

# Central Kentucky Jewish Federation

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## *New Federation President Elected*

*Judy Saxe is a founding member of Lexington Havurah, and a member of Ohavay Zion Congregation. A former Sisterhood President and Sunday School President, She is currently a member of the Hadassah National Board. Judy has been active in the Federation and related activities for more than twenty years. She has been a member of the Camp Shalom Camp Committee, and the Forum Selection Committee. She served as the Federation Vice-President under Michael Ades, and chaired the Social Services Committee. Judy was the first Central Kentucky Jewish Federation Executive Director.*



# Presidents' Messages

## Judy's Incoming Message

This is an extraordinary time for us as a Jewish Community. We are privileged to be witnesses to a whole series of modern miracles - and more important, privileged to play an active role in bringing the miracles to fruition.

The flood of Soviet Jewish immigration to Israel is the fulfillment of two dreams: freedom for Soviet Jews to leave the Soviet Union, and the reality of Israel as a home for the many thousands achieving a modern Exodus.

In our contemporary version of the Passover story we might have said, "Dayenu," enough. Instead, we listened and watched as the Israelis engineered a second Exodus - the airlift of more than 14,000 Ethiopian Jews in little more than one day. And we must include the arrival in Israel of some 300 Albanian Jews - virtually their entire Jewish Community.

Our role is more than that of enthusiastic observers. We have been asked to share in these events, by contributing to help defray the cost of absorbing these new Israeli citizens. CKJF, along with Federations throughout North America, is in the process of establishing a loan guarantee program to support their absorption. Now, we can help even more by urging our Senators and Representatives to support a program of Federal loan guarantees for Israel.

I applaud the efforts of the many volunteers who have reached out to the four new Soviet families that have become Lexington residents in recent months. I also want to express the gratitude of the Federation and the community to our Camp Shalom staff and board for another successful camp season, once more "one of the best ever!" I look forward to Theodore Bikel in the fall, and the special Holocaust art exhibit scheduled for the spring.

I feel honored to assume the presidency of CKJF at this dramatic and exciting time in Jewish history. I am confident that the Board and our committees, with the support of you, the Central Kentucky Jewish Community, will continue to meet

our responsibilities, with enthusiasm and hard work. Our commitment to enhancing the quality of Jewish life in our own community is an ongoing effort. I look forward to an active and challenging year.

Judith Saxe  
President, 1991-92

## Mike's Outgoing Message

After two years as President of CKJF, I especially appreciate and value the many ways that CKJF significantly touches the lives of others. I think of the children at Camp Shalom and the scholarships given to children to attend NFTY and Hadassah camps and to visit Israel. I think of those Jews in our community (fortunately very few) who have been aided in different ways through our Social Services Committee. I remember how much we have enjoyed speakers and music programs sponsored by our forum Committee. Our Community Relations Committee has actively worked with the school system, the newspaper, and in other ways to improve or repair relationships between the Jewish Community and our larger Lexington Community. We are thrilled by the resettlement of four Russian Jewish families in Lexington who begin new lives with the assistance of our Resettlement Committee. Many of us and our children have attended special programs celebrating significant Jewish and Israeli events and holidays organized by our Community Activities Committee. Through the work of our Campaign Committee, we have raised over \$300,000.00 for the regular UJA Campaign, Operation Exodus, Project Renewal, and local use. These funds have been distributed in Israel and other countries, to a significant number of Jewish charities in this country, to both Jewish and non-Jewish charities and organizations in Lexington, and to provide the essential administrative support of our CKJF office.

We can be proud that CKJF has assisted,

*The CKJF Forum Spotlights*  
***Theodore Bikel***

***Sunday Evening, October 6 7:00 p.m.***  
***Singletary Center for the Arts***

*Members of the Jewish Community will have the first opportunity to obtain tickets for their families.  
All tickets are available at no charge. See your next CKJF Bulletin for details.*

*Co-Sponsors:CKJF  
Hadassah  
Ohavay Zion Synagogue  
Temple Adath Israel*

# Bar and Bat Mitzvah

You are invited to join us in worship  
as our daughter  
**Rachel Swan**  
is called to the Torah  
as a Bat Mitzvah  
Saturday, August 3, 1991  
10:00 a.m.  
Ohavay Zion Synagogue

Please celebrate this joyous occasion with us  
at a Kiddush Luncheon following the service.

Marilyn and Doug Edwards

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Elayne, Ralph and Amy Crystal  
invite you to join their family  
for the Bar Mitzvah of

**Jeremy Kenneth**

Saturday, August 10, 1991  
10:30 a.m.  
Temple Adath Israel

Jeremy will symbolically share  
this occasion with  
Abera T. of Ethiopia

Luncheon and dancing  
will follow the services.

With Great Pride and Joy  
Linda and Leon Ravvin  
Invite You to Share in their Simcha  
at the Bar Mitzvah of their Son  
**Michael Edward**  
Saturday, August 17, 1991  
at 10:30 a.m.  
Temple Adath Israel

Kiddush Luncheon following  
the services

Please join us for  
Cocktails and Hors D'Oeuvres  
on Saturday Evening  
Starting at Eight-Thirty

1404 Meganwood Circle  
valet parking available

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Join us in worship as our son,

**David Bayne**

becomes a Bar Mitzvah  
Saturday, August 24, 1991  
10:30 a.m.  
Temple Adath Israel

Please join us  
for a Kiddush Luncheon  
following the service.

Susie and Gil Johnson

## Camp Shalom 1991

Your Federation dollars have again helped to produce another successful year of Camp Shalom. The camp is a CKJF sponsored Jewish day camp for children ages 4 to 8. Camp was held on a farm owned and donated for camp use by Steve Caller, Rob Rosenstein, and Irv Rosenstein.

Led by Camp Director Mark Scarr, Assistant Director Stephen Miller, and Head Counselor Sue Little, the campers embarked on a journey through Jewish History. Week one centered on biblical Jewish history, which included stories of biblical heroes, Jewish trivia games, making wine, making matza and matza covers, along with other traditional camping activities.

Week two covered Diaspora (pre-statehood) and included activities such as making challah, watching videos about Israel, and many field trips. During week three, we explored modern Israel with slides and video tapes of modern Israel, an Israeli luncheon, an overnight, Immigration Day, and a performance for campers' parents where Jewish songs were sung and interesting facts about Israel were discussed.

The camp has provided a wonderful Jewish experience for our children and a focal point for involvement by our community. CKJF would like to thank this year's terrific staff: Mark Scarr, Stephen Miller, Sue Little, Eli Scarr, Andy Leichter, Stephanie Kocen, Adam Miller, Michael Ravvin, Abraham Scarr, Jennifer Silberman, and Andrea Silberman, and Rebecca Miller.

CKJF would also like to thank the following people for their involvement and commitment to Camp Shalom: Steve Caller, Rob Rosenstein, the Camp Shalom Committee, and Sharyn Sharer, Ben Baker, Bryant Evans, Herb Eichensen, and Anna Angelovici. In addition, we would like to thank Temple Adath Israel and Ohavay Zion Synagogue for the generous use of their facilities.

**CKJF acknowledges the gift to Local  
Resettlement of Soviet Jews from David and  
Vivian Weil. Other contributions may be made  
by calling the CKJF office.**

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CKJF apologizes for misspelling Irv Rosenstein's  
name in the previous bulletin.

**CENTRAL KENTUCKY JEWISH  
FEDERATION NEWSLETTER**  
333 Waller Avenue, Suite 5  
Lexington, Kentucky 40504  
Judith Saxe, President  
Linda Ravvin, Executive Director  
Sharyn Sharer, Program Coordinator  
Becca Hamrin, Office Manager  
Member of Council of Jewish Federations

## 1991-1992 CKJF Board of Directors

President:	Judy Saxe
1st Vice-Pres:	David Kaplan
2nd Vice-Pres:	Martin Berk
Secretary:	Austin Cantor
Treasurer:	Cheri Rose
At Large:	Carole Wilson
At Large:	Jo Belin
Ex Officio:	Michael Ades
Sandy Adland	Gloria Katz
Bob Baumann	Judy Levine
Dana Broudy	Susan Mason
Arlene Cohen	Lloyd Mayer
Arthur Frank	Tomas Milch
Marilyn Gall	Susan Miller
Chas Hite	Kim Rosenstein
Marty Kaplan	David Wachtel

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### Committee Chairs 1991-92

#### Community Relations

Bill Leffler David Kaplan

#### Social Services

Carole Wilson Merle Wekstein

#### Community Activities

Judy Levine

#### Campaign

Ernie Cohen - Men's  
Marilyn Gall - Women's

#### Long Range Plan

Michael Ades

#### Budget and Allocations

Bob Baumann

#### Soviet Resettlement

Gail Cohen Rabbi Jon Adland

## Presidents' Messages Con'd

Mike's Message (con'd):

educated, supported, affected, entertained, and touched so many other persons in so many ways.

Naturally, these activities and programs are only possible through the active support, energy, and plain hard work of many of you. Particularly, appreciation and thanks should go to our Committee Chairpersons for this year: Community Activities - Judy Levine, Social Services - Judy Saxe, Community Relations, - David Kaplan and Bill Leffler, Campaign - Ellie Goldman, Budget - Bob Baumann, Resettlement - Gail Cohen and Rabbi Adland. Special thanks are due Nancy Hoffman for her extraordinary services as Treasurer. Linda Ravvin, our Executive Director, and Sharyn Sharer, our Program Coordinator, have served us with professionalism, dedication, and enthusiasm, and have been indispensable in the organization and operation of our many varied activities and programs. Thanks also to the Directors of CKJF for the ideas, commitment, and wisdom.

Finally, thank you for the privilege of allowing me to serve the community.

Michael L. Ades  
President, 1989-91

CKJF would like to thank the following people who have just completed their terms of office on the CKJF Board: Nancy Hoffman, Ellie Goldman, Gail Cohen, Richard Sadove, David Wekstein, and Kathy Stein.

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### Congratulations

Mary Birenbaum was installed as President of Wilderness Road Girl Scout Council which includes Lexington and most of Eastern Kentucky.

## ***Toyota and Nissan Will Sell Cars in Israel; A Major Breakthrough***

The announcements by Toyota Motor Corporation and Nissan that they would begin shipping autos to Israel before then end of the year represent a significant break in Japanese cooperation with the Arab boycott. Significant as well was the source of the news about Toyota. The powerful Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), which for years had denied it gave 'political guidance' to Japanese companies, delivered the startling news to Israeli representatives. The MITI announcement followed a year of ever-increasing protests by segments of the organized Jewish community. Tim Andre, manager of external affairs at Toyota's North American headquarters, told reporters that many Jewish groups had contacted Toyota to express their concern 'that we were in tacit compliance' with the Arab boycott.

Even more threatening was the protest held last April in California by Jews and pro-Israel Christians who picketed the hotel where President Bush was meeting with Prime Minister Kaifu. The pickets carried placards reading "Stop the Boycott." Among those protesting was the president of the Jewish Community center of Orange County.

Toyota's move was described by Paul Blustein of the Tokyo Bureau of the Washington Post as a "major defection" from the ranks of companies refusing to sell their products in Israel. Max Livant, minister for economic affairs at the Israeli Embassy in Tokyo, called the Toyota move a "breakthrough." A Toyota spokesman told Blustein that its decision was based on the recent growth in sales in Israel to about 100,000 autos a year, up from 55,000 in 1985. Blustein also reported that last year Toyota shipped 120,000 cars and trucks to Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states. Worldwide, Toyota produced 4.89 million vehicles last year. Israeli firms have been seeking the Toyota franchise for four years. Last year, the American Toyota firm told its Israeli suitor that it was willing to grant an Israeli franchise but needed the approval of its Japanese parent. The parent company in Japan first refused outright to permit the franchise, but has now given its blessing to the shipment of Toyotas to Israel.

The news about Nissan came from the *Japanese Times*, a Japanese language newspaper. Until recently such newspapers maintained an absolute embargo against any news of Japanese participation in the boycott. The *Japanese Times* reported that Nissan's decision was reached following accusations by Jewish organizations that Japanese companies were participating in the Arab

boycott. In the article, the *Japanese Times* noted parenthetically that Jewish organizations have a great influence on the U.S. political and economic scene.

-American Jewish Congress Boycott Report

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### ***Urgent Notice To All Jewish Communities***

Just recently, Israel rescued 15,000 Jews from war-torn Ethiopia and brought them to safety in Israel. One million Soviet Jews will also immigrate to Israel over the next several years-- the largest migration of Jews in history. This fall, Israel will ask the U.S. government to "guarantee" a loan package - probably in the amount of \$2 billion a year over five years - to assist in their absorption.

Because of the urgency of this issue, community and synagogue leaders across the country are asking their members to participate in a national letter-writing campaign beginning now and lasting through the summer. Please write your Members of Congress to emphasize the urgency of this legislation.

In your letters, emphasize that Israel is asking the U.S. to co-sign a loan, not give her a grant, and that Israel has never defaulted on a loan.

Suggested recipients of letters include, but are not limited to:

Wendell H. Ford 600 Federal Place, Rm. 172-C Louisville, KY 40202	Hal Rogers 216 Poplar Avenue Somerset, KY 42501
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Mitch McConnell 600 Federal Place, Rm. 136-C Louisville, KY 40202	Carroll Hubbard P.O. Box 1457 Henderson, KY 42420
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Carl C. Perkins P.O. Box 127 Ashland, Ky 41105	Larry Hopkins 333 W Vine, Rm. 207 Lexington, KY 40507
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If you would like a copy of a sample letter, contact Becca at the CKJF office, 252-7600.

# Operation Solomon

TEL AVIV (JTA) - In what appears to have been a brilliantly planned and flawlessly executed operation, 14,087 Ethiopian Jews, comprising over 3,000 families, were airlifted from Addis Ababa to Israel within some 36 hours.

Code named "Operation Solomon," the airlift was accomplished in a mere 40 flights, involving dozens of aircraft. At one point, there were 25 aircraft in flight simultaneously. One El Al 747 jumbo jet set a world record by transporting 1087 passengers, two-and-a-half time the normal capacity.

Despite the potential for tumult, error, and disaster, the thousands of Jews were protected, cared for, and then transported without incident or difficulty to waiting planes of the Israeli Air Force, El Al Israel Airlines and the Ethiopian Government, to bring them "on the wings of eagles" to the Promised Land.

In planes without seats, and some without lavatories, they sat on the floor, as they soared from the primitive culture they had known to arrive in only four hours in a modern, industrialized, democratic -Jewish!- state.

In Israel, they were greeted joyously, with over 1,000 aboard the first three planes that touched down at Ben Gurion Airport near Tel Aviv at 5 PM, just before sundown, Friday, May 24.

During the course of the exodus, two planes landed via Eastern Europe with Jews from the Soviet Union, as part of another remarkable aliyah that is far from commonplace.

Once the 40 flights of Operation Solomon had landed at Ben Gurion Airport, the long and daunting process of absorbing the Ethiopian Jews began.

Some 300 buses operated by the Jewish Agency for Israel transported the new immigrants directly to 45 hotels, guest houses, and mobile homes throughout the country.

In Israel, as in Ethiopia, the Jewish Agency and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee worked with meticulous coordination to provide for the needs of the Ethiopian Jews and to help make the evacuation succeed. And in the U.S., even as the airlift continued, the United Jewish Appeal was working with the Jewish federations, and others to begin to meet the enormous fund raising challenge.

The United Jewish Appeal announced that \$40 million in cash would be needed by June 15, 1991 as part of a fund raising goal of at least \$130 million to provide for the Ethiopian Jews through their first year in Israel.

"At long last, the Jews of Ethiopia are in Israel with their families," said Jewish Agency Chairman Simcha Dinitz after the last of the planes used for Operation Solomon had landed. "Another chapter in the history of Diaspora Jewry is closed."

But for those who were reunited with relatives, the next chapter was just beginning.





## Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education

Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York  
August 18 - 22, 1991

Pre-Conference: August 15 - 18

CAJE 16 will provide many opportunities to address critical issues facing Jewish education as we enter the 90's, with its atmosphere of dramatic world changes.

Some of the topics which will be addressed in our workshops are:

- \* Teacher Empowerment \* Leadership Development \*
- \* Lay/Professional Interaction \* \* Administrative Excellence \*
- \* Professionalizing Jewish Education \*
- \* Judeo Ethics and the American Way \*
- \* The Educator's Imperative in Teaching about Israel \*

For more information, call the CKJF office  
252-7600 or 252-7622

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## National United Jewish Appeal Mission to Israel for Dentists & Physicians

Sunday, October 27 - Wednesday, November 6, 1991

Courses on the cutting edge  
of medicine and medical technology -  
12 CME Credits available

Mission Price: \$2200

For more information contact:  
the CKJF office at 252-7600  
or 252-7622; or Steve Caller at  
266-1314

## Single Scene to Celebrate Labor Day Weekend in Cincinnati

You are cordially invited to attend Single Scene weekend. The weekend will be filled with fun and entertainment galore. Come and join our congenial group. We prefer you be thirty-eight years of age or older. We promise you will meet from people from all over the U.S. and Canada.

- \* Visit to the Natural History Museum and Omnimax \*
- \* Lacomedia Dinner Theatre \*
- \* Massage Therapy (Xtra charge) \*
- \* Astrological Sessions (Xtra charge) \*

Expenses for the weekend will be  
\$180 Enrollment Fee  
plus Hotel Room Cost  
Please mail reservation request  
and check by August 17

Suggested is the Harley Hotel  
8020 Montgomery Road  
(513) 793-4300  
\$59 per room up to four people

For more information, call the CKJF office  
or Chas Hite at 266-0246

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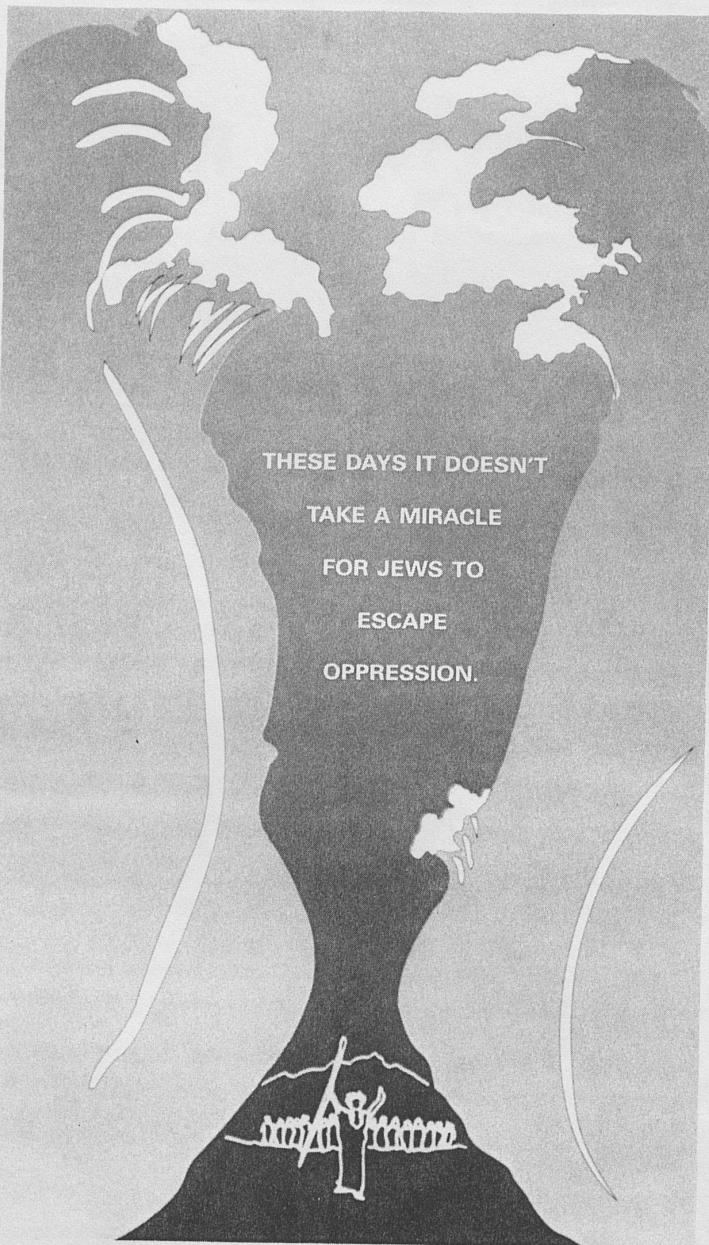
## Discovery '91 UJA's Midwest Mission to Israel October 6 - 15, 1991

COST \$ 2200.00

\*\*\* Hotel Accommodations \*\*\*  
Dan Panorama - Tel Aviv  
Laromme - Jerusalem  
Ramot Kibbutz Guest House - Galilee

Participants who do not meet \$1500 minimum gift eligibility  
may travel for full cost. Subsidy may be available to reduce cost.

For more Information, Contact CKJF office at  
252-7600 or 252-7622;  
or Steve Caller at 266-1314.



**IT TAKES MONEY.**

14,200 **Ethiopian Jews** flew over the Red Sea in the secret airlift to Israel.

Tens of thousands of **Soviet Jews** are crossing the great divide from anti-Semitism to the Jewish homeland. None of this is possible without your help.

Your gift to **Operation Exodus** fuels the freedom flights to Israel. And your gift turns an exodus into a homecoming.

So please be generous. Cash is urgently needed.  
Your contribution will create miraculous results.

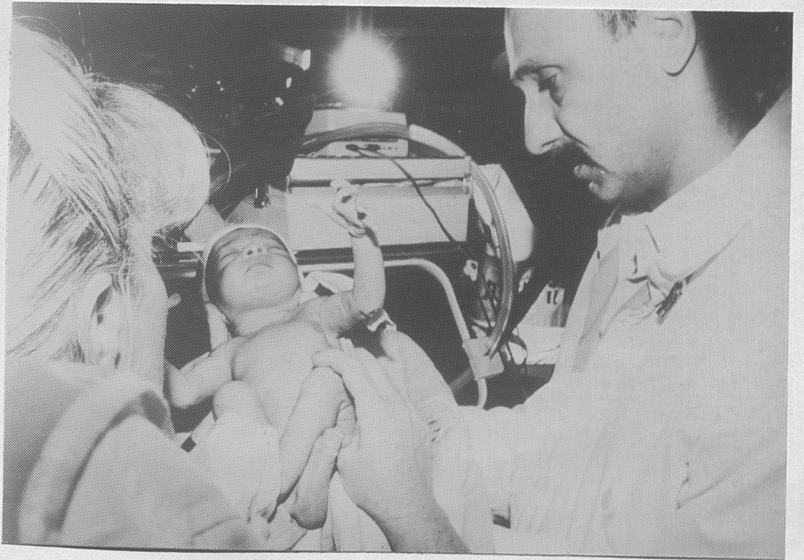
Please make your contributions as quickly as possible. Send your check for your regular CKJFUJA pledge and your Operation Exodus pledge to:  
Central Kentucky Jewish Federation  
333 Waller Suite 5  
Lex., Ky 40504-2901



**BUILDING HIS NEW COUNTRY**—Leonid Olevsky, a civil engineer from the Ukraine, is helping construct housing for immigrants in Netivot. The UJA/Federation emergency cash effort is providing crucial funds for the aliyah of hundreds of thousands of Soviet Jews.

Photo Credit: UJA Press Service Photo by Richard Lobell

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**New Israelis**—A Soviet Jew reaches out to a young Ethiopian Jew at Israel's Ben-Gurion Airport. Both arrived in Israel thanks to UJA.

—UJA Press Service Photo/Richard Lobell

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## August Calendar of Events

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| 3 Rachel Swan<br>Bat Mitzvah-OZS     | 18 TAI Sisterhood Board<br>Leadership Program |
| 6 OZS and TAI Board Meetings         | 21 CKJF Board Meeting<br>Board Orientation    |
| 10 Jeremy Crystal<br>Bar Mitzvah-TAI | 24 David Johnson<br>Bar Mitzvah-TAI           |
| 17 Michael Ravvin<br>Bar Mitzvah-TAI | 25 OZS Sisterhood<br>Newcomer Event           |
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Dear Members of the Jewish Community,

I would like to introduce myself as the newly employed office manager for the CKJF. My name is Becca Hamrin, and I began working for the Federation at the end of May.

I am a student at the University of Kentucky in English Education, and I also enjoy accounting and computer science. I teach Suzuki flute privately, and I play and sing folk music with a classical guitarist.

If there is anything that I can help you with regarding Jewish life in Lexington, from emergency aid to donating goods for the newly arrived Soviet-American Jews, please feel free to call me at the CKJF office, 252-7622 or 252-7600.



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