

National Jewish group elects Lexington women

Two Lexington women has been elected to the national board of Hadassah, the largest Zionist organization in the world. It supports health and educational projects in Israel.

Judith Saxe was elected to the board at its 77th annual convention in August in Jerusalem. She is a former president of Hadassah's central states region and its Lexington chapter.

Saxe, a former president of the Sisterhood of Ohavay Zion Synagogue, is a founding member of the Lexington Havurah and Jewish Community Day Camp. She also is president of the

Central Kentucky Jewish Federation and was its first professional director.

She was instrumental in establishing a modern dance company in Lexington.

Gail Cohen was elected a national vice president of Hadassah. She is a member of the National Services Division Task Force and coordinator of small chapters for the Mideast-area cooperative.

Cohen also is a former president of Hadassah's Lexington chapter and central states region. She was president of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation

and is a former member of the board of the Council of Jewish Federations.

She has been an officer and committee chairwoman for Lexington Children's Theatre.

Saxe and Cohen "will play a very big role, particularly since they are from a small community," said Linda Ravvin, director of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation and past president of the local chapter of Hadassah. "They will give a view that is not heard often."

Lexington has a Jewish population of 2,000.

— **Linda VanHoose**



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Judith Saxe, left, and Gail Cohen