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A 125 Festival No One Could Miss

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
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Sunday, August 23, was a picture perfect day – sunny with scattered puffy, white clouds and warm temperatures – and a great day to celebrate the Jewish Community Center’s 125th birthday.

The JCC’s 125 Festival, which ran from 1-5 in the afternoon, featured 125 activities with plenty for everyone to do. For the grand finale, everyone gathered in the softball fields for the aerial photo printed on the front page of this paper.

The main stage featured performances by The Lost Tribe, CenterStage, CenterStage Academy, Dancensation’s Showbiz Kids, the 2014 Louisville’s Got Talent winners and Unleashed!. John Gage led a sing-a-long for children and there was karaoke, too. There were stories and games, a variety of pool activities, field games and races, a fencing demonstration, basketball and ga-ga and even scavenger hunts.

The splash booth gave festival goers the chance to drench local celebrities, including Rabbi Michael Wolk, Cantor David Lipp, Aquatics Director Johnny Kimberlin, Rabbi David Feder, JCC President and CEO Sara Wagner and CenterStage’s Frank Goodloe and John Leffert.

There were also arts and crafts, food trucks, balloons, face painting and much, much more.

Abby Tasman and Michelle Tasman co-chaired the event.

JCC 125 Festival event sponsors were Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, Republic Bank, Sam Swope Auto Group, Heaven Hill Brands, Tasman Properties, The Mommy Nest, Women First of Louisville, Rodeo Drive, The Voice-Tribune, Eventualities and Yum!.



JCC FALL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Mon., Sept. 7, Labor Day..... 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Group fitness Schedule

Cycle 8:30 a.m.

BodyPump 8:30 a.m.

Cardio Challenge..... 9:30 a.m.

Cycle 10:30 a.m.

Deep Water..... 10:30 a.m.

Sun., Sept. 13, Erev Rosh Hashanah

JCC Closes at 6 p.m.

Group fitness classes that end after 5:30 p.m. are canceled.

Mon., Sept. 14, Rosh Hashanah

JCC Closed

Tues., Sept. 15, Rosh Hashanah

JCC Closed

Tues., Sept. 22, Erev Yom Kippur

JCC Closes 6 p.m.

Group fitness classes that end after 5:30 p.m. are canceled.

Wed., Sept 23, Yom Kippur JCC Closed

Sun., Sept. 27, Erev Sukkot

JCC Closes 6 p.m.

Group fitness classes that end after 5:30 p.m. are canceled.

Mon., Sept. 28, Sukkot JCC Closed

Sun., Oct. 4, Erev Simchat Torah

JCC Closes 6 p.m.

Group fitness classes that end after 5:30 p.m. are canceled.

Mon., Oct. 5, Simchat Torah..... JCC Closed



Three Entered Into JCC Athletic Hall of Fame

by Lisa Hornung
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Three Jewish athletes were honored at the JCC's Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony on July 27.

Peyton Greenberg, Max Behr and Darren Erman were inducted into the Hall of Fame for their successes in sports.

Darren Erman

Erman was the star of the evening and talked about growing up in Louisville and how that took him to become a lawyer and eventually an NBA coach.

"When I was a lawyer, I wasn't very good," Erman said. "I didn't have a passion for it. My passion was for basketball."

He said once before a Golden State game, he was writing out his plan for the game. Player Harrison Barnes told him that his handwriting was terrible and that studies show that handwriting is directly related to your attention to detail. He told Erman, "On the court, your attention to detail is off the charts. It's the best I've ever seen."



Darren Erman delivers a joke to the audience

Erman said, "It's interesting because when I was a lawyer, every time I got a review, it said 'needs to pay better attention to detail.' The difference was I had a passion for basketball."

Passion was the theme of Erman's speech that evening, even as president of BBYO.

Erman was president of BBYO twice in high school.

"I got involved in BBYO for sports, I didn't get involved for leadership but somewhere along the line, it became more than sports," he said.

His sophomore year, he ran for president because it was the next logical step and there was nobody else to do it.

"I was terrible. Peter (Anik) was frustrated with me because I wasn't good at all," he said. "Then my senior year, the chapter was in disarray and I ran for president again. And I was very good. The difference was the passion and

wanting to do it. It's the same thing about being a lawyer versus being a coach. When you have passion, people feed off of it."

His advice: "Do whatever you're passionate for. Don't be afraid to take risks. And better yourself. Whatever you do you should better yourself."

After he spoke, Scott Weinberg interviewed him on the stage and took questions from the audience. One audience member asked, "After you've won a couple NBA championships, would you ever stoop so low as to coach U of L?"

Erman said, "Louisville is the only university in the state of Kentucky, isn't it?"

Scott Weinberg replied, "It's the one that's only won three championships."

Peyton Greenberg

Peyton Greenberg, now a freshman at Northwestern University, was inducted into the Hall of Fame for her swimming accomplishments. Her father, Rick Greenberg, introduced her. He said she wakes up at 4:15 a.m. to swim from 5-6:30 a.m. daily, then she goes to school until 2:30 p.m., returns to the pool for practice from 3:30 to 5:30, then works out with weights until 6:30 p.m. then is home by 7 to do at least two hours of homework.

Even with all that work, she still found time to do things with her friends and the community, and graduated as valedictorian at duPont Manual High with a 4.0 g.p.a.

Her list of accomplishments are long, and she has recently qualified for the U.S. Olympic Trials next year in Omaha. "Even though I am biased, the selection committee has made a wise choice



Aaron Tasman, Peyton Greenberg and Mark Eichengreen

in inducting Peyton into the JCC Hall of Fame," Rick Greenberg said. "I am fortunate to be known as Peyton's father, an honor that I will proudly cherish."

Her coach, Mike DeBor of Lakeside, spoke via video of her amazing work ethic. "She's an outstanding person, there's no doubt about that," he said. "She's been a joy to have around athletically."

"I feel like the Jewish Community is another part of my fam-

Splish and Splash with Your Four-Legged Friends at Doggie Dip

by Lisa Hornung
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Enjoy a splash in the pool with your pooch at the Jewish Community Center's annual Doggie Dip! Smaller dogs can enjoy the Seng Wading Pool and larger dogs can enjoy the larger Family Pool.

The Doggie Dip returns this year, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, September 20. The official closing of the summer season at the JCC, Doggie Dip has grown into a member favorite. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to canine charities.

"Members always look forward to this end-of-year event," said Aquatics Director Johnny Kimberlin. "It is always great to see the dogs get in the water and enjoy themselves."

Last year's event drew dozens of dogs and dog lovers to the pool for water fun, splashing and playing with tennis balls.

The event costs \$12 per dog, \$10 for JCC members and members of the Lou-



isville Dog Run. Dogs must have current vaccination records and must be accompanied by their owners at all times.

ily." Peyton Greenberg said, "Maccabiah was one of the best experiences of my life, making friendships I still have today, seeing an amazing country and making me feel connected to Jews around the world."

She said the community has kept her going and working to be stronger.

"So, remember to be kind," she said. "We might be one big fat Jewish family, but we're one family that never falters."

Max Behr

Max Behr was also inducted into the Hall of Fame for his career in tennis. His son, Mark, introduced him, saying he was always good at all sports. His golf trophies filled the family room of their house, but Max quit golf to focus on his new passion, tennis. He went on to play in several international Maccabiah games.

"Although winning was very important, what he enjoyed most was meeting fellow Jews all over the world and playing in Israel," Mark Behr said.

Max Behr said he chose tennis because of his chosen profession, oral surgeon. "I had to think of my hands."

He and Mark won the Kentucky state father and son doubles. "I was ranked number 1 in Kentucky singles in my 70's and also played on the Kentucky all-southern team."

He traveled all over South America and Israel playing in the Maccabiah games from 1995-2009. In 2010 at the age of 80, he traveled to Sydney, Australia, to compete in the grand masters.

"My experience was incredible," he said. "Not only did it give me the opportunity to compete on an international



Max and Harriett Behr

level, but the closeness of the team and the friendships that I made will last a lifetime."

But there was more than competition to keep him going.

"Playing in the Maccabi games was one of the most rewarding experiences in my life. I couldn't have done it without my wife Harriet to cheer me on. Especially when I was in Argentina. I had just finished nine months of chemotherapy. She encouraged me to keep playing at my fullest capacity."

Behr's advice was to get involved.

"I urge all of you to become involved in some form of sports activities," he said. "From junior to senior, find your niche. It will enhance your life, I promise you."

Committee Chairs Mark Eichengreen and Aaron Tasman emceed the evening.

Committee members were Ken Porco, Jon Fleischaker, Bruce Miller, Marvin O'Koon and Dan Streit. The event was sponsored by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

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Strengthen Your Swing Before Spring Comes

by Lisa Hornung
Communications Specialist

Golf is a game of skill, and most players spend their whole lives trying to master it. Now, the Jewish Community Center is offering a golf conditioning class for men to help them achieve better scores along with better fitness.

Trainer Colin Fitzsimmons will teach the class, which will work to improve fitness in ways that will help participants' golf game.

For a while now, Denise Joseph has been offering a popular women's golf conditioning class, and the JCC decided it was time to expand the option to men.

With the rise of golf superstars like Rory McIlroy and Tiger Woods, the importance of lifting weights for golf has become more obvious, Fitzsimmons said.

"In the past, people never thought you'd have to lift weights for golf," he said. "Conditioning is an important part of every sport. If you can limit your injuries, you're going to perform better. The more in shape you are, the better you'll do."

The class will begin with conditioning, then move on to strength training, then will boost power, and will finish with stability and mobility, he said. Participants will receive tailor-made exercises to improve their game and ultimately strengthen themselves, helping them to become more efficient players.

"Even though golf starts in the spring, it's a good way to kind of check yourself in preparation for next year," Fitzsimmons said. "We'll see where everybody is, give them a program to continue

over the winter and get ready for spring."

Fitzsimmons adds that he is not a swing coach, but he can make golfers more fit and strong.

"I can look at what you're doing wrong and try to fix it with conditioning," he

said.

Longtime JCC member David Fuchs joined the class to improve his game.

He's looking forward to seeing how it improves his scores and strengthens his swing. The retired salesman said he

plays golf "all the time," and the additional conditioning should help him get even better.

The class will be Tuesdays, September 1-29, 5-6 p.m. Cost is \$90, \$72 for members.

CenterStage Academy Offers Two Chances to get Kids on Stage

Do you have a kid with talent? CenterStage Academy is now accepting applicants to its 2015-16 class.

The class, which trains children how to perform in a musical production then finishes with a show has become very popular and should fill up quickly, said Frank Goodloe III, a co-director of the program. He and Jordan Price rehearse with the children and teach the kids the show, as well as singing, dancing and acting.

This year CenterStage Academy will perform in *Shrek, Jr.* for the 9-17 year-olds, and *Winnie the Pooh Kids* for the 4-7 year-olds. Both classes run October-March. There are 40 spots available for each group.

"We teach the kids to work as a team," Goodloe said. "We teach them how to dance and how to put dance steps to a song, how to use a microphone. We teach them everything you would need to know to be in a stage production."

There were 36 children in the program last year.

"It was great," Goodloe said. "The kids

got into it and enjoyed what they did."

The biggest challenge is getting kids to let go and use their imaginations, he said. "They would say, 'People don't live on a speck (from *Horton Hears a Who!*)! So you have to get them to think: If you lived on a speck, how would you talk? How would you use sound?"

Kristen Heckel's daughter Audrey Heckel, 8, has been in the CenterStage Academy junior productions for two years she will return for a third year this fall. In *Seussical*, she played a Bird Girl.

"She absolutely loves it," Heckel said of her daughter. "I don't think we could find a better program. Frank and Jordan are so great with them."

Audrey has always wanted to be in theater productions, Kristen Heckel said. "She's just one of those kids who enjoys writing, singing, reading and dancing."

CenterStage Academy stands out among other youth theater programs, she said.

"There are other places that will get your child on stage, but here they teach

so much more about the craft of acting, and there's so much behind it.

"It gives her so much self-confidence and discipline. That's hard to find in youth programs."

Maya Gray, 8, is already ready to sign up this year, said her mother, Amy Gray. "She was actually sad when it was over," Gray said. "We loved it. We thought it was such a great experience for her, and she always had a smile on her face when we picked her up from practice."

The previous year, the Grays took Maya to see *The Little Mermaid*, which CenterStage Academy performed. Maya told her parents, "I want to do that!" and she kept bringing it up over and over, so they couldn't say no. Gray said she believes that Maya's younger sister Lucy will want to join, too.

"I would encourage any parent who has a child interested in theater to definitely get involved with this program," Gray said. "Any kid who is geared toward performance would love it."

Registration information can be found at www.CenterStageJCC.org/academy

Louisville's got Talent

LIVE FINAL SHOWCASE
Sunday, September 20, 2 p.m. at the JCC of Louisville

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The top 20 acts from the Louisville's Got Talent Auditions will perform for celebrity judges, talent scouts and a live audience, competing to win over \$1000 in cash prizes.

YOUR OPINION COUNTS!

We want to serve you better, so we are conducting a JCC Membership Survey. The survey has been e-mailed to you and will only take 8-12 minutes. If you do not receive the survey by e-mail, please go to our website jccoflouisville.org and click on the survey link.

Your input is really important—who knows the JCC better than you? All of your answers will be strictly confidential; you will not be identified in any way and your e-mail address will not be shared with anyone.

The survey will be available from September 8 – 25.

Thank you for your feedback!

SENIOR CALENDAR

THE JCC NUTRITION SITE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 FOR LABOR DAY. THE JCC WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 AND TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 FOR ROSH HASHANNAH, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 FOR YOM KIPPUR AND MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 FOR SUKKOT. THE JCC NUTRITION SITE WILL BE REMAIN CLOSED ON TUESDAY 29 FOR SUKKOT.

SEPTEMBER 1

Musical Memories, 8-12:45 p.m.

Come dance, sing, listen, play, and socialize. We will share our life experiences while enjoying music from the 40's, all the way to present day. It will be a time of fun and meaning. Louisville Music Therapy will be conducting the program.

SEPTEMBER 10

Day Trip to Huber Farms-Leave JCC at 11 a.m.

Join us for a relaxing day at Huber's. We will first start our visit with lunch at Joe Huber's Restaurant followed by shopping at the farm markets, visiting the winery and ice cream parlor!

Cost of transportation \$10/M, \$15/NM.

SEPTEMBER 21

Senior Adult Committee Meeting, 1 p.m.

Gourmet Dining Club, 5:30 p.m.

Join us at The Red Lobster on Breckenridge Lane.

Cost of transportation: \$6/M, \$8/NM.

SEPTEMBER 24

Young Hearts Theater presents: The Hoodwinkers-a musical "who dunnit." 2 p.m.

The Hoodwinkers ~ a musical who dunnit is a story of a small town filled with trusting town-folk, living their lives peacefully, when a new mayor is elected, ushering in an era of mysterious dealings. The rucus ensues from that moment, and you're along for a comical ride, set to toe-tapping tunes that you'll recall.

The performance will be on the Ursuline Campus on Lexington Road.

There is no charge for this program, however the Senior Adult Department will make a contribution to Young Hearts Theater. Please join us for lunch at the JCC and we will leave at 1:15 p.m. or meet at Ursuline Campus at 1:30 p.m.

New Place to Rest Your Feet



Next time you come to the Jewish Community Center and you need a place to wait for someone or you just want to rest for a few minutes while enjoying the fresh air, you can thank Austin and Ryan Kline for creating a great place to sit.

This summer, the two teens decided it would be a great public service project to build a bench for the JCC.

"We chose this community service project because the JCC gave us the opportunity to teach archery at their summer camp this year," Austin explained. "We have worked with our dad in his

wood shop many times in the past, so a woodworking project was a unique way we knew we could make a contribution to the community.

"Most of our expense was time spent measuring, cutting, joining, sanding and staining. The only thing we had to buy was wood, which was not that expensive," he continued. "We had the rest of the materials and equipment readily available at our home."

The project enabled Ryan to earn service hours for Key Club and Austin for National Honor Society.

UofL Art Department Chair Ying Kit Chan to Show Work at the JCC Patio Gallery

by Lisa Hornung
Communications Specialist

The Jewish Community Center's Patio Gallery presents, "10,000 Thoughts" by Ying Kit Chan August 30-October 7. Chan is a professor and Chair of the Department of Fine Arts at the University of Louisville and uses ecology and philosophy in his works. There will be an opening reception August 30, 2-4 p.m.

His show consists of small sketches and photographic prints embedded with philosophical contemplations of the current state of global environmental conditions. He continues to explore the theme of deep ecology, an ecocentric rather than anthropocentric worldview, which emphasizes interconnectedness and harmony of the universe. "In addition to the deep ecology philosophy, the work interprets Taoist and Buddhist thoughts, as well as Jewish ideas of nature, rain, tree, soil and the Sabbath," Chan said.

"Ying Kit Chan was selected to exhibit at the Patio Gallery because of the deep thought behind the work, and the grace and sensitivity of his mark making which offers the viewer an unique contemplative opportunity," said Bette Levy, Patio Gallery director.



In the 1970s, Chan studied art in several colleges in Hong Kong including Hong Kong Baptist College, Hong Kong Polytechnic and Hong Kong Buddhist College. In 1979, Chan continued his study in the United States and received his BFA from the University of Oklahoma (1981) and MFA from the University of Cincinnati (1983). Since 2003, he has been attending the European Graduate School in Saas-Fee (Switzerland) and Paris, and has taken seminars with some of the world's most visionary thinkers including the late Jacques Derrida and Jean Baudrillard. He has shown his work all over the world.

At U of L, Chan is also an affiliate faculty of the Asian Studies program, the Social Change program and the Anne Braden Institute for Social Justice Research, the Center for Asian Democracy as well as a member of the Humanities PhD Program Steering Committee.

Also showing in Lobby Rotunda is sculptor Mike McCarthy, who will show his sculptures, "Works in Stone." "While my subject matter varies, it is all influenced by artists such as Michel-

angelo Bernini and Da Vinci," McCarthy said. "Regardless of if I am working figuratively or doing an abstract work, their command of line and form inspire me to strive to achieve their level of competence."



"While I do some work in wood and steel, my preferred material is stone. I like the permanence and the weight that stone gives to my work. As so many of the great works were done in stone, it gives me a connection to those great works."

Mingye Ding



Also showing at the JCC is an exhibition of Chinese calligraphy by Grand Master Mingye Ding in the Lobby Gallery. Ding was born in Liaocheng City, Shandong Province, China. At the age of 5, he began to study his family's style of martial art, Liaochen Chaquan. He went on to learn Shaolin and several other styles. About 30 years ago, he began to study Chen style Taiji (T'ai Chi). As part of this, he began his practice of Sufa, or Chinese calligraphy, which echoes the movements of Taiji. Ding is a gold medalist in Chinese and international Martial Arts competitions and has coached many winners as well. He has practiced martial arts for 50 years, sharing his knowledge through teaching every day, while writing three books on Gongfu and Taiji form and applications. He came to Louisville four years ago to share his expertise in Taiji and love of his Chinese culture.

His show at the Patio Gallery is titled "Taiji Sufa." It will have pieces reflecting the 13 basic principles of Taiji.

HEALTHY HAPPY HOUR

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