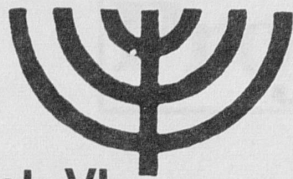


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## **Federation in action**

On Sunday morning, April 4, at 9:00 a.m., 12 CKJA Board members were whisked away from the Temple parking lot for the first CKJA Board Retreat. With us for the day were Norbert Fruehauf, Executive Director of the Jewish Community Federation of Louisville, and Beryl Weinstein, former President of the Jewish Community Federation of Dabury, Conn. Both guests were extremely helpful to us as we moved through our six-hour agenda.

We spent the morning defining: (1) the values and tasks of a small city Jewish Federation; (2) the significance of the American Jewish community to individuals, to the United States and to Israel; (3) the development of the Council of Jewish Federations, its present resources and their accessibility to us.

In the afternoon we focused on leadership development programs, a necessity for strengthening our Jewish Community, and developed a frame of reference for planning a young leadership program. We also spent some time learning how to evaluate our present programs/activities and were introduced to "Guidelines for Excellence for Small City Federations."

It was a good day - productive, stimulating, reinforcing our identity as Jews and enhancing our cohesiveness as Board members of CKJA. Each of us came away with an increased self-image of ourselves, CKJA, our community and our commitment to Israel.

We will have other Board retreats . . . as we move into the business of improving the quality of Jewish life in Central Kentucky . . . we will need the time to renew our commitment to CKJA objectives and methods of operation. It was good to look at the issues facing us as a community in an objective light. The monthly Board and committee meetings are consumed with the day-to-day operation of the organization. How refreshing to take a day or so a year to establish objectives and priorities by which to guide our decision making for the year!

Sue Friedman



THIS IS BOBBI

"Hi Bobbie. This is Phyllis. Did you call me?"

"Yes, I called to thank you for sending your Hadassah Donor in."

"That's very thoughtful. I couldn't imagine why you called. I know you are CKJA co-chairmen for Russian Resettlement. I thought maybe a new family might be coming."

"Not today. But, as long as I have you on the phone, how about putting your family on the Adath Israel Sisterhood Birthday Calendar?"

"Later maybe. But, as long as I have you on the phone, will you come by and pick up some clothes for Nearly New?"

"Sure! But, it will be later. I have to substitute drive for Meals on Wheels at noon, and after that I have a University Hospital Auxillary meeting."

"Gosh, Bobbie - Lexington is really lucky to have you! Thank you from all of us. I hereby proclaim you CKJA Volunteer Citizen of the Month!"

And Bobbie, you forgot to mention you are also on the CKJA Camp Shalom Committee. The kids say thank you too!"

★ Thank you ★

HATIKVAH - 1982

Once again UJA is sponsoring a National Singles Mission to Israel, July 18 to 28th, 1982. This is a fabulous opportunity for 450 men and women ages 25 to 40 to "walk the land and come to know the people of Israel."

In a UJA mission "You will encounter a unique people creating history - touch their lives - enrich your own AND in that encounter you will discover yourself."

This journey includes a Bonfire and Barbeque on the beach at Tel Aviv, and on this mission you will fly in an Air Force jet to Ramon, have lunch with Israeli soldiers and spend the night at Masada in a tent and sleeping bag supplied by the Israeli Army.

Interested? Tempted? Anxious to participate? Call our CKJA office for more information, 277-8048.

# Project Renewal

Project Renewal is a joint effort of the Israeli government and the Jewish communities of the diaspora to rehabilitate 69 depressed neighborhoods in Israel. The twinning of Lexington and Louisville with the Selah neighborhood of Netanya provides an opportunity for our communities to forge direct relationships with the residents of Selah. Project Renewal requires citizen participation on both sides.

Project Renewal funds are maintained separately from all other funds contributed through the UJA and the Jewish Agency and are released only upon express approval of the joint Louisville-Lexington Project Renewal Steering Committee.

On March 24th and 25th, a delegation of six people (five from Louisville, and Gloria Katz from Lexington) traveled to Israel to meet with the residents of Sela and representatives of the Jewish Agency.

A neighborhood steering committee was composed of 50% residents of Netanya Selah and 50% of professionals from the municipality, government ministries, and from the Jewish Agency who represent our interests. Several times each year delegations from Kentucky will visit Selah to jointly review proposed plans, budgets, and progress on specific approved projects.

The project is directed by a Project Manager, a neighborhood resident, whose salary is paid by the government.

The neighborhood steering committee has subcommittees in areas such as Early Childhood, Youth, Formal and Informal Education, Employment, Health, Aging, Religion, Community Welfare and Adult Education and Culture.

Residents and professionals have worked together to identify the needs in each of these areas and to set priorities, and to develop program proposals. More than 100 people took two full days as part of the neighborhood planning process to wrestle with the difficult task of setting priorities among all of the different areas.

## Partnership For The Eighties

The delegation which had been authorized to approve expenditures in the amount of \$480,000.00 thorough March 31, 1983, approved allocations for the following proposals:

EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMITTEE:

Proposed activities for parents of infants and young children.  
Proposed activities for the infants and young children.  
Proposed renovating two existing bomb shelters for use in these programs.

YOUTH COMMITTEE:

Proposed after-school cultural and sports activities for elementary school age children.  
Proposed 5 day per week activities for students in grades 9 through 12.  
Proposed a summer camp program.  
Proposed a youth leadership program.  
Proposed renovating an existing building for use as a gymnasium.

ELDERLY COMMITTEE:

Proposed a day care service for those elderly able to come to a center.  
Proposed home care service for those elderly not able to come to a center.  
Proposed a dental health program.  
Proposed the construction of a center for the elderly. (At present the elderly share a building with the youth.)

COMMUNITY WELFARE AND CULTURE FOR ADULTS COMMITTEE:

Proposed an enrichment program to provide cultural activities for adults.  
Proposed a community theatre.  
Proposed a dance group.  
Proposed a community newspaper.  
Proposed a Goodwill Rental Center.  
Proposed religious adult education.

EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE:

Proposed work-groups to provide on-job training in the field of gardening and day care work.

\* The reason the gardening project was selected is that this is one that can be taught rather quickly, and once the proposed park is completed, it is hoped the city will give this group the contract for the maintenance of the park.

HEALTH COMMITTEE:

Proposed extermination of rodents.  
Proposed a dental health program.  
Proposed a public health education program.  
Proposed the renovating and expansion of the existing health center.

RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE:

Proposed religious education for pre-school age children.  
Proposed Hebrew School for boys.  
Proposed a course of study to teach young men to prepare bodies for burial.  
Proposed the construction of a Mikvah.  
Proposed a course of study to teach young men to be cantors.  
Proposed a children's choir.  
Proposed the renovation and expansion of one of the Synagogues.  
Proposed the completion of a partially finished synagogue attached to the religious high school.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Proposed an expanded school day.

Proposed the purchase of scientific and audio-visual equipment for the schools.

Proposed a community library.

Proposed a tutoring program.

Proposed study programs to be followed up with cultural events outside the neighborhood.

PHYSICAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE:

In addition to the physical projects mentioned in conjunction with the above committees, the following are proposed:

Establish a park for the entire neighborhood.

Improve housing conditions.

Bring sub-structures up to standard.

Beautify the area.

In addition the following materials are requested from the neighborhood steering committee:

- 1.) A map of the neighborhood detailing each structure and designating the physical project to be funded by Project Renewal.
- 2.) Plans of each physical project along with photos of the site's present condition.
- 3.) Monthly reports from neighborhood in addition to regular JAFI quarterly reports.
- 4.) Names of children in the neighborhood for the purpose of establishing a pen-pal program.
- 5.) Updated detailed approved budget.

The Israeli government, which shares a commitment to Project Renewal has been working for the past year and a half on renovations of several apartment blocks in Selah. Pipes have been replaced, entrances and stairwells renovated, apartments enlarged, and porches enclosed.

During the visit of the joint Lexington-Louisville committee, work was begun on the neighborhood park. Designed to separate the neighborhood from the major Tel Aviv-Haifa highway, the park is a cornerstone project for Project Renewal and Selah. The park will provide a central meeting place, a basketball and soccer court with night lighting, and, perhaps most importantly, will be landscaped by the first "work group" of young adults who are neighborhood residents trained by the Ministry of Labor and undertaking their first professional assignment. The park will also include a greenhouse which will be run by a second work group and will provide a connection between the park and the neighborhood elementary school grounds.

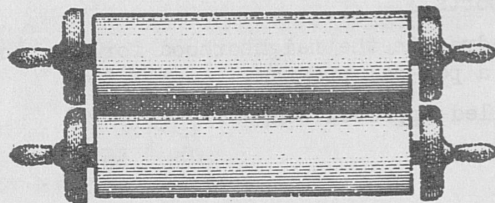
A number of Lexington residents have visited Selah in the past year. We encourage anyone visiting Israel privately or with an organized tour to contact the CKJA office so that arrangements can be made for a special visit to the neighborhood. Senator Walter (Dee) Huddleston, is traveling to Israel in early June and Selah is included on his itinerary.

Additional details concerning the budget or particular projects are available from the Co-chairmen for Project Renewal in Lexington: Arthur Salomon and Ellie Goldman; or from the CKJA Community Worker, Judy Saxe. Specific projects can be earmarked for individuals or organizations or named as memorials or tributes.

Pledges to Project Renewal are payable over a five-year period. If you have not already done so, please consider a pledge to Project Renewal now of at least the equivalent of a one year pledge to the regular Campaign.



For all, we are the bridge  
between years of terror and persecution  
and new lives in freedom;  
between the agony of Jewishness denied  
and the joy of renewed Jewish identity.



### **NCJW worker in Selah receives award from UJA**

Yehudit Ninio, director of Natanya-Selah's Etgar program for mothers and preschool children, received an award for outstanding leadership from the National Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal.

The Etgar program, developed by the National Council of Jewish Women, trains neighborhood residents as paraprofessionals who give semi-educated mothers the knowledge and skills to help their children with school work so that they are not excluded from the educational experience of their families. It also provides assistance to new mothers.

From A Satisfied Customer -  
Dear friends, I hope you can go  
to camp shalom with me. It is at Waveland  
from June 14 - July 2. We had fun last year.  
my favorite thing was the sleep over,  
we got to sit by the fire and sing  
Songs. It's a big place. If you have any  
gueschens please call my mom, Nancy  
Hoffman 266-2380 Love, Benjamin.

DID YOU KNOW THAT IN LEXINGTON:

Four holiday parties - Succos, Chanukah, Purim, and Passover - were held under the auspices of the Central Kentucky Jewish Association. These parties, serving approximately 30 children ages 3-5, offered games, music, crafts, and food particular to the holiday being celebrated. We look forward to more parties next year and hope that parents will plan to bring their children of pre-school age.

Joan Flashman  
Kitsy Newburg  
Co-ordinators, Pre-school Parties

THANK YOU ALL

FORUM SERIES WRAP-UP

As a wrap-up for the CKJA 1981-82 Forum Series let's give a pat-on-the-back to chairpersons Susan Gerstel and Harriett Cooper; good show ladies! Musically we were tuned-in and turned-on by Giora Feidman, one of the finest clarinetists in the world today, and Cantor Sarah Sager who gave us such a memorable musical experience.

Max Dimont was a most interesting and provocative lecturer and Thelma Ruby and Peter Frye gave us an evening we will count as glorious and rewarding in "Stars In Your Eyes - A Portrait of Golda Meir."

Ken Germain received a glowing thank you note from Thelma . . . "nobody will ever quite match the gang in Lexington . . . please accept our most grateful thanks . . . Sincerely, Thelma." Our words exactly - Forum organizers, grateful thanks.

INDEPENDENCE DAY 34

Israel Independence Day 34 is history now. It will be chronicled as fun for all who attended - food for feasting and food for thought. Levy Rabinowitz and all who assisted him deserve the Hebrew accolade - Hazak V'Ematz! What better way to spend a Sunday than a celebration of a happy and historic occasion? We all look forward to Independence Day 35. We yearn to celebrate in Peace.

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#### BELIN BAT MITZVAH

On Friday evening, June 11, 1982, at eight o'clock in the evening, our daughter Ruth Marie will lead the services at Ohavay Zion Synagogue in honor of her Bat Mitzvah.

It would give us great pleasure to have our friends join us for the services and Oneg Shabbat immediately following.

Jo and Bob Belin

#### In The Know

##### June

- 1 - Board Meetings - 8:00 p.m. - Temple Adath Israel and Ohavay Zion Synagogue
- 11 - Ruth Belin - Bat Mitzvah - Ohavay Zion Synagogue
- 23 - CKJA Board Meeting - 8:00 p.m. - Ohavay Zion Synagogue

##### July

- 6 - Board Meetings - 8:00 p.m. - Temple Adath Israel and Ohavay Zion Synagogue

##### August

- 3 - Board Meetings - 8:00 p.m. - Temple Adath Israel and Ohavay Zion Synagogue
- 25 - CKJA Board Meeting - 8:00 p.m. - Ohavay Zion Synagogue