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HAPPY HANUKKAH

MLK Shabbat: Marking the 60th anniversary of Voting Rights Act

<u>FROM THE</u> RABBI'S STUDY



David Wirtschafter The Freedom Summer murders of activists James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner in 1964 put tremendous pressure on Congress and President Lyndon B. Johnson to pass the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Until those measures became law, discrimination, intimidation and inequality in voting were practiced throughout the segregated South. Literacy tests, poll taxes, bureaucratic restrictions and physical violence were among a web of practices that made it difficult if not impossible for Black Americans to vote. A promise dating to the passage in 1870 of the 15th amendment, which guaranteed the right to vote

Coming up

Dec. 15: Lexington Hanukkah Market; vendors include TAI on Rye and Sisterhood Gift Shop, **Page 5**

Dec. 20 and Jan. 24: Kabbalat Shabbat

Jan. 4 and Feb 1: First Saturday s Film Series screens "The Apartment," then "Ministry of Fear," Page 3

Jan. 12 and Feb. 2: "Judaism 101" final classes, Page 3

Jan. 26: Drums Alive, a music and movement fitness class, is back, **Page 2**

Feb. 2: Eat your fill at TAI on Rye, **Page 5**

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High Holy Days virtual food drive sets record with help from congregants' matching grant Enables God's Pantry to provide 58,320 meals

The convergance: Hanukkah, new year

<u>FROM THE</u> <u>PRESIDENT'S</u> <u>DESK</u>



Dr. Mark Schachman

As we stand on the threshold of January, welcoming a new year, the air is filled with a blend of anticipation and reflection. The start of a new year is always a special time — an opportunity to leave behind trials and tribulations and look forward to endless possibilities. We make New Year's resolutions with the good intention of keeping them. The excitement of this

January is amplified by the unusual timing of Hanukkah. Traditionally celebrated in late November or December, Hanukkah 2024 will extend its luminous magic into the early days of the new year. The convergence of these two significant occasions provides

a unique opportunity for introspection and celebration.

Hanukkah, known for the rededication of the second temple, is a time of joy, family gatherings, eating foods fried in oil, and lighting the menorah. At TAI we are planning a yearlong celebration leading up to the redication of our building as it turns 100 in 2026. The late occurrence of Hanukkah this year serves as a powerful reminder of resilience and hope as the festival's themes of light overcoming darkness resonate deeply in the context of a new year's dawn.

The overlap of Hanukkah and Christmas with the start of the new year offers a wonderful opportunity to blend traditions and create new memories. It's a chance to gather with loved ones, reflect on the past year, and express gratitude for the blessings we have received. The act of lighting the menorah during the early days of January can serve as a symbolic gesture, illuminating our paths and setting a hopeful tone for the year ahead.

Moreover, this alignment encourages us to carry forward the lessons of Hanukkah into the new year. The festival teaches us the importance of faith, perseverance and the ability to find light even in the darkest of times. As we set our resolutions and embark on new endeavors, we can draw inspiration from these values, allowing them to guide us through the challenges and triumphs that lie ahead.

In celebrating Hanukkah late this year, we also have the opportunity to extend the holiday spirit into the new year, bridging the gap between the festive season and the return to daily routines. This extended celebration can infuse our lives with a sense of continuity and joy.

As the menorah's lights shine brightly on the first night of January, we are reminded of the enduring power of hope and the importance of community. Whether it's through shared meals, storytelling or simply spending time with others, the spirit of Hanukkah can enrich our New Year's celebrations, fostering a sense of unity and purpose.

So, as we prepare to welcome January and the new year, let's embrace the unique confluence of these events. Let the lights of the menorah inspire us to shine brightly in our endeavors, and let the start of the new year be a beacon of hope and opportunity. Together, let's make this a period of renewal, reflection and joy as we look toward the adventures and blessings that 2025 has in store.

My New Year's resolutions look something like this: •Remove the clothes off the expensive treadmill;

•Attend Kollel and learn some Torah at TAI;

•Improve my communication with my family, residents and TAI friends;

•Now that the treadmill is clean, exercise and lose some weight.

May your 2025 New Year's resolutions extend far into February.

Drums Alive: Feel the beat again

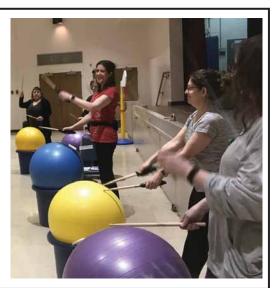
After a hiatus of more than four years (blame COVID), Drums Alive, a workout program that combines music, movement and rhythm, will be back at TAI with an introductory class at 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, in the Mersack & Stern Social Hall.

Congregant Anne Graff, third from the right in the photo at right, will be back to lead the class and gauge future interest.

The one-hour workouts are designed for those 50 and older, but Graff says they are fun for younger adults, too. Class size is limited to 20; call the TAI office at (859) 269-2979 to reserve a spot. No drumming or musical background is needed to participate.

Graff is a certified instructor for Drums Alive and its Golden Beats. She is also trained as an occupational therapist and group fitness instructor.

Drums Alive, which focuses on brain-body fitness, wellness and stress resilience, was developed in 2001 by Carrie Ekins, a dancer, fitness professional and researcher, to help her recover from hip surgery.





FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Elissa Weinstein, Director

Shalom! Everyone returned from their Thanksgiving break refreshed and ready for lots of Hanukkah fun. Several of our classes baked and decorated Hanukkah cookies, while others learned and practiced songs; everyone spun the dreidel. Our fifth-grade class enjoyed Gelt and Games, an afternoon of pizza and togetherness. The annual Hanukkah Carnival was awesome. Special thanks to the Social Action Committee for sponsoring and to Ray Archer for coordinating this great event.

In January, after we return from winter break, our teachers and students are looking forward to celebrating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a morning filled with learning and a schoolwide service project.

This year, our service participation looks different. Our students in grades 5-10 are taking part in Friday Shabbat services. *Kol hakavod* to these students, who have participated so far: Anna, Arly, Bram, Connor, Emma, Julian, Levi, Paige and Sawyer.

We are looking forward to celebrating Tu BiShvat in February.

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regardless of "race, color or prior condition of servitude," had been unfulfilled for nearly a century.

Our focus for this Martin Luther King Jr. Shabbat will be the 60^{th} anniversary of the passage of the Voting

Rights Act. Dr. Gerald Smith, our guest speaker, is a University of Kentucky history professor and a former holder of the Martin Luther King Center Scholar-in Residence at UK. From 1997-2005, he served as director of the African American Studies and Research Program at UK. A pastor, he has served Pilgrim Baptist Church in Lexington since 2011. Smith is the author, editor or co-editor of five books. His most recent is an edited collection of



Dr. Gerald Smith

essays: *Slavery and Freedom in the Bluegrass State: Revisiting My Old Kentucky Home.* He currently serves on the Kentucky Historical Society Foundation's board and as an advisory member of the Kentucky Center for African American Heritage. In 2020, he was appointed to serve as co-chair of the Commission for Racial Justice and Equality in Fayette County. In addition to his scholarship, Smith hosts a radio series, "Racial Justice and Equality" as part of "Eastern Standard," the radio magazine on WEKU (88.9 FM).

Please join us on Friday, Jan. 17, to hear this accomplished scholar, gifted preacher and dedicated activist share his thoughts on the historic anniversary of this vital piece of legislation. Smith will frame the Voting

to the General Fund. We are grateful for your generosity.

Shoeless Shabbat

Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Service 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17

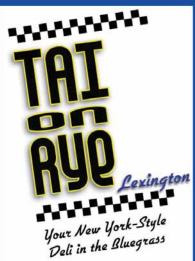
"Moses, remove your sandals from your feet for the place on which you stand is holy ground."

The Sabbath before MLK Day corresponds with the reading of Sh'mot, which includes the story of the Burning Bush, in which God tells Moses to remove his sandals before approaching. In recognition of Dr. King's commitment to socioeconomic justice, we encourage you to bring a pair of new or used shoes in good condition that will be donated to Goodwill. Attendees will be invited to leave the shoes they are wearing at the entry to the sanctuary.

Rights Act in a broader historical context, chart how it has been accepted and assailed over the decades, and offer an estimation of what might happen to it in our current socialpolitical climate.

Our service will include the heartbreaking ode "He Was My Brother," commemorating the murders of Goodman, Schwerner and Chaney, two Jewish activists and one Black activist working to end segregation and protect the right to vote. We will conclude with the rousing and hopeful anthem "We Shall Overcome." Let us honor the sacrifice of Dr. King and all those who fought and suffered for the sake of the Civil Rights Movement by practicing the Jewish value of justice. Please encourage friends and family members to attend with you.





Sunday, February 2 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Join us for lunch!

All your favorite sandwiches are on the menu, plus kosher hot dogs, matzo ball soup, Tu BiShvat cookies and kid-friendly fare. Dine in or carry out.



LEXINGTON'S 2ND ANNUAL HANUKKAH MARKET Sunday, December 15, 2024

1-4pm Taylor Made Ballroom @ Origin Hotel (Located in The Summit at Fritz Farm)



News From



Assistance requests

If you or someone you know needs help with housing, utilities, grocery shopping or other situations, contact JFS Director Paula Mertens at (859) 269-8244 or jfs@jewishlexington.org.

Emails and e-news

If you are not receiving our weekly Shabbat or "Beyond the Bluegrass" emails, get on the list by contacting daniel@ jewishlexington.org.



WORSHIP, STUDY SCHEDULE

Dec. 13 Arts Shabbat 7 p.m.

Dec. 14

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m. Vavishlach: Genesis 32:4-36:43

Dec. 20 Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30 p.m.

Shabbat 7 p.m.

Dec. 21

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m. Vayeishev: Genesis 37:1-40:23

Dec. 27 Shabbat 7 p.m.

Dec. 28 Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m. Miket: Genesis 41:1-44:17

Jan. 3 Shabbat 7 p.m.

Jan. 4

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m. Vayigash: Genesis 44:18-47:27

Jan. 10 Shabbat 7 p.m. Jan. 11 Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m. Vavechi: Genesis 47:28-50:26

Jan. 17 MLK Shabbat 7 p.m.

Jan. 18 Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m. Sh'mot: Exodus 1:1-6:1

Jan. 24 Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30 p.m. Shabbat 7 p.m.



Jan. 25 Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m. Va-eira: Exodus 6:2-9:35

Jan. 31 Shabbat 7 p.m.

Feb. 1 Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m. Bo: Exodus 10:1-13:16

Feb. 7 Shabbat 7 p.m.

Feb. 8 Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m. B'shalach: Exodus 13:17-17:16

KOLLEL STUDY GROUP

with Jewish Texts. The group explores

cultural, ethical and historical aspects of our 4,000-year tradition. The emphasis is on dialogue and exploration. You may join the group any time.



Join us each Saturday morning at 11 as we take a look at the Torah

portion for the week. Sessions are not held when there is a bar or bat mitzvah service.

JEWISH TEXTS STUDY

Kollel meets at 9 a.m. Saturdays, alternating We will discuss selected readings in rabbinic literature at 9 a.m. Saturdays, alternating with Kollel Study

> Group. The discussion is always lively and informative, and you may join any time.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Executive Committee Thursday, Jan. 16, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Directors Tuesday, Dec. 17, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, 6:30 p.m.

Welcome New Members

PARSHA

Lonnie Harris is a retiree who lives in Richmond.

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Temple Adath Israel is a Reform Jewish congregation linked to a tradition of welcoming those searching for a community committed to honoring the dignity we all share as children of the one God by embracing these enduring Jewish values: AVODAH (Worship); TALMUD TORAH (Torah Study); TZEDEK (Social Justice); and *KEHILAH* (Community). Our mission is to inspire our congregants' Jewish engagement and to ensure a vibrant Jewish present and future by nurturing the many generations of our community. We share a commitment to the Reform Jewish foundational beliefs of furthering individual and communal spiritual growth, while recognizing a range of personal philosophies, practices and needs. We are the community center through which our families can celebrate faith, justice, and the blessings of family lives present and future.



YAHRZEIT ... These we remember ...

Dec. 13

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<u>Jan. 17</u>

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Martin "Sonny" Cravens, father-in-law of Rhoda Eldot (Starla Cravens)

Arthur Lieber, father of David (Pam) Lieber and Joel (Cathy) Lieber, grandfather of Seth (Rebecca) Lieber, great-grandfather of Evelyn and Callum Lieber

May their memories be for a blessing

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