywhere were sure the awful loss of life this time had paid a full price for the peace that was staying beyond their grasp.

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ELIZABETH ROSENBERG 1989 MEMORIAL PROGRAM

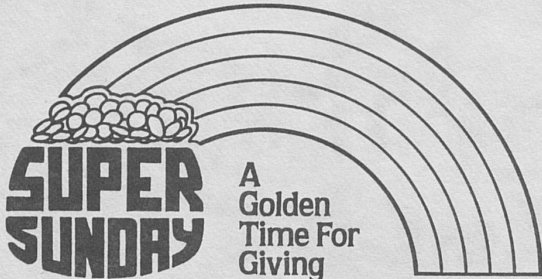
The Elizabeth Rosenberg Memorial Program will be held this year on Sunday, April 16, 1989, at Ohavay Zion Synagogue.

Ms. Deborah Lipstadt, author, educator and lecturer, will be speaking on "The Best of Times? The Worst of Times? The American Jewish Community on the Eve of the 21st Century".

Ms. Lipstadt currently teaches Jewish history at Occidental College in Los Angeles. A former director of the Brandeis Bardin Institute, Lipstadt has researched and written on American Zionism, the role of women in the American Jewish community and the changing demographics of American Jewry. She is the author of the critically acclaimed book, "Beyond Belief: The American Press and the Coming of the Holocaust."

The Elizabeth Rosenberg Memorial Program is presented free of charge and made possible through the generosity of the Elizabeth Rosenberg Memorial Fund and CKJF.

Arrangements for Ms. Lipstadt are being made through B'nai B'rith Lecture Bureau.



February 26, 1989

With the untiring assistance of CKJF's Office Manager, Betty Hickey, and Executive Director, Linda Ravvin, 75 volunteers brought Super Sunday '89 to a successful fruition. On Saturday night, February 25 a dozen volunteers transformed the Chamber of Commerce and Junior Achievement offices into Super Sunday headquarters -- complete with balloons, posters, and all the accoutrements necessary to get on with the business of education and solicitation on Sunday, February 26. Educate, we did, for all volunteers, whether they manned the phones, tallied pledges or saw to it that there were enough bagels, were treated to Orientation Sessions that included reports from participants in CKJF's recent mission to Israel, information regarding distribution of current campaign monies, as well as solicitation techniques. Estimates are that over 2,000 calls were placed to persons in the Central Kentucky region. To those who were not reached for their gift to the 1989 Campaign, we ask that you make your pledge as soon as possible, by contacting the CKJF Office by phone (252-7622) or by mail.

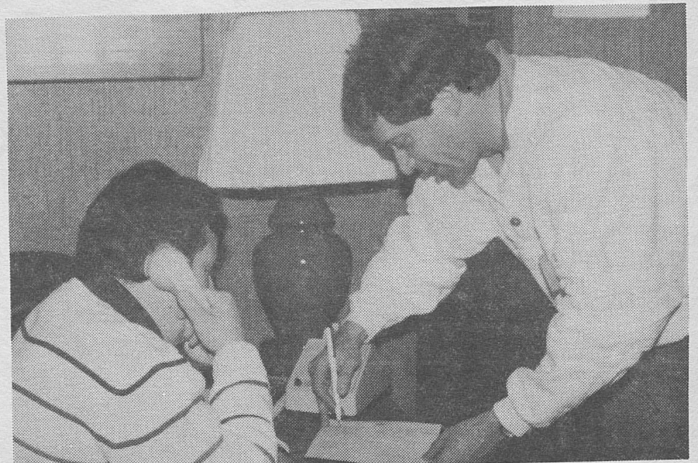
HATS OFF to our VOLUNTEERS and TO EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY WHO RESPONDED POSITIVELY when called for his or her pledge to the 1989 CKJF-UJA Campaign - A GOLDEN TIME FOR GIVING!

Judy Baumann and Mark Wides
Co-chairs, Super Sunday '89



Chris Eidelson
1990 Super Sunday Chair

Judy Baumann
1989 Super Sunday Co-Chair



CKJF President, Gail Cohen 1989 Super Sunday Co Chair Mark Wides



Campaign Chair
Simone Salomon

SS Volunteer
Carmit Sadove

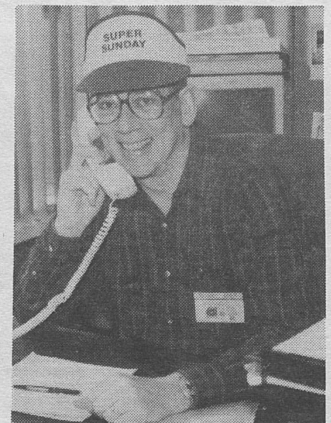
Women's Division Chair
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SS Volunteer Mark Stern



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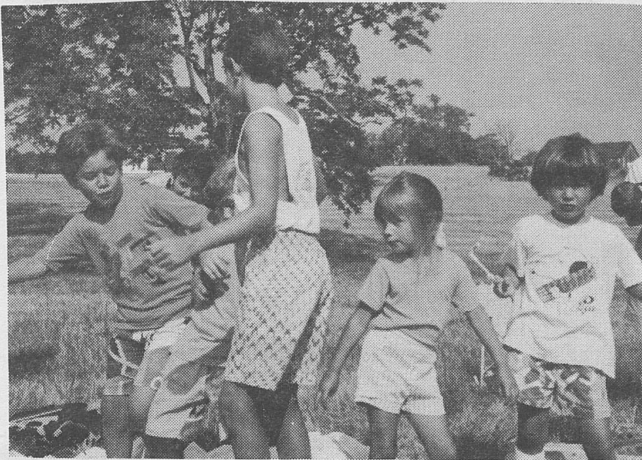


SS Volunteer Mike Ades

CAMP SHALOM

CKJF's Camp Shalom is gearing up for another exciting season. Camp session will be from Monday, June 5 through Friday, June 23. The camp committee headed by Ginny Luftman is hard at work coordinating efforts to make this a very special program for our children between the ages of 4 and 8. As in previous years, the camp site will be located just off Richmond Road.

For further information contact the CKJF office (252-7622) or Ginny Luftman (223-5033).



GOLDMAN UNION CAMP CAMP YOUNG JUDAEA CAMP TEL YEHUDA

Three other Jewish non-profit camps that our area children attend are Goldman Union Camp Institute and Camp Young Judaea, and Camp Tel Yehuda, all of which offer excellent programs.

Goldman Union Camp Institute, located near Indianapolis in Zionsville, Indiana, has activities for children entering 4th grade through 10th grade. For further information contact Rabbi Jon Adland (269-2979) or CKJF (252-7622).

Camp Young Judaea is located in Waupaca, Wisconsin and welcomes campers ages 8-14. For further information contact Dawn Jacobs (273-0539) or CKJF (252-7622).

Camp Tel Yehuda located in Barryville, N.Y., is the National Senior Camp of Young Judaea. It serves young people ages 14-18. For further information contact Dawn Jacobs (273-0539) or CKJF (252-7622).

CAMP SHALOM STAFF POSITIONS

The Camp Shalom Committee is accepting applications for the following staff positions: Camp Director, Assistant Director, Senior and Junior Counsellors and Counsellors-In-Training.

Send applications to Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, 333 Waller Ave., Suite 5, Lexington, KY, 40504.

For further information contact the CKJF office (252-7622) or Ginny Luftman (223-5033).

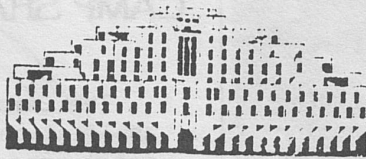
CAMPERSHIPS AVAILABLE

Camperships are available through CKJF for attendance at non-profit Jewish camps including our own Camp Shalom. For further information contact the CKJF office (252-7622).

Camperships and scholarships are examples of services made possible through the Federation by your support of the annual Federation-United Jewish Appeal Campaign.

CKJF is looking for a volunteer to edit the CKJF Bulletin. The Bulletin is published nine times a year: monthly during the school year and once during the summer. The editor is expected to write and edit articles and to proof the final copy. The CKJF office provides all information and takes care of typing and production. The duties of the editor take approximately five hours per issue.

Experience is not necessary, but the editor should be dependable and should be attentive to spelling and grammar. Please call Linda Ravvin at the CKJF office (252-7622) if you are interested in this position.



January 16 thru 25, 1989 - Midwest Mission: Discovery

Leaders: Ben and Fran - El Al: 004, Great UGA
Staff: Eleanor & Rhea. Arrived safely.

Israel: the home of Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob.
New Faces, smiles, falafel. Project Renewal
Singers. So tired, but so happy.

Bus 3: Lexington, Omaha, and South Bend -
a terrific group. Moshe, our teacher, our guide -
a special man.

Many stops - Kibbutz Netzer Sireni, Vered in the
Youth Aliyah Village & home hospitality every-
where. Such Pride!

Siberias, the Golan Heights, - soldiers, tanks, strength
and always hope. Archeology, our history, songs,
dances, smiles and tears.

Shabbat at the Wall - tearful prayers... hope in
Jerusalem, the City of Peace.

Havdallah, Yad Va Shem, Military Cemetery,
Ammunition Hill - more tears... hope...
Always hope.

The Dead Sea - Alive with Israel's future.
Masada, sunshine, sharing, giving... Love this Land.

Israel - we are home - we are free -

Israel - the home of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Shelom and L'Netriot

by



Laromme Jerusalem hotel מלון לרום ירושלים

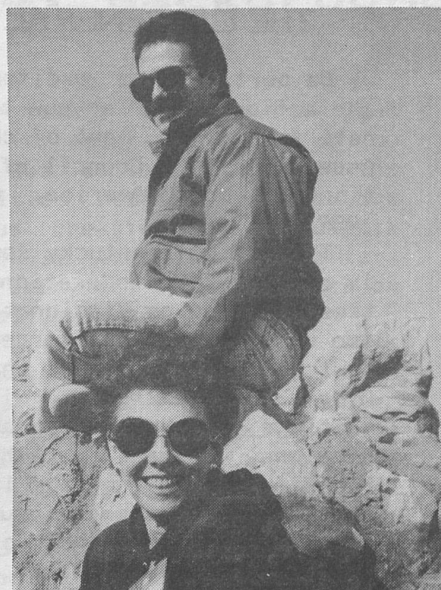
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Susan Caller

Jan. 24, 1989

1989 MIDWEST DISCOVERY MISSION



CKJF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE CJF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

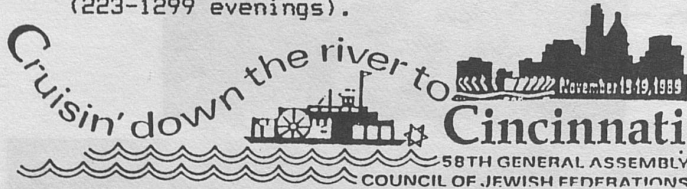
Be part of the excitement! Be where the action is! Plan now to be in Cincinnati for all or part of the 58th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations of North America, November 15-19, 1989.

The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation is one of five federations from communities surrounding Cincinnati on the steering committee of the largest gathering of Jewish communal leaders in North America. Over 3,000 delegates will attend 200 meetings including plenaries, business sessions, forums, workshops and receptions. They will engage in joint planning and action on common issues dealing with local and international concerns.

Hundreds of volunteers are needed for such assignments as message center, guides between hotels and meeting areas, gift shop, monitoring meetings, and Shabbat dinner hosts. Each person who volunteers will receive free admission for that day. Sessions start early and end late so there's plenty of time to both volunteer and attend several sessions! We'll try to organize carpools from Lexington. The Cincinnati Federation has requested that volunteer sign-up sheets be returned to their office by April 15. All those who sign up will then receive a Volunteer Questionnaire with more specifics.

The proximity of this meeting to Central Kentucky is an unique opportunity! There will be no single day registration other than for volunteers. Of course, if you are able, please consider being a delegate for the entire meeting.

To volunteer to work at the "G.A.", specific dates are not needed at this time. For more information, contact the CKJF Office (252-7622) or Judy Baumann (223-1299 evenings).



I'd like to be a volunteer for the 58th General Assembly

Name	Address	Phone
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Please return to CKJF, 333 Waller Ave., Suite 5, Lexington, KY. 40504, or contact the office directly at 252-7622.

CENTRAL KENTUCKY JEWISH SINGLES UNDERTAKE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

After a fall hiatus the Central Kentucky Jewish Singles organization is undertaking a membership drive and planning February activities.

The CKJS enables all Jewish singles to enjoy one another's company in both religious and social settings. It is not a dating service nor a "Lonely Hearts Club", but merely allows Jewish singles an opportunity to meet others with similar backgrounds and heritage. It is open to all singles 18 and older, however some interest has been expressed in branching off a special seniors singles club for those 50ish and older. With enough positive response, the CKJS will form a seniors branch.

The CKJS currently has a mailing list of approximately 150 with about 15 "active" members. Jewish singles affiliated with all three Lexington congregations, as well as those unaffiliated, from a seven county area are members of the CKJS. The group welcomes and encourages new members (there are no dues!). Those who are interested in being part of the mailing list or have any questions, should feel free to contact Chas Hite, 929 Aurora Ave., Lexington, KY. 40502-1448 (266-0246); Nancy Azbel (266-0246) or the Havurah, Dhavay Zion Synagogue, Temple Adath Israel or Central Kentucky Jewish Federation (252-7622).

Throughout the year CKJS activities include Shabbat dinners, leading services, a Passover seder, a Keeneland Day/Spring Dance evening, Swimming and lake parties, High Holiday services, U.K. football tailgating, Chanukah party, progressive dinners, evenings at Comedy on Broadway, religious and current event discussion groups, Sunday bagel brunches, and community service projects. With expressed interest future events may include bridge, trivia or Scrabble nights, horseback riding, or anything else the membership comes up with! CKJS is also informed of singles events in Columbus, Cincinnati, Nashville and Louisville and our members attend events in these cities, as well as hosting Jewish singles from these surrounding areas at our spring dance.

JOIN THE CENTRAL KENTUCKY JEWISH SINGLES FOR FUN AND FRIENDSHIP!

SOVIET JEWRY 1989 - Part One: Background Rabbi Jon Adland

As a result of an appointment by CKJF, I am a delegate to the Board of Governors of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, representing the Lexington Jewish community. On February 1, 1989, I attended my first board meeting. The first part of the meeting involved the passing of a new set of by-laws which in effect reorganized the NCSJ. The rest of the day and evening concerned Soviet Jewry today and what we need to be concerned about for tomorrow.

First of all, I am pleased to report that after 18 years the "free Soviet Jews" movement achieved success. Over a hundred thousand former Soviet Jews are now free to live Jewish lives and celebrate the many opportunities that Judaism offers to each of us. Anyone who has given time or money or energy to this movement, helping our brothers and sisters in the Soviet Union to reach freedom can feel a complete sense of satisfaction.

For most of this century, the Soviet Jewish community was not a high priority on our Jewish agenda though many of us have roots in the Soviet Union. Grandparents or great-grandparents left their cities or towns or villages, often leaving behind other family members to make aliyah to Israel or seek a new life in this country. Russia was the old country filled with pain and hardship as a result of two hundred years of persecution. Why remember the suffering when the United States offered so much hope and freedom?

Anti-Semitism is quite pervasive in the Soviet Union. Ever since Jews migrated to Russia more than two hundred years ago, the community has been forced to endure poverty, degradation, humiliation, and pogroms. When opportunities to leave arose, many Jews risked what they had to make the journey to the West or to Israel. With Stalin's death in the 1950's little changed for the Soviet Jewish community. Legally or illegally authorities enforced the laws prohibiting the community from functioning as a community. Persecution of Jews and Jewish life continued to be the norm. The Soviet Union was using its strong arm to force Jewish life to grind to a halt.

With the 1967 Six-Day war in Israel, Soviet Jews identified with Israel more strongly than ever before. Up until this time, few Soviet Jews sought or considered

leaving. After 1967, many Soviet Jews began applying for emigration visas to go to Israel. It was at this time that the Soviet authorities reacted by denying visas and thus creating the refusenik movement. In 1971, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry was formed to work on behalf of Soviet Jews.

In 1979, more than 50,000 Soviet Jews were given exit visas, permission to leave. In 1980, less than half the number received permission. From 1982-1987, the total of Jews being granted exit visas did not equal what the year 1980 offered; not even 15,000 in six years.

Part Two: Soviet Jewry 1989 and the Future will appear in the next issue of the CKJF bulletin.

CJF TO CONDUCT 1990 NATIONAL SURVEY OF AMERICAN JEWS

The Council of Jewish Federations has agreed to conduct the 1990 National Survey of American Jews as part of a world-wide series of national surveys of Jewish populations.

This historic survey, which will coincide with the bicentennial census of the United States, was established as a result of resolutions passed by the Conference on the Demography of the Jewish People in Jerusalem in October 1987. Its purpose will be to assess various components of the Jewish community such as the demographic, social and economic structure, migration patterns, changes in size, composition and distribution as well as patterns and levels of births and deaths.

An initial \$200,000 has been provided by the CJF Endowment Fund for the survey and member Federations have agreed to contribute the remaining resources for the implementation of the project.

In her address to over 3,000 delegates at last year's General Assembly in Miami, CJF Past President Shoshana S. Cardin explained that the creation of the CJF North American Jewish Data Bank "has catapulted data gathering, storage and analyses into its rightful place on our agenda. It will enable us to participate fully in the 20th century version of 'Bamidbar,' in which Moses takes a census of the entire Jewish people."

CHARLOTTE BAER ADDRESSES MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION

Sunday, January 15, 1989, was the fourth annual Martin Luther King Day Celebration in Lexington. As part of the ecumenical program, Charlotte Baer was asked to speak, representing the Jewish Community. Besides several speeches of welcome from city, state and university officials, the other speakers on the program were Betty Griffin, a black woman who works at the State Department of Education, and Dr. William Parker, Vice Chancellor for Minority Affairs at the University of Kentucky. About 1,500 people filled the auditorium of the Singletary Center. The program ended with a moving mass singing of "We Shall Overcome."

The following is Charlotte's speech:

"I am very honored to be part of this important event as we think together about Dr. Martin Luther King. Like all of you here I know many, many reasons why today should have great impact for us, and for all humanity. But also as a Jewish woman I feel a special connection to the ideals for which Dr. King stood. Let me tell you why.

I grew up in Atlanta, the home of Dr. King, at the time he was first beginning his work. Growing up in a Jewish home, in a Jewish community in the deep South, I always felt that Dr. King's work, his ideals and his struggle, were also mine. What made me feel that way?

As a child I had many chances to realize that when people hate any group, then everybody gets hurt. I remember very clearly the day the Ku Klux Klan bombed one of Atlanta's Jewish temples. That congregation was known for speaking out often about Civil Rights. As my family reacted on that shocking day, one thing was clear: If people got scared and kept quiet, we would be letting the Klan win. We had to fight against the forces of hate.

Not everybody in Atlanta felt that way. In the 1950's Atlanta had an unspoken motto: "don't rock the boat." "Let's take our time," people would say. You can't hurry change. Dr. King had a different idea--"Let's begin working for a just society," he said, "and let's begin now." He knew that equality would not come in a flash of lightening, but to make it come, everybody needs to take action, to start working toward the dream. That lesson was

part of my understanding from an early age.

But the time came when just understanding was not enough. I'm trying to take myself back to when I was just 16. That's very hard because now I am the parent of a 16 year old daughter, in this audience today. When I was her age, the governor of Georgia and most of our lawmakers wanted to completely close our schools. They would rather have nobody go to school in the whole state of Georgia than to have integration. To me and my friends, that idea was unbelievable, but it was true. And that is when I began to understand for myself that I couldn't just go home and say to my parents, "Do Something." I had to be counted, too.

My friends and I did speak out. That was a very hard step for a group of teenagers then. I'm not saying that by ourselves we had all that much effect. But all over our state, other people began making the same kinds of decisions. They were saying: we can't just keep quiet. We can't let hate run the world. We've got to do something. And when everybody lifted up their voices, together we made a beginning.

I think the examples of Dr. King and other memorable leaders of that time were part of my decision. And also, being Jewish brought me to the Civil Rights struggle.

My family's history was a strong push for me to fight for equality and justice. My grandparents were immigrants. They came to this country from small towns in eastern Europe. In those places, Jews were often attacked just because they were Jewish. With that background, my parents came to the Land of Opportunity looking for equality. But they taught me that being equal doesn't work unless everyone else is equal too. They and my parents taught us to feel if anyone is oppressed, I am oppressed.

At the Passover seder every year, Jewish people all over the world express that very same feeling. We sit at the table together before we eat a festive meal, and we read the story about how we were slaves in Egypt. The story says we've got to feel as though we ourselves--not people long ago, but we ourselves--were slaves. And every year, we have to stand up for everyone who is still a

Charlotte Baer (con't)

slave, and we have to say, Let My People Go.

So it seems natural to me that in the Civil Rights struggles many Jewish people were there. On the front page of this Friday's [January 13] Herald-Leader was a picture. It showed a monument in Philadelphia, Mississippi, a monument to Chaney, Goodman and Schwerner, 2 Jews and a Black, who worked together and died together to help make us free.

From their example and from the example of Dr. Martin Luther King and many others I draw the strength to remember -- it's up to me -- along with you and everybody -- to stand up and be counted. And if not now, WHEN?"

Charlotte says, "I was proud on behalf of the Jewish Community to be invited and hopeful that I could use the opportunity to build new bridges between our community and Lexington's black community. Using my personal background I hope that I was able to demonstrate a sincerity of feeling and that I left people wanting to work together in the future."

JOSEPH KRISLOV RECEIVES FULLBRIGHT FELLOWSHIP

CKJF extends congratulations to Joseph Krislov, University of Kentucky Economics Department, who recently received a Fulbright Fellowship to teach abroad.

Krislov will conduct graduate seminars in Brazil concerning the international variety of mechanisms used to settle labor disputes. His students will be at Catholic University in Rio de Janeiro and the Institute of Labor Relations in Sao Paulo.

This is his second Fulbright Fellowship. He earlier taught in Ireland (1970-71) as part of the program.

INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING

TUESDAYS through June

8:00 p.m.

Temple Adath Israel
124 North Ashland Avenue

MICHAEL ADES RECEIVES CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS BROTHERHOOD AWARD

Congratulations to Michael L. Ades and Monsignor Ralph W. Beiting who were selected to receive the annual Brotherhood Awards of the Bluegrass Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Mr. Ades is a partner in the Lexington-Louisville firm, Greenbaum, Doll and McDonald and a member of the board of CKJF. In addition to his tireless efforts on behalf of the Jewish community, Michael has been active in many civic organizations. He has served on a variety of civic boards, including the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Growth Planning and the Lexington Humana Hospital Board. Mike was also Chairman of the Board of the National Conference of Christians and Jews from 1966 to 1972.

Monsignor Beiting is founder and chairman of the board of Christian Appalachian Project in Lancaster, and pastor of the Mount Tabor Monastery in Martin.

Mr. Ades and Monsignor Beiting received their awards at the NCCJ's awards banquet at the Marriott Hotel on March 2.

EVELYN KRISLOV PRESENTED THE JANE HAHN AWARD

At its Annual Meeting-Holiday Luncheon, the Greater Lexington Democratic Woman's Club presented its highest honor, the Jane Hahn Award to Evelyn Moreida Krislov. This prestigious award was presented to Evelyn for her dedicated and unstinting service to the club. During the presentation and at other points in the program she was cited for her creativity and work in developing a new scholarship and awards program; an outstanding increase in membership and a new system for recording members; exciting and imaginative programs and newsletters and communications as well as publicity in new and varied areas. She was also recognized for her excellent work with the State Democratic Woman's Club and her enhancement of the reputation of the local club on a state-wide basis.

We extend our congratulations to Evelyn.

1988 ANNUAL REPORTS

Campaign Committee

The Campaign Committee provides a framework within which members may contribute their time and money for the common good. The committee organizes and administers the annual CKJF-UJA fundraising campaign. The campaign is the primary instrument for support of programs and services for Jews overseas and in Israel. Money raised by the campaign also supports our Project Renewal community. Local efforts such as Camp Shalom, pre-school parties and Yom H'atzmaut celebrations are made possible by these funds. Services provided by the Social Service Committee and the Community Relations Committee include camp scholarships, emergency loans and the school liaison program. CKJF contributes to many medical, social action, and educational charities such as Community Kitchen, God's Pantry, Ronald McDonald House, Special Olympics and the Lexington Public Library. In addition the campaign supports organizations that foster Jewish ideals such as the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League and the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

The 1988 Campaign Committee included: Chairman Simone Salomon, 1988 Men's Division Chair David Rose, 1987 Men's Division Chair and Advisor Bob Baumann, 1988 Women's Division Chair Ellie Goldman, 1988 Women's Division Co-chair Cheri Rose, 1987 Women's Division Chair Nancy Hoffman, Super Sunday Co-chairs Judy Baumann and Mark Wides, Project Renewal Chair David Kaplan, Israel Bonds Chair Charles Stern, Missions Chair Steve Caller, and Harriet Cooper.

Guardians of Zion Dinner

On December 14, 1987, Guardians of Zion, the major gifts event, was held at the Financial Center. Senator Mitch McConnell was the guest of honor. The event, chaired by Arlene Cohen, was a spectacular evening. Over \$140,000 was raised by 54 people.

Women's Division Pacesetters Event

The Women's Division Pacesetters event, chaired by Marilyn Gall, raised \$6,100. The speaker, Ellen Cannon, an associate professor of Political Science at North-eastern Illinois University dazzled

everyone as evidenced by the fact that no one wanted to go home.

Super Sunday

Super Sunday took place on March 13, 1988, with the theme "The Magic of Giving". Judy Baumann and Mark Wides expertly chaired the event that raised over \$20,000 with over 100 volunteers.

Project Renewal

Project Renewal, in its final year with Netanya, Sela, has raised over \$240,000 to date. The board has agreed in principle to adopt a Senior Daycare Center in Kiryat Ata at a cost of \$200,000 over ten years. The proposal is now under consideration.

1989 Campaign

The 1989 Campaign kicked off on September 8, 1988, with a face-to-face solicitation by Dan Scamama, an Israeli Broadcast Journalist. The campaign leadership and the CKJF board were solicited. The Board realized a \$3,000 increase card-for-card over 1988.

The Women's Division had their opening board meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 1988. Linda Scher, a Jewish Affairs Activist, from Chicago was the speaker. Linda gave an overview of the Senatorial and Congressional elections nationwide that awed everyone. The Women's board was solicited and realized almost a 20% increase.

Other significant campaign news:

--Steve Caller is chairing the 1989 Men's Campaign.

--Marilyn Gall is vice-chair of Women's Division in 1989.

--Lexington participated in the Midwest Israel Mission with a delegation of 18. Steve Caller chaired the Mission.

--The minimum gift for Guardians of Zion was \$1,500

The campaign report to date is as follows:

General Campaign	\$152,259.00
Project Renewal	21,365.00
Local Use	6,875.00
Israel Only	17,750.00
TOTAL	\$198,239.00

This represents a card-for-card increase over 1988 of 18.2%

Community Activities Committee

Chaired by Ruth Baker, the CKJF Community Activities Committee saw an exciting year of activities for the Central Kentucky Jewish community.

The Forum Series, chaired by Susan Cantor, presented Dr. Ilse Schuster on March 20, 1988. Dr. Schuster spoke on "Whither Survival? Israel and the Diaspora". The Elizabeth Rosenberg Memorial Lecture was held June 5, 1988, when Jeffrey Fuerst, a curator at The Museum of Broadcasting addressed the issue of "The Changing Image of the Jewish Woman: Not Just Molly Goldberg and Marjorie Morningstar".

Camp Shalom completed a very successful three-week program, June 8 through 24th at the campsite off of Richmond Road. Cheri Rose chaired this successful program that drew a full complement of campers.

Pre-school Holiday Parties, chaired by Toni Reiss Plavin provided delightful holiday parties throughout the year.

Israel's 40th Anniversary was celebrated in style on April 21st with Hebrew dancing and refreshments. Mayor Scotty Baesler addressed the audience and the Governor's office was represented by Mr. David Lovelace. There were representatives there for Senators Mitch McConnell and Wendell Ford, as well as Congressman Larry Hopkins. Our "Israel at 40" chairs were Carmit and Richard Sadove.

The Community Activities Committee once again assisted with the Hillel programs. Susan Goldstein is Hillel Director and Austin Cantor is Faculty Advisor.

Community Relations Committee

For 1988 the Community Relations Committee dealt with many different topics.

Two education sessions were held for the committee to familiarize members with social problems within Lexington. Ann Joseph of the Kentucky Task Force on Hunger (and CKJF) spoke in some detail about many aspects of the hunger problem in Lexington. The committee also had a speaker from the nursing home ombudsman program to explore ways in which we could be involved in the problems of the aging.

Community Relations Committee (con't)

The Oppressed Jewry sub-committee met with a representative from the National Soviet Jewry Committee (who was in Lexington to attend the national Sister Cities convention). This meeting enabled those present to receive the latest thinking on the changing state of Soviet Immigration and the new issues raised by the new situation.

This sub-committee also co-sponsored the Women's Plea for Soviet Jewry, involving a broad representation of the Lexington Jewish community including Jewish teenagers who had "twinned" with Soviet children for their Bar and Bat Mitzvahs. This committee sponsored a community-wide effort in September to send Rosh Hashannah cards to the Soviet Union. At the Women's Plea Chanukah cards were sent.

The chairs of the committee, along with Gail Cohen, met with Superintendent Ronald Walton to explore various problems in the public schools, including absences on Jewish holidays, observance of Christmas, and just "being different." He was found to be very understanding. He promised that he would work closely with the Jewish community in monitoring potential problems.

The committee distributed calendars to the public schools listing Jewish holidays (as well as holidays of other religions) to avoid potential conflicts. At the same time, Dr. Walton wrote to all schools reasserting the Fayette County Public School's policy on Jewish holidays.

The committee sponsored the community-wide Yom Hashoa observance last spring. This fall it co-sponsored the Kristallnacht anniversary program. The committee has encouraged CKJF's participation in the Martin Luther King Day event. It also encouraged CKJF to join the Council on Peace & Justice. A representative is sent to the Council meeting each month.

The speakers' bureau provided several speakers to religious and community groups both in Lexington and surrounding communities.

Social Services Committee

The Social Services Committee is indebted to Linda Ravvin and Gail R. Cohen for their direct interventions with people who required help from this committee during 1988. Thanks also go to Vicki Doukas, Lynn Shraberg, and David Shraberg for contributing their services as members of the Central Kentucky Jewish community.

This year was an active and a revealing one. The major revelation is that the incidence of economic and social need by Jews living in Central Kentucky is growing significantly. The committee and those people whose services enable us to distribute funds and take other action in an appropriate and beneficial manner were more active this year than ever before. Legitimate requests for campership assistance were higher than ever before. There is on-going collaboration with Community Kitchen regarding a homeless Jew. The committee has handled requests for assistance from Jewish prisoners who are incarcerated in prisons located in Central Kentucky. The need for improving the handling of social needs is evident.

On the positive side, the committee, Judy Levine, and Linda Ravvin coordinated two Sue Friedman Jewish Family Life Lectures. The first was offered on May 15, 1988. Ed Hodes, Ph.D., M.D. spoke on Jewish Genetic diseases, specifically Tay-Sachs Disease. The second was presented on October 29 and 30, 1988. Joan Ephross, Associate Director of Jewish Family Life Services for the Baltimore Federation presented a lecture and an experiential interaction on "The Sandwich Generation: A Triple Decker." The content of both lectures was excellent and timely.

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"WHO IS A JEW" COALITION

In response to the "Who Is A Jew" issue, the Council of Jewish Federations created a Coalition to develop flexible short- and long-term strategies to deal with critical situations as they arose. Various steps were taken by "The Who Is A Jew Coalition" since the General Assembly meeting in November, 1988. A Strategic Planning Group convened to develop the Coalition's program and strategy.

Among the Coalition's recommendations are the continuation of private intervention and the creation of a data bank of who in North America knows influential Israelis. A Key Contact Program has been recommended to continue interaction between North Americans and Israelis by identifying frequent North American visitors to Israel and assigning them contacts.

Moreover, the Coalition has suggested an ongoing program of interpretation and education of all Knesset members. Additionally, the Coalition has recommended that press conferences and op-ed articles concerning the issue appear in the Israeli media and the North American Anglo-Jewish Press. Further, the Coalition has agreed to an ongoing educational process for the CJF constituency to help distinguish between the Israeli government's policies, and the programs of the Jewish Agency, the latter of which are directed at human needs and services. The Coalition has also agreed to consider a broader based educational outreach program and promotion within Israel on behalf of religious pluralism and democracy.

The Coalition believes it has impacted the issues of "Who Is A Jew"--specifically, that its missions and leadership interventions were important in the success of the effort. To continue its efforts the CJF Board now must decide the Coalition's future role and agenda.

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Back again in August, 1978, I waited expectantly with the entire nation as Begin prepared to meet Sadat and Carter for what would become the Camp David Accords. Though talk of the "brain drain" was a dark spot on the horizon, hopefulness painted the lovely summer scenes with primary colors. And because Jeff Moosnick, my first born, chose that exact time--while I was there to welcome him--to make his "total" Aliyah, his "going up" to Israel, I knew that at least one of the beautiful young Sabras who was leaving was being replaced.

Two years ago, during a January trip, skepticism was sitting side by side with the well-known Israeli bravado at sidewalk cafes and Friday night gatherings when the talk turned to the crushing economy, or the growing truth that thousands of the country's brightest and best were leaving for America and Canada, or the mounting antagonisms between two Israels: a larger body of ultra-orthodox right-wingers, flexing their muscles and feeling a new power-by-numbers that fueled their violence, and the Laborites and Liberals, including most kibbutzniks, like Jeff and his Ketura friends, coming to grips with the fact that they had lost their majority by dint of their two-child families.

And what of January, 1989? Never before has there been such a grim, gray film of despair brushed across the lives and landscapes of Israel, almost marring the first blush of almond blossoms and anemones on the hills of the Galilee and the Golan. The despair is part worry over the handling of the intifada, part disillusionment that peace seems unachievable, no matter the giving in and giving up (as in the Sinai, Taba), and in large part, a loss of the cohesive belief that all Israelis, no matter their political and religious leanings, will hang together to keep the nation whole. The liberals, the kibbutzniks still believe that nothing is too much to give up for peace, that settlements on the West Bank can and should be traded away and that above all negotiations must happen with whomever will sit down in the name of the Arab population in Israel. The ultra-religious, the Chassidim, the Jews whose past was spent in Arab countries still believe that negotiations with Arabs

are suicidal, that no Arabs will deal fairly or stick to commitments. They read the Arab press and they believe that the establishment of a new Palestinian state in the West Bank is an Arab world's stepping stone to the final destruction of Israel. And more basically, they believe the "ownership" of Judea and Samaria is G-d's not man's; that it is not a mortal governments right to settle who "holds" it, but G-d's right. Now, when Israelis speak of their personal feelings with an American, the extra worries wash over their faces. They see the empty streets and deserted hotels. They read the world press. "Will American Jews really stop giving to the UJA?" "Are American Jews really going to stop coming to Israel?" "Why is what we are doing so much worse than all the really terrible things people are doing to one another everywhere else in the world?" They KNOW: The Israelis have become the guys in the black hats, around the world. And worse: to their fellow Jews.

Does this mean that I didn't have my usual marvelous, mystical time while I spent four weeks in Eretz Yisroel? Did I have a moment's fear or anxiety about the Gaza-West Bank uprisings? Did I lose my own faith that Israel can and will work out all its problems? I say "No, no, no, and again no!"

On the UJA mission I thrilled to the activities of a new senior citizens center in Kiryat Ata, our CKJF's new Project Renewal affiliation, as we spent a lively evening there, sharing a dinner, planting tiny saplings in honor of Tu b'Shvat with sprightly grandmothers who taught us to ululate like Shephardic women always do at weddings and happy occasions. (Susan Caller's ululation is hair-raising.) I stood in awe at the size and complexity of the huge ancient city being excavated some 20 feet below the present ground level at Beit Shean. And I shivered with joy as I watched first-time pilgrims Bruce Broudy, Chris Eidelson, Steve Kesten fall deeply in love with the land, the people, the energy, the destiny that is Israel. Watching a passion burst into life rekindles your own; now mine burns white hot again.

At Hadassah National board sessions being held in Jerusalem, I renewed by belief that Hadassah IS a bridge to peace

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as I heard reports that it is sending Hadassah Ein Karem Hospital heads of orthopedics, hematology and neurology to the West Bank hospitals to help treat the injured, Arab and Jew; that the Pediatrics Department has an ongoing reciprocal program with a Gaza children's hospital which sends Hadassah doctors there and brings both nurses and doctors into the Jerusalem Hadassah hospitals to train and upgrade skills.

As a mother, I learned a lot, this trip. I used to find it hard to understand why Jeff Moosnick, and indeed a lot of members on relatively new "pioneer" kibbutzim along Israel's borders, seemed to shrug their shoulders at current political situations. "They pull the kubbutz around them like a cocoon," I thought. Then as I started staying 10 days or two weeks on Ketura, actually doing daily chores and becoming a regular part of the life, it didn't take long to find out how necessary it is to let the "movers and shakers" do the political maneuverings as you keep your shoulder to the grindstone: Planting, or weeding, or pruning, or feeding, or milking or reaping. You do whatever is required to make the desert bloom and a dairy herd flourish and Israel become once again the "land of milk and honey." Such a prophetic notion is back breaking, discouraging yet compelling, and with enough sweat, just possible enough to keep you trying. This trip I knew: there is time to make music, and drink tea around an outdoor fire, but the time left on Kibbutz for political discussion is often just enough for a cryptic phrase--or a shrug.

I felt that aching in the sides of the throat that always signals a rush of pure pride when I met my only girl child, Mimi Moosnick, on her first day in Israel, at the beginning of a potential Aliyah. Making no promises to anyone, even to herself, about the ultimate outcome, Mimi is now in Tel Aviv to try to learn to speak Hebrew well enough to get a job that can earn her a living wage, including rent money for an apartment. Damn right, I'm proud! And I know, once again, there is at least one more new olah.

And, no, I'm not afraid for her. Less afraid than for the sons in Manhattan and Boston. I'm jealous, to tell the truth. Would that I were 26, and trying to speak Hebrew well enough to settle in and live my life in the most intensely Jewish way that exists. In Israel--where for the first time in almost two thousand years it takes Jews who have the vision and the

will and the guts to be a part of it, to make the difference between survival, or not--I left two offspring. If there is one thing that makes you believe Israel will survive, and that on some glorious trip to Israel you will find the unblemished masterpiece--an Israel truly at peace--that one thing is the fact that your own children are staking their lives on it. Now that I think of it, every Jew's children, in one way or another, should be doing just that: Staking their lives on it. And every Jew should be doing just what I am doing (with my 17 CKJF companions): Joyfully planning the next trip.

B'NAI B'RITH EXTENDS THANKS

Stanley Rose B'nai B'rith Lodge 289 extends a warm thanks and appreciation to the following individuals for donating their time Christmas day in order that non-Jews could spend the day with their families:

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A special thanks to Mike Ades for all his time and efforts in heading up this program.

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