



# Central Kentucky Jewish Federation

VOL. X

DECEMBER 1987

NO. 9

## We Took a Message to Gorbachev

Dec. 6: Washington Mobilization  
for Soviet Jewry

.....by Judy Baumann

We were there! The Lexington contingent represented the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation at the largest rally of American Jews ever assembled in Washington D.C.! Chas Hite, Ellen Silverstein, Mark Ingerman, Dana Osser Monahan, Judy and Natalie Saxe, Gail and Ernie Cohen, and I, Judy Baumann, assembled with about 60 Louisvillians at the KENTUCKY sign.

Joining us were Ken and Lois Germain and their sons, who are on sabbatical there. Marching with their own contingents from universities, Young Judaea or their new hometowns were Lexingtonians Barbara Baumann, Michele Mayer, Tammy Fitzpatrick, Alex and Sara Charney Cohen, Beth Levine, Jonathan Miller, Polly Goldman and her husband Bruce Feist, Leslie Levy Mirchin and her husband David.

Also there from Lexington was Michael and Vicki Doukas and their children.

It was exciting to see banners from places like Hawaii, Alaska and Colorado and of organizations such as Hadassah and B'nai B'rith! Numerous people from large Jewish communities told us how pleased they were that we had come from Lexington.



A sense of unity and great pride was apparent as 200,000 people from across America -- representing almost every state, Canada and other countries marched together with dignity and determination for the cause of Soviet Jewry. It took over an hour to walk from our assembly area at the Ellipse, behind the White House, to the Mall in front of the Capitol.

There, for two and a half hours, speakers representing major Christian groups, committees for Soviet Jewry, the U.S. Congress and countless other groups held the crowd's attention. They spoke of human rights, American freedom, Glasnost, brain drain and of their commitment to promoting the free emigration of Soviet Jews.

continued ..... on page 2

## Mobilization, continued

We joined in as Pearl Bailey sang "Let My People Go", and Mary Travers and Peter Yarrow sang their well known song of protest on behalf of Soviet Jewry, "Light One Candle." Additional folksongs of peace and human rights were interspersed between the speakers. Former refuseniks, among them Yosef Mendelevich, Yuli Edelshstein, Ida Nudel, and Natan Sharansky addressed the crowd and lit the candles of a large menorah, as we tied in the upcoming holiday of Chanukah to the refuseniks desire for their religious freedom.

Moshe Arad, the Israeli Consul General, spoke of the unbreakable alliance between our two countries and that "together we shall prevail." Vice President George Bush spoke of the American heritage of freedom and of our values in regard to human rights; that "never again can we remain silent about the abuse of human beings ... if we're not courageous enough to stand up for these values, who will?" Natan Sharansky, impressed by this outpouring of concern by Jews and non-Jews, announced that "every day we do not struggle for freedom for Soviet Jews, we lose our own freedom to do so."

Ed Koch, representing the U.S. Conference of Mayors, proclaimed that there is no Glasnost when it comes to political prisoners and that we need to hold the Soviet Union accountable.

For Elie Wiesel this was a day of pride as well as one of Melancholy -- it took 20 years for all of us to be there. "It is clear," he said, "that if there had been this kind of demonstration in 1942, 1943, and 1944, millions would have been saved ... we are not silent now ... peace and human rights are inseparable; there is linkage between them. Mr. Gorbachev, you must prove to us that you are worthy. Some Jews are more famous than others, but all are worthy of redemption."

What an incredible experience! Our Summit Rally made the front pages of American and European newspapers, as did the rally of 50 refuseniks in Moscow. There, Soviet police broke up the demonstration. In Washington D.C. we came together in peace for the cause of human rights. We were part of history!

## CAMPAIGN '88 TAKES OFF With Two Outstanding Events

Over seventy people "took off" into an evening of fantasy on December 6th when CKJF sponsored again the Guardians of Zion dinner. This year's dinner for contributors of at least \$1200 took place in a suite in the focal point of downtown Lexington, the Financial Center. But Guardians guests must have felt they were soaring above the clouds thanks to the outstanding decorating efforts of Robert Cloyd and his staff.

**Senator Mitch McConnell** was the honored guest of the Federation as he spoke on the close relationship of Israel and the United States and the current state of the Middle East as well as the issue of Freedom for Soviet Jews.

This year's dinner was once again chaired by **Arlene Cohen** who never ceases to let her creativity flow to the delight of all participants.

Fifty-four people initiated the 1988 CKJF-UJA Campaign with pledges of nearly \$140,000.

Women's Division honored the "Pacesetters" of the 1988 Women's Campaign with a memorable dinner and meeting on December 9th. This year's dinner was chaired by Marilyn Gall. Seventeen women were present when **Ellen Cannon** gave a "Jewish Perspective on the Events of Our Time." Ms. Cannon, a dynamic example of Jewish women shaping destiny, covered a wide range of topics including Soviet Jewry, Ethiopian Jews, the American political scene and candidates for election, and JAP baiting.

She was such an excellent speaker and had so much information to share that people were reluctant to leave following the formal presentation.

The Pacesetters dinner, for women pledging a minimum of \$600, added \$6100 to the already tabulated figures from the Guardians of Zion dinner.

If you missed these events but want to be a Guardian or a Pacesetter please contact David Rose for Men's Division (266-9542) or Ellie Goldman for Women's Division (269-6049).

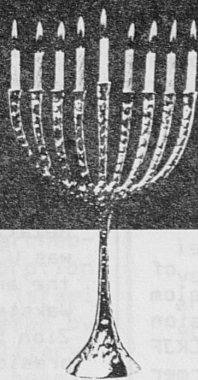


PHOTO: ALAN ADEES

Refuseniks Lev and Marina Furman — Leningrad, USSR

**This Chanukah,  
let us kindle the lights for Soviet Jews.  
Let us at the same time assist all Jews in need  
through our UJA/Federation Campaign.**

**A strong Israel  
and a united Jewish community  
will help insure a bright Jewish future.**



Please pay  
your 1987 pledge  
**TODAY!**

and

Please support  
the 1988  
CKJF-UJA Campaign.



Prepared by the National United Jewish Appeal as a Jewish lifeline partnership service for American Jewish communities.

## ANNUAL MEETING YIELDS CANDIDATES FOR FEDERATION BOARD

The 10th Anniversary of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation was observed at its Annual Meeting on November 30th. CKJF President Gail Cohen and Administrator Linda Ravvin reported on their recent trip to the Council of Jewish Federations General Assembly.

Committee Chairpersons reported on the year's events, and Nominating Committee Chair Vinnie Dubilier presented the nominations for positions on the CKJF Board of Directors. Other Nominating Committee members included Mike Ades, David Kaplan, Gloria Katz, Cheri Rose and Simone Salomon.

Directors are elected by a mail-in ballot which should be in the mail to the CKJF membership by the time of this bulletin's publishing.

The candidates for three-year terms on the CKJF Board of Directors are:

**Ruth Baker**, a lifelong resident of Lexington and member of Temple Adath Israel. She served for two years as Temple Sisterhood President and on the Temple Board of Directors. She is currently a Temple Sisterhood board member, chairman of Operation-Fingerprint, and a board member of People Against Child Exploitation. She is also working with a committee investigating a hands-on museum in Lexington.

**Arlene Cohen** is a member of Ohavay Zion Synagogue and a former board member. She is a member of Ohavay Zion Sisterhood and a life member of Hadassah. She has been very active in the CKJF-UJA Campaigns for the past few years, chairing for the second year the Guardians of Zion Dinner. As well as being on the mother's committee at the Lexington School, Arlene is active on a community project to establish a teen center in Lexington.

**Gail Cohen**, the current president of CKJF, is a former chair of the Camp Shalom Committee, the CKJF Women's Division Campaigns (1982 and 1983), and the CKJF Campaign Committee (1986). A former co-chair of the CRC subcommittee on Distressed Jewry, Mrs. Cohen remains active in the concerns of Soviet Jewry. She is a past president of the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah and the Central States Region of Hadassah, and is currently chair of the Central States Hadassah Zionist Youth Commission. She is a member of the National Board of Hadassah. Gail is a member of Ohavay Zion Synagogue and the Lexington Havurah.

**Nancy Hoffman** is presently a CKJF board member and was chair of the 1986 CKJF Women's Division Campaign. She has served on the boards of Hadassah and Temple Adath Israel Sisterhood, and presently serves on the board of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Mrs. Hoffman is a former chair of the Camp Shalom Committee and co-chair of CKJF's Leadership Development Program, Interact I. She is a member of Ohavay Zion Synagogue and Temple Adath Israel and has a Master's Degree in Public Administration.

**Martin Luftman** is a husband, father, soccer coach and plastic surgeon. In 1986 he served as president of the Kentucky Society of Plastic Surgeons and continues to be involved in local and national committees. Dr. Luftman would like to help CKJF continue as a bridge among the various Jewish interests in our community.

**Judy Saxe**, a 25 year resident of Lexington, is currently Central States Region President of Hadassah. She is a member and past-president of the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah; a founding member of the Lexington Havurah; a member of Ohavay Zion Synagogue and currently Sisterhood representative to the Religious Committee; and coordinator of the 1986 and 1987 Women's Plea for Soviet Jewry. She worked as CKJF Administrator from 1981-1986 and has participated in several programs for the National Conference of Christians and Jews, including being a facilitator of a Christian-Jewish dialogue group.

**David Wekstein**, a Lexington resident for 25 years, is currently the Associate Director of the Sanders-Brown Center on Aging and a Professor of Physiology at U.K. He was a member of the CKJF Board from 1976 to 1985, served as its president from 1978-80 and chaired the Community Relations Committee from 1981-1983. He was UJA Treasurer from 1964-70 and chaired the annual campaign in 1972 and 1973. Dr. Wekstein is a past president of Ohavay Zion Synagogue and a founding member, past president and present treasurer of the Lexington Havurah.

**Mark Wides**, a lifelong resident of Lexington, is a member of Temple Adath Israel and its Brotherhood. A member of B'nai B'rith, Mr. Wides is on the Allocations Committee for the United Way, a board member of the Door and Hardware Institute, and a past president of Downtown Lions Club. The contract manager for Wides Materials Company, Mark will co-chair the 1988 CKJF-UJA Super Sunday.

# MISSION PASSPORT

Now is the time to make serious plans to be part of one of the United Jewish Appeal Missions to Israel. Check the one of most interest to you, return this page to the CKJF office, and our Missions Chair Steven Caller will contact you with the vital information needed to get you going.

## **Feb. 1-11, 1988 - Winter Singles Mission**

See ancient and contemporary history blend together; meet leaders of industry, government and the military; share the success of Youth Aliyah, immigrant absorption, Project Renewal and rural settlement; feel the strengths of the modern Jewish State. Cost of \$1700 for double occupancy includes round-trip airfare from New York, 9 nights, 8 dinners, 7 lunches, and 10 days touring with specially trained guides. Minimum commitment to CKJF-UJA Campaign: \$500.

## **Mar. 13-23, 1988 - Mature Singles Mission**

Same as Winter Singles Mission for single adults ages 35-55 exclusively. The cost is \$1900 for double occupancy. Minimum commitment to CKJF-UJA Campaign: \$500.

## **Apr. 17-27, 1988 - Yom Ha'atzmaut Outreach Mission**

Share the unique experience of a lifetime: Israel's 40th Anniversary! Based primarily in Jerusalem, this mission will delve beneath Jerusalem's surface in an archeological venture; visit an absorption center, stay at a kibbutz; tour an Israel Defense Forces installation; be briefed by leaders in government, industry, military, business and education; enjoy home hospitality; and partake in guided tours of Israel's classic attractions. Cost is \$2100 with a minimum gift requirement of \$500 per person.

A similar mission is planned for **March 13-23** for those making a minimum gift of \$1000 to the CKJF-UJA Campaign. This mission costs \$1750 and offers a possible \$500 subsidy from UJA.

## **June 19-29 or July 10-20, 1988 - Summer Family Mission**

Enjoy the wonders of Israel with your entire family; participate in a Bar/Bat Mitzvah atop Masada; meet face-to-face with Sabras and recent Olim; enjoy home hospitality; travel from Tel Aviv to the Golan and on to Jerusalem; attend Oneg Shabbat at the Western Wall; participate in an archeological seminar; and tube float down the Jordan River.

Costs range from \$3640 for one adult and one child in one room to \$10,908 for two adults and four children in three rooms. Mission features include round trip airfare from New York; five star hotels and kibbutzim; touring with UJA trained guides; transportation on modern, air conditioned tour buses; and special youth programming led by trained counselors.

The deadline for applications is fast approaching. Join in with other Central Kentucky families for this unique experience.

## **June 1988 - CKJF Mission to Israel**

Enjoy all the features of a UJA Family Mission with adult members of the Central Kentucky Jewish community. This mission, also under the auspices of UJA, will coincide closely with the June UJA Family Mission so activities can be related.

Be part of the early planning phase for this long awaited opportunity by contacting Steven or Susan Caller directly at 266-1314.

## **July 11-31, 1988 - Lehava III**

UJA's Third Assembly of Israeli and Diaspora Jewish youth. Participants must have been to Israel already and must also be willing to devote time to substantive issues of Jewish concern. For three weeks you'll visit the country, see the sights and spend lots of time with Israeli youth your own age.

Get to know Israel through the minds of insiders. Observe ancient customs and folklore while visiting a traditional Druse village. Ascend the heights of Masada at sunrise.

Cost is \$1600 per person. Applicants must have completed 10th, 11th or 12th grades by June.

Subsidies for UJA Missions may be available to you through CKJF.

## CKJF Speakers Bureau

The CKJF Speakers Bureau, under the auspices of the Community Relations Committee, is providing speakers for schools and church groups in Central Kentucky. In recent months, volunteers from the Jewish community have given talks on subjects ranging from "Judiasm at the time of the the founding of Christianity" to "Life in Israel today" to "Jewish holiday celebrations." Among the places at which CKJF volunteers have spoken are classes at Tates Creek High School and Mary Queen School, a convocation at Sue Bennett College in London, Kentucky, and church groups in Frankfort and Lexington.

We have also distributed numerous copies of the video tape "And I was There." This award winning television documentary is about the Holocaust and features Kentucky citizens who relate their experiences as survivors and liberators of concentration camps. In some instances a speaker has led a discussion after the tape was shown.

This community service is free of charge and has been well received. Members of the Jewish community are urged to keep the Speakers Bureau in mind when they are asked by neighbors, teachers and friends to provide information about Jewish holidays or customs, Israel, various aspects of Judaism, etc. Also, if YOU have some expertise or interest in speaking on a certain topic, please call the Federation office at 252-7622.

## Camp Shalom 1988

The CKJF Camp Shalom Committee, chaired by Cheri Rose and co-chaired by Ginny Luftman, has already met and started gearing up for another wonderful camp experience for area Jewish youth ages 4 through 9.

You may contribute your ideas and talents by getting in on the beginning of an outstanding camp season. Interested persons should contact the CKJF office (252-7622) for more information.

## NJCRAC Plenum Set for February in Los Angeles

The forthcoming National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC) Plenum promises provocative speakers, exceptional programs and extraordinary opportunities for debate and dialogue ... not to mention the sunny climate and environs of Los Angeles.

The Plenum provides the opportunity to debate leading authorities on domestic and international issues, as well as NJCRAC's own experts on a myriad of topics. But even more important, the Plenum, NJCRAC's highest policy making body, provides a unique opportunity for the leadership of the Jewish community relations field to debate the key issues among themselves.

Program topics include:

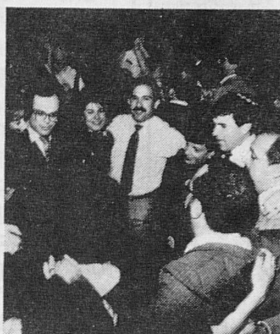
- \* Religious Pluralism in Israel: The Diaspora and Israel at the Crossroads?
- \* A New Look at the American Electorate and Its Implications for the 988 Presidential Election
- \* Soviet Jewry After the Summit: Strategic Options
- \* The Changing Equation in the Middle East: New Perspectives on the Arab-Israel Conflict
- \* Is There a Solution to the Problem of Poverty in America?
- \* The Bill of Rights and the Supreme Court into the 1990s
- \* The Shoah, Anti-Semitism and Christianity
- \* Why Is Anti-Semitism at a Low Ebb -- Or Is It?
- \* AIDS -- What Should be the Role of the Jewish Community Relations Field?
- \* Prospects for Change in South Africa: What Can Be Done?
- \* Women Who Elect to Have Children: Are there Limits to their Rights and Choices?
- \* Changing Protestant/Jewish Relations: Are We at a Turning Point?

Anyone interested in participating in this outstanding opportunity, **February 14-17, 1988 at the Los Angeles Hilton Hotel**, should contact CKJF Community Relations Committee Chair Phil Berger at 277-0997 or call the CKJF office (252-7622) and talk with Administrator Linda Ravvin.

# Will you be...

in our Nation's capitol during this Presidential election year as part of the United Jewish Appeal's **SIXTH NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**, March 13—15 1988? More than 3,000 young Jewish leaders representing over one hundred communities throughout the United States will. Register Now!

*part of UJA's  
celebration  
of Israel's 40th  
Anniversary*



*in attendance at  
briefings by leading  
Senators,  
Congressmen,  
White House and  
State Department  
Officials*



*involved in  
dialogue  
on critical issues*

**6th NATIONAL UJA  
YOUNG LEADERSHIP  
CONFERENCE  
Washington, D.C.  
March 13—15, 1988**



*meeting with your  
own Senators  
and Congressmen*

Mail this form to or call: CKJF  
333 Waller Ave., Suite 5  
Lexington, KY 40504  
606-252-7622

- Yes, I'm interested in the 6th NATIONAL UJA YOUNG LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE.  
Please send me further information.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

## Soviets Outline Middle East Views

The following is reprinted from the Near East Report, Nov. 2, 1987.

Secretary of State George Shultz reportedly took "new ideas" from Israel with him to the Soviet Union in October, including a proposal for Washington and Moscow alone -- rather than all five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council -- to convene talks between Israel and a Jordanian-Palestinian Arab delegation.

Meanwhile, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, while repeating his desire for better relations with the Soviets, reiterated Jerusalem's call that Moscow must reestablish full diplomatic relations with it and permit greatly increased Soviet Jewish emigration.

Soviet officials in Washington recently outlined their views to NER. The point was made several times that although any Middle East conference which might take place should not veto agreements reached in bilateral talks between Israel and Arab interlocutors, it should have the power to "endorse" them.

"We have explained our position" to the State Department, a Soviet official said. "Although we speak of the Arab-Israeli conflict, it is not bilateral." There are several Arab sides, "and the question of Palestine is a highly emotional issue"; it is "the crux" of the problem, he insisted. Therefore, such matters should be approached "collectively."

"Separate deals," such as the Egyptian-Israeli peace, should be shunned, since they "caused antagonism" for those parties not included. A Jordanian-Israeli settlement, without resolutions of the Golan Heights and Palestinian Arab issues, "is not moving one iota." Only a "just, comprehensive" solution "acceptable to all parties" could last, the official maintained.

On PLO participation in a conference, the official said, "The Arab people of Palestine are represented, as we understand, by the PLO ... Like it or not ... they don't have other organizations." Nevertheless, "this issue has to be discussed." But the composition of a conference "must be acceptable to the PLO."

On relations with Israel, the official urged careful reading of Mikhail Gorbachev's speech in April at a state dinner for Syrian President Hafez Assad. The General Secretary then noted that it was abnormal for the Soviet Union not to have regular diplomatic relations with Israel. "Uncertainties about our position [in the Middle East] will fall apart" in light of Gorbachev's remarks, the official said.

In general, "what has been expressed officially by the Soviet side is quite enough" as to the nature of a conference. "Further details have to be discussed quietly ... We have to be careful about providing a successful conference when and if it proceeds ... There is no permanent scenario."

Asked whether the Soviet vote last month to reject Israel's credentials as a U.N. member did not cast a cloud over the Kremlin's Middle East intentions, the official replied: "Israeli occupation of Arab territory is a very big question mark in our eyes ... I would suggest we avoid putting question marks. Confrontation is counter-productive."

He asserted that Arab countries "mostly" have adopted U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 and are ready to negotiate with Israel now, partly because of Moscow's efforts. In turn, the Soviets support the Arab claim that 242 requires complete Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights, West Bank and Gaza Strip.

[In fact, the resolution affirms the right of all states in the region to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries and calls for withdrawal of Israeli forces from territory (but not from all territory) gained in 1967.]

Regarding a statement by Gorbachev advocating opposition to both anti-Semitism and Zionism, the official said "in general that thrust is correct." While the two may be opposites, "both are negative."

As for the bulk of Soviet Jewry, he suggested that as the policy of glasnost (openness) makes life in the Soviet Union "better than before," fewer would want to leave. More would find their identity as Soviet citizens of Jewish nationality; "they are part of the Soviet people."



## Agricultural Recovery in the Gondar Region

The following is extracted from Reports from the Field, a publication of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

Seeing JDC's projects today, two years after my first visit, is especially gratifying. The purpose of that original trip in 1985 was to prepare the grant application for the agricultural recovery project in Gondar. At that time, the famine's toll was still painfully evident, despair and hopelessness rampant throughout the region. Now crops are flourishing in the fields, growing higher than ever -- all the result of our contribution of oxen, seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, and farm implements. Some oxen and seeds were distributed during this visit and were received with the enthusiasm of productive people, unlike the resigned acceptance of the hungry desperate for meager sustenance.

JDC's agricultural project is now being expanded into other areas in Gondar with the assistance of an additional USAID grant of \$450,000, and some 60,000 people are benefiting from our program, triple the original number. Since [sic] U.S. law limits the application of American funding in Ethiopia to the work of "recovery" only, significant improvement upon existing agricultural techniques (which could have an important impact) requires funds from other sources.

Although there has been a major insect outbreak in part of our project area, overall the Gondar region in which JDC works will not be directly affected by the forthcoming food shortages. Rainfall this year was more-or-less adequate and the use of fertilizers and pesticides considerably aided production.

Unfortunately, there was little rain in much of the country and the Ethiopian government has already requested contributions from the international donor community of 950,000 metric tons of food for the five million people who are expected to be affected. The U.S. Government has already approved a contribution of 115,000 metric tons for the first shipment of food aid. There will be pressure on JDC to participate in these assistance activities in some way.

## Chanukah and Christmas

The following is taken from a program delivered by Larry Sherman to the Donovan Scholars Program at the University of Kentucky. Larry was assisted in accumulating his information by Rabbi H.D. Uriel Smith.

The similarities of the holidays Chanukah and Christmas are profound. First of all each holiday falls on the 25th of the month -- Kislev or December. Both are celebrated with lights, the menorah candles and the lights on the Christmas tree.

This time of year is celebrated by the giving of gifts. Chanukah is celebrated eight nights with eight small gifts, while Christmas is celebrated on one occasion of gifts, a tradition of nearly 2000 years for each holiday.

Larry notes that while the Christmas holiday became involved with myths of Santa, reindeers and evergreens, Chanukah adopted equally unrelated customs such as eating potato latkas and playing with dreidles.

He explains further that Chanukah is a time of dedication of Jewish biblical values, supported by a nation of martyrs and that Christmas was the time for celebrating the birth of a new concept of salvation, supported by one great martyr. The biblical sources of both Christmas and Chanukah came from the New Testament and the Books of the Macabees, respectively.

"Judah Macabee and his brothers and all the congregation decreed that the days of the Rededication...shall be observed at this season, everyday for eight days to commemorate the miracle of the holy oil with gladness and joy."

It should be noted that Jesus celebrated Chanukah. According to John 10:22 -- "That was the time of the Dedication Festival and Jesus was walking up and down inside the Temple in Solomon's Colonnade." This same verse recalls the speech by Jesus in Jerusalem about the responsibility of a good shepherd who would give his life for his sheep.

Chanukah and Christmas -- two separate holidays, each with a similar central theme -- a rededication to values we all share and hold most dear.

## Inside United Israel Appeal

United Israel Appeal serves as an indispensable link between funds raised the UJA/local Federations and the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI). UIA provides human services in Israel with the funds raised by the United Jewish Appeal (UJA). Exercising the authority in its bylaws, the UIA contracts with JAFI to act as the sole operating agent for expending its funds and operating its programs in Israel, in accordance with American tax laws.

UIA has a variety of functions. Among these are:

1. reviewing the JAFI budget, monitoring and auditing JAFI programs and disbursements, and transmitting funds to JAFI;
2. evaluating JAFI programs in order to ascertain their effectiveness and making appropriate recommendations to the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency;
3. acting as a link between the American Jewish community and JAFI;
4. fostering increased Jewish community participation in JAFI and counseling Federations;
5. maintaining a good relationship with the United States Government, especially concerning grants and conformity to IRS regulations;
6. establishing and maintaining banking and business contracts;
7. serving as an "information clearing-house" regarding human needs in Israel, as they pertain to JAFI;
8. offering Federations interpretive materials regarding JAFI;
9. advocating for Israel in the American Jewish community;
10. selecting, and servicing, representatives from the American Jewish community to the Board of Governors;
11. acting as a educational force, aiming to increase the commitment of American Jewish community leaders;
12. designating, preparing, and orienting delegates to Jewish Agency Assemblies;
13. coordinating Jewish community involvement (other than fund raising) in Jewish Agency special programs, such as Project Renewal.

UIA's broad-based structure allows for it to represent the local Federations, CJF, UJA, and the Zionist movement, and ensures it a significant role in the Jewish community.

## Two State of Israel Variable Rate Bonds

### NEW V.R.I. VARIABLE RATE ISSUE

# 7<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>%

#### Current Rate of Interest\*

\*Through January, 1988  
(For Bonds purchased through December, 1987)

- Annual rate is a minimum of 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>% plus half the excess of the average prime rate over 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>%. INTEREST WILL NEVER FALL BELOW 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>%
- Minimum Subscription: \$25,000
- Employee Benefit Funds can redeem after three years, others after five years—on 120 days notice
- Matures in 12 years

### I.V.R.I. INDIVIDUAL VARIABLE RATE ISSUE

# 6<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>%

#### Current Rate of Interest\*

\*Through March, 1988  
(For Bonds purchased through February, 1988)

- Annual rate is 5% plus half the excess of the average prime rate over 5%. If prime below 5%, rate will be prime
- Minimum Subscription: \$5,000  
\$2,000 for IRAs only
- Employee Benefit Funds can redeem after three years, others after seven years—on 120 days notice
- Matures in 12 years

Contact: Israel Bonds  
3411 Bardstown Rd., Louisville, KY 40218  
(502) 459-1896

## Antiquities: What's New?

The following is reprinted from Hadassah Magazine, Nov. 1987, written by Zelda Shluker.

Archeologically speaking, excavations in Israel in the summer of 1987 yielded a bumper crop of unusual and fascinating discoveries.

At Sepphoris, near Nazareth in northern Galilee, a 1,700-year-old mosaic floor was uncovered to reveal a hauntingly beautiful Roman face that has been dubbed by Duke University archeologist **Carol L. Meyers**, one of the dig's leaders, "the Mona Lisa of Roman Palestine."

[The Central Kentucky Jewish community will remember Dr. Meyers as she spoke at our first Elizabeth Rosenberg Memorial Lecture in May, 1986.]

The mosaic appears to be part of a late third- or early fourth-century Roman banquet hall floor. It is composed of tiny unpainted stones in a wide spectrum of colors and has unusually subtle shading. Part of the mosaic is a six-foot by nine-foot panel of 15 scenes that depict the life of the mythological Dionysius.

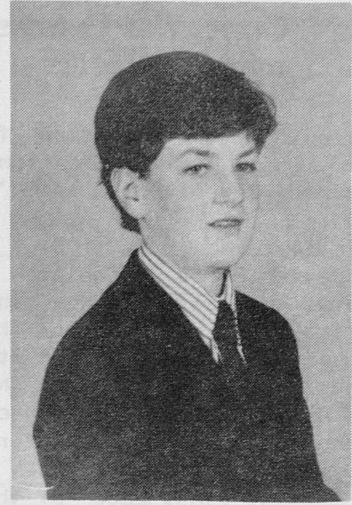
If you want to view it now, however, you won't be able to: It has been covered with a sheet and beach sand -- and will remain that way until its future is decided. The National Parks Authority wants to preserve the mosaic on site. The Israel Museum would like to see the mosaic housed in the museum.

Sepphoris -- or Zippori -- played a central role in Jewish historical and religious tradition. Rabbi Judah Hanasi, who codified the Mishna, lived there for 17 years and was close to the Roman emperor.

The project had earlier uncovered mikvaot (ritual baths) near a Roman palace, as well as a lead weight inscribed with the name of Simon, pointing to the presence of a Jewish market inspector in the city.

The Ashkelon discoveries, led by Harvard archeologist Lawrence Stager, made headlines of a more titillating kind. The discovery of a fourth-century Roman bath on the northern side of the tel, with the inscription "Enter and enjoy" in Greek on

continued ..... on page 12



Our son, Benjamin Isaac, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah Saturday, the sixteenth of January at ten o'clock at Ohavay Zion Synagogue.

We invite you to join us in worship on this joyous occasion and be our guest at a Kiddush luncheon following the service.

Benjamin will lead the Friday night service on the fifteenth of January at eight o'clock in the evening. Please join us for the service and Oneg Shabbat following.

Nancy and Phillip Hoffman

## TAI Sisterhood Plans Casino Night

A night to remember has been planned by Temple Adath Israel's Sisterhood. President Cheri Rose has announced that the annual fund raiser will be held Saturday, January 30th at the Temple. This year's dinner will take place in a casino setting with plenty of games and an auction to delight everyone. The evening will begin at 7:00 p.m. with a cash bar; dinner will be served at 8:00 p.m.

Mark the date now and watch for further details, or call the Temple office (269-2979) to make your reservations.

## U.N. Opens War Crimes Commission Files

The following is extracted from the Nov.-Dec. Inforound publication of the International Council of B'nai B'rith.

On Friday, Nov. 7, 1987 Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar announced that the war crimes files would be opened for public scrutiny. Georges M. Bloch, Chairman of the ICBB, called it a most significant victory. Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's Ambassador to the UN called it "Tremendously important, both for justice ... and for historical truth." Israeli experts suggest that 2500 of the 25,000 individuals listed in the war crimes files may still be at large.

Although the War Crimes Commission recommended this action to the Secretary General a week before, the unanimous decision of the Commission was not easily achieved. Only a year ago Australia was the sole member of the Commission in favor of this move. The unanimous decision of all 17 member states was due to the efforts of B'nai B'rith, other Jewish organizations and the Israeli government over this past year.

The new rules allow governments and individuals the right to study the files for "general research," effectively allowing access to nearly everyone. Previously, confidential access was only permitted to governments for the use in official investigations or prosecution. In fact, over the past 40 years, only three files were used by member-states. With publication up to the discretion of the researchers, this opens a new chapter in Holocaust research.

### Syria's Nazi

The following is extracted from the Near East Report, Nov. 9, 1987.

"The most notorious Nazi war criminal still at large, Alois Brunner, said in an interview from his home in Syria that he regrets nothing he did in World War II and would do it all over ..." Brunner, 75, told the Chicago Sun-Times by telephone that "all of them (Jews) deserved to die because they were the devil's agents and human garbage" (Associated Press, Oct. 31).

The paper reported that Brunner lives in Damascus, protected by Hafez Assad's regime in exchange for service in "security matters." Syria for years denied that it hosted the reputed chief aid to Adolf Eichmann. More recently, it responded to a West German request for Brunner's extradition by stating that he committed no crimes "that are punishable."

### Antiquities, continued

the side of the bathtub, prompted stories of the discovery of a Roman bordello. according to Stager, however, "It is clearly a bath and bathhouse and need not imply anything other than that."

On a second site on the seven-site tel, overlooking the Mediterranean, the expedition uncovered the first dog cemetery every found in Israel.

"We're still puzzling over it," Stager remarked, since dogs were never buried and there are no signs of either ritual or epidemic -- in which case they would not have been given individual burials. Indeed, the 120 dogs, buried between 500-450 B.C.E., were interred with great care, placed intact on their sides, their tails tucked in between their hindquarters.

Stager's guess is that the Phoenicians or Persians who lived there at the time had adopted the hunting and sporting pastimes of the earlier Babylonian and Assyrian kings and elite. That the dogs -- who most closely resemble the greyhound or whippet -- were prestigious is apparent from the manner of their burial. The mystery of the dogs may be settled after the dig is completed.

The rash of significant finds this summer at Ashkelon, Stager explained, is not out of the ordinary, since a seaport would offer more unusual finds of significance and a greater variety than inland excavations.

5748  
1988

# JANUARY tevet shevat

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>DECEMBER</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5</p> <p>6 7 8 9 10 11 12</p> <p>13 14 15 16 17 18 19</p> <p>20 21 22 23 24 25 26</p> <p>27 28 29 30 31</p>				<p>FEBRUARY</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6</p> <p>7 8 9 10 11 12 13</p> <p>14 15 16 17 18 19 20</p> <p>21 22 23 24 25 26 27</p> <p>28 29</p>	<p>1 11 TEVET</p> <p>NEW YEAR'S DAY </p>	<p>2 12 TEVET</p> <p>9:30 am-Torah Study at TAI </p> <p>Vayechi</p>
<p>3 13 TEVET</p>	<p>4 14 TEVET</p> <p>8 pm-OZS Educ. Comm. on Soviet Jewry at Rosenbergs'</p>	<p>5 15 TEVET</p> <p>7:30 pm-TAI board OZS board</p>	<p>6 16 TEVET</p> <p>8 pm-CKJF Forum Committee meeting, CKJF office</p>	<p>7 17 TEVET</p>	<p>8 18 TEVET</p> <p>7 pm-OZS Religious School Childrens' Service </p>	<p>9 19 TEVET</p> <p>10:30 am-Graham Waller Bar Mitzvah at TAI </p> <p>Shemot</p>
<p>10 20 TEVET</p>	<p>11 21 TEVET</p> <p>7 pm-Adult Bar Mitzvah class, TAI</p> <p>8 pm-Havurah Board</p>	<p>12 22 TEVET</p> <p>8 pm-Hadassah board</p>	<p>13 23 TEVET</p> <p>7:30 pm-TAI Outreach</p> <p>8 pm-CKJF Social Services Committee</p>	<p>14 24 TEVET</p>	<p>15 25 TEVET</p> <p>6:30 pm- Young Couples dinner &amp; services </p>	<p>16 26 TEVET</p> <p>9:30am-Torah Study at TAI </p> <p>10:30 am-Ben Hoffman Bar Mitzvah at OZS</p> <p>Va'era</p>
<p>17 27 TEVET</p> <p>OZS-Conservative Movement in the World &amp; Israel</p>	<p>18 28 TEVET</p> <p>9 am-TAI Sisterhood board</p> <p>7 pm-Bar Mitzvah class, TAI</p> <p>MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED</p>	<p>19 29 TEVET</p> <p>8 pm-OZS Sisterhood meeting</p>	<p>20 1 SHEVAT</p> <p>12 pm-TAI Sisterhood meeting</p> <p>ROSH CHODESH</p>	<p>21 2 SHEVAT</p> <p>8 pm-Hadassah Womens discussion</p>	<p>22 3 SHEVAT</p> <p>Human Sexuality Weekend at TAI for 9th &amp; 10th graders</p> <p>8 pm-Havurah services at Hear &amp; Speech Cntr. </p>	<p>23 4 SHEVAT</p> <p></p> <p>Bo</p>
<p>24 5 SHEVAT</p>	<p>25 6 SHEVAT</p> <p>7 pm-Bar Mitzvah class, TAI</p>	<p>26 7 SHEVAT</p> <p>9 am- OZS Sisterhood board meeting</p> <p>Catholic-Jewish dialogue</p>	<p>27 8 SHEVAT</p> <p>8 pm- CKJF Board</p>	<p>28 9 SHEVAT</p>	<p>29 10 SHEVAT</p> <p></p>	<p>30 11 SHEVAT</p> <p>7 pm-TAI Sisterhood Donor Casino Night <i>Beshalach</i> </p> <p>SHABBAT SHIRAH</p>
<p>31 12 SHEVAT</p>						

Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
Permit No. 719  
Lexington, Ky.

Best Wishes for  
 **CHANUKAH**

**CENTRAL KENTUCKY JEWISH FEDERATION  
NEWSLETTER**

**333 Waller Avenue, Suite 5  
Lexington, KY 40504  
(606) 252-7622**

**Gail R. Cohen, President  
Linda M. Ravvin, M.L.S., Administrator  
Beth Altenkirch, Office Manager**

**MEMBER OF COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS**

**CENTRAL KENTUCKY  
JEWISH FEDERATION  
333 WALLER AVENUE SUITE 5  
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY 40504-2901**

### Midwest Jewish Singles Network

The Midwest Jewish Singles Network has announced two 1988 trips. The first trip "Connect in Colorado" is a ski week at Steamboat Springs scheduled for Feb. 6-13, featuring roundtrip transportation from Denver, lodging at the Timber Run resort, a wine and cheese party, Shabbat kiddush, five days of ski lifts, mountain orientation and other activities.

The second scheduled trip is a "Connect in Alaska" cruise in August 1988. Information on their trips is available by writing "Trips to Connect," 5961 Western Avenue, Omaha, Neb. 68132.